St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School

Provider Access Policy

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1. Introduction

This Policy sets out our arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students at our School for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications, apprenticeships, and other pathways.

It complies with our School's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 (as amended by the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022).

2. Student Entitlement

All students in Years 8–13 are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships as part of a careers programme that provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through events such as assemblies, careers fairs, group discussions, and taster sessions.
- Understand how to make applications for academic and technical courses, including apprenticeships and vocational pathways.

3. Management of Provider Access Requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

KS3-4 (Years 8–11): Ms Hale, KS3–4 Progression Coordinator. Tel 0117 377 2100
Email halea@smrt.bristol.sch.uk

KS5 (Years 12–13): Miss Kerby, KS5 Progression Coordinator. Tel 0117 377 2100
Email kerbya@smrt.bristol.sch.uk

4. Opportunities for Access

Events, integrated into the school careers programme as set out below, will offer providers an opportunity to come into our School to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

		Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
KS3	Year 7 - 9	• Event for University Technical Colleges	• Bright Futures: FE options day • KS4 Options event	• Life Skills: Assembly and tutor group opportunities • Event for University Technical Colleges
KS4	Year 10	• Life Skills: Work Experience assembly	• Event for University Technical Colleges	• Life skills: Assembly on Work Experience preparation • Post-16 taster sessions
	Year 11	• Life Skills: Assemblies on opportunities at 16 • Post-16 Open Evening	• Event for University Technical Colleges	• Exams

KS5	Year 12		• HE and Apprenticeship Fair • Post-18 Assembly on apprenticeships • Careers Morning • Progression Morning	• Small group sessions: future education, training, and employment options • Some AS Level Exams
	Year 13	• Apprenticeships and Career Talks • Interview Practice	• Student Finance Talks	• Study Leave and exams

Providers are encouraged to contact the school about one-off opportunities outside these scheduled events. They should contact the relevant Progression Coordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for them.

Requests sent via the school enquiries@smrt.bristol.sch.uk email address will be forwarded to the relevant Progression Coordinator for consideration.

5. Provider Access Legislation (PAL) Compliance

In line with PAL, the School will ensure that:

- Students receive at least six provider encounters during Years 8–13.
- Encounters are spread across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5 (a minimum of two per phase).
- Access is fair, transparent, and recorded as part of our CEIAG programme.

6. Premises and Facilities

We will make available appropriate rooms (e.g. hall, classrooms, meeting rooms) and specialist equipment (AV/ICT) to support provider presentations. Arrangements will be agreed in advance with the relevant Progression Coordinator. Providers are welcome to leave copies of prospectuses, course literature, or other relevant materials with the Progression Coordinator, and they will ensure that these materials are made accessible to all students.

7. Safeguarding

All visitors must comply with this School's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. The Policy sets out this School's approach to allowing providers into our School as visitors to talk to our students.