

Helsby High School

Application for Provider Access Policy

Introduction

Helsby High 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).

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in Years 7–13 are entitled to:

- Find out about technical education qualifications, T Levels 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.
- Hear from a range of local and national providers about the opportunities they offer, including further education colleges, training providers, universities and employers.
- Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

The school ensures that pupils have access to at least six meaningful encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships during Years 8–13, as required by legislation.

Key Stage	Year Groups	Minimum Provider Encounters
Key Stage 3	Years 8–9	2
Key Stage 4	Years 10–11	2
Key Stage 5	Years 12–13	2

Meaningful Encounter

A provider encounter is considered meaningful if it:

- Includes direct interaction between pupils and provider representatives;
- Provides information about the provider’s education or training offer and career pathways;

- Allows pupils to ask questions and engage in discussion;

- Supports informed decision-making at key transition points.

Management of Provider Access Requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mr Jason Callaghan
Careers Leader
Helsby High School
Telephone: 01928 723551 ext 227
Email: jcallaghan@helsbyhigh.org

Requests will be considered in line with the school calendar, safeguarding requirements and the needs of pupils.

Opportunities for Access

The school provides a structured Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme. Provider encounters may take place through:

- Assemblies and tutor sessions
- Careers fairs and employer events
- Curriculum-linked workshops
- Options evenings
- Post-16 and post-18 progression events

Details of the current careers programme are published on the school website.

Premises and Facilities

Helsby High School will make available appropriate rooms, presentation facilities and IT equipment to support provider visits. Arrangements will be agreed in advance with the Careers Leader.

Safeguarding

All external providers must comply with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. A member of staff will be present during all encounters. Providers may be required to provide evidence of an enhanced DBS check where appropriate.

Information and Resources

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Providers may leave prospectuses and course information with the

Careers Leader. These materials will be made available to pupils through the school careers area and during one-to-one guidance sessions.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Careers Leader, Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body to ensure continued compliance with statutory guidance and alignment with the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Policy approved by: _____

Date of approval: _____

Next review date: _____