

# Provider Access Statement

## The Abbey School Provider Access Policy

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 8 – 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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 options events, assemblies and group discussions as well as taster events. The Abbey School will ensure students have at least six encounters with such providers through; University and college workshops in Year 7 and 9, Apprenticeship assemblies in Years 10, 11 and KS5, Apprenticeship Information workshops for parents and pupils in Years 11 and KS5)
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

**For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (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.

## Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact;

**Mrs S Priestly** Work Experience and Careers Support Officer

Telephone: 01795 532633 Email: [spriestly@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk](mailto:spriestly@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk)

## Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme and calendar, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and / or their parents / carers. This can take the form of assemblies, lesson visits or special events throughout the year.

Using the contact details above, please arrange a time to speak to our Careers Leader (Mrs Owolabi) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

## Premises and facilities

The school will make spaces available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available specialist equipment (as far as is reasonably possible) to

support provider presentations. These will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader (Mrs Owolabi). Details of the facilities will be provided following an arranged career event.

**Providers that have previously supported our Careers programme** include; Optivo Housing Association, Ideaworks, Shepherd Neame, NHS, MyMNY Finance, HSBC, Red Key Concepts Construction, Beauty Lounge, Royal Navy, Kent Police, Kesson Physiotherapy, Care UK and many more.

### **Destinations of our pupils**

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school. Most students continued their education in the Sixth Form at The Abbey School, Canterbury College or other school's Sixth Forms. Our Year 13 pupils moved onto university (64%), apprenticeships (10%) employment (18%).

### **Approval and review**

**Approved by (Governor):**

**Headteacher: Dr R Speller**

**Date:**

**Date: September 2024 Next review date: July 2025**