

Provider Access Policy Statement

Ownership: Montsaye Academy

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Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to young people's futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Montsaye Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Montsaye Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Montsaye Academy endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and can access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause": supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

The Montsaye Academy policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Montsaye Academy fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved

technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done through providers attending various careers events at the school.

Students 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 evenings, assemblies, character days, career events and 1:1 guidance with an impartial careers advisor.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.
- To have access to information evenings/events at local technical providers

Development

This policy has been developed and will be reviewed annually by the Careers Leader, Mrs K Knight and Line Manager Mr S Finan based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Montsaye Academy is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Mrs K Knight Careers Leader. Mrs K Knight may be contacted by email, kknight@montsaye.org

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school events including careers fairs, careers related assemblies, through character development events, and events linking careers to curriculum that Montsaye Academy is arranging. Students may also travel to visit providers as part of a trip to be organised in partnership with Montsaye Academy.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Montsaye Academy will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Computer rooms can also be arranged where necessary. The Careers Leader will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team or member of SLT who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Montsaye Academy will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Kimberley Knight

email: kknight@montsaye.org

Mrs K Knight will raise the complaint to Mr S Finan, Assistant Principal of Montsaye Academy

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Leadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: S Finan

Policy Reviewed: May 2026

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Montsaye Academy to date include:

- Tresham College
- Moulton College

Destinations of previous pupils from Montsaye Academy include:

- Tresham College
- Moulton College
- Northampton College
- Apprenticeships
- Russell Group Universities