

Provider Access Policy

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Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to young people's futures.

It helps to prepare them to fully participate in and contribute to their community and to be active citizens in a global community by providing a clear understanding of the world of work. This includes exploring different types of work and understanding pathways to careers that they might find rewarding.

It supports young people to acquire the self-awareness, self-development, and career management skills they need to achieve positive education and employment destinations. This helps students to make informed decisions, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy and healthy society.

All young people should have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including apprenticeships and technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Deptford Green School is committed to ensuring there are opportunities for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. We are fully aware of the responsibility to set students on pathways that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give our community and economy the highly skilled people we need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Deptford Green 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).

Aims

Deptford Green School policy for Access to 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 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

Deptford Green School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to a range of providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school aims to comply with the new legal requirement to provide two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11,) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend, with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships.

This will be done in assemblies, workshops and visits, including National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events for students and parents.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed every other year by the Careers Leader, Celine Nembhard, and Assistant Headteacher, Ian Paish, based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education and The Careers and Enterprise Company.

Links with other policies

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

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about a range of providers of further education and apprenticeships. Deptford Green 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 **Celine Nembhard**, Careers Leader who may be contacted by telephone or email at

E: cnembhard@deptfordgreen.co.uk

T: 0208 469 4896.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, Careers drop down events, PSHE or other subject lessons, and other Careers events organised at Deptford Green School. Students may also travel to visit a provider as part of a trip or programme organised in partnership with post-16 providers and other organisations and employers.

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

Deptford Green School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Computers, projectors, and screens can be 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 the Careers Leader or other appropriate member of staff who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Deptford Green 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 providers.

Management

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

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Ian Paish**, email: ipaish@deptfordgreen.co.uk

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated every other year or sooner if new guidance and Department of Education policies are published.

Policy Coordinator: Celine Nembhard

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Appendix

Providers, Employers and other partners who have been invited to Deptford Green School and/ or students have visited during a school day trip have included:

- ADA National College for Digital Skills
- Capel Manor College
- CTK Sixth Form College
- LDE UTC
- LSBU
- LSEC Colleges
- Lewisham College
- Lee Marley
- Lendlease
- McCann
- Mulberry UTC
- Shooters Hill College
- Southwark Skills Centre
- Westminster Kingsway
- Science Museum Technicians Gallery

Destinations of previous Deptford Green School pupils include:

- ADA
- Berkeley Group apprenticeship
- LSEC
- CTK
- Lewisham College
- LSBU
- Apprenticeships in Bricklaying, Catering, Economics, Early Years, Hairdressing, IT, Surveying, Sports Coaching.