

Provider Access Policy Statement

Ownership: JFS

Date Updated: January 2025

This section of the policy explains the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

JFS 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.

JFS endeavours to ensure that as the number of apprenticeships rise every year, all our 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.

(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).

This policy is also in line with the more recent [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#), which came into force on **1 January 2023**. It explains that our school must provide a minimum of **6 encounters** with technical education or training providers to all pupils in years 8 to 13.

School commitment:

JFS policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To further 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).
- To act impartially, in line with the statutory duty, not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Student entitlement:

JFS 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 in assemblies throughout the year and in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Students in years 7-13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.

- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses. Management of provider access requests Procedure.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (***Ella Buckle – Director of Sixth Form***) 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. **JFS** is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Head of Careers. Telephone: 0208 206 3100; Email: levick@jfs.brent.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents. Please speak to the Head of Careers to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with **JFS**.

Live/Virtual encounters

JFS 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/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Sara Levick**, email: levick@jfs.brent.sch.uk

Sara Levick will raise the complaint to ***Dr D Moody (Head teacher)***

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Sara Levick

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Appendix

Providers who have been invited into JFS to date include:

Pathway CTM

ASK apprenticeships

University of Exeter

University of Nottingham