



Tuition, Medical and Behaviour Support Service

Provider Access Policy

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the service's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at TMBSS for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#) and on page 43 of guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

Student entitlement

All students in years 7-13 are entitled:

- 2 encounters for students during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9)
 - All students must attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 8, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 9
- 2 encounters for students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11)
 - All students must attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 10, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 11
- 2 encounters for students during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13)
 - Students can choose to attend
 - Encounters can take place any time during year 12, and between 1 September and 28 February during year 13

These encounters must happen for a reasonable period of time during the standard school day. Schools can continue to provide complementary experiences, but encounters outside of school hours won't count towards these requirements.

Schools must ask each provider to provide the following information as a minimum:

- Information about the provider and the approved qualifications or apprenticeships they offer
- Information about what careers those qualifications and apprenticeships can lead to
- What learning or training with the provider is like
- Answers to any questions from students

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Joe Clarke - Careers Advisor,

Telephone:07890642674

Email: clarke.j@tmbss-shropshire.org.uk

A member of the careers team will work closely with the provider, in order to arrange an encounter within the TMBSS education centres, to speak with students and/or their parents/carers.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

<u>Key Stage 3</u>		
Centre	Provider 1	Provider 2
Sundorne	Walford College	Shrewsbury College
Bridgnorth	Wolverhampton College	Stourbridge College
Oswestry	Oswestry College	Shrewsbury College
Ludlow	Ludlow Sixth Form	ASK Apprenticeships
Hook A Gate	Walford College	Shrewsbury College

<u>Key Stage 4</u>			
Centre	Provider 1	Provider 2	Provider 3 (Higher Education)
Sundorne	Shrewsbury College	ASK Apprenticeships	Harper Adams University
Bridgnorth	Stourbridge College	ASK Apprenticeships	Wolverhampton University
Oswestry	Shrewsbury College	ASK Apprenticeships	Harper Adams University
Ludlow	Ludlow Sixth Form	ASK Apprenticeships	Wolverhampton University
Hook A Gate	Shrewsbury College	ASK Apprenticeships	Harper Adams University

Granting and refusing access

Access to our students will be granted where it can be agreed that the provider matches the needs of our students and that we can accommodate your request in terms of scheduling and space.

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Destinations of Our Students

Following Gatsby benchmark 3, we collect and maintain accurate data for each student on their education, training or employment destinations for at least three years after they leave school. Last year, our year 11 students moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

Colleges/Post-16 Training Providers:

- Shrewsbury College
- North Shropshire – Walford Campus
- North Shropshire – Oswestry Campus
- North Shropshire – Hereford Campus
- Rease Heath College
- Reach for Inclusion (Training Provider)
- Cheshire College – Crewe Campus
- Bettws Lifehouse
- Walsall College
- Kidderminster College
- The Grove Sixth Form

Areas of Employment/Apprenticeships:

- Cooking and Hospitality
- Groundwork

Premises and facilities

The education centre will make classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The education centre will also make available smart boards and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader, Careers Advisor and Centre Manager.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at our education centres and these will be made available to all students at lunch and break times.

Complaints

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with the career's advisor: clarke.j@tmbss-shropshire.org.uk.

Links to other policies

- Safeguarding Policy
- Careers & Work Related Learning Policy
- Complaints Policy