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Provider Access Policy

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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

Longdon Park 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. Longdon Park 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.

Longdon Park School endeavors 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

The 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 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

Longdon Park School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. Longdon Park 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 via specific and targeted visits to local providers, visitors and careers events which bring together local providers to provide impartial transition information for students and their families.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

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 other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The 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 Kayleigh House, Careers Leader and Assistant Headteacher. Kayleigh House may be contacted by telephone or email: Kayleigh.house@longdonparkschool.co.uk Tel: 01283 733175.

Grounds for granting requests for access.

Access will be given for providers to attend during the school timetable, timetabled Careers or Life Skills/PFA lessons and relevant subject lessons

in addition to whole school careers events facilitated by Longdon Park School. Students may also travel to visit another provider's as part of educational trips organised in partnership with the school.

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

The school will provide an appropriate room or hall to be agreed. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers
Leader 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 from Longdon Park School.

Live/Virtual encounters

The school will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school halls. 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. Parents and carers that want further information around provider access are encouraged to contact Kayleigh House, Careers Lead and Assistant Headteacher: Kayleigh.house@longdonparkschool.co.uk

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to their senior management line manager.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the schools' careers lead, Kayleigh House.

Policy Coordinator: Kayleigh House – Kayleigh.house@longdonparkschool.co.uk

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Appendix

Providers who have been invited into the school to date include:

- Derby College
- Burton and South Derbyshire College
- Bloc Digital
- Nigel Vardy
- PINC College
- Chameleon Construction
- Care First
- Portland College
- New Friars College
- South Staffordshire College
- Horizons
- Transition 2

Destinations of previous pupils include:

- Derby College

- Burton and South Derbyshire College
- Chameleon Construction
- New Friars College
- Care First
- South Staffordshire College
- Constructing Futures
- Reeseheath College
- Nova Training
- St Martins Horizon's – Project Search Internship
- Amazon Supported Internship
- Employment