

Provider Access Policy

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Lymm High School: Provider Access Policy

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

Introduction / Rationale

This policy statement sets out the school’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purposes 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.

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

Lymm 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. Lymm High 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.

Lymm High School 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

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

Student entitlement

Lymm 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 in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school and students visiting these providers on school trips.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Natalie Dixon, Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for CEIAG.

Telephone: 01925 755458; Email: ndixon@lymmhigh.org.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school's CEIAG programme, will offer providers opportunities to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents.

Providers are welcome to attend our annual careers fair, where they can send a representative to publicise their provision to students and parents.

Post-14 providers are welcome to attend our Year 9 options evening, where they can send a representative to publicise their provision to students and parents.

Providers will also have the opportunity to come in to speak to students through small group sessions to discuss future education, training and employment options with pre-arranged groups of students.

The school will make appropriate rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also assist with audio-visual and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the careers leader or careers administrator.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Main Reception area. Copies will be placed in the Independent Learning Centre, which is available to all students at lunch and break times.

There may be some opportunities for providers to speak to children at assemblies, but these will be limited to a first-come-first-served basis and will need to fit in with the Lymm High School programme of assemblies and 'thought for the week' schedule.