

Toot Hill School Provider Access Policy Statement

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

Ownership: Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College (Nova Education Trust)

Date updated: September 2023

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 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.

Commitment

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College 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. Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College 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.

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form 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

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College 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).

Student Entitlement

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College fully supports the statutory requirement for students 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 assemblies or during the Personal Development lessons, in addition to providers attending the annual Year 11-13 Careers Fair in December each year.

The student entitlement is as follows:-

One encounter in both Year 8 and 9 (first key phase) that is mandatory for students to attend between 1 September and 28 February each year.

One encounter in both Year 10 and 11 (second key phase) that is mandatory for students to attend between 1 September and 28 February each year.

One encounter in both Year 12 and 13 (third key phase) which is mandatory for the school to offer but optional for students to attend.

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Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and the Senior Leader for the Personal Development Curriculum. The policy is 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 students to access information about other providers of further education and

apprenticeships. Toot Hill School and Sixth Form 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 Fiona Farmer Careers Leader. Fiona Farmer may be contacted by telephone or email, ffarmer@toothillschool.co.uk direct telephone number 01949 863068.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College

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

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall 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. 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

Toot Hill School and Sixth Form College will offer live online encounters on Teams with providers where requested, and these will be broadcast in lessons. 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

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Victoria Davis, Senior Leader, Personal Development Curriculum email: vdavis@toothillschool.co.uk

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Victoria Davis will raise the complaint to Dr C Eardley, Head Teacher

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually with the Governors.

Policy Coordinator: Fiona Farmer, Careers Leader

Policy Reviewed: September 2023

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Toot Hill School and Sixth Form to date include:

Ask Apprenticeships

Nottingham College

Lincoln College

Newark College

Brackenhurst College

Brooksby College

Grantham College

JTL apprenticeships

Remit Apprenticeships

Nottingham College apprenticeship team

John Deere

Nottinghamshire Police

Loughborough College

Destinations of previous pupils from Toot Hill School

Apprenticeships – Hair, Engineering, Catering etc

Nottingham College

Newark College

Brooksby College

Brackenhurst

Lincoln College

Loughborough College

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Toot Hill Sixth Form College

Rushcliffe School

West Bridgford School

Destinations of previous pupils from Toot Hill Sixth Form College

Degree apprenticeships – Rolls Royce, Police, Kaplan, Duncan and Toplis etc

University

GAP Year

Employment