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Provider Access Policy

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Maidstone Grammar School

PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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 to 13 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of:

- **two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and**
- **two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).**
- **For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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 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.

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.

Previous providers

Please see *Appendix A* for a list of universities, colleges, employers, apprenticeship and training organisations/providers who have come into school, in recent years, to speak with our pupils

Destinations of our pupils

Year 11 (2022)

- 90.9% Continued in Education (school 6th Form)
- 5.7 % Continued in Education (College)
- 0.5% Training (Non Employed)
- 2.9% Unknown

Year 12 (2022)

- 99% Continued in Education (school 6th Form)
- 0.5% Continued in Education (College)
- 0.5% Unknown

Year 13 (2022)

- 73.8% Continued in Education (HE)
- 3.2 % Employment – apprenticeship (including Degree Apprenticeship)
- 11.8 % Employment - other
- 5.7 % Gap Year
- 5.5 % Unknown

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Team:

Mrs Acaster (Careers Manager), Ms Erenstein (Careers Adviser)

Telephone 01622 752101 Ext. 387. Email careers@mgs.kent.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text in the following table) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme, which give our pupils opportunities to meet with employers, education and training providers.

We can also offer providers additional opportunities to come into school to speak to pupils:

Assemblies (throughout year)

- Providers are welcome to visit the school at any time to give presentations about their education, employment or training offer during assemblies to relevant year groups

Lunchtime or After School Lectures/Workshops (throughout year)

- Providers are welcome to visit the school at any time to give information about their provision to relevant year groups. Interested students are able to sign up to attend.

Career Mentoring (OMS *Inform and Inspire* Mentoring Scheme)

- We offer all pupils, in Year 11 upwards, the opportunity to have careers mentor from our Old Maidstonian Alumni network. If you would like to be involved with the scheme, please contact our Careers Team for more information.

These events will be publicised to students and parents via TEAMS, school email, Parent Mail, school website, our social media pages and through the daily bulletin,

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

Opportunities for Provider Access

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 7	Bletchley Park Visit	BAE Systems/RAF STEM Education Roadshow	
Year 8	Year 8 Careers/GCSE Options Days Post 16 technical education options presentation from Local FE College/UTC (<i>Mid-Kent/North Kent College, Waterfront/The Leigh UTC</i>)	GCSE Options evening for pupils and parents. Employer event for pupils, parents – market stall event giving overview of local, regional and national opportunities and skills requirement	Year 8 Work Shadowing Day – all students spend one day shadowing an employer of their choice
Year 9		Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – employers and apprenticeship providers attending to give presentations to pupils	Year 9 Business Challenge – all pupils work, in teams with a local employer/apprenticeship provider.
Year 10	Year 10-13 Higher Education Fair (after school event) Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE providers including local Further Education colleges	Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – employers and apprenticeship providers attending to give presentations to pupils	Small group sessions with CXK Careers Advisers to discuss future education, training and employment options One week work experience placement with employer/apprenticeship provider Post 16 technical education options assembly with Local FE College/UTC (<i>Mid-Kent/North Kent College, Waterfront/The Leigh UTC</i>)
Year 11	Year 10-13 Higher Education Fair (after school event) Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE providers including local Further Education colleges Post 16 provider open evenings. Meetings with MGS Careers Advisers	Year 11-13 Maidstone Apprenticeship Fair – opportunity for students to meet with 50 local employers/apprenticeship providers Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – employers and apprenticeship providers attending to give presentations to pupils MGS Post-16 Options Evening - Local FE College in attendance – Mid-Kent College	Confirmation of Post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils

		<p>Meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p> <p>Post 16 applications</p> <p>Post-16 interviews with SLT</p>	
Year 12	<p>Year 10-13 Higher Education Fair (after school event)</p> <p>Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE providers including local Further Education colleges</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p>	<p>Year 12 Higher Education Evening, including presentations by local university on degree apprenticeships and student finance</p> <p>Year 11-13 Maidstone Apprenticeship Fair – opportunity for students to meet with 50 local employers/apprenticeship providers</p> <p>Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – employers and apprenticeship providers attending to give presentations to pupils</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p>	<p>Year 12 UCAS Day Post-18 Options Presentations by universities/degree apprenticeship providers</p> <p>One week work experience placement with employer/apprenticeship provider</p> <p>Open days & subject tasters at universities and colleges</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p>
Year 13	<p>Year 10-13 Higher Education Fair (after school event)</p> <p>Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE providers including local Further Education colleges</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings.</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p> <p>Open days at universities and colleges</p>	<p>Year 11-13 Maidstone Apprenticeship Fair – opportunity for students to meet with 50 local employers/apprenticeship providers</p> <p>Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – employers and apprenticeship providers attending to give presentations to pupils</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p>	<p>Confirmation of Post-18 education and training destinations for all pupils</p>

Premises and facilities

The school will make available appropriate spaces within the school to facilitate meetings and discussions between providers and students. The school will also make available audio-visual and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with 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 pupils.

Providers are encouraged to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the Careers Library. This is a section of the School Library and is managed by the School Librarian. The Careers Library is available to students at all times that the Library is open both during the school day and after school.

