Haberdashers' ABRAHAM DARBY
Aspiration Respect Excellence

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) pupils and two encounters for pupils during the second key phase (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.

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

An 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.

Previous providers
We have a good relationship with our local post 16 and 18 providers and in previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

Training and Apprenticeship providers
Landau Training
Nova Training
Crossbar Coaching
Access Sport
Juniper Training
County Training
In Comm Training
Military

FE Colleges (also providers of Technical Education and Apprenticeships)
Telford College
South Staffordshire Colleges
North Shropshire College
Shrewsbury College
Walsall College
Dudley College

Universities (also providers of Technical Education and Apprenticeships)
Manchester Metropolitan University
University of Staffordshire

Destinations of our pupils: Academic year 2025-2026

Post-16 pathway locations: Y11

HABERDASHERS' ABRAHAM DARBY	SHREWSBURY COLLEGE
ST REGIS CE ACADEMY	RODBASTON COLLEGE
MADELEY ACADEMY	WALFORD COLLEGE
THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL	NOVA TRAINING
BIRMINGHAM ORMISTON ACADEMY	JUNIPER TRAINING
COVENTRY COLLEGE	LANDAU
WAKEFIELD COLLEGE	ACCESS SPORT
LONDON COLLEGE	APPRENTICESHIPS
REASEHEATH	EMPLOYED WITH TRAINING
TELFORD COLLEGE	CROSSBAR

Post-18 pathway locations: Y13

Pathway Name	**%**
UNIVERSITY	**63**
GAP YEAR	**7**
GAP YEAR/DEFERRED UNIVERSITY	**3.6**
GAP YEAR/EMPLOYED	**3.6**
EMPLOYED	**6**
APPRENTICESHIP	**4.8**
DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP	**3.6**
EMPLOYED/APPRENTICESHIP	**1.2**
HABERDASHERS' ABRAHAM DARBY	**1.2**
COLLEGE	**3.6**
MILITARY	**1.2**
EMPLOYED/MILITARY	**1.2**
COHORT TOTAL	**100**

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact
Miss Paula Gwilliam,
Assistant Vice Principal: Teaching & Learning, Careers, CPD and Performance Appraisal
Head of Religious Studies
Head of ITT & ECT Lead
paula.gwilliam@taw.org.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the provider encounters required by law along with a variety of additional events, integrated into the wider school careers programme.
We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.
Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the auditorium, sports hall, classrooms, or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school 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 Careers Leader or a member of their team.

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

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre which is managed by LRC Manager. The Resource Centre is available to all pupils. The Careers Office also holds such resources and is available to all pupils throughout the school 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**

Approval and review

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