





TOWNSEND
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Provider Access Policy
September 2023

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Introduction

At Townsend, our vision 'Achievement For All, Respect For All' is underpinned by the concept of 'Love your neighbour' from the story of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37. We value everyone, and show love and respect for ourselves and others, setting high standards and supporting each other so that we can all flourish. The concept of 'love your neighbour' is taught in three strands:

1. Love your neighbour – treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself
2. Love yourself – self-care is important, look after yourself physically, mentally and spiritually
3. Love the journey – whether academic or personal, Townsend supports everyone's journeys to enable you to flourish individually and collectively

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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 to 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.

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.

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Making it meaningful checklist provided by the Careers and Enterprise Company. Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

University of Hertfordshire

Computacenter

Oaklands college

The Army

The Royal Navy

Sky Studios

The NHS

Destinations of our pupils

Everyone from Year 11(126 students) started a Post 16 course in the Townsend 6th form or at a college or another school, or took up an apprenticeship.

- 0% NEET (No student is **Not** in Education, Employment, or Training).

Last year, our year 13 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school. There were 43 students in year 13 (the upper 6th). The destinations of year 13 leavers are shown below.

- 65% went to University this year
(28 students)
All who applied to attend university were successful in gaining their place at university
- 9% stayed in education for further study
(4 students).
- 14% took up employment offers – some applying for University next year.
(6 students)
- 7% have gained an Apprenticeship.
(3 students)
- 5% taking a gap year
(2 students)
- 0% NEET (No student is recorded as **Not** in Education, Employment, or Training).

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Davey, Careers Lead
Telephone: 01727 853047; Email: admin@townsend.herts.sch.uk
Mrs Davey will then liaise with and consult the Head Teacher.

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme, which include the following:

- Year 8 Options evening
- Year 10 careers carousel
- 6th Form evening information evening
- 6th form Mock interview morning
- Assemblies

We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.