

# CAMS HILL SCHOOL

## PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT



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## Provider Access Policy

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

Cams Hill School will act impartially, in line with their statutory duty, and not show bias towards any route, be that academic or technical. We will promote a full range of technical options via the following:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend – to take place any time during Year 8 or between 1 September and 28 February during Year 9.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend – to take place any time during Year 10 or between 1 September and 28 February during Year 11.

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 qualifications and/or 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. Cams Hill School is committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils. This will be achieved through assemblies, in-class visits and other planned activities where available.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

## Partnerships

We work with a range of partners to deliver the careers programme, these include:

- **The Careers & Enterprise Company (including Compass+)** – Cams Hill School will work closely with the Careers and Enterprise Company to establish best practice. We will use the Compass report annually to track our provision to ensure we are meeting all Gatsby Benchmarks in a timely manner. The school has also upgraded to Compass+ and will use the tool to benchmark, manage, track and report on our careers provision and areas for improvement.

- **The Education Business Partnership (EBP)** – the EBP are currently undertaking our year 11 1:1's and supported work placements.
- **Local Sixth Form and Technical Colleges** – which include Fareham College, City of Portsmouth College, Barton Peveril Sixth Form College and Itchen College.
- **Local Apprenticeship providers** – which include PETA, Fareham College, City of Portsmouth College and Steve Willis Training.
- **Higher Education Establishments** – which include Solent University and Portsmouth University.
- **Employers** – we will actively strive to ensure that employers play a pivotal role in motivating and influencing our pupils to further their understanding of employment and training opportunities.

## Destinations of our pupils

Last year (2022-2023) our Year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

- Barton Peveril Sixth Form College 71
- Fareham College 43
- City of Portsmouth College 27
- Year 11 pupils also moved on to Peter Symonds College, Havant and South Downs College, Bay House Sixth Form and Itchen College

## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Vadis, Careers Co-ordinator.

Email: [careers@camshill.com](mailto:careers@camshill.com) Telephone: 01329 231641

### Opportunities for access

The school offers the four provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school and speak to pupils or their parents or carers.

Please speak to our Careers Co-ordinator to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### Premises and facilities

The school will make the events hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for the discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Co-ordinator or member of SLT.

Providers are welcome to leave their literature in the Careers Office where it will be made readily available to pupils.