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# Provider Access Policy

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# The Kings Academy

## PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

### STUDENT ENTITLEMENT

All students in Years 9 to 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 options events, assemblies, group discussions and taster events
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

In addition, from January 2023 the new provider access legislation (PAL) comes into force. This updated legislation specifies schools must provide at least six encounters with approved providers of apprenticeships and technical education for all their students:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend

The legislation is a key mechanism to further help learners understand and take-up, not just apprenticeships, but wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications. At Kings Academy, we are keen to support providers and our students to meet and evidence this updated requirement meaningfully as part of our wider progressive careers' programme.

As part of our careers' programme, we will consider requests from approved training, apprenticeship, technical and vocational education providers, including university technical colleges where appropriate, to speak to our students. Kings Academy will also approach these providers directly when planning and organising key employability and career related events throughout the school year such as assemblies, careers cafes, the Employability Skills Day, webinars within the curriculum, and parent evenings.

Staff, students, parents, and carers are consulted with regards to the provision on offer. The quality and impact of careers provision at Kings Academy is monitored by our Senior Leadership Team, Careers Lead, Link Local Partner, and the Wessex Learning Trust Employability Trustee; in addition to the Heart of the Somerset Careers Hub through Compass auditing.

### PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

In previous terms/years we have invited the following organisations/providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

Aardman	Archiwest	ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for Schools and Colleges)
Airbus	Artichoke	
Albert Goodman	Army	Avis
Alun Griffiths Civil Engineers	Arthur David	Aviva
AO	Asda	Axa-Insurance

Axe Valley Large Animal Vets	Construction Industry Training Board	Handelsbanken
Axe Valley Vets	Civil Service	Heidelberg Materials
B2 Architects	Charlie Bighams	Kennedys Law
Babcock International	Cheddar Ales	Kiddi Caru
BAE Systems	Cheddar Caves	Kings Fitness & Leisure
Bakkavor	Chops	Langford Vets
Bath Arms	Co-op	Laurel & Wylde
Bath Rugby	Cooper & Tanner	Leonardo
BBC	CW Surveyors	Lidl
BGW Solicitors	Cyient	Lloyds Pharmacy
Birmingham City University	Debenhams	Lye Cross Farm
Broad Street Hair	Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue	Majestic Designs
Boomsatsuma	Diocese of Bath & Wells	Marks & Spencers
Boots Opticians	Directline Group	Merryweather Williams Solicitors
Border Force	Discovery	Ministry of Defence
Brandon Trust	Dowlas Property Group	Morrisons
Bridgwater & Taunton College	EasyJet	Mulberry
Bristol Airport	Eddie Stobart	Muller
Bristol City Robins	EDF Energy	National Citizen Service
Bristol Media	Enable PM	National Express
Bristol School of Acting	EVO	National Grid
Cannington College	Extra Mile Printing	National Highways
Careers in Racing	Frazer-Nash Consultancy (engineers)	National Horseracing College
Careers in Teaching	Four Fifty Partnership	National Trust
Cheddar Signs	Framptons	NatWest
Cheddar Youth Trust	G4S	Navy
Clarks	Geollect	NHS
Cobalt Blue Consulting	GWR	NK Opticians
	Hair & Beauty Academy	Numatic
		O2

Ocean Adventurers	Somerset Skills & Learning	We Are Quattro
Old Mill Group	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	Wells Cathedral Stonemasons
Oxfam	South West Heritage Trust	Weston College
Pickfords	Space Detectives	Wessex Water
Police	St Monica Trust	Whitbread
RAF	Strode College	Whitestuff
RoadChef	Strongvox	Will Haley Engineering
Rolls Royce	Taylor Wimpey	Wilmott Dixon Surveyors
Rotamec	Tesco	Woodbury Insurance
Rowan HR	Thales	Wyke Farms
RSM UK Management Ltd	The Old Vic	UK Hydrographic Office
RT Keedwell Group	Thatchers	Unity Holidays
RSPCA	The FSC Group	University of Arts, Plymouth
Ryanair	Think Drinks	University of Bristol
Sainsburys	Tincknells	University of Law
Samsun Solutions	Travis Perkins	University of the West of England
Screwfix	TSB	University of Winchester
Shepton Vets	TUI	Yeo Valley
Somerlap	Veolia	Yeovil Theatre
Somerset Care	Victoria Plum	YMCA
Somerset County Council	Waterstones	You Are My Sunshine
Somerset Earth Science		Young Somerset
Somerset Film		

### **MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUIRMENTS**

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact Rachel Hopwood the Careers Lead or Sally Devlin the Employability Coordinator on the main Academy telephone number 01934 742608 or email [office@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:office@kowessex.co.uk)/[sdevlin@kowessex.co.uk](mailto:sdevlin@kowessex.co.uk).

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS**

Several events integrated into the school's careers programme could offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers:

Term	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair	Careers Fair  Making higher education applications, apprenticeship applications, small group discussions
Spring	Life Skills day – transferable skills	Employability Skills day – preparation for work experience	Post 16 assemblies – apprenticeship, Sixth form, colleges  Careers Cafe	Higher education conference and alternatives to higher education conference, finance beyond 16 conference  Mock interviews	
Summer	Careers Cafe	Work experience placement week		Making post 18 choices assembly series  Work experience placement week	

Please speak to our Careers Lead/Employability Coordinator to find the most suitable opportunity for you.

#### **GRANTING REQUESTS AND REFUSAL OF REQUESTS**

Once your request has been submitted, our Careers Leader will respond to you within 10 working days. All requests will be given due consideration by the Careers Leader and Senior Leadership Team.

Once the request has been granted, we will ask you for a range of information before the session. This may be a prospectus, letter, presentation to share with students and/or parents in advance of your session.

This should include: -

- Details of the opportunities you offer including technical education, courses and entry requirements
- What is learning like with your institution?
- How do you prepare students for their best next step on successful completion of your course/training?
- Examples of linking courses with careers relating to the labour market and recent positive destinations of students who have completed their learning with you
- Requests will be considered against: -
- Clashes with other planned activities or visits.

- Interruption to preparation for public or internal examinations.
- Availability of school staff, space and resources to host the session.
- All requests will also be considered in line with the Academy's Safeguarding Policy. For questions on this policy statement or the wider careers programme please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Kings Academy will keep a log of all provider requests for access and the outcomes to support the delivery and evaluation of the careers programme.

## **PREMISES AND FACILITIES**

The Academy will make the main hall, gym, or theatre available for assemblies and year group talks, and classrooms available for discussions, as appropriate, for an activity. Please note that any such activity will need to be accompanied in accordance with the Academy's Safeguarding Policy. The school will also make available IT and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Employability Coordinator for the Employability Hub or the library which is managed by the Librarian. The Employability Hub and the Library are available to all students at break and lunchtimes.

## **Complaints**

If a provider has reason to make a complaint in relation to this statement, please email Rachel Hopwood, Deputy Headteacher and Careers Lead via [office@kovessex.co.uk](mailto:office@kovessex.co.uk) at Kings of Wessex Academy who will investigate further. Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised using the school's complaints procedure. Subsequently you can contact [The Careers & Enterprise Company](#) on [provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk](mailto:provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk).