



## **Provider Access**

### **Policy Statement 2021-2022**

COMMITTEE: St Thomas More LAC

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## **St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School**



## Introduction

At St Thomas More, students have the opportunity to acquire the skills, qualities and knowledge required to pursue a future pathway that is right for them. Careers aspirational work and guidance starts in Year 7 and continues throughout the school years.

Our careers programme is built around the Gatsby Benchmarks to ensure that every young person receives high quality career guidance in order to make informed decisions about their future.

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 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.

## Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact **Mrs Donna Smith** Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Careers and IAG

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## 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. We have regular careers events throughout the year, assemblies and opportunities for formal and informal careers talks/presentations/workshops.

Year Group	Focus	Autumn Term (2)	Summer Term (2)	Key events throughout the year
Year 7	Explore students' interests and motivations and develop a broad understanding of world of work.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Enterprise skills and introduction to careers. Challenging career stereotypes and raising aspirations.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Making ethical and financial decisions. Saving, spending and budgeting our money.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Careers events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b></li> </ul>
Year 8	Explore further students' interests and motivations and start to build up a profile of skills, talents and qualities that they can build upon.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Evaluating value for money in services. Risks and consequences of making financial decisions.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Rights and responsibilities in the community. Tackling age and disability discrimination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Careers events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Apprenticeship Roadshow</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Careers Week events</i></b></li> </ul>
Year 9	Focus on building career aspirations and exploring a variety of career pathways and opportunities.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Careers and Values; developing qualities and skills.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Reflecting on learning skills development in Key Stage 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Careers events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Curriculum Options Evening</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Apprenticeship Roadshow</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Careers Week events</i></b></li> </ul>

Year 10	Address self-presentation and explore the variety of skills and qualities employers are looking for.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Understanding the causes and effects of debt.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Preparation for work. Develop employability skills and relate learning to the world of work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Careers events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>'Meet the Professional' event</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Apprenticeship Roadshow</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Careers Week events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Interview preparation</i></b></li> </ul>
Year 11	Support with practical plans and guidance when making decisions and applications for post-16 learning.	<b><i>Living in the Wider World.</i></b> <b>Focus:</b> Understanding the College/ Sixth Form application process and plans beyond school. Skills for employment and career progression.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Careers events</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>'Meet the Professional' event</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Apprenticeship Roadshow</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Careers Week events</i></b></li> </ul>
Year 12	Focus on options post-18 and exploring different pathways to reach goals and fulfil future aspirations.	<b><i>Key events</i></b> <b><i>Careers events</i></b> <b><i>Careers workshops</i></b> <b><i>Assembly programme</i></b> <b><i>'Meet the Professional' events</i></b> <b><i>Oxbridge mock interview</i></b> <b><i>Apprenticeship Roadshow</i></b> <b><i>National Careers Week events</i></b> <b><i>Future Pathways Day</i></b>		
Year 13	Support with practical plans and guidance when making decisions and applications for post-18 learning.			

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

## Facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available 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 in our Learning Resource Centre and Sixth Form Study Centre. The Learning Resource Centre and Sixth Form Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.