

Riverside College and Cronton Sixth Form College: Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance - Provider Access Legislation

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

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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. 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, Higher Technical Qualifications and Degree Apprenticeships.

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, while providing 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.

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”:

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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 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; Liam Clark and Line Manager; Leeann Bellfield based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education and Liverpool City Region Careers Hub.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key college 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: Liam Clark, liam.clark@riversidecollege.ac.uk / 01514241515 Ext: 3241

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during college assemblies, timetabled Careers or ASPIRE 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 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 his senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised following the college complaints procedure or directly with The Careers & Enterprise Company via provideraccess@careersandenterprise.co.uk

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Reviewed: June 2026

Appendix

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

Universities		Employers			
Aberystwyth University	Sheffield Hallam University	Access Creative	Bentley	Fujitsu	Pure Gym
Bangor University	University Academy 92	Ask Apprenticeships	BBC	HSBC	Royal Navy
Birmingham City University	University Centre Reaseheath	Airbus	B-Engineering Group	Howdens	Royal Air Force
Coventry University	University of Chester	AECOM	Bridgewater Community NHS	Indigo Technology Services	Ryanair
Durham University	University of Lancashire	AJ Bell	Redrow	Jaguar Land Rover	Rolls Royce
Edge Hill University	University of Liverpool	All about Stem	Bryken	Knowsley Council	Road Safety HBC
Future works	University of Manchester	Aldi	Cammell Laird	Kelly Group	Royal British Legion
Harper Adams University	University of Sheffield	Amentum	Camp America	Liverpool John Lennon Airport	RSPCA
Keele University	University of Bolton	Amey	Chester Zoo	Miller Homes	Sainsbury
Lancaster University	University of Cambridge	Alfred H Knights	Cheshire Police	Merseyrail	Sellafield
Leeds Beckett University	University of Derby	Anwyl	Cheshire Fire	Merseyside Police	Student Finance England
Leeds Trinity University	University of Huddersfield	Alstom	CP Hood Mechanicals	Ministry of Justice	Specsavers
Liverpool Hope University	University of Leeds	Army	Colas	Natwest	Tenet Consultants
Liverpool John Moores University	University of Oxford	AstraZeneca	Civil Service	NHS	The Hut Group
Manchester Met University	University of Salford	BAE Systems	Castore	Northwest Ambulance Services	Toyota
Myerscough College	University of Staffordshire	BAM Construction	Daresbury Laboratory	Kings Trust	United Utilities
Newcastle University	University of the Arts London	Balfour Beatty	Dyson	PWC	Virgin Media
Northumbria University	Wrexham University	Barclays	Essar Oil UK	Picow	Very Group