



Hugh Christie School

Baker Clause Statement of Intent & Provider Access Policy

What is the Baker Clause?

Introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Baker Clause stipulates that schools must allow colleges and training providers access to every student in years 7- 13 to discuss non-academic routes that are available to them. It is expected that by doing so this will help address the UK's productivity challenges and address skills shortages experienced across several sectors of the economy.

This regulation has been enforced since the 2nd January 2018.

What does this mean for Schools?

The Department for Education's statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff sets out the expectations of schools, which includes:

- Every school must ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access all pupils in year 7 to year 13 for informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.
- Every school must publish a policy statement setting out their arrangements for provider access and ensure that it is followed.

Schools must also publish a policy statement detailing the ways in which colleges and training providers will be granted access, which must include:

- (a) Any procedural requirements in relation to requests for access;
- (b) Grounds for granting and refusing requests for access;
- (c) Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Hugh Christie School Provider Access Policy

Introduction

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

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 7-13 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 taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Lisa Homewood (Careers Co-ordinator) on:

T: 01732 353544 x250

E: lhomewood@tonbridgefederation.co.uk

Previous Providers

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

- The Army
- North Kent College
- Hadlow College
- Pathways CTM
- Runway training
- DWP
- Clarion Housing Association
- Adams & Bowles Wealth Management

- Educational Business Partnership
- NHS
- Stem Ambassadors
- Kent University
- KMPF
- Apprenticeship providers

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

	Terms 1 & 2	Terms 3 & 4	Terms 5 & 6
Year 7	X	PSHE careers day	Assemblies
Year 8	PSHE careers day	X	Aspirations event
Year 9	KS4 Options event	PSHE careers day	Futures Exchange
Year 10	Aspirations event	PSHE careers day	Futures Exchange
Year 11	KS5 Options event	KS5 options	X
Year 12	X	UCAS / apprenticeship event	Futures Exchange
Year 13	UCAS & employability support	X	X

Please speak to our careers leader (Lisa Homewood) to find out which event would be best suited to you.

The school offers a minimum of six encounters required by law and a number of additional events integrated into the school careers programme. The core encounters are as follows:

	T1 & T2	T3 & T4	T5 & T6
Year 7			Clarion Housing Careers Workshop
Year 8			
Year 9	Uni workshop		
Year 10		EBP & CV workshop	WEX
Year 11	West Kent College & Hadlow College		
Year 12			WEX
Year 13	Uni. UCAS workshop, NA5		

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main halls, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school

will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations.

This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the careers leader. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the careers leader.

Safeguarding

All visitors will must abide by the school's safeguarding procedures and provide appropriate documentation upon request. A risk assessment will be completed for all visitors.

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SLT responsible for the implementation of this policy: Head of School (M Fenn)

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