



Provider Access Policy Statement

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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

South Devon College 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. South Devon College 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.

South Devon College 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

South Devon College’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 college before making crucial choices about their future options.

- To improve student retention and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

- To provide access to aspirational options and inspirational stories to ensure those most disadvantaged are encouraged to meet their true potential.

Student Entitlement

South Devon College fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to appropriate providers of further and higher education, technical training and apprenticeships. The college will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least two encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships, this includes South Devon College as an appropriate provider. This will be planned as part of the careers pillar of our Personal Development programme and is linked to a range of essential learning outcomes. We will also use opportunities including National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, to raise awareness, in addition to providers attending careers events at college and an opportunity for students to participate in post 16 tasters.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader, Jess Tucker and senior leadership team, based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education and the Careers and Enterprise Company.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key college 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 providers of further and higher education and apprenticeships. South Devon College 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 Jess Tucker, Careers Leader. Jess Tucker may be contacted by email, jtucker@southdevon.ac.uk.

Grounds for granting requests for access:

Access will be given for providers to attend during theme weeks, timetabled personal development lessons, and specific careers events that South Devon College is organising. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of an off-site activity or trip to be organised in partnership with South Devon College.

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

South Devon College will provide an appropriate room to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or curriculum contact will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities and resources are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of college staff who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

South Devon College will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or larger venues via Microsoft TEAMS.

Parents and Carers

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

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to Matt Harbour, Vice Principal – Quality and Curriculum.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be made to the Careers Leader in the first instance. If a satisfactory response is not received a formal complaint should be made using our complaints procedure. Linked [HERE](#).

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via Policy Review Group and Senior Leadership Team & Governor sign off.

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into South Devon College to date include:

University Centre South Devon
The Royal Navy
The British Army
The Royal Air Force
Chartered Management Institute
Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development
The Construction Industry Training Board
City College Plymouth
University of Exeter
University of Plymouth
University of St Mark and St Johns
Devon and Cornwall Training Provider Network
Eat That Frog
SSG Training
Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust
British Airways
TUI

Destinations of previous pupils from South Devon College include:

Bristol UWE
Plymouth University
Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust
Bournemouth University
UAL
Falmouth University
London College of Fashion

Global Academy

Exeter College

University of Worcester

British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM)

Liverpool Media Academy

Chichester University

Royal Navy

University Centre South Devon

Marjon's

Kingston University

Southampton University

University of Greenwich

University of Exeter