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Buxton Community School: Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

Ownership: Buxton Community School Date updated: September 2026 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 post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Buxton Community 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. Buxton Community School 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.

Buxton Community 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

Buxton Community School 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 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).

Student Entitlement

Buxton Community School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The

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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 our Futures Programme, which plans a series of events throughout the year, including during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, and our annual Year 10 Futures Focus in June and July. We also welcome providers attending careers events and parents evenings at school, and supporting with applications through drop-in sessions.

Examples of encounters: (list is not exhaustive and we are open to new opportunities each year)

Year 7, 8, 9

Ask An Employer Event Y7 – includes local employers who offer apprenticeships

Y8 Army Skills and Careers Day

Y9 Buxton and Leek Apprenticeship Day. In 2025 this was an event held at school with the 'Big Yellow Apprenticeship Bus'

Green Careers Fair – in 2025 this was open to Y8

Y9 Army Cadets Assembly

Year 10,11

Ask Apprenticeships half day workshop

Buxton and Leek College Open Day Y10

Macclesfield College Open Day

Tarmac Presentation and Drop In Session

Tarmac Site Visit for D&T and Construction students

The Crescent Hotel visit for Food Tech students

MPs Careers and Apprenticeship Fair – Y11

Future Fridays drop in with local employers, many of whom focus on apprenticeships

Sixth Form

Tarmac Drop In

Visit to Astra Zeneca

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Y12 Industry Day and Green Careers Fair

Year 12 Work Experience programme

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader Mrs Caroline Russell 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. Buxton Community 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 Mrs Caroline Russell, Careers Leader. Mrs Russell may be contacted by telephone or email, Caroline.russell@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk, Tel 01298 23122

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Buxton Community School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Buxton Community School or The Embark Trust

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

Buxton Community School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms will also be arranged if possible. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser 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 a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Buxton Community 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 the providers. Other events that may be outside of school hours, whether in person or online, will be advertised to parents and students via Arbour: our school's MIS and communication system

Management

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

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Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mrs Caroline Russell, email: caroline.russell@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk

Caroline Russell will raise the complaint to Mrs Sam Jones, Headteacher.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Caroline Russell

Policy Reviewed: September 2025

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Buxton Community School to date include:

Buxton and Leek College

Macclesfield College

Ask Apprenticeships

AstraZeneka

Peak District National Park Authority

Nestle

Rochling

RammSanderson

RHS Bridgwater

Buxton Lime

Tarmac

MoD

Destinations of previous pupils from Buxton Community School include:

Buxton and Leek College

Macclesfield College

Reaseheath College

Stockport College