

Etone College Provider Access Policy Statement

Ownership: Etone College

Date updated: July 2026

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

Etone 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. Etone 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.

Etone 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

Etone 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

Etone College 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. At Etone College we hold annual careers fairs and days during which each year group interacts with employers, apprenticeship providers and colleges.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager Ian Smith 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. Etone College 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 ibarlow@etonecollege.co.uk Careers Leader.

Grounds for granting requests for access

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

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

Etone college 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

Etone College 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.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to *L Barlow*, email: *lbarlow@etonecollege.co.uk*

L Barlow will raise the complaint to I Smith, Head Teacher.

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: L Barlow

Policy Reviewed: JULY 2026

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Etone College to date include:

Nuffield Health	Fitness
Network Rail	Transport
Triton Showers	Manufacturing
Leicester University	University
3M Atherstone	Manufacturing
NWSLC	Education/ T Levels Apprenticeships
RAF	MOD and apprenticeships
Mercer Marsh Benefits	Apprenticeships
Jaguar Land rover	Automotive and Apprenticeship providers
ASK	Apprenticeship advice
DMU	University
Edge Hill University	University
Marsh McLennan	Apprenticeship and employer
Marriott	Employment Hospitality
Army	MOD and apprenticeships
Severn Trent	Apprenticeships
George Eliot Hospital	NHS Apprenticeships
Warwickshire Fire & Rescue	Employer
Newman College University	University
Royal Navy	MOD
British Army	MOD
Royal Navy	MOD
Deeley Construction	Apprenticeships
University of Birmingham	University

UCFB	University
Coventry College	T Levels, Apprenticeships
Britvic	Food / Drinks, Apprenticeships
Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centre (AMTC)	ITP
WCC	Apprenticeships/ T Levels
Oxbridge	University
NMITE (New Model Institute for Technology & Engineering)	University, Apprenticeships
NHS Apprenticeship Hub	Apprenticeships
Crown	Employment and apprenticeships
University of Bath	University
John's Hair Design (JHD)	Hairdressing apprenticeships
Queens Road Home Improvement Centre	Kitchen / Bathroom Fitting / Apprenticeships
Norland University	University
McLean Restaurants LTD T/A McDonald's	Food / Drinks
Coventry University	University
Aston University	University
Warwickshire Police	Uniformed Services, Police Apprenticeships
Coventry University	University
Albion Foundation	Football club
Loughborough University	University
Wilson's Solicitors	Employer
HMRC	Apprenticeships
Willmott Dixon	Construction Apprenticeships
Crown	Apprenticeships
Birmingham University	University
Coventry University	University
BALI	Landscapes
Midland Group Training Services	Training Providers
Balfour Beatty	Infrastructure
Heart of England Training	Alternative Providers
Rolls Royce and BMW	Automotive and Apprenticeships
University of Warwick	University
Sigma	aerospace
Willmott Dixon	construction
Department work and pensions	Department work and pensions
Addcocks Solicitors Limited	Solicitors / Legal
3M	Employment and manufacturing
Sime Catering Equipment Ltd	catering and manufacture
Wates Construction	Construction