

Provider Access Policy

Mission Statement

We are a Catholic Sixth Form dedicated to the education and development of the whole person, so that all students can realise their full potential.

To achieve this is as a community we will:

- Provide the highest standards of teaching and learning.
- Expect students to show commitment to their studies and the Christian values of the Sixth Forms.
- Provide equality of opportunity, with mutual respect and positive encouragement.
- Build and further develop a partnership with parents, schools, parishes, higher education, employers and the local community.
- Value staff and support their professional development.

In doing this we will reflect Christ's teaching in the life and work of the whole Sixth Form.

Introduction

This document sets out Christ the King Sixth Forms arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils 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 The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023. The policy was written with input from the Careers Team, teachers, students, SLT and our link governor. It should be read in conjunction with our 'Careers and Progression Strategy', 'Provider Access Policy,' 'The Employer Involvement Policy' and 'The Work Placement and Work Experience Strategy' all of which are central to the overall careers and progression strategy.

Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Christ the King Sixth Forms are committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Christ the King Sixth Forms are fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Christ the King Sixth Forms endeavour to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

Christ the King Sixth Forms policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.

To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.

To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Christ the King Sixth Forms fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending multiple careers events at our sites.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager, *Holly Power*, based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Christ the King Sixth Forms is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for Access

Requests for access should be directed to *Holly Power*, Careers Leader. *Holly Power* can be contacted by telephone at *020 7358 2400* or by email at *careers@ctksfc.ac.uk*

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Christ the King Sixth Forms is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Christ the King Sixth Forms.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Christ the King Sixth Forms will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or a Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Christ the King Sixth Forms will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to *Holly Power* at <u>careers@ctksfc.ac.uk</u> *Holly Power* will raise the complaint to *Shireen Razey, Executive Principal at Christ the King Sixth Forms.*

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: Holly Power

Appendix

Examples of providers who have recently been invited into Christ the King Sixth Forms include:

Rose Bruford College

Multiverse (apprenticeship provider)

Bloomberg Apprenticeships

Barclays

Queen Mary University of London

London South Bank University

Goldsmiths, University of London

University of Greenwich

Loughborough University

Recent destinations of previous pupils from *Christ the King Sixth Forms* include:

Metropolitan Police

National Health Service

Amazon

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Queen Mary University of London

London South Bank University

Goldsmiths, University of London

University of Greenwich

Loughborough University

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