Fitzharrys School: Provider Access Policy Statement

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Developed by C Hartley Assistant Head: Curriculum and Ethos and reviewed annually

Rationale and Commitment

Fitzharrys School is committed to high quality careers education and guidance. As part of our Opportunities ethos, we endeavour to provide all students with a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18.

Fitzharrys School is fully aware of its responsibility to act impartially, in line with the statutory duty (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 means:

- we ensure that there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, with at least 6 encounters
- we ensure that students are informed about all routes to higher skills, including approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships, and academic routes.

Aims

The Fitzharrys School Provider Access Policy has the following aims:

- to develop student knowledge of all career pathways, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships
- to support young people to learn more about opportunities for education and training before making choices about their futures
- to reduce the risk of students becoming NEET

Student Entitlement

Fitzharrys School supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to providers of further education, technical training, and apprenticeships. We comply with the legal requirement to offer at least six encounters, through:

- our annual careers fair and pathways evening (for all year groups)
- our annual careers week assemblies (for all year groups)
- our PD careers programme (for years 12 and 13)
- our annual careers events, where employers who offer apprenticeships are highlighted to students:
    - careers in sustainability and STEM (Year 8)
    - careers in construction (Year 9)
    - mock interviews (Year 10)

We may offer additional bespoke opportunities to key students (for example, the Unifrog apprenticeship careers fair; one-off smaller workshops delivered by employers and apprenticeship providers).

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. We recognise the need to be impartial, and use our on-site Careers Advisor to offer flexible and bespoke support for students at risk of becoming NEET.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Catherine Hartley, Assistant Head: Curriculum and Ethos, via email at chartley@fitzharrys.school

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, or scheduled careers events; on occasion, smaller bespoke workshops or trips to providers may be arranged for students with a particular interest.

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

Fitzharrys School will provide an appropriate space, to be agreed. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of Fitzharrys School staff, who will facilitate.

Parents and Carers

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

Management

The Assistant Head: Curriculum and Ethos coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to the Headteacher.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to the attention of the Headteacher.