

# 721 AHS

## AHS Provider Access Policy

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## Alderwasley Hall School Provider Access Policy Statement

### 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

**Alderwasley Hall 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. Alderwasley Hall 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.

Alderwasley Hall 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).

Year Group	Opportunities
7	<p>Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week</p> <p>Access to Unifrog (Careers software used by Alderwasley Hall to support delivery of Careers programme)</p> <p>Visits to places of work through the Skills for life programme (Skills for Life is a timetabled lesson, 2 hours per week, delivered by the pastoral teacher and where possible the therapists for that pastoral group, with an explicit and established curriculum developing independence, community, safety, public transport, careers and financial education skills)</p>

8	<p>Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week Access to Unifrog Visits to places of work through the Skills for life programme</p>
9	<p>Invited to attend careers consultation Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week Access to Unifrog Visits to places of work through the Skills for life programme Virtual work experience encouraged, in person opportunities can be requested</p>
10	<p>Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week Access to Unifrog Visits to places of work through the Skills for life programme Invited to attend careers meeting Virtual work experience encouraged, in person opportunities can be requested</p>
11	<p>Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week Access to Unifrog Visits to places of work and other education providers through "Preparing for adulthood" programme (PfA is a timetabled lesson, 2 hours per week, delivered by the pastoral teacher and where possible the therapists for that pastoral group, focusing on all the skills named above for SfL, and with an added focus on preparation for the next step in the student's pathway) Invited to attend careers meeting Careers café open once a week Work experience encouraged either virtual or in person</p>
Y12 – Y15	<p>Employment encounters and guest speakers during National Careers Week Access to Unifrog Visits to places of work and other education settings through preparing for adulthood programme Invited to attend careers meeting Careers café open once a week Work experience encouraged either virtual or in person</p>

## Aims

The 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

Alderwasley Hall 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 during National Careers Week, and throughout different times during the academic year. During National Careers Week, students across all key stages are invited to attend different employer encounters, visit places of work, attend talks from our local college providers and in addition, students from Y7 are asked to explore careers using Unifrog.

## Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager - Edward Mitchell, 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. Alderwasley 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 **Carly Polkey**, Careers and work experience manager. **Carly** may be contacted by telephone or email, [carly.polkey@senadgroup.com](mailto:carly.polkey@senadgroup.com), Tel **07720736755**.

## Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during National Careers Week, during Preparing for adulthood lessons and other Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Alderwasley Hall school is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with **Alderwasley Hall School**.

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

Alderwasley Hall School will provide an appropriate room to be agreed. If rooms require computers, projectors or screens then we will do our best for these to be provided. Laptops for students can also be arranged. The Careers leader and 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 Alderwasley Hall staff who will facilitate.

## Live/Virtual encounters

Alderwasley Hall school will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or in the school refectory. 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 and work experience manager 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 **Edward Mitchell**, email: [edward.mitchell@senadgroup.com](mailto:edward.mitchell@senadgroup.com) - **Edward Mitchell** will raise the complaint to **Sara Forsyth**, Headteacher of Alderwasley Hall school.

## Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team. Ed and Carly meet regularly to discuss future events happening around the school.

**Policy Coordinator: Edward Mitchell**

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## Appendix

### Providers who have been invited into Alderwasley Hall School in the period 2022-2025 include:

Derby College  
Chesterfield College  
Derby University  
Rolls Royce  
Green Hatch  
Amber Valley Volunteering service  
Sports for Champions  
Valley Lodge care home  
National Citizenship Service  
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust  
Local employers such as Wirksworth Heritage Centre, TDP and others

**Destinations of previous pupils from Alderwasley Hall School include:**

- Derby College
- Confetti College
- Chesterfield College
- Landmarks College
- Derby University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Nottingham College