Provider Access Policy Statement for Technical Education and Apprenticeships

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Date	Notes

1. Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students at Foxford School for the purpose of giving them 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, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, known as the Baker Clause.

2. Statutory requirements

All maintained schools and academies are required to:

- Give education and training providers the opportunity to talk to pupils in years 8 to 13 about approved technical qualifications and apprenticeships
- Provide a minimum of six encounters with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13.
  - At least two encounters for pupils in Year 8 or 9, mandatory for all
  - At least two encounters for pupils in Year 10 or 11, mandatory for all
  - At least two encounters for pupils in Year 12 or 13, mandatory for the school to put on, but optional to attend
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.
- Publish the policy statement on the school website outlining these arrangements

3. Student entitlement

Students in years 8-13 at Foxford School are entitled to

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme that provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- Hear from a range of local and national providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

4. Management of provider access requests

Procedure Any provider wishing to request access should contact one of the following members of staff:

Names	Mr J Tully/Mrs B Smith/Mr A Roberts
Telephone number	02476369200
Email address	foxfordcareers@castlephoenixtrust.org.uk

4.1 Opportunities for access

A range of events, integrated into the school careers programme, offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents and carers. These may include:

- Assemblies
- Careers Fairs
- Employer and Alumni Panels
- Workshops and small group sessions
- Mock Interviews
- Work experience
- Personal development days
- Drop down events

The school's careers programme is updated annually and shared via the school website and internal communication channels.

4. 2 Premises and facilities

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit. Providers are welcome to provide relevant brochures and other printed material specifically related to technical courses and apprenticeships; these will be made available to students in the careers section of the school library and careers office, at the approval of the Careers Advisor.

We welcome both live visits and online encounters and have used both very successfully, to engage students with a wide range of options.

4.3 Safeguarding

The school's safeguarding and child protection policy sets out the approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to students. Providers will be expected to adhere to these policies and procedures.

4.4 A list of providers that have previously been invited to the school

Providers	
Aberystwyth University	Higher Education
Access to Music/ Creative College	College and Technical Qualifications
Air Ambulance	Employer
ASK Apprenticeships	Apprenticeship Provider
ASpire2Be Academy of Sport	Vocational College
Balfour Beatty	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
BBC Coventry and Warwickshire	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Bedworth United FC Academy	Vocational Training Provider
British Academy of Jewellery	Vocational Training Provider
British Army	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Colas Rail	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Coventry Building Society	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Coventry Council	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Coventry College	Vocational, Technical Qualifications, Higher Ed
Coventry Dance Complex	Vocational Qualifications
Coventry University	Higher Education
De Montfort University	Higher Education
Dept of Work and Pensions	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
EON	Employer
Etone College	College and Sixth Form Provider
Future Pro Academy	Training Provider
Heart of England Training	Training Provider
HM Prison and Probation Service	Employer
Institute of Engineering and Technology	Apprenticeship Provider
JBC Skills Training	Training Provider
King Edward VI College	Vocational and Sixth Form Provider
Lancaster University	Higher Education
Loveitts	Employer
Manufacturing Technology Centre	Apprenticeship Provider
MGTS Engineering	Apprenticeship Provider
National Grid	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Newman University	Higher Education
NFU Mutual	Employer
Noorland Nannies	Training Provider
Nottingham Trent University	Higher Education
NWSL College	Vocational, Technical Qualifications, Higher

Providers	
Oxford Brookes University	Higher Education
Playround Games	Vocational Training Provider
Primary Goal	Apprenticeship Provider
Rolls Royce	Apprenticeship Provider
Royal Agricultural University	Higher Education
Royal Air Force	Apprenticeship Provider
Royal Navy	Apprenticeship Provider
SAE Institute	Vocational and Technical Qualifications
SCCU	Training Provider
Severn Trent	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Siemens Energy	Apprenticeship Provider
Skilled In	Training Provider
Stratford Upon Avon College	Vocational and Technical Qualifications
Solihull College and University	Vocational, Technical Qualifications, Higher Ed
Taylor Wimpey	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider
Third Kind Games	Vocational Training Provider
University of Birmingham	Higher Education
UFCB	Higher Education
University of Derby	Higher Education
University of Essex	Higher Education
University of Herefordshire	Higher Education
University of Leicester	Higher Education
University of Sheffield	Higher Education
University of Warwick	Higher Education
UK Futures	Training Provider
Warwickshire College Group	Vocational, Technical and Higher Education
West Midlands Ambulance	Employer
West Midland Police	Employer and Apprenticeship Provider

4.5 Destinations of Pupils 2024/2025

List of Destinations	No of students	%
Foxford Sixth Form	47	25.4%
Other Sixth Form	8	4.3%
Sixth Form College	13	7.0%
Further Education College	77	41.6%
Apprenticeships	3	1.6%
Full-time employment	1	0.5%
Other Training Provider	1	0.5%
NEET/Unknown Destination/Refuse to Disclose	35	18.9%
Total	185	

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of this policy is monitored and reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and the member of the governing body with strategic responsibility for careers education.

Feedback is sought from providers, students, staff and parents/carers to continually improve the effectiveness of provider access and ensure compliance with statutory guidance.

Complaints Policy can be found here:
https://castlephoenixtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/CPT-Complaints-Policy-2024.pdf