



## **The Ilfracombe Academy**

### **Provider Access Statement (Baker Clause)**

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#### **1. Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 (the Baker Clause) and the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022.

#### **2. Pupil entitlement**

All pupils in Years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- To find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships, through options events, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

In line with the updated Baker Clause legislation, **The Ilfracombe Academy** ensure that all students will have at least **six encounters** with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships:

- Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (Year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (Year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.
- Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (Year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on, but optional for pupils to attend.

### 3. Management of provider access requests

#### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

- **Name:** Richard Vale
- **Job Title:** Head of Careers
- **Telephone:** 01271 863427
- **Email:** rvale@ilfracombeacademy.uk

Or, in addition they could also contact:

- **Name:** Allison Bird
- **Job Title:** Careers & Work Experience Administrator
- **Telephone:** 01271 863427
- **Email:** abird@ilfracombeacademy.uk

Please allow a minimum of 4-6 weeks notice to allow us to appropriately plan your visit and integrate it into our careers calendar.

#### 4. Opportunities for access

The school offers a comprehensive Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) programme. We run several events integrated into the school careers programme that offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents/carers.

*Please note: The events below are indicative. We welcome conversations with providers to arrange bespoke visits outside of these times.*

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Summer Term</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	Careers Fair	National Careers Week Assemblies  National Careers Week lesson episodes/videos	Careers Trip (workplace encounter)

<b>Year 8</b>	Careers Fair	National Careers Week Assemblies  National Careers Week lesson episodes/videos  Interview Skills workshop	Careers Trip (workplace encounter)
<b>Year 9</b>	Careers Fair  Key Stage 4 options evening	National Careers Week Assemblies  National Careers Week lesson episodes/videos  STEM 'problem solving' and 'teamwork' workshops	Careers Trip (workplace encounter)
<b>Year 10</b>	Careers Fair	National Careers Week Assemblies  National Careers Week lesson episodes/videos  Careers Trip (workplace encounter)	"You're Hired" Careers Event (next steps related employer workshops)  Work Experience week (w/b June 29th)  Vocational Taster Day
<b>Year 11</b>	Careers Fair  Post-16 Options Evening	National Careers Week Assemblies  National Careers Week lesson episodes/videos	<b>EXAM SEASON (NO EVENTS)</b>

	Careers Trip (workplace encounter)		
<b>Year 12</b>	Careers Fair  Sixth Form Assembly 'guest speaker' opportunities  Work Experience	Mock Interviews  Sixth Form Assembly 'guest speaker' opportunities  Work Experience	Work Experience  Sixth Form Assembly 'guest speaker' opportunities
<b>Year 13</b>	Talks from local apprenticeship providers  Sixth Form Assembly 'guest speaker' opportunities  Work Experience	Sixth Form Assembly 'guest speaker' opportunities  Work Experience	<b>EXAM SEASON (NO EVENTS)</b>

## 5. Premises and facilities

The school will make an agreed suitable space (e.g. classroom, meeting room, open space) available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed upon in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader or a member of their team.

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we can facilitate live or pre-recorded broadcasts into our classrooms.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the main school reception where several staff will be able to assist. The Careers Library is available to all students and is accessible throughout the day.

## **6. Safeguarding**

Our safeguarding/child protection policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy, which can be found here:

<https://www.ilfracombeacademy.uk/page/?title=Policies+and+Documents&pid=19>