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West Craven High School

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

Legislation, January 2023)

Ownership: Pendle Education Trust

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Rationale

West Craven High school believes high quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people’s futures and strives to embed work skills in to all areas in school. 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 next steps, plan career pathways and improve their life opportunities.

With the ever-diversifying world of work and possible careers expands it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

West Craven 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.

West Craven 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.

West Craven 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

West Craven High 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

West Craven 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, in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school or at each Trust school. Regular college visits from all post 16 establishments and organisations locally are timetabled into the careers calendar for all year groups in school.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (Mrs L Blomely) 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. West Craven 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 Mrs Alison Adams, Careers Leader. Mrs Adams may be contacted by telephone or email, jbrook@westcraven.co.uk, Tel 01282 812292.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, drop down days and Careers or Raising Aspirations events. Students may also travel to visit

another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with school where expense and timetabling allow.

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

West Craven 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 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

West Craven 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 events to meet the providers.

Management

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

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the academy council.

Policy Reviewed: June 2024

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into West Craven High School to date include:

Burnley College

Craven College

Nelson and Colne College

Training 2000

Army

Destinations of previous pupils from West Craven High School include:

Accrington and Rossendale College

Burnley College

Clitheroe Royal Grammar school

Craven College

Nelson and Colne College

Training 200