

Moulsham High School: Provider Access Policy Statement



Ownership: Moulsham High School/Bridge Academy Trust

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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 for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work, including the routes to jobs and careers 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

Moulsham High School 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. Moulsham High School is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome for 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. Moulsham High 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 and Gatsby benchmarks: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

Moulsham High School's policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

1. To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
2. 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.
3. To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Moulsham High 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 through: whole year group activities (e.g.

assemblies); whole school activities (e.g. the Careers Fair) work related learning opportunities (e.g. work shadowing and trips and visits) and individual learning plans. Additional opportunities will be provided in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader

(Alex Sullivan, Assistant Headteacher) and Line Manager (Julia Mead, Headteacher) based on current good practice guidelines from the Department for Education.

Links With Other Policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school and Bridge Academy Trust 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 gain information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Moulsham High 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 Alex Sullivan, Careers Lead. She may be contacted by telephone or email: asullivan@moulshamhigh.org / Tel 01245 260101.

Grounds For Granting Requests For Access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled careers or citizenship lessons and careers or raising aspirations events that Moulsham High School arranges. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of trips to be organised in partnership with Moulsham High School.