

Newman School: Provider Access Policy Statement

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

Ownership: Newman School

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 or for community involvement 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, which could be paid or voluntary. This helps pupils choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy. It also increases pupil engagement in their communities and reduces the risk of social isolation.

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

Newman 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. Newman 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.

Newman 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

The Newman School policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

To develop the knowledge and awareness of our pupils 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 pupils becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

To promote positive engagement in communities and reduce the risk of social isolation for pupils.

Pupil Entitlement

Newman School fully supports the statutory requirement for pupils 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 talks in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Development

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This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader (Joe Cain) and Line Manager (Emma Love) 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 pupils to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Newman 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 Joe Cain, Careers Leader. Joe Cain may be contacted by email at joe.cain@newmanschool.co.uk.

About Newman School

As a special school, Newman School recognises that our pupils will need more support with their educational choices. All pupils have an Education and Health Care Plan and a significant number of pupils have complex needs which will result in barriers to accessing further education or employment. As such, pupils will be given additional support and guidance by school to help them put their future choices in context. School will work in partnership with pupils, parents/carers and training providers to inform appropriate, though aspirational post-school routes for pupils.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during Careers or Raising Aspirations events or as part of school assemblies at Newman School as appropriate. Access will be arranged by the Careers Leader with the permission of the head teacher. Access will be discussed in advance and arranged at a convenient time for both parties.

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

Newman School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Rooms will have resources provided including a computer, projector and screens. Access to computers for pupil tasks can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Transitions Officer 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

Newman 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

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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 Joe Cain, email: joe.cain@newmanschool.co.uk

Joe Cain will raise the complaint to Paul Silvester, Head of Newman School.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Leadership Team and approved by school governors.

Policy Coordinator: Joe Cain, Careers Lead

Policy Reviewed: July 2024

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into *Newman School* to date include:

Local colleges and training providers – Thomas Rotherham College, RNN College and specialist colleges- Rotherham Opportunities College, Landmarks, Doncaster Communication College.

Local Employers – Asda, First Bus Group, Police, Fire Service, Gulliver's Kingdom, Next, Holiday Inn

Voluntary and Community Partners – Rotherham Borough Council, Voluntary Action Rotherham

Destinations of previous pupils from Newman School include:

RNN College

Thomas Rotherham College

Rotherham Opportunities College

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Gulliver's Kingdom