



Pakefield High School Provider Access Policy Statement



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Schools are required to ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in years 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

Schools must provide a minimum of 6 encounters with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13 (see more detail in section 2.1 below).

Schools must also have a policy statement that outlines the circumstances in which education and training providers will be given access to these pupils.

This is outlined in:

- Section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#)
- [Education and Skills Act 2008](#)
- [The School Information \(England\) Regulations 2008](#)
- The [Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022](#)
- Guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#)

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.



1. 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.

2. Commitment

Pakefield 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 (see appendix 1-5). Pakefield 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.

Pakefield 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).

3. Aims

Pakefield 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).



4. Student Entitlement

Pakefield High School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. All pupils in Years 8-11 are entitled:

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

5. Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader Mrs R Moore and the Headteacher, Mr P Dougherty, based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

6. Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

7. 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. Pakefield High School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

8. Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Mrs R Moore; Careers Leader. Mrs R Moore may be contacted by email: rlb@pakefield.org.uk

9. Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Pakefield High



School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Pakefield High School.

Other providers will support the ambition of the school and its students by supporting them to achieve the highest grades possible.

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

Pakefield High School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser 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 the Careers Lead.

11. Live/Virtual encounters

Pakefield High School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

12. Parents and Carers

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

13. Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager; Mr E Gibbons (Deputy Headteacher) and the Careers Governor; Mrs J Hall.

14. Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mrs R Moore email: rlb@pakefield.org.uk

Mrs R Moore will raise the complaint to Mr P Dougherty, Head of Pakefield High School.

15. Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the School Governing Body.



Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Pakefield High School to date include:

East Coast College
Lowestoft Sixth Form College
East Norfolk Sixth Form
University Technical College Norwich
Apprenticeships Suffolk
WS Training
City College Norwich

Destinations of previous pupils from Pakefield High School include:

Below provided as an example

East Coast College (Lowestoft and Gt Yarmouth Campus)
Lowestoft Sixth Form College
East Norfolk Sixth Form
Sir John Lemn High School
Suffolk New College (On the Coast and Suffolk rural, Otley)
Apprenticeships – employed status
Access to football sport academy – Lowestoft
Life skills Solutions
WS Training