



BISHOP RAWSTORNE
Church of England Academy

Provider Access Policy

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Bravely and Faithfully

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Verse

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Vision

“Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy aspires to cultivate wisdom rooted in Christian Values. It is our vision that all members of our community will experience life in all its fullness, flourishing through dignity, knowledge and understanding, bound together in unity, giving hope and worth to all.”

Our Values

Hope, Service, Compassion, Peace, Wisdom, Fellowship.

Our values are taken from the work of Neville Norcross ‘Christian Values for Church Schools’. Whilst there are many Christian values, we have chosen the six above to complement our commitment to a rich curriculum and outstanding pastoral care.

Philosophy

At Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy, we are committed to supporting every student in discerning their unique path and purpose beyond school. In line with our Christian values of hope, wisdom, and service, we welcome the contribution of a wide range of further education, training, and career providers to inform and inspire our students. We ensure that all learners have access to high-quality, impartial information and guidance, empowering them to make informed choices and pursue a future in which they can truly flourish.

CODE OF CONDUCT IN OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Our aim is to ensure that you feel happy, safe and secure in your school.

We believe:

- that every individual in our community is a unique and valuable creation made in the image of God.
- we all have a right to be considered equal, worthy of respect and esteem.
- we all have a responsibility to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

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

Ownership: Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy

Date updated: June 2025

The Baker Clause

Introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Baker Clause stipulates that schools must allow colleges and training providers access to every student in Years 8 to 13 to discuss non-academic routes that are available to them. It is expected that by doing so, this will help address the UK’s productivity challenges and address skills shortages experienced across several sectors of the economy. This regulation has been enforced since 2 January 2018.

Rationale

This policy statement sets out the school’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider’s education or training offer.

This complies with the school’s legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

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

Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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. Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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.

The 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

The Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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

Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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. This will be done in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school or at post-16 providers. Local colleges come into school and talk to students from different year groups; a designated careers area of the school promotes all the college literature and open events. Colleges interview students in school as well as undertaking application support sessions. These colleges talk about all the different courses available including apprenticeships and T levels. All students also have access to an independent careers advisor who talks openly about all options available to them post Bishop Rawstone.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Senior Leader with responsibility for Careers' Education, 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. Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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 Mr Jack Nolan, Assistant Headteacher, who may be contacted by telephone or email, office@bishopr.co.uk Telephone 01772 600349.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled careers events, bespoke individual careers' interviews PSHE lessons, and Raising Aspirations events that Bishop Rawstone Church

of England Academy is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of an educational study visit to be organised in partnership with other institutions.

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

Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall in agreement with external providers. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Senior Leader with responsibility for Careers' Education 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 an appropriate member of staff who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy 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 involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Senior Leader with responsibility for Careers' Education co-ordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her Senior Leadership line manager, in this instance the Headteacher.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised with Mr Jack Nolan, email: office@bishopr.co.uk

Mr Nolan will raise the complaint to Mr Paul Cowley, Headteacher of Bishop Rawstone Church of England Academy.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Leadership Team.

Policy Co-ordinator: Mr Jack Nolan

Policy Reviewed: June 2026

Date of next policy review: June 2027

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy to date include:

Runshaw College

Cardinal Newman College

Myerscough College

Wigan & Leigh College

St John Rigby College

Preston College

Winstanley College

West Lancs College

Hutton Grammar and Sixth Form

Southport College

KGV College

Lancaster University School of Mathematics

Training 2000

Anwyl Homes

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For the destinations of previous pupils from Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy in 2025 please use the link below:

<https://bishopr.co.uk/post16/student-destinations#tab-34687>