



# **Bloxham Grove** ACADEMY

## Bloxham Grove Academy Provider Access Policy

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## **Introduction**

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of January 2018, we have a duty to provide students in Years 8-13 with access to providers of Post-14, Post-16 and Post-18 education and training. This policy statement sets out how we manage access requests from these providers.

## **Student Entitlement**

Students are entitled to

- Find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme that provides information on a full range of education and training options available to them at each transition point
- Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships - through Annual Reviews of EHCPs, assemblies, taster events (e.g. in-house vocational workshops in hospitality and group discussions within lessons), visits to institutions such as local colleges
- Understand how to make applications for a range of academic and technical courses which are appropriate for them and their needs
- Explore options before making informed decisions about their future

## **Commitment from Bloxham Grove Academy**

Bloxham Grove Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities. Bloxham Grove Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will enable them to secure the best possible outcomes for themselves. These are outcomes which will enable our students to progress in education and work and give employers highly skilled individuals. This means Bloxham Grove Academy will act with impartiality, in line with statutory requirements not showing bias towards any route, be that technical or academic.

We endeavour to ensure that all students are aware of all routes and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships.

## **Aims**

With this policy, Bloxham Grove Academy aims to

- Develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships
- Support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial decisions about their future options
- Reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

## **Student Entitlement**

Bloxham Grove Academy 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 enable at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships where appropriate. This will be one in assemblies during National Apprenticeship Week (annually in February) and National Careers Week (annually in March) in addition to providers attending careers events and taking our students to careers events outside of school.

## **Equality and Diversity**

We are committed to ensuring that our students are encouraged to make decisions about their future based on impartial information, whilst also considering what is relevant for students with SEND and other vulnerabilities.

## **Opportunities for access**

Where appropriate, we offer providers the opportunity to speak with students and/or their parents. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus and other relevant course literature in reception or via the [office@bloxhamgroveacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@bloxhamgroveacademy.co.uk) email address. Providers are also welcome to come into school and deliver assemblies to students or to hold class-based discussions about careers and what their institution could offer to our students.

## **Safeguarding**

Providers should be aware that we will undertake rigorous safeguarding checks to ensure that our students are kept safe. All access to students in school will be supervised by school staff at all times. Please see the academy's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for further information about safeguarding.

## **Guidelines for granting and refusing access**

Bloxham Grove Academy will grant access requests which meet the following criteria:

- The provider has detailed knowledge of the profile of learners at Bloxham Grove Academy
- The provider can offer appropriate pathways for the students on both the academic and pastoral provision

Bloxham Grove Academy will refuse any access request that

- The academy believes is not in the best interests of the students
- Does not meet the educational requirements of the students e.g. the provider offers unrealistic academic qualifications

## **Premises and facilities**

Once the provider has been approved, the academy will work with them to identify the best method for providing access to the students.

The academy will make the Sports Hall, classrooms and meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students as appropriate for the activity. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead, Gallery Lead or member of the Leadership Team.

## **Management of provider access requests**

### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact Natasha Smith on the main school number 01295 793125 or at [n.smith@bloxhamgroveacademy.co.uk](mailto:n.smith@bloxhamgroveacademy.co.uk)