



ASCEND Learning Trust

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy

Provider Access Policy Statement

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1. 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.

2. Commitment

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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. Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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.

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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).

3. Aims

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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).

4. Student Entitlement

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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 throughout the year and where possible it will align with other careers education to embed learning. Alongside this a series of events such as college experience days and the schools Careers and Progression Fair will further expand this provision.

5. Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (Leeanne Hunnex, Careeers Leader and David Storey, Associate headteacher) based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

6. Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

7. 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. Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

8. Request for access

Requests for access should be directed to Leeanne Hunnex, Careers Leader. Leeanne Hunnex may be contacted by telephone or email, lhunnex@rwba.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk Tel (01793) 841961.

9.. Grounds for granting request 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 Royal Wootton Bassett Academy is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.

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

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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.

11. Live / virtual encounters

Royal Wootton Bassett Academy 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.

12. Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

13. Management

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

13. Complains Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to David Storey, email:
dstorey@rwba.ascendlearningtrust.org.uk

David Storey will raise the complaint to Anita Ellis (Headteacher at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy).

13. Monitoring, review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team.

Policy Coordinator: Leeanne Hunnex/David Storey

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13. Appendix

Providers who have been invited into The Royal Wootton Bassett Academy to date include:

- New College Swindon
- Wiltshire College
- ASK
- BAE systems
- Adkins
- Leonardo
- SJP
- Nationwide
- University of Cardiff, Exeter, Winchester.
- Royal Holloway
- Police
- Military
- IOT - Institute of Technology
- Dyson
- BMW
- Renishaw

- Great Western Hospital
- Samaritans
- Bevirs Solicitors
- Student Finance England
- AWE
- Colas rail
- James Shone (motivational speaker)

Destinations of previous pupils from Royal Wootton Bassett Academy include:

- RWBA 6th Form
- New College Swindon
- Cirencester College
- Commonweal 6th Form
- Great Western Academy 6th Form
- Hartpury College
- Kingsbury Green Academy 6th Form
- Lydiard Park Academy 6th Form
- Wiltshire College
- BMW
- Apollo

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- Aberystwyth
- University of Bath
- Bath Spa University
- BIMM University
- Birmingham City University
- University of Birmingham
- Bournemouth University
- University of Brighton
- University of West of England, Bristol
- University of Bristol
- Brunel University, London
- Cardiff University
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University, Leicester
- University of Derby
- University of East Anglia
- Durham University
- Hartpury University
- University of Exeter
- Falmouth University
- University of Gloucester
- Imperial College London
- University of Kent
- Leeds Beckett University
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- Liverpool John Moores University
- Loughborough University

- University of Manchester
- Northumbria University, Newcastle
- University of Northampton
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Oxford – Corpus Christi
- University of Plymouth
- University of Portsmouth
- Queens University Belfast
- University of Reading
- Royal Holloway University of London
- Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Swansea University
- UCL (University College London)
- University of Sheffield
- Solent University (Southampton)
- University of Southampton
- Swansea University
- UCFB
- University of Surrey
- University of Sunderland
- University of Warwick
- University of Wales Trinity Saint David
- University of Winchester
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Worcester
- Wiltshire College and University Centre
- University of York