

Provider Access Policy - Careers

Weston College is a Further Education College that offers technical and academic provision for learners aged 16-18 and adults. Young people need more than just high quality academic and technical qualifications; they need to develop the confidence, self-belief and other transferable skills required to progress onto higher level learning and employment.

Weston College will:

1. Provide a safe, supportive and inclusive learning culture where learners can thrive
2. Meet the needs of employers, the local economy and regional skills shortages through a curriculum offer that puts employability at its centre
3. Develop partnerships, collaborations and models of learning that increase opportunity for different groups within their immediate locality
4. Enable learners to succeed, progress and meet future challenges by providing high quality teaching, learning and assessment.
5. Harness and use technology to support innovation in learning and smarter, more efficient working practices
6. Remain a financially robust, sustainable and resilient organisation that can continue to develop and invest in its facilities, infrastructure and workforce.

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the College's arrangements for managing the access of providers to learners at the College for the purpose of giving them information about the providers training or education offer.

Learner entitlement

All 16-18 learners on full-time programmes of study are entitled to:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available
- To have access to local providers and employers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through careers events, talks and visits.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses as well as employment

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

Weston College's Careers Leader is Ben Knocks, Director of Student Services and Learner Journey. Any provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader by clicking accessing the contact details [here](#).

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the College's careers programme for full-time learners on 16-18 programmes of study will offer providers access to college learners and/or their parents/carers:

Weston College Careers Programme

Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Premises and facilities

The College will make the suitable facilities available for discussions between the provider and learners, as appropriate to the activity. The College will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at with the College's careers advice team and in the careers section at one of the college libraries, which is managed by Library Plus.