

Riverside College and Cronton Sixth Form College:

Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance - Provider Access Statement

In line with Government requirements outlined in the Education Act Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and Technical and Further Education Act 2017, Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College ensure that our students have access to a range of educational and training providers.

(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).

Ownership: Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College

Date updated: September 2023

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

Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College 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. Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College 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.

The Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College 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

Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College 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

Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The college will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least two encounters (ages 16 – 18) with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done through our structured CEAIG Policy and Programme. Students are provided with the opportunities to:

Receive Information about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities.

Have full range of education and training options available at each transition point.

Attend events where they can meet with providers of Further and Higher education, and Training /Apprenticeship opportunities (Local and National) For example: Careers fairs, UCAS HE Conventions, virtual /online events/workshops, HE & Employer visits/open days and visiting speakers, as well as provider literature and website information links.

To be supported in making well informed career decisions through the Colleges Progression Planning System, and to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses, employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities open to them.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader; Katie Peacock and Line Manager; Leeann Bellfield 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.

PLEASE NOTE: All staff and visitors /speakers to College will be required to follow the Colleges Policy and Procedure in relation to:

1. Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity. Policy information can be found via the College website <https://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/about/information-policies>

2. External Speaker Procedure

- (Staff) Complete the Checklist for Organisers of Visiting speakers / Organisations form
- (Visitors) Complete and sign the Visitor Code of Practice form

Providers will have access to appropriate rooms/resources needed when visiting college premises to make presentations /share information with students, parents, and staff. This can be discussed with the Careers Lead, Manager or the member of staff organising the visit.

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. Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

College welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively and in partnership with providers to ensure we students receive impartial Careers Education, Information Advice and Guidance. Providers wishing to be involved in our CEIAG Programme, or have access to our students should initially contact the Colleges Careers Lead: Katie Peacock

katie.peacock@cronton.ac.uk, Tel: 0151 424 1515 Ext: 3241

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College.

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

Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College will provide an appropriate room to be agreed. Computer rooms can also be arranged. 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 or Curriculum team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

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

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should follow the complains policy procedures

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Reviewed: September 2023

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College to date include:

Liverpool John Moores University

Myerscough College

University of Liverpool

Edge Hill University

University of Chester

University of Liverpool

University of Manchester

Salford University

Staffordshire University

University of Manchester

LIPA

Future Works

NHS Warrington and Halton

Royan Navy

Royal Airforce