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Provider Access Policy

Adoption Date: September 2024

Person Responsible: Careers Leader

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Name of School: The Bewdley School and Sixth Form

Ownership: Bewdley School and Sixth Form

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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 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

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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. The Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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.

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to 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 Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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 provide impartial advice and guidance about all pathways available to students.

To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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 in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week and in addition to providers attending careers events at school as well as through our Careers Learning Programme and Information Evenings for parents.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader, Katie Howard and Jill Rickards 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. The Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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 Katie Howard, Careers Leader or Careers Coordinator, Sarah Korischar may be contacted by telephone or email, kho@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk or sko@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk , Tel 01922 403277

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled tutor time lessons on Careers, and Careers and Information events that The Bewdley School and Sixth Form is arranging.

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

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser 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 who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

The Bewdley School and Sixth Form 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 and Careers Coordinator 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 Jill Rickards, email: jri@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk

Jill Rickards will raise the complaint to Catherine McDougall, The Co- Headteacher

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Katie Howard

Policy Reviewed: September 2025

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into The Bewdley School and Sixth Form to date include:

Mazak

HWGTA

Kidderminster College

HSBC

Destinations of previous pupils from Bewdley School and Sixth Form include:

Kidderminster College

HSBC

Halesowen College