

## **Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Policy Statement on Provider Access Legislation**

### **Warrington & Vale Royal College: Provider Access Legislation Statement**

#### **Introduction**

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

#### **Student entitlement**

All students at college are entitled:

- To a careers programme which provides information about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities and the full range of employment, education and training options available at each transition point
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including employment, technical education, higher education and apprenticeships through guest speakers, fairs, visits, group discussions and taster events
- To understand how to make applications for the range of academic and technical courses or employment.

For students in year 12 to 13 we will provide them with at least two encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main college hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- Share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- Explain what career routes those options could lead to
- Provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and students from the provider and answer questions from students).

#### **Meaningful provider encounters**

We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the Careers Enterprise Company's 'making it meaningful' checklist.

#### **Management of Provider Access Requests**

##### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Team Leader, Fionnula Byrne [fbyrne@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:fbyrne@wvr.ac.uk) 01925 494660.

##### **Opportunities for access**

The college offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance programme which offers providers an opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or

their parents/carers. An overview of this can be located on our website and below are key events that take place each term.

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Freshers Fair</b> A variety of HE providers, employers and local businesses	<b>Small group sessions:</b> future education, training and employment options	<b>Progression discussions</b> Meetings with careers adviser to discuss all progression options
<b>Employer Week</b> Week-long activities and guest speakers from employers	<b>National Apprenticeship Week</b> Internal and external apprenticeship providers delivering information about apprenticeship opportunities	
<b>Higher Education and Progression Week</b> Delivery of group sessions around future education, training and employment options, including higher education apprenticeship and employment	<b>National Careers Week</b> National Careers Week is a one-week celebration of careers guidance across the UK.	
	<b>National Collaborative Outreach Programme Core Programme.</b> This programme is delivered by Higher Horizons to our level 3 1 <sup>st</sup> year students. and introduces higher education options	

### **Premises and facilities**

The college will make a suitable space available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity and as fits in with the timetabled demands of students.

The college welcomes live, virtual opportunities and will endeavour to make these available to students.

The college will make available ICT and other equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Career Leader or a member of their team and in accordance with the College's IT policy.

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

### **Previous providers**

Below are providers that have been in to college to speak to our students in the last 12 months:

#### Apprenticeship Providers

- NHS Apprenticeships Team Warrington and Halton Hospital
- Ask Apprenticeships
- The Royal Navy
- The Army
- Torus

#### Higher Education

- UA92 – Higher Education
- UCLAN
- The University of Chester
- Edge Hill University
- The University of Salford

#### Employers

- Torus Foundation
- NHS
- Autichem

#### Support Organisations

- Springboard- Torus Foundation
- DWP- Jobcentre Plus
- Warrington Youth Club

### **Destinations**

92% of students' progress into a positive destination, this can include further education or training, higher education, apprenticeship or sustainable employment. (Actual destination report 20/21 cohort). Examples of organisations below:

#### **Further Education/Training providers**

St Helens College  
Wigan & Leigh College

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Riverside College  
Total People  
Cheshire College South & West  
Preston College  
Priestley College  
Macclesfield College

### **Higher Education providers**

Warrington & Vale Royal College  
Bangor University  
Bristol, University of the West of England  
Coventry University  
De Montfort University  
Edge Hill University  
Futureworks  
Glyndwr University, Wrexham  
Keele University  
Leeds Arts University  
Leeds Beckett University  
Liverpool Hope University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
Loughborough University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Northumbria University, Newcastle  
Nottingham Trent University  
Sheffield Hallam University  
Staffordshire University  
University of Bolton  
University of Central Lancashire  
University of Chester  
University of Cumbria  
University of Gloucestershire  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
University of Northampton  
University of Salford  
University of York

### **Employers**

NHS  
Cheshire Fire & Rescue  
Tesco  
Amazon

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Warrington Borough Council  
Royal Mail  
Ministry of Defence

### **Complaints**

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager and is based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Any complaint by a provider should be addressed to Fionnula Byrne in the first instance ([FByrne@wvr.a.cuk](mailto:FByrne@wvr.a.cuk)).

The matter will then be discussed with the line manager for careers and a response issued.