



Provider Access Policy

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Provider Access

Introduction

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.

Poltair 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. Poltair 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.

Poltair 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).

Entitlement

All students in years 7-11 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships 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 options events, assemblies and group discussions and provider open/taster events and on site visits.
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses and apprenticeships.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

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.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader, Lorraine Turner

Telephone: 01726 874520

Email: lturner@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Richard Cardigan, deputy Headteacher, email: rcardigan@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk.

Richard Cardigan will raise the complaint to Mark Everett, Headteacher of Poltair School.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Careers Leader and the Executive Leadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: *Lewis Pascoe*

Policy Reviewed: *January 2023*

Opportunities for access

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme and an overview of this programme can be seen on the school website.

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The school will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, identifying the most effective opportunity for them to share information about education and training opportunities. The school will also make available ICT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations.

Poltair School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall or/and live virtual presentation to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers leader or a member of their team. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Careers Leader so that they can be displayed in the Careers Section of the school library.

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

Providers who have been invited into Poltair School to date include:

Bodmin College Sixth Form

Callywith College

Cornwall College Group

Cornwall Council Education Business Partnership – ASK Programme (Apprenticeships and T Levels)

Cornwall School of Mathematics and Science

Newquay Tretherras Sixth Form

Truro and Penwith College

Employers - regional, national and global who are offering apprenticeships including Imerys, A and P Falmouth, Pendennis, Kier, Babcock International, Armed forces