

Bishop Wordsworth's School: Provider Access Policy Statement

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

Bishop Wordsworth's 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. The 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.

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

Bishop Wordsworth's School's 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 Wordsworth's 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. This will be done in assemblies and other interventions, in addition to providers attending careers events at school or at each Trust school.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Head Master 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 Wordsworth's School is fully 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 Mrs Sally Armstrong, Careers Leader, who may be contacted by telephone or email, saa@bishopwordsworths.org.uk Tel 01722 333851

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, and other events that The School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as the opportunity arises.

Requests will consider the following:

- Clashes with other planned activities or visits
- Interruptions to preparation for internal and external examinations
- Availability of staff, space and resources required to host a session
- Safeguarding implications

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

The School will provide an appropriate venue to be agreed. All rooms have required equipment provided. The Careers Leader 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 at all times.

Live/Virtual encounters

The 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 involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

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

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mrs S Armstrong, email: saa@bishopwordsworths.org.uk

The Careers Leader will raise the complaint to the Head Master, as necessary.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: S Armstrong

Policy Reviewed: April 2025

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into BWS to date include:

South Wilts Grammar School	Peter Symonds College	Salisbury 6 th Form College
Wiltshire College	Burgate School	Sarum Academy
Brockenhurst College	Andover and Sparsholt College	Wilsons Solicitors
University of Oxford	Aspire Defence	Salisbury NHS Trust
dstl	UKHSA	Wiltshire Police
Aberystwyth University	The Army	UNIVERSITY OF BATH
Bath Spa University	University of Birmingham	Boeing
University of Bristol	Cardiff University	Cardiff Metropolitan University
University of Chichester	University of Dundee	Durham University
University Of Essex	Evelyn	University Of Exeter
Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre	HSBC	Imperial College, London
Lancaster University	University of Liverpool	LSE
Norland	University of Nottingham	Oxford Brookes University
Oyster Worldwide	University of Plymouth	University of Portsmouth
Project Trust	Queen's University, Belfast	Royal Agricultural University
Royal Holloway	Royal Navy	University of Sheffield
Solent University	University of Southampton	University of Surrey
University of Sussex	Swansea University	Thales
UCFB	University College, London	University Of Warwick
Wates	Wiltshire College And University Centre	University Of Winchester
	(Apprenticeships)	

Destinations of previous pupils include:

HSBC

Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology

BBC

J P Morgan

DE & S

GESDAP

University College London

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Bristol

University of Cambridge

University of Exeter

Cardiff University

Durham University

University of Edinburgh

New York University AD

Harvard College

University of Exeter

Imperial College

University of Oxford

University of Sheffield

University of Southampton

UCL

The full list is available as Destinations