Complaints:

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

Approval and review

This policy shall remain in force until the regulations bringing it into force are amended by the government. The specifics of the named individual in the policy and of the particular events in the school's careers programme should be reviewed annually and any changes submitted to Group A of the Governing Body for approval.

Approved *[date]* by Governors at Group A of the Governing Body

Next review: *[date]*

Signed: Mark Rolfe (Chair of Governors)

Signed: Mark Tomkins (Head Teacher)

Appendix A – Previous Providers

Previous Providers who have visited our school in recent years through the following activities: Careers and Higher Education Events, Business Challenge Activities, Career Mentoring, Assemblies, Lunchtime and After-school talks etc.

Employers and Apprenticeship/Training Organisations/Providers

<i>A Star Future (Studying Abroad organisation)</i>	<i>Grant Thornton</i>
<i>AbBaltis</i>	<i>Hawkes Architecture</i>
<i>Allianz Technology</i>	<i>Hilton Group</i>
<i>Apprentice Kent</i>	<i>IAC Recruitment</i>
<i>ARC Ratings</i>	<i>Jacobs Engineering UK</i>
<i>ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge)</i>	<i>JobCentre Plus</i>
<i>BAE Systems</i>	<i>Kent Police</i>
<i>Barclays Banking Group</i>	<i>Kent Fire & Rescue</i>
<i>BPP</i>	<i>Kent Training & Apprenticeships</i>
<i>BDO</i>	<i>KPMG,</i>
<i>Bechtel</i>	<i>Maidstone Borough Council</i>
<i>Blue Bell Hill Studios</i>	<i>Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust</i>
<i>British Army</i>	<i>Martec Ltd</i>
<i>Burnett Global Education</i>	<i>Modus Construction Consultants</i>
<i>Buro Happold Engineering</i>	<i>NatWest Bank</i>
<i>Calder Davis Wealth Management</i>	<i>Network Rail</i>
<i>Chartway</i>	<i>Part B Group</i>
<i>Corps of Royal Engineers</i>	<i>Pass4Soccer (USA Sports scholarships)</i>
<i>Covea Insurance</i>	<i>Personnel Today</i>
<i>Cripps Pemberton Greenish</i>	<i>Rhokett</i>
<i>Crowe UK LLP</i>	<i>Rother Valley Railway</i>
<i>DHA Planning</i>	<i>Royal Air Force</i>
<i>DHS Accounting</i>	<i>Royal Fleet Auxilliary</i>
<i>DLA Piper UK LLP</i>	<i>Royal Navy</i>
<i>Dovetail Games</i>	<i>Sekisui Diagnostics</i>
<i>EBP Kent</i>	<i>Ship Safe Training Group</i>
<i>Employer and Skills Network</i>	<i>Simmons & Simmons LLP</i>
<i>Firebird Training</i>	<i>Specsavers Opticians</i>
<i>Ford Motor Company</i>	<i>The Sports Consultancy</i>
<i>Future Elite Sports (USA Sports Scholarships)</i>	<i>The Student World (Studying Overseas)</i>
<i>Gap 360 (Gap Year Company)</i>	<i>The Trussell Trust</i>
<i>GCHQ</i>	<i>Total Control Service</i>
<i>Guest Medical</i>	<i>UK Power Networks</i>
	<i>Waterman Group</i>
	<i>Whitehead Monckton</i>
	<i>Year In Industry Group</i>

Appendix A – Previous Providers – continued

Further & Higher Education Institutions

University of Aberdeen
Aberystwyth University,
Academy of Contemporary Music
Aston University
University of Bath,
University of Birmingham,
BIMM Music College,
Universita Bocconi (Italy)
Brighton Screen & Film School.
University of Bristol,
University of Bournemouth,
Brunel University,
University of Buckingham,
Burnett Global Education
University of Cambridge,
Canterbury Christ Church University,
Cardiff University,
Coventry University
University for the Creative Arts
University of Dundee,
Durham University,
University of East Anglia,
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (Switzerland)
European School of Osteopathy,
University of Exeter,
Fontys International Business School
(Netherlands)
University of Glasgow.
University of Greenwich,
University of Groningen (Netherlands)
Hadlow College
Haute Ecole Arc Ingeniere (Switzerland)
Harvard University (USA)
North Kent College,
University of Hertfordshire,
Imperial College London,
Jersey International Business School
University of Kent,
Kent and Medway Medical School,
King's College London
Lancaster University,
University of Law,
University of Leeds,
University of Leicester,
University of Lincoln,

University of Liverpool,
Loughborough University
Mid-Kent College,
Newcastle University,
Northern Michigan University (USA)
University of Nottingham,
Nottingham Trent University,
Oregon State University (USA)
University of Oxford.
Oxford Brookes University,
Pearson College London
University of Plymouth,
University of Portsmouth,
Queen Mary, University of London,
Queen's University Belfast,
Queens University (Canada)
Ravensbourne University
University of Reading,
Royal Holloway University,
Royal Central School of Speech and
Drama,
Royal Veterinary College
University of St. Andrews
University of Sheffield,
Solent University,
University of Southampton,
University of Surrey,
University of Sussex,
Swansea University,
University College London,
University of Warwick,
University of Westminster,
What Uni
University of Winchester,
University of York.