

Stratford upon Avon School: Provider Access Legislation Policy Statement

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

Ownership: Stratford upon Avon School

Date updated: September 2024

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

Stratford upon Avon 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. Stratford upon Avon 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.

Stratford upon Avon School endeavours to ensure that students are aware of all routes to higher skills and can 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

Stratford upon Avon School policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students about all the career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people in learning 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

Stratford upon Avon 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 legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. [This will take a variety of forms including assemblies, workshops and visits.]

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or something better than that!

Development

This policy has been developed by the Careers Leader and will be reviewed based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with Other Policies

This policy supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance.

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. Stratford upon Avon 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 emailed to admin@stratfordschool.co.uk FAO: Careers Leader.

Grounds for Granting Requests for Access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, Sphere or RISE lessons, and Careers events that Stratford upon Avon School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit other providers as part trip to be organised in partnership with Stratford upon Avon School.

Details of Premises or Facilities to be Provided to a Person Who is Given Access

Stratford upon Avon School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall. All rooms have 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 a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual Encounters

Stratford upon Avon 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.

Parents and Carers

Parental feedback is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend events that take place after core school hours to meet the providers.

Management

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

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised via email to: admin@stratfordschool.co.uk

Monitoring Review and Evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually.
Policy Co-ordinator: Helen Waldram-Tingling
Policy Reviewed: September 2024

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