

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Within this policy 'we' and 'us' means the Federation.
- 1.2. We have a statutory obligation to ensure that a range of education and training providers are given access to our students in Years 7 to 13. The reason for this access is to inform them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. This policy statement sets out the student entitlement to such provision and the circumstances in which such access will be given.

2. STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

- 2.1. Throughout the year a number of opportunities will be made available to students in each year group. We acknowledge that students are entitled to:
 - Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities up to degree level, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
 - 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;
 - Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Please refer to the Provider Access Policy for further information relating to the school you require.

- 2.2. We will not do anything which might limit the ability of a student to be involved, e.g. restricting invitations to selected groups of students or hosting events outside of school hours.

3. OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS

- 3.1. The 'opportunity to access' includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a visit from a Studio School;
 - a visit from a local apprenticeship provider;
 - a visit from a vocational FE provider;
 - a visit from a University Technical College;

- 3.2. A number of events, integrated into the schools' careers programmes, will give providers access to our students and their parents/carers. The most notable of these is the Year 11 Post-16 event held in terms 1 or 2 each year and the apprenticeship event in terms 3 or 4.
- 3.3. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Advisor, who will ensure that it is distributed and/or displayed.
- 3.4. The Federation is not required to accept every request from a provider to visit but will work with providers to seek a mutually convenient time.
- 3.5. Providers wishing to book appointments should contact the Federation Careers Advisor, Beth Meynell, on 01572 770066 or emeynell@catmosecollege.com

4. FACILITIES

- 4.1. For careers events we will make available a wide range of facilities including the Theatre, Hellerup and classrooms. AV and other specialist equipment will be provided to support presentations.