



MAIDSTONE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
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Provider Access Policy

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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

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 and 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.

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	Bewl Water Visit Waterstones Visit Author visit to discuss his work and career. (Curtis Jobling)	BAE Systems/RAF STEM Education Roadshow	
Year 8	Year 8 Careers/GCSE Options Days Year 8 Work Shadowing Day – all students spend one day shadowing an employer of their choice	GCSE Options evening for pupils and parents.	KS3 Accelerator - Apprenticeship Assembly
Year 9		Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – Around 20 employers and apprenticeship providers deliver presentations to pupils in school, covering their career opportunities, recruitment and training. Students sign up to two talks of their choice New for 2026: Virtual Work Experience activity for all Year 9 students (possibly through Springpod)	Year 9 Business Challenge – all pupils work in teams with a local employer /apprenticeship provider. These organisations also discuss career opportunities, training and apprenticeship opportunities KS3 Accelerator - Apprenticeship Assembly

Year 10	<p>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</p>	<p>Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – Around 20 employers and apprenticeship providers deliver presentations to pupils in school, covering their career opportunities, recruitment and training Students sign up to two talks of their choice</p>	<p>Small group sessions with CXK Careers Advisers to discuss future education, training and employment options</p> <p>One week work experience placement with employer/apprenticeship provider</p> <p>Possible Post 16 technical education options assembly with Local FE College/UTC (e.g. Mid-Kent/North Kent College, Waterfront/The Leigh UTC)</p>
Year 11	<p>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</p> <p>MGS Post-16 Options Evening - Local FE College (MKC) invited</p> <p>Meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</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 – Around 20 employers and apprenticeship providers deliver presentations to pupils in school, covering their career opportunities, recruitment and training Optional event for Yr11 students to attend.</p> <p>Meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</p> <p>Post 16 applications</p> <p>Post-16 interviews with SLT</p>	<p>Confirmation of Post-16 education and training destinations for all pupils</p>
Year 12	<p>Year 10-13 Higher Education Fair (after school event) Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE</p>	<p>Year 12 Higher Education Evening, including presentations by local university on degree apprenticeships and student finance</p>	<p>6th Form Core Lessons: (UCAS talks) Post-18 Options Presentations by universities/degree apprenticeship providers</p>

	<p>providers including local Further Education colleges Post 16 provider open evenings.</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 – Around 20 employers and apprenticeship providers deliver presentations to pupils in school, covering their career opportunities, recruitment and training Optional event for Yr13 students to attend.</p> <p>6th Form Core Lessons</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers</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) Opportunity for pupils and parents to meet with 50 HE providers including local Further Education colleges</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers (optional)</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 Optional event for Year 13 to attend</p> <p>Year 9-13 Careers Afternoon – Around 20 employers and apprenticeship providers deliver presentations to pupils in school, covering their career opportunities, recruitment and training Optional event for Yr13 students to attend.</p> <p>6th Form Core Lessons</p> <p>Individual meetings with MGS Careers Advisers (optional)</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.

