

Kesgrave High School



Provider Access Policy

This policy reviewed **triennially**

Policy Approval

Where	Chair	When
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Policy History

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1	J Williamson	September 2017	October 2017	In line with Gatsby Benchmarks
2	J Williamson/J Upton	September 2023	17 October 2023	To include The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023

About this policy

Kesgrave High School 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).

This guidance is informed and led by the DfE Careers Guidance and Access for education and training providers as set out in:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1127489/Careers_guidance_and_access_for_education_and_training_providers_.pdf

“Careers guidance” is understood in this document to be the full range of activity delivered under the eight Gatsby Benchmarks.

Colleges also have a legal requirement to provide all college students with guidance materials and a wide range of up-to-date reference materials relating to careers education and career opportunities, as per [section 45 of the Education Act 1997](#).

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.

Who is this policy for?

This policy is aimed at students, parents and carers, staff and wider stakeholders, including external agencies who engage with the school to support students’ appropriate access to high quality, impartial careers advice and guidance.

Students include all those at Kesgrave High School from Year 7 to 13.

Glossary of key terms used in the policy

Independent: is defined as external to the school or college. External sources of careers support could include employer visits, mentoring, website, telephone and helpline access and personal guidance provided externally to the school or college. Taken together, the external sources must include information on the range of education and training options, including apprenticeships. Personal guidance does not have to be external – it can be delivered by school or college staff, if

trained. Where this advice or any other element of the careers programme is internal, it must be supplemented by external sources of support to ensure compliance with the legal duty.

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Commitment

Kesgrave High 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. Kesgrave High 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.

Kesgrave High 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).

Student Entitlement

Kesgrave High School 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 at appropriate times in the year, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Safeguarding, Equality 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. Kesgrave High 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 Mrs Jacki Williamson, Careers Leader. Mrs Williamson may be contacted by telephone or email, jwilliamson@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk, Tel 01473 624855.

Grounds for granting requests for access

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

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

Kesgrave High School 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 or Careers Adviser 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

Kesgrave High 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. Parents will be kept informed as to when events are taking place and the timing and content of careers, advice and guidance delivered as part of PSHEe.

Management

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

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Kesgrave High School to date include:

Suffolk New College

Suffolk Rural

Amazing Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships Suffolk

The Armed Forces

WS Training

Qube Learning

NHS Careers

Local Employers

Destinations of previous pupils from Kesgrave High School include:

Kesgrave High School Sixth Form

Suffolk New College

Suffolk Rural

Suffolk One

Northgate High School

Farlingaye High School

Apprenticeships

The Armed Forces