

Our School Mission

To celebrate our diverse community, educating our students to thrive and confidently shape their future with a love of learning, excellent qualifications and strength of character.

Access Policy Statement

Rationale

In line with the year on year rise in apprenticeships it is 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

Charter East Dulwich (TCSED) 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. TCSED 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 beyond 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.

(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

The TCSED 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 enable all students to make the right choice for them based on informed choices
- ❖ To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET

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Student Entitlement

TCSED 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 a variety of ways

- ❖ Access to Post 16 Providers through assemblies and the Careers Fair
- ❖ A Careers Fair with careers workshops
- ❖ Careers related learning both in subjects and in PSHE and tutor time

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies that are targeted to the individual needs of each student such as

Child Protection,

SEND, Equality and Diversity

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to

Florence Anderson - Careers Lead and Personal Development Assistant Headteacher

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All requests will be considered subject to staffing availability and pre-planned events @TCSED

Students may also travel to visit another providers as part of the trips and are encouraged to visit Open Days via our Year 11 Programme

TCSED will provide appropriate facilities where possible having been given details of providers needs well in advance (at least 2 weeks)