



Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. Aims

This policy statement sets out Thamesmead 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.

It sets out:

- Procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

2. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 7 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these students.

This is outlined in section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#).

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

3. Pupil entitlement

All registered pupils at Thamesmead School 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
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mrs J Mason, Head of Careers, Enterprise and Employability Education, telephone: 01932 219400

Email: j.mason@thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk

4.2 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 Mrs J Mason (Head of Careers, Enterprise and Employability Education), to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

4.3 Granting and refusing access

Access to students will be granted if opportunities presented are suitable, appropriate and relevant to students' learning and development.

Access may be refused if: material or opportunity could be discriminatory, biased, or in any way contains unsuitable content; age inappropriate; not of significant relevance; not in the best interests of students; of expense beyond school means; logistically too difficult for the school to facilitate.

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Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team building activity offered to all • Enterprise type activity for whole cohort • Workshop to experience an industry • Citizenship lessons: British values; diversity; identity; community; finance; barriers and solutions; responsibilities
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEAM Ambassadors to talk to all year 8s in a form of ‘speed dating’ • Visit to a farm with Geography dept. to include section about jobs • Group of students to a workshop on Maths Skills • Workshop to experience an industry • Group of students on Sports Leaders course • Citizenship lessons: volunteering; community; economic awareness; politics
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choices lesson – Innervate Career Services • Choices assembly – Innervate Career Services • Options fair- Subject leads and careers advisor • STEM activity (provided by Army/ Sea Cadets) for whole cohort • Drama workshop to learn about different careers • Bridge Builders work experience • Young Scientist Challenge • Citizenship lessons: careers; job market (LMI); interview skills; skills and strengths; community and diversity
Year 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choices at 16+ at Progress review evening • Choices at 16+ assembly –Innervate Career Services • What next questionnaire- Innervate Career Services • Assemblies from sixth form schools, colleges • Science masterclasses and careers workshops at Esher College • Acting workshop • Interviews – personal and group by Innervate Career Services • College taster days: Brooklands, Strodes and Woking Colleges • Visiting speaker from Churchill College, Cambridge University • Some students have been out on work experience (during school holidays is encouraged or with special permission during term time) • Experience in the workplace for students • Citizenship lessons: careers and employability; post-16 choices; CV writing; identity; community
Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies from Sixth forms and Colleges apprenticeship providers, employers • Visiting speaker: Churchill College Cambridge University • Interviews from Innervate Career Services • Personal Coach from SCC assist some students to find best pathway for post 16 • Some students have been out on work experience (during school holidays is encouraged or with special permission during term time) • What next choice assistance: tutors/ HOY/JMA/SPI • Citizenship lessons: CVs and personal statements; interview technique; labour market information (LMI); skills and strengths; study skills • Interview skills workshop

In addition to specific careers related learning, students have access to the following:

- Thamesmead School Careers Fair (All students in year 7-10), including representation from colleges, sixth forms, Universities and a variety of industries.
- Careers Library
- START digital platform activities
- Careerometer widget for LMI
- Assemblies from a range of employers/ employees
- Curriculum areas linking their subjects to careers
- External career fair opportunities for year 10 and 11
- Local Universities providing a range of activities which widen the horizons of some students
- All students to have experiences of workplaces
- All students taught employability skills in lessons
- Tutor activities to show videos of different employees (particularly during apprenticeship, Science and Engineering weeks)

4.4 Safeguarding

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

4.5 Premises and facilities

Facilities available to providers can include, but are not limited to:

- larger spaces such as halls
- smaller spaces such as classrooms and meetings rooms
- ICT equipment: laptops, audio equipment, projectors

Organising and agreeing which facilities can be used is the responsibility of the event organiser (e.g. Head of Careers, Enterprise and Employability Education/ other staff member), who will make a request to the relevant department. Only once this has been agreed with the appropriate person can the event take place.

Providers are welcome to leave prospectuses or other material for students to read, and these can be put in our careers library, tutor rooms, or other locations where appropriate.

5. Links to other policies

This policy has links to:

- Thamesmead School's Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy
- Thamesmead School's Careers Policy
- Thamesmead School's Curriculum Policy

6. Monitoring arrangements

The school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students is monitored by Mrs J Mason, Head of Careers, Enterprise and Employability Education.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Careers Lead, and every year by the Governing Body as part of their on-going cycle of review.

Signatures:

Head teacher

Chair of Governors

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