

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out William Morris Sixth Form's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the sixth form for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with our legal obligations under [Section 42B of the Education Act 1997](#) and the government's statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff.

2. Student Entitlement

All students at our sixth form are entitled to:

- find out about technical education qualifications, higher education 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;
- hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education, higher education and apprenticeships - through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

These provider encounters will be optional for students to attend but strongly encouraged for those that have not yet decided on their next steps. They will be scheduled during the main sixth form hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to

- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and students from the provider)
- answer questions from students.

3. Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider.

We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it Meaningful checklist](#).

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

4. Previous providers

In previous years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our students:

- Multiverse
- Let Me Play
- ASK Apprenticeships
- Transport for London
- Berkley Homes
- Sky Academy
- Universities: City, Middlesex, Roehampton, Kingston, Coventry, SOAS, Queen Mary, Brunel
- West London College
- South Thames College
- South Bank Colleges

5. Destinations of our students

Last year, some of our Level 2 students progressed to courses with the following providers:

- West London College (13 students)

- St. Charles' Sixth Form (1 student)
- City of Westminster College (1 student)
- Morley College (1 student)
- Supported Internship with West London College (1 student)

Our Level 3 students progressed to the following:

- University (75%)
 - Westminster (9%)
 - Middlesex (6%)
 - Kingston (6%)
 - Roehampton (5%)
 - Brunel (4%)
 - London South Bank (3%)
 - City (3%)
 - Courses in Business, Finance, ICT and Healthcare were the most popular
- Degree apprenticeships in Business Management, Law, Civil Engineering (3 students)
- Other apprenticeship starts were in healthcare, animal care and digital marketing (5 students)

6. Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the William Morris Sixth Form careers programme, will offer providers the opportunity to come into the sixth form to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

Group	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
L2	Apprenticeship presentation	Apprenticeship week Careers Day and Fair	Work Experience

L3Y1	Apprenticeship presentation	Degree Apprenticeships presentation Apprenticeship week Careers Day and Fair Mock Interviews University and Workplace visits HE Fair	Careers Week in subjects Work Experience University and Workplace visits
L3Y2	University presentations Preparing for the World of Work workshops	Careers Fair	

7. Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact Becky Brake, Head of Careers, on bbrake@wmsf.ac.uk. We will then identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

8. Premises and facilities

The sixth form will make the main hall or classrooms available for discussions between the provider and the pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The sixth form 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 Head of Careers or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Hub, which is managed by the Careers department. The Careers Hub is available to all students throughout the day.

9. Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers and Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

10. Approval and review

Approved: [date] by Governors at [Curriculum and Standards Committee]

Next review: [date]

Signed: [name] Chair of Governors

[name] Principal