



## **Westwood College: Provider Access Policy Statement**

**Date updated: May 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**

**Westwood 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. **Westwood 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.

**Westwood College** 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**

**Westwood 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

**Westwood 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 throughout the year and in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at the college.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 9	<p>Start profile website used during enrichment sessions with links to local providers</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p>	<p>Enterprise Days</p> <p>Assemblies provided by local providers of apprenticeships and technical education</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>KS4 options event</p>	<p>Meetings with careers adviser</p>
Year 10	<p>Start profile website used during enrichment sessions with links to local providers</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p>	<p>Assemblies with local providers of apprenticeships and technical education</p> <p>Newcastle College</p> <p>Stoke on Trent College</p> <p>Severn Trent Water-apprenticeship</p> <p>Amazing Apprenticeships</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p>	<p>Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities</p> <p>Day at Work event</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p>
Year 11	<p>Start profile website used during enrichment sessions with links to local providers</p> <p>Post 16 provider open evenings: opportunities to visit local Further Education and sixth form colleges, other school UTCs, Studio schools and other</p>	<p>Post-16 interviews/transition</p> <p>Opportunities to work with local providers to complete application forms during enrichment sessions.</p>	<p>Confirmation of post 16 education destinations for all students</p> <p>Westwood College Sixth Form Interviews</p>

	<p>training providers regarding A level, Applied General, technical and vocational and apprenticeships. These will be advertised on the careers notice board in Old Hall reception</p> <p>Leek Careers Fair</p> <p>Buxton and Leek College</p> <p>Westwood Sixth Form assembly</p> <p>University Talks/assembly</p> <p>Meetings with careers adviser</p> <p>Post 16 applications</p>		
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### Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (**Mr Matthew Taylor -Headteacher**) 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. **Westwood College** 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 **Sam Wallinger**, Careers Leader. **Sam Wallinger** may be contacted by telephone or email, [swallinger@ttl.org.uk](mailto:swallinger@ttl.org.uk), Tel **01538370930**

### Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that **Westwood College** is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised by the college.

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

The **Westwood 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 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**

**Westwood College** 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.

### **Management**

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

### **Complaints Procedure**

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Sam Wallinger**, email: [swallinger@ttl.org.uk](mailto:swallinger@ttl.org.uk)

**Sam Wallinger** will raise the complaint to **Matthew Taylor, Headteacher of Westwood College**

### **Monitoring review and evaluation**

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

**Policy Coordinator: Sam Wallinger**

**Policy Reviewed: January 2023**

### **Appendix**

**Providers who have been invited into Westwood College to date include:**

#### **Previous providers**

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Buxton and Leek College
- Newcastle College
- Stoke on Trent College
- Amazing Apprenticeships

- Derby University
- Staffordshire University

#### Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Westwood Sixth Form
- Buxton and Leek College
- Newcastle College
- Stoke on Trent College
- Painsley Sixth Form

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Derby University
- Keele University
- Staffordshire University
- Plus other 'redbrick', Oxbridge and apprenticeship providers across the country