

# Mary Webb School

## Provider Access Policy



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Staff responsible: Ms Sarah Pugh (Asst Headteacher)

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## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out Mary Webb School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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 obligation under section 42B of the Education Act 1997

## **Student Entitlement**

Students in year 8-11 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education, qualifications and apprenticeship 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 our careers fair (Years 9, 10 and 11), options evening, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.
- To receive independent careers advice from our Careers Advisor Sharon Ruff.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils. 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**

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](#).

### **Previous providers**

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers both nationally and from the local area to speak to our pupils:

Ask Apprenticeships

DWP Schools Advisers

Coaching Connexions

County Training

In-Comm Training

SBC training

Barnsley College apprenticeship team

Shrewsbury Colleges Group

Reaseheath College

North Shropshire College

Shrewsbury Town College and University

Renu Training

Various universities who offer Degree level apprenticeships.

### **Destinations of our pupils**

In the last 2 years our year 11 pupils moved on to a range of providers in the local area after school including Shrewsbury Colleges Group, Reaseheath College, North Shropshire College, Shrewsbury School, SBC Training, Shrewsbury Town College and University, County Training, Renu Training, Telford College, Coaching Connexions, as well as on to specialist training providers outside of our local area.

### **Management of Provider Access Requests**

#### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Sarah Pugh, Senior Leadership

Team Careers Lead Telephone: 01743 792100

Email: [spugh@marywebbschool.com](mailto:spugh@marywebbschool.com)

## Opportunities for Access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, as part of the 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.

Year group	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer term
Year 7	Weekly Assemblies *	Weekly Assemblies STEAM Curriculum day	Weekly Assemblies Parents Evening
	Lunchtime stands**		
Year 8	Weekly Assemblies	Assemblies Parents Evening Maths at work day (STEAM Curriculum day)	Weekly Assemblies
	Lunchtime stands**		
Year 9	Weekly Assemblies Careers Fair	Weekly Assemblies Parents Evening Options Evening STEAM Curriculum day	Weekly Assemblies
	Lunchtime stands**		
Year 10	Weekly Assemblies Careers Fair  Parents Evening	Weekly Assemblies STEAM Curriculum day	Weekly Assemblies Work Experience
	Lunchtime stands**		
Year 11	Weekly Assemblies Careers Fair Curriculum Day Parents Evening	Weekly Assemblies STEAM Curriculum day  Apprenticeship support sessions	N/A (exams start)
	Lunchtime stands**		

**\*Weekly Assemblies** – please feel free to contact us and we can arrange for you to deliver one of our weekly assemblies.

**\*\*Lunchtime stands** – we are happy to facilitate a ‘lunchtime stand’ and aim to run these once a month (Wednesdays)

Please speak to our named Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school policy on safeguarding

(<https://www.marywebbschool.com/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/Safeguarding-Child-Protection-Policy-September-2019.pdf> ) sets out the school's approach to allowing Providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

### Premises and Facilities

With due notice the school will be able to make the main sports hall, school hall or private meeting room available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also be able to make specialist equipment to support the provider in their presentation where possible. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

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 welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at reception and this will be directed to the careers section in the library. The Library is available to all students before, during 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 [info@marchescareershub.co.uk](mailto:info@marchescareershub.co.uk)