



Provider Access Policy Statement

Oakmoor School

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 knowledge and essential skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations.

High quality careers education helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy. It is essential that students are provided with information and a full understanding of all pathways and options available to them post-16 and post-18 including but not limited to apprenticeships, T levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Oakmoor School 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. Oakmoor School 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.

Oakmoor School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and can access information on technical options and apprenticeships as per our legal obligations. (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

Our 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 our students 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 students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Oakmoor School 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 a range of encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. Oakmoor school is committed to ensuring that students will receive 4 opportunities within the school day to actively engage with a range of provider. A minimum of 2 encounters will occur throughout years 8 and 9 and 2 additional encounters will occur during years 10 and 11.

The delivery of this provision will include but is not limited to:

- Assemblies
- Workshops
- Careers Fayre
- Trips and visits
- Virtual/ online encounters

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Safeguarding and child protection and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students access to information, advice and guidance about Sixth Form, further education and apprenticeship organisations.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Alison Woodage, Careers Leader.

Contact can be made by telephone or email, a.woodage@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk

Tel: 01420 472132

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Oakmoor School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another providers to gain insight and access to information, advice and guidance.

Oakmoor school is committed to providing 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.

Safeguarding

In accordance with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, we ask all providers who will have the opportunity for regular contact with children to ensure the appropriate DBS is in place.

Where providers will only have occasional contact with children an appropriate DBS may not be required but any person onsite agrees to follow all policies and processes and in particular to remain accompanied at all times where required by the School's policies and processes.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers as and when appropriate.

Monitoring review and evaluation

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader (Alison Woodage) and Line Manager (Nigel Wright) based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the schools Governing Body.

Appendix

Example careers related opportunities for students at Oakmoor School

Year 7 and 8:

- Futures curriculum
- Careers Fayre
- National Careers Week
- National Green Careers Week
- National Apprenticeship week
- Assemblies
- Trips and visits
- Options evening

Year 9, 10 and 11:

- Futures curriculum
- Careers Fayre
- National Careers Week
- National Green Careers Week
- National Apprenticeship week
- Assemblies
- Trips and visits
- WEX
- National manufacturers day
- 1:1 advice and guidance meetings
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Next review due by: July 2026