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Provider Access Policy Statement
September 2026

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Approved by GMS Governors:	TBC
Adopted by GMS Governors:	TBC
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There are changes to this policy

Great Marlow 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 pupils 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

Great Marlow School is committed to ensuring that a range of education and training providers have access to pupils, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities.

Great Marlow School is fully aware of its responsibility to set pupils on a 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.

Great Marlow School endeavours to ensure that all pupils are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department for 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

Great Marlow School's Access Policy to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop knowledge and awareness in our pupils of the career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to learn more about education and training opportunities outside school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses, to avoid the risk of pupils becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

Great Marlow School fully supports the statutory requirement for pupils to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the 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.

Development

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

Links with Other Policies

The Access Policy 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 pupils to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Great Marlow School is committed to encouraging all pupils to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for Access

Requests for access should be directed to Maggie Brunt, Careers Leader. Maggie Brunt may be contacted by telephone or email: mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk, Tel 01628 483 752.

Grounds for Granting Requests for Access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled careers or life lessons, and at Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Great Marlow School arranges. Pupils may also travel to visit another provider as part of trips organised in partnership with Great Marlow School.

Details of Premises or Facilities to be Provided to a Person who is given Access

Great Marlow School will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall for provider events. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader 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

Great Marlow School 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 her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised with Owen Hollyman (ohollyman@gms.bucks.sch.uk). Owen Hollyman will raise the complaint with Guy Pendlebury, Headteacher of Great Marlow School.

Monitoring, Review and Evaluation

The policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team.