Shenley Brook End: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

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.

Student Entitlement

All students 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 students 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 students during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For students 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 students 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 students from the provider)
- answer questions from students

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between students and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all our young people using the Making it meaningful checklist.

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

Destinations of our pupils

Year 11: The largest proportion of our students went to college to study vocational courses, with the main college being Milton Keynes College. Other colleges include Moulton College, Bedford College, SCL College. Still, there were also individual cases of students going to SGS College in Bristol and South Devon College outside the local area. The second largest cohort continued to study at Shenley Brook End Sixth form for A-Levels. However, a small number of students did move to other sixth forms such as Hazeley, Watling Academy, Denbigh, St. Pauls Catholic School, Lord Grey, and Royal Latin. Students also moved to specialist providers such as DanceBox, Arts1, and Leon Barnett football academy.

Year 13: The majority of students progressed to university, enrolling on a wide range of degree programmes including Accounting, Engineering, Healthcare, Business, Psychology and Computer Science. Students secured places at universities across the UK, including Oxford, Leicester, Birmingham and Nottingham. Of those who chose not to pursue higher education, most either undertook a gap year or secured apprenticeships with employers such as Leonardo, Deloitte, John Lewis and Accenture. A small number of students remained at Shenley to re-sit their A Levels in Year 14.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Donna Montague, Head of Careers – 5 Dimensions Trust or by emailing dmontague@ct5d.com

Opportunities for access

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

** If you are an employer or provider who would like to take part in one of our Careers events please email our Head of Careers, Mrs Montague – dmontague@ct5d.com

Our Career Fairs offer the opportunity for providers to showcase their offer to students. In 2026/27 the following providers have requested attendance:

MK College
Moulton College
Buckinghamshire College group
MK Dons SET
Christian Foundation
Open University
University of Falmouth
University of Buckingham
Aston University
University of East Anglia
University of Coventry
University of Sheffield
University of Hull

Premises and 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 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.

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Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Team.

Complaints:

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the school complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Approval and review

Approved: *September 2026*

Signed: ..... Mrs Montague - Head of Careers 5 Dimensions Trust

Signed: ..... Mrs Wright– SLT Careers Lead

Signed:..... Mr McCluskey - Head Teacher

Next review: September 2027