




Provider Access Policy

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Withernsea High School: Provider Access Policy Statement

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

Ownership: Withernsea High School

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 post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Withernsea 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. Withernsea High 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.

Withernsea 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: “Baker Clause”:

supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

Withernsea High School's Provider Access policy 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

Withernsea 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 in assemblies throughout the year and during National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events and activities.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Deputy Headteachers 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, Strategic Child Protection and Safeguarding 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. Withernsea 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 **Victoria Foster**, Careers Leader who may be contacted by telephone or email, fosterv@wscampus.net, Tel 01964 613133.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Personal Development lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Withernsea High School is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip.

Withernsea High School 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 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 all visits.

Live/Virtual encounters

Withernsea High 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 following events to meet the providers:

Parent Consultation evenings

Careers guidance appointments

Careers Evening and Futures Fairs

The above list is not exhaustive and is subject to change or additions.

Management

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

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Rebecca Pindar** email: **pindarr@wscampus.net**.

Rebecca Pindar will raise the complaint to **Mark Crofts (Headteacher)** at Withernsea High School.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: Victoria Foster

Policy Reviewed: November 2026

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Withernsea High School include:

Wilberforce College

Wyke College

St Mary's 6th Form College

Hull College

East Riding College

Bishop Burton College

Hornsea Sixth Form College

HETA

CATCH

HBTC

National Horseracing College

Humber Outreach Programme

The University of Hull

Kings College, Cambridge

Employers who have been invited

Centrica

Ineos

RWE

Holderness Health

City Health Care Partnership

Humber Teaching Trust

Reckitts

Holderness Gazette

Smailes Goldie Accountants

Southgates Accountants

Rollits LLP

East Riding Leisure

Swift Caravans

Keepmoat Homes

SSE Thermal

SALT Architects

(The above list is not exhaustive and is an example of providers that are worked with)

Destinations of previous pupils from Withernsea High School include:

Wilberforce College

Wyke College

St Mary's 6th Form College

Hull College

East Riding College

Bishop Burton College

Hornsea Sixth Form College

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