



THE DEANERY
Church of England High School and Sixth Form College



THE SIXTH FORM
AT THE DEANERY

CAREERS PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT

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Next Review February 2027

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. It complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, and the *Careers guidance and access for education and training providers* statutory guidance (DfE, updated 2023/24).

Rationale

High-quality careers education and guidance is essential in preparing young people for their future pathways. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of the world of work and the routes available to them, including academic, technical and apprenticeship options. It supports students to develop the self-awareness and career management skills needed to secure positive destinations and contribute to a successful and productive economy.

As the landscape of technical education continues to expand — including T Levels, apprenticeships and Higher Technical Qualifications — it is increasingly important that all young people receive impartial information about the full range of opportunities available to them post-16 and post-18.

Commitment

The school is committed to ensuring that a range of education and training providers have the opportunity to access students for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. The school recognises its responsibility to support students in making informed choices that lead to successful outcomes.

In line with statutory requirements, the school will act impartially and will not promote one route over another. Students will be supported to understand the full range of academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways available to them.

This policy supports the school's commitment to achieving all eight Gatsby Benchmarks

Aims- the school's policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop students' knowledge and awareness of all career pathways, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To ensure students can learn about opportunities for education and training outside school before making key decisions about their future.
- To reduce the risk of students becoming NEET by supporting informed and appropriate choices.

Student Entitlement

The school fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to providers of further education, technical education and apprenticeships.

In accordance with the Provider Access Legislation, the school will provide a minimum of six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships:

- Two encounters in Years 8 or 9
- Two encounters in Years 10 or 11
- Two encounters in Years 12 or 13

These encounters will take place through assemblies, workshops, careers events, or virtual sessions.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and the Headteacher, taking account of current good practice and statutory guidance from the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

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

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to all students. The school is committed to ensuring that all students receive impartial information and are supported to make decisions based on their individual needs, aspirations and abilities.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Mrs Katie Martin, Lead Practitioner - CEIAG
Telephone: 01942 768801 Email: smartink@deanery.wigan.sch.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be granted for providers to attend school assemblies, timetabled PSHE lessons, and careers events organised by the school. Students may also visit external providers as part of organised trips.

Facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

The school will provide an appropriate room or hall as available. All rooms have a computer, projector and screen. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser will work with providers to ensure facilities are suitable for the intended audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team.

Live/Virtual encounters

The school will consider live online encounters where requested. These may be broadcast into classrooms or the assembly hall. Technology checks will be carried out in advance to ensure compatibility.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged. Parents may be invited to attend events where appropriate. Information is also shared via the school website and social media.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and reports to their senior leadership line manager.

Complaints

Any complaints regarding this policy should initially be raised with:

Mrs Katie Martin
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If unresolved, the complaint will be considered under the school's Complaints Procedure, available on the school website.