

Wood Green Academy: Provider Access Policy Statement Ownership: Wood Green Academy Date updated: September 2025 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 post18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Wood Green 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. Wood Green 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.

Wood Green 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).

Aims

Wood Green 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 Wood Green Academy 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

Wood Green Academy fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The Academy 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 in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at the Academy.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Head Teacher based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key Wood Green Academy 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. Wood Green Academy 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 Amanda Birch, Careers Leader. Amanda Birch may be contacted by telephone +44 (0)121 556 4131 or email, amanda.birch@woodgreenacademy.co.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during Wood Green Academy assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Wood Green Academy is arranging.

Once your request has been submitted, the Academy Careers Leader will respond to you within 10 working days. All requests will be given due consideration from the designated Careers Leader and Senior Leadership Team.

Once the request has been granted, we will ask you for a range of information to share with our students and parents before the session. This may be a prospectus, letter, presentation to share with students and parents in advance of your session.

This should include: -

- Details of the opportunities you offer including technical education, courses and entry requirements
- What is learning like with your institution?
- How do you prepare students for their best next step on successful completion of your course/training?
- Provide examples of linking courses with careers relating to the labour market and recent positive destinations of students who have completed their learning with you

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

Wood Green 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

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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

Wood Green Academy will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the Wood Green Academy 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 her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Wood Green Academy's complaint policy/procedure can be found at [Model complaints procedure \(woodgreenacademy.co.uk\)](https://www.woodgreenacademy.co.uk/model-complaints-procedure)

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Amanda Birch - amanda.birch@woodgreenacademy.co.uk

Amanda Birch will raise the complaint to the Principal of Wood Green Academy.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Miss A Birch

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Appendix

Providers from the local area who have been invited into Wood Green Academy to date include:

C G Reynolds

Legrand

BWB Consulting Ltd

CPC Civils

BAM Nuttall Highways (TBC)

BMET college

Walsall College

Midland Metro Alliance

Kier Construction

SIPS

Sandwell College

Defence Equipment and Services (MoD)

Halesowen College

Juniper

Equans

SIPS CEC

Assa Abloy

EMEA Procurement (CEMEX)

Taylor Woodrow

Sandwell Council

Reliable contractors Ltd

KPMG

Nova Training

Pathway Group

University of Birmingham

SCL

MottMacdonald (engineering)

Ask Apprenticeships

Speakers for schools

Walsall Housing Group

Lloyds Banking Group

Jaguar Land Rover

University of Wolverhampton

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Destinations of previous pupils from Wood Green Academy include:

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

Wood Green Academy Sixth form

Wolverhampton College

Sandwell College

Walsall College

Dudley College

Jaguar Landrover (Apprenticeship)

Albright Education Centre 6th form

City of Wolverhampton College

UCB

Dudley 6th form

Dudley college

King Edward College

Access Creative College

Walsall FC

Central St. Michael's 6th form

Joseph Chamberlain 6th form college

Shireland Biomedical UTC 6th form

Queen Mary's Grammar school 6th form