

**ST MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

**Provider Access Policy**

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*Let us remember we are in the presence of God "*

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## **Provider Access Policy**

***“Preparing all our pupils to fulfil their God given vocation with the best possible careers education and guidance.”***

### **Introduction**

At St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy, we are committed to supporting all our pupils to achieve their God given potential. We provide high quality careers education and guidance that ensures our pupils are able to make informed choices about their futures. Learners are well prepared for the next stage of their education, employment, or training.

*“Work is a good thing for man – a good thing for his humanity – because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfilment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes “more a human being.” St Pope John Paull II*

This policy statement sets out the school’s 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 Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

### **Pupil entitlement**

All pupils in years 7-13 are entitled:

- To have two opportunities to meet at least one approved provider of technical education qualifications or apprenticeships in each key stage.
- To not meet exactly the same provider/s on each occasion.
- To find out information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that they offer.
- To find out information about the careers to which those technical education qualifications or apprenticeships might lead.
- To find out what learning or training with the provider is like.
- To hear responses to questions from other pupils and themselves about the provider or technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### **Management of provider access requests procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

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Mrs A. Poole, Assistant Headteacher,

Telephone: 01782 883000 Email: apoole1@smwca.org.uk

### **Opportunities for access**

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader, Mrs Poole, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. An overview of this programme is linked to this policy and is reviewed on an annual basis. This is available to all parents on the school website and the school welcomes any parent suggestions or comments.

### **Premises and facilities**

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, 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.

### **Review**

Each year the programme will be reviewed by the career lead, careers advisor and any other relevant parties. They will look carefully at the impact of each activity, scrutinising student voice and impact on destinations. The Compass Benchmark tool will also be utilised to assess accurately how much the programme is positively impacting on the school's ability to meet the Gatsby Benchmarks, this a statutory requirement. A revised programme will then be agreed and published.