Appendix A – Providers

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>HSBC</i>
<i>AbBaltis</i>	<i>ITV</i>
<i>Affinia Finance/Accountancy,</i>	<i>IAC Recruitment</i>
<i>Allianz Technology</i>	<i>Jacobs Engineering UK</i>
<i>APEX Contractors</i>	<i>JobCentre Plus</i>
<i>Apprentice Kent</i>	<i>Kent Police</i>
<i>ARC Ratings</i>	<i>Kent Fire & Rescue</i>
<i>ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge)</i>	<i>Kent Training & Apprenticeships</i>
<i>BAE Systems</i>	<i>KPMG,</i>
<i>Barclays Banking Group</i>	<i>Maidstone Borough Council</i>
<i>BPP</i>	<i>Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust</i>
<i>BDO</i>	<i>Martec Ltd</i>
<i>Bechtel</i>	<i>Metropolitan Police</i>
<i>Blue Bell Hill Studios</i>	<i>Ministry of Defence</i>
<i>British Army</i>	<i>Modus Construction Consultants</i>
<i>Burnett Global Education</i>	<i>Morrisby Organisation</i>
<i>Buro Happold Engineering</i>	<i>NatWest Bank</i>
<i>Calder Davis Wealth Management</i>	<i>Network Rail</i>
<i>Cantium Business Solutions,</i>	<i>NIAB (National Institute of Agricultural Botany)</i>
<i>Channel 4</i>	<i>NHS Medical Careers</i>
<i>Chartway</i>	<i>Part B Group</i>
<i>Cluttons (Building Surveying & Consultancy)</i>	<i>Pass4Soccer (USA Sports scholarships)</i>
<i>Commonwealth War Graves Commission</i>	<i>Personnel Today</i>
<i>Corps of Royal Engineers</i>	<i>RDT Software Engineering</i>
<i>Covea Insurance</i>	<i>Red Bull Powertrains Automotive Engineering</i>
<i>Cripps Pemberton Greenish</i>	<i>Rhokett</i>
<i>Crowe UK LLP</i>	<i>Rother Valley Railway</i>
<i>Curtis Joblin (Author)</i>	<i>Royal Air Force</i>
<i>DHA Planning</i>	<i>Royal Fleet Auxilliary</i>
<i>DHS Accounting</i>	<i>Royal Navy</i>
<i>DLA Piper UK LLP</i>	<i>Sekisui Diagnostics</i>
<i>Dovetail Games</i>	<i>Ship Safe Training Group</i>
<i>EBP Kent</i>	<i>Simmons & Simmons LLP</i>
<i>Employer and Skills Network</i>	<i>South-East Coast Ambulance Service</i>
<i>Environment Agency</i>	<i>Specsavers Opticians</i>
<i>EY</i>	<i>Sysco Food Industry</i>
<i>Firebird Training</i>	<i>The Ambassadors Theatre</i>
<i>Flexjet Pilot Recruitment</i>	<i>The Sports Consultancy</i>
<i>Ford Motor Company</i>	<i>The Student World (Studying Overseas)</i>
<i>Furley Page Law Firm</i>	<i>The Trussell Trust</i>
<i>Future Elite Sports (USA Sports Scholarships)</i>	<i>Total Control Service</i>
<i>Gap 360 (Gap Year Company)</i>	<i>Turnkey Consulting IT</i>
<i>GE Healthcare</i>	<i>UK Power Networks</i>
<i>GCHQ</i>	<i>Waterman Group</i>
<i>Guest Medical</i>	<i>Weightmans LLP</i>
<i>Grant Thornton</i>	<i>Whitehead Monckton</i>
<i>Hawkes Architecture</i>	<i>Willmott Dixon Construction</i>
<i>Hilton Group</i>	<i>Year In Industry Group</i>

Appendix A – 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 Brighton
University of Bristol,
University of Bournemouth,
Brunel University,
University of Buckingham,
Burnett Global Education
University of Cambridge,
Canterbury Christ Church University,
Cardiff University,
Cardiff Metropolitan University
City St George's, University of London
Coventry University
University for the Creative Arts
University of Dundee,
Durham University,
University of East Anglia,
Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (Switzerland)
Escape Studios (Animation, Games VFX)
European School of Osteopathy,
University of Exeter,
Falmouth University,
Fontys International Business School
(Netherlands)
University of Glasgow,
Goldsmiths, University of London
University of Greenwich,
University of Groningen (Netherlands)
Hadlow College
Haute Ecole Arc Ingeniere (Switzerland)
Harvard University (USA)
North Kent College,
University of Hertfordshire,
University of Hull,
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,
London School of Economics & Political
Science
Loughborough University,
Medway School of Arts,
Mid-Kent College,
Newcastle University,
Northern Michigan University (USA)
Northumbria University,
Norwich University of the Arts,
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,
St Mary's University, Twickenham,
University of Suffolk,
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.