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Europa School UK: Provider Access Policy Statement

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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 and the variety of different, specifically technical, qualifications 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. This includes wider technical education options such as T-Levels, V-Levels, Higher Technical Qualifications and alternative pathways.

Commitment

The Europa School UK 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. The Europa School UK 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 Europa School UK 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). This also complies with the updated Careers Guidance Legislation (May 2025) and the following enhanced Gatsby Benchmarks:

- Benchmark 5: Encounters with employees and employers
- Benchmark 6: Experiences with workplaces
- Benchmark 7: Encounters with further and higher education

Aims

The Europa School UK 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

The Europa School UK 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 legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in Personal Cultural and Development (PCD) sessions around National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers and Senior Leadership Team 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. The Europa School UK 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 Rosie Bosse Chitty, Careers Coordinator who may be contacted by telephone or email, r.bosse-chitty@europaschool.uk, Tel 01325 524060.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school timetabled Careers or PCD lessons, and Careers or associated events that The Europa School UK is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with The Europa School UK.

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

The Europa School UK will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms will have computers, projectors and screens provided as required. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Coordinator 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 the encounter.

Live/Virtual encounters

The Europa School UK 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.

Management

The Careers Coordinator manages all provider requests and is responsible to their senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Rosie Bosse Chitty, email: r.bosse-chitty@europaschool.uk. Rosie Bosse Chitty will raise the complaint to Tanya Simpson, Deputy Headteacher and Senior Leader with responsibility for Careers Education, email: t.simpson@europaschool.uk.

Monitoring review and evaluation

Provider Access activity is recorded and monitored through our unifrog management system. This Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the SeniorLeadership Team and Governing Body.

Policy Coordinator: Rosie Bosse Chitty

Policy Next Review: May 2027