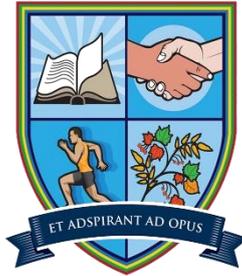


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Provider Access Policy  
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## Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school 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 develop their own personal skills 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.

It is increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18, such as A Levels and other vocational routes including apprenticeships and wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

## Commitment

Kinver 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. Kinver 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. This means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical. Kinver 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

This provider access policy statement aims to set out our school's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students for the purpose of giving them information about their offer. It aims to:

- 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).

- Outlines procedures in relation to requests for access
- The grounds for granting and refusing requests for access
- Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

## **Statutory requirements**

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

This is outlined in section 42B of the Education Act 1997

This policy shows how our school complies with these requirements.

## **Student entitlement**

Kinver High 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 new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.

All students in years 8 to 13 at Kinver High School are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities as part of our careers programme, which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

Student encounters and access to training providers will happen at various points throughout the school year and are mapped into our Careers Programme. Encounters will most likely take place during our Careers Immersion Day (February), Staying In Learning Day (Year 11), Careers and Options Event (Year 9), Workplace Wednesdays Enrichment, Assemblies, University and College Trips and within the curriculum.

## **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. Kinver High School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

## **Policy Development**

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

## **Management of provider access requests**

### ***Procedure***

Requests for access should be directed to Nina Mouzer, Assistant Head – Personal Development. Our careers leader can be contacted via telephone or email.

Telephone: 01384 686900

Email: [n.mouzer@kinverhigh.co.uk](mailto:n.mouzer@kinverhigh.co.uk)

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

### ***Grounds for granting requests for access***

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled lessons, enrichment sessions and careers or raising aspirations events that Kinver High school is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of a trip to be organised in partnership with Kinver High School. Please contact the careers leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

### ***Arrangements & details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access***

Kinver High School will provide an appropriate room or lecture theatre to be agreed in advance. All classrooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged if asked for in advance. The Careers Leader will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Providers will be met and supported by a member of staff.

### ***Live/Virtual encounters***

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

### ***Parents and Carers***

Parental involvement is encouraged. Parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

### ***Complaints Procedure***

Any queries about this policy and/or provider access should be raised to the careers lead in the first instance: Mrs N Mouzer.

Email: [n.mouzer@kinverhigh.co.uk](mailto:n.mouzer@kinverhigh.co.uk).

Any complaints should be raised to the Headteacher: Mrs N Clifton.

## **Safeguarding**

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

## **Monitoring review and evaluation**

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Careers Leader.

## **Providers who have been invited into Kinver High School to date include:**

- Halesowen College
- Dudley College & Sixth Form
- Invictus Sixth Form
- Institute of Technology Black Country
- Keele University
- Birmingham University
- Newman University
- Harper Adams University
- Wolverhampton University
- University of Worcester
- RAF outreach team

## **Student Destinations**

Destinations of Students for post-16 studies include the following examples:

- Invictus 6<sup>th</sup> Form
- King Edwards VI Stourbridge
- Halesowen College
- Dudley College
- Kidderminster College

## **Links to other policies**

- Safeguarding/child protection policy
- Careers guidance policy
- Curriculum policy
- Educational Visits Policy

- E safety Policy

**Policy Coordinator: Mrs N Mouzer**

**Policy Reviewed: January 2024**