

Policy Statement on Provider Access

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers, to ensure every pupil receives 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.

Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college 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 pupils 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

Hartshill Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access pupils, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Hartshill Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set pupils 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. Hartshill Academy endeavours to ensure that all pupils are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships.

Aims

Hartshill Academy's policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our pupils 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 pupils becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Pupil entitlement

Hartshill Academy fully supports the statutory requirement for pupils to have direct access to providers of further education, training, technical training and apprenticeships. Pupils in Years 7-11 have opportunities to encounter providers of academic and technical education qualifications and apprenticeships through the school's careers program. All pupils in years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are entitled:

- to find out about academic and 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.

Request for access

Requests for access will be considered in line with the school's careers programme, safeguarding arrangements and the needs of pupils.

A provider wishing to request access should contact: Karim El Kanouni

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Email: karim.elkanouni@hartshillacademy.org.uk

Opportunities for Success

A number of events, integrated into the school careers program, will offer providers an opportunity to come onto the school site to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers

Speaking to the Careers and Employability Lead is necessary to discuss the most suitable opportunity for each provider.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, Careers lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Hartshill Academy is arranging. Pupils may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Hartshill Academy or United Learning.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the Theatre, Atrium, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, 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 and Employability Lead and/or Assistant Principal for Personal Development.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature which will be available to pupils in the Careers Resources area of the school library.