



Boroughbridge
High School

Provider Access Policy

Policy ratified by Governors	January 2023
Next Policy review due	January 2024
Due for review by Governors	January 2024
Staff Lead	Associate Assistant Headteacher - SENDCo & Student Development

Significant Revisions since last review:

New Policy

Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

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

Boroughbridge High 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. We are 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 School ensures 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

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

Student Entitlement

Boroughbridge High 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 at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in assemblies PSHCE lessons, drop down curriculum days, form times, relevant subject curriculum lessons, trips. Please see our Careers Programme on the school website for more details.

Links with other policies

- >Careers
- >Safe guarding
- >Equality Scheme
- >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. We are committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information and guidance.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to our Careers Leader Mrs P Town who can be contacted via email at schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during the school day events such as assemblies, PSHCE lessons, and Careers events, some of these events may be outside of the normal school day, such as information evenings. Students may also travel to visit another provider, employer, or wider careers event as part of school trip.

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

Boroughbridge High School will provide an appropriate space (to be agreed) and provide any relevant equipment such as projectors, screens or ICT to aid delivery. The school 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 staff at all times.

Live/Virtual encounters

We will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or an alternative space. 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. Parental information evenings for all transition years will provide information on all pathways that are available to students without prejudice.