

St Thomas More RC College Provider Access Statement

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement:

All pupils in years 8 - 11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

- Mr L Wright (Head of Careers)
- Ms C O'Mullane (Assistant Headteacher)

Telephone: 0161 336 2743

Email: admin@stmcollege.org.uk and please address the email to Mr Wright.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, offer providers an opportunity to visit our school, in person or online, to speak to pupils and their parents/carers about the different Post 16 Pathways available to our pupils. Furthermore, a range of online events, hosted by external providers for parents/ carers and pupils, are regularly shared on our online social media platforms and SatchelOne.

In addition to the scheduled events below, other events will take place during the course of the year that will be run by external providers to ensure pupils have the breadth and depth of opportunities to support their future pathway choices.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8		Looking forward: assembly and tutor group activities	Looking Forward: tutor group activities. Looking Forward Event.
Year 9		Moving Up: assembly and tutor group opportunities GM Higher: Ask Us about Pathways to HE Year 9 Industry Day <i>(rescheduled)</i> KS4 Options Event	Moving Up: tutor group opportunities Moving Up Event.
Year 10	Year 10 Careers Fair <i>(rescheduled to the Summer Term)</i>	Careers Interviews Careers and Pathways: Tutor group activities	Careers Interviews Careers and Pathways: Tutor group Activities

		GM Higher: Not going to Uni? Different routes to HE. Work Experience: Preparation for the Summer Term.	Ask Apprenticeship Assembly Ask Apprenticeship webinar for parents/ carers. Work Experience
Year 11	Careers Interviews Moving Forward: Post 16 College Talks Ask Apprenticeship Assembly Ask Apprenticeship webinar for parents/ carers.	Careers Interviews Year 11 Mock Interviews (cancelled due to Covid) Careers and Pathways: Next Steps Tutor group Activities Ask Apprenticeship small group workshop: Finding an Apprenticeship	Careers and Pathways: Next steps tutor group Activities Ask Apprenticeship small group workshop: Applying for an Apprenticeship

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and Facilities

The school will make the school facilities available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for reference during careers interviews or in subject areas, as appropriate. All pupils are able to access or request these materials before school, at break, at lunch and after school.