



Sir Tom Finney Community High School provider access policy statement

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of 2 January 2018, we have a duty to provide pupils in years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post-16 and post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

What are pupils entitled to?

Pupils must be allowed to:

- Learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which informs pupils of the full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities on offer, for example, technical education and apprenticeships – this can be achieved through options evenings, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- Understand how to apply to the full range of academic and technical courses available to them.

Who handles our access requests?

Any provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Leader, Mr. Lee Toulson, on (01772) 795749 or via email on: ltoulson@stfch.lancs.sch.uk.

What opportunities are provided to allow access to pupils?

Via our school careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Our annual schedule of events is as follows:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 3 Parents Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening
Year 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 3 Parents Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening • 14-19 Options Event
Year 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair • Visit to 'Skills North West' event in Manchester • Visit to 'Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening • 14-19 Options Event
Year 11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening • 14-19 Options Event

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to 'Skills North West' event in Manchester • Visit to 'Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience placements
Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair • Visit to 'Skills North West' event in Manchester • Visit to 'Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo' • Work Experience placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening • 14-19 Options Event • Work Experience placements
Year 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STFCH Annual Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Fair • Visit to 'Skills North West' event in Manchester • Visit to 'Lancashire Apprenticeship Expo' • Work Experience placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Parents Evening • 14-19 Options Event • Work Experience placements

Please speak to our Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

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 Education Information Advice & Guidance Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the school. The Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance Leader will ensure that students have access to these materials at suitable times and upon request.