

Thomas Telford School



Provider Access Policy

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Links

Introduction

The policy statement sets out the School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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.

Student entitlement

All students in Year 7-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of the careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options at each transition point;
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through assembly talks, information sessions and at our annual careers fair;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

The School recognises that for students of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory. There will be a minimum of:

- two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils
- two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils

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.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours of 8:30am to 3:20pm 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.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all students using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#), provided by the Careers Enterprise Company.

Previous providers

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

- InComm training
- Thomas Telford UTC, Wolverhampton
- Telford College
- Madeley Academy Sixth Form

- Walsall Academy Sixth Form
- Shrewsbury Town in the Community
- Local employers offering apprenticeships including Wrekin Housing Group, Caggemini, Alstom, ChadStone Accountancy, Torus Group, Ricoh, UTC Collins Aerospace and West Mercia Police.

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 students moved to range of providers after school:

- 73% progressed to Thomas Telford School Sixth Form
- 21% progressed to other schools or colleges
- 4% secured sport scholarships at professional football clubs
- 2% secured apprenticeships
- 1% progressed to training provider/other

Last year our year 13 students moved to range of providers after school:

- 78% progressed to university or Stage School
- 17% secured employment/apprenticeships
- 4% are taking a planned gap year/seeking full time employment
- <1% returning for 6.3/progressed to a further education foundation course

Management of provider access requests:

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mrs J Flynn, Deputy Head – Careers & Industry Links, Telephone 01952 200000.

Email: jflynn@ttsonline.net

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law as well as a large number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. An overview of this programme can be seen in the '[Careers programme](#)' page on the school website.

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. Please speak to Mrs Flynn, our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The School will make the School's Theatre, Sports Hall, Careers Resource Centre or the Conference room available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The School will also make available ICT 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 the Careers Team.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the Careers Resource Centre, which is managed by the School Careers Team. This resource centre is located in the Reynolds Building at the front of the site and available to all students throughout the working day.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via **Careershub@marcheslep.org.uk**

Policy review

This policy will be reviewed again in August 2023.