

Policy Statement on Provider Access **(Baker Clause 2023)**

Colmers School and Sixth Form College: Provider Access Policy

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 providers 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 year 8-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship 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, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during (year 10 to 11). For pupils in (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

Meaningful provider encounters and opportunities for access

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils and welcome visits from providers who are new to visiting our students and those who have visited before. Several events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. These Encounters take part during the school day and include University Visits, Interview Day, Workshops, Assemblies and College Taster Day. Previous providers include:

- Vinci Construction
- Paragon Banking
- Heart of Worcestershire College
- Halesowen College
- Empowr U
- Gordon Franks Training
- NHS

RAF

- Army
- Navy
- South and City College
- West Midlands Police
- Morrisons
- Severn Trent
- Crackerjack Training
- West Midlands Ambulance
- Overbury (interior Design)
- University of Birmingham

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

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school 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 pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Destinations of our Pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school including:

- South and City College
- Halesowen College
- Colmers Sixth Form
- Cadbury College
- Heart of Worcestershire College
- Novo Training/Traineeships
- Princes Trust
- Access Creative College
- Birmingham Ormiston Academy
- Range of Local Apprenticeships

Our year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers around the Country including:

- Sheffield University (Biochemical Sciences)
- Birmingham City University (Accounting and Finance)
- Sheffield Hallam University (Aerospace Engineering)
- Newman University (Criminology)
- University of Nottingham (Cancer Sciences)
- York University (History)
- Kings College London (Law)
- University of Birmingham (History and Politics)
- Loughborough University (Maths)
- University of Liverpool (Bio Chemistry)

Management of provider access requests

Providers are encouraged to deliver copies of any prospectus or other relevant course literature and open day flyers with Mrs Roberts who will make them available to the students, parents and carers via social media, school gateway, student email, and the careers notice board outside E4.

A provider wishing access should contact Mrs Roberts, Careers Lead at Colmers School and Sixth Form College on 0121 453 1778 or by email aroberts@colmers.school