

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

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

Commitment

This policy statement sets out The Becket School’s arrangements for managing the access of post-16 providers to all year groups, to enable students to make fully informed rational education and career pathway decisions.

Our Careers Programme 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.

We believe in building strong relationships with local schools with a sixth form, further education and sixth form colleges, apprenticeship providers, universities and employers.

There are boards in the LRC with Post 16 choices and the latest Jobs and Apprenticeships that are on offer to our young people.

The Becket School strives to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher education, improved skills and are able to access information on the different options and routes available to them including 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 Becket School 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).

Learner Entitlement

Learners in years 7-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications 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.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through (but not exclusively) options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Provider Access Requests

Providers wishing to request access should contact Kirsty Salisbury – Careers Advisor
Telephone: 0115 982 4280 or email careers@becketonline.co.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

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

Opportunities for Access:

All providers are welcome to contact us to discuss how they would like to support and contribute to careers provision for our students. They may like to get involved in activities and events, such as: careers fairs, assemblies, careers information evenings, employer/employee talks, mock interviews, mentoring etc. Please visit our careers page at <https://www.becketonline.co.uk/curriculum/careers/> to access our full careers programme, that identifies all careers events, activities and learning opportunities for each year group.

The careers programme is updated annually.

Any provider taking part in an existing careers event/activity or a new one will be supported by our teaching staff throughout their visit and not left unattended. We will discuss space requirements with providers and make available appropriate IT and other resources to support presentations.

Providers are welcome to leave copies of their prospectus or course literature and we will distribute them to appropriate students and make them available in our Careers Library. We can promote and distribute details of careers and apprenticeship literature and vacancies to all relevant students and parents through the school Padlet's.