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Tiverton High School: Provider Access Policy Statement

Ownership: Tiverton High School

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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 and be an active part of our local community.

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

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

Tiverton 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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/careers-guidance-provision-for-young-people-in-schools/careers-guidance-and-access-for-education-and-training-providers>

Aims

Tiverton High 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 students discontinuing with courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Tiverton 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 facilitate encounters with providers of approved technical

education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done via activities such as (but not limited to) assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Head Teacher 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. Tiverton High 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 **Rae Parker, Assistant Head- People Strategy and Communication** and Careers Leader or **Kate Gould, Careers Advisor** may be contacted by telephone or email, careers@tiverton.devon.sch.uk , Tel **01884 256655**

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or PSHE lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Tiverton High School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Tiverton High School.

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

Tiverton High School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Rooms will have computers, projectors and screens provided as necessary. 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 the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Tiverton High School will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall or similar, appropriate room. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

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

Management

The Careers Team coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to the senior leadership team and board of governors.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to ***Rae Parker, Assistant Head- People Strategy and Communication*** , email: ***RParker@tiverton.devon.sch.uk***

Rae Parker will raise the complaint to Nicky Lewis, Headteacher.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Kate Gould, Careers Advisor

Policy Reviewed: January 2026

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Tiverton High School to date include:

Exeter College
Richard Huish College
Bicton (part of the Cornwall College Group)
Bridgwater and Taunton College (now known as the UCS College Group)
Petroc (now forming a partnership with Exeter College)
The Maynard School for Girls
The Forces

Destinations of previous pupils from Tiverton High School include:

Exeter College
Richard Huish College
Bicton (part of the Cornwall College Group)
Bridgwater and Taunton College (now known as the UCS College Group)
Petroc (now forming a partnership with Exeter College)
Exeter Maths School
Blundells School
The Maynard School for Girls
The Forces