

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 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. The South Devon 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.

South Devon 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

South Devon High School 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 High School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to appropriate providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least two encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships that is mandatory for all pupils to attend. This will be planned as part of our PSHE programme and delivered in assemblies during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school 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, James McCauley and High School 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 school 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 education and apprenticeships. South Devon High School 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 James McCauley, Careers Leader. James McCauley may be contacted by email, jamesmccauley@southdevon.ac.uk.

Grounds for granting requests for access:

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled PSHE lessons, and Careers events that South Devon High School is arranging. 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 High School.

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

South Devon High School 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 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 the Careers Team or High School coaches who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

South Devon High School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall 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 Burrows, Assistant Principal.

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 High School to date include:

South Devon College

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

Destinations of previous pupils from South Devon High School include:

South Devon College

Exeter College

Bicton College

Bridgewater College

St Cuthbert Mayne

Private Training Providers