All Saints RC School: Provider Access Policy Statement

Ownership: All Saints RC School

Date updated: January 2023

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

All Saints RC School is 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. All Saints RC School is 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.

All Saints RC School endeavours 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

All Saints RC School 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

All Saints RC School 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.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager 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. **All Saints RC School** 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 Sarah Bilton, Careers Leader. Sarah Bilton may be contacted by telephone or email - Email: sa.bilton@allsaints.york.sch.uk, Tel 01904 647877 or email: careers@allsaints.york.sch.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Personal Development lessons, and Personal Development events that All Saints RC School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with All Saints RC School.

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

The All Saints RC School 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 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

The All Saints RC School 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 Raf Stabler, Deputy Head, email: lsreception@allsaints.york.sch.uk

Raf Stabler will raise the complaint to Richard Thompson, Head of All Saints RC School.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the SeniorLeadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: Sarah Bilton

Policy Reviewed: January 2023

<u>Appendix</u>

Providers who have been invited to All Saints RC School events are:

Askham Bryan College
Coventry University (Scarborough)
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
Manchester Metropolitan
Newcastle University

Northumbria University
University of Huddersfield
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Sheffield
University of Strathclyde
University of York
York College
York St John's University

Destinations of previous pupils from All Saints RC School include:

Askham Bryan College
Cambridge University
Durham University
Hull and York Medical School (HYMS)
Imperial College
Lancaster University
Leeds Beckett University
London School of Economics
Manchester Metropolitan
Newcastle University
Northumbria University
Oxford University
Sheffield Hallam
The University of Liverpool
University of Edinburgh
University of Huddersfield
University of Leeds
University of Manchester
University of Sheffield

University of the Arts London
University of York
York College
York St John’s University