

Kingsway School : CEIAG Provider Access Policy Statement

We believe high quality careers education and guidance is critical to our students' 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. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

Commitment

Kingsway 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 academic and technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. We want our students to be on the path that will secure the best outcome for them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means we will act impartially not showing bias towards any route be that academic or technical.

We endeavour to ensure that students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships.

Aims

Our 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

Kingsway school fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. Students are entitled to encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be achieved through a range of experiences and likely to include assemblies, providers attending careers events and students visiting local providers.

More specifically The Kingsway School ensures that every pupil has had an encounter with:

- Sixth forms
- Colleges

- Universities
- Apprenticeship providers

To meet Provider Access Legislation (PAL) (The Baker Clause), facilitate the encounters at the following times:

- Two between 1 September in Year 8 and 28 February in Year 9 (mandatory for all students to attend).
- Two between 1 September in Year 10 and 28 February in Year 11 (mandatory for all students to attend).

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (Mr J Weil) 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. Kingsway 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 directed to Mr Weil or Ms Watson our Careers Leader (j.weil@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk or t.watson@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)

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 we are arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of a trip to be organised in partnership with Kingsway school.

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

We 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 a member of staff.

Live/Virtual encounters

We 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.

Management

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

Monitoring review and evaluation

The policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the careers team.

Policy Coordinator: Mr J Weil

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Next Review Date: October 2025