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PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy outlines Jack Hunt Academies arrangements for enabling access to providers who wish to share information about their education or training offers.

(This includes guidance from the Department for Education, July 2021: '*Baker Clause*' and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023.)

Jack Hunt Academy recognises its responsibility to guide students towards achieving the best outcomes, equipping them for further education, employment, and meeting the demands of employers for skilled individuals. The school is committed to acting fairly and impartially, adhering to statutory requirements, and ensuring no preference is shown towards either academic or technical pathways.

The school is dedicated to ensuring all students are aware of the full range of opportunities for higher-level skills, including technical education and apprenticeships. This aligns with Department for Education guidance, including the *Baker Clause* (July 2021) and the Provider Access Legislation (January 2023), which encourage students to explore all available education and training options.

Aims

Jack Hunt Academy's policy for access to other education and training providers aims to:

- Broaden students' understanding of all career pathways, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships. Support students in exploring educational and training opportunities beyond school, helping them make informed decisions about their future.
- Reduce dropout from courses and minimise the risk of students becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training).
- Help students develop transferable skills to succeed in various adult and professional contexts.

Student Entitlement

Under the updated Provider Access Legislation (January 2023), students are entitled to:

Meaningful Provider Encounters

- **Two encounters** during the *first key phase* (Year 8 or 9), mandatory for all students.
- **Two encounters** during the *second key phase* (Year 10 or 11), also mandatory for all students.
- **Two encounters** during the *third key phase* (Year 12 or 13), which schools must offer but students may choose to attend.

Entitlements for Students in Years 7–13:

- Access to information on technical education qualifications and apprenticeships through a careers programme covering all education and training options at key transition points.

- Opportunities to engage with a range of local providers about their technical education and apprenticeship offerings, via activities such as options events, assemblies, group discussions, and taster sessions.
- Guidance on applying for academic and technical courses.

Equality and Diversity

Jack Hunt Academy promotes equality and diversity, ensuring all students have access to impartial information about further education and apprenticeship providers. The school supports students in making future choices based on unbiased, comprehensive information.

Provider Access Requests Procedure

Providers wishing to request access should contact:

- **Fasiha Ashiq** (Careers Leader): fashiq@jha.keystrust.org
- **Stephanie McCracken** (Curriculum Area Leader for PDE and Work Experience Coordinator): smccracken@jha.keystrust.org
- **Phone:** 01733 263526

Minimum Requirements for Provider-Led Sessions:

- Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships they offer. Details about the careers linked to those qualifications or apprenticeships. A description of the learning or training experience with the provider.
- Opportunities for students to ask questions about the provider, qualifications, or apprenticeships.
- Sessions should occur during the schoolday and, where possible, be delivered face-to-face. Blended or virtual sessions are acceptable if they include a live Q&A for students. Sessions must last at least 30 minutes to ensure they are meaningful.
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Opportunities for Access

Providers will have opportunities to engage with students during:

- Assemblies.
- Timetabled PDE and Careers lessons.
- Careers or Raising Aspirations events organised by Jack Hunt School.
- Organised visits to other providers.

Appropriate safeguarding checks will be conducted before any events.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are encouraged to be involved and may be invited to attend events to meet providers.

Premises and Facilities

Jack Hunt Academy will provide appropriate spaces, such as the main hall, classrooms, or private meeting rooms, for discussions between providers and students. The school will also provide AV

or specialist equipment as needed to support provider presentations. These arrangements will be confirmed with the Careers Leader or their team before the visit.

Providers may also leave copies of their prospectuses or other relevant materials, which will be made accessible to students.

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