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Midhurst Rother College Provider Access Policy Statement

1. Introduction

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 and the Statutory Guidance 2023.

Midhurst Rother College uses the Gatsby Benchmarks as a guide to plan our Careers programme. As part of our commitment to informing students of the full range of employment, learning and training pathways on offer to them, we are happy to receive requests from training, apprenticeships, employers and vocational educational providers to speak to students.

2. Student Entitlement

All pupils in years 7-13 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 and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

3. Management of Provider Access

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Samantha Jones, Careers Administrator

Telephone: 01730 812451; Email: samantha.jones@mrc-academy.org

Or:

Roger Burton, Assistant Principal (Careers Leader)

Email: roger.burton@mrc-academy.org

Opportunities for Access

A range of events, which are integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The school calendar varies from year to year, so providers need to contact the appropriate staff member named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. These events are usually calendared well in advance, so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning.

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

Specific Access Points

Careers Fair – All students within the College (Year 7 – 13) attend market stall event giving overview of local, regional and national opportunities and skills requirement. T Level and Apprenticeship providers are invited (6 attending in 2023).

Futures Day – Year 10 students prepare for work experience plus a marketplace on subjects and Apprenticeships.

Taster Day – Year 11 students find out and trial five subject sessions for the whole day. One session will be guidance for students on Apprenticeship and T-Levels from a local provider.

Sixth Form Perspectives – Year 12 & 13 University seminars, including with a University Degree Apprenticeship Team.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the halls, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available ICT, AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature which can be distributed to the students and Parents/Carers

Approval and review

Approved May 2024 by Governors

Next review: February 2026

Signed:

David Lawes, Chair of Governors

Stuart Edwards, Principal