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# Irlam & Cadishead Academy

## Provider Access Policy Statement

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**(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)**

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### **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**

Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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. Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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.

Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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).

### **Aims**

The Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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**

Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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 assemblies throughout the year but notably in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week. In addition, providers will attend careers events at school, including our Careers Fair in the Spring Term.

### **Development**

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the CEIAG Coordinator, Ms J. Baker, and her 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 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. Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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 Ms J. Baker, CEIAG Coordinator. Ms J. Baker may be contacted by telephone or email: [Julie.Baker@irlamandcadishead.org.uk](mailto:Julie.Baker@irlamandcadishead.org.uk) / Tel: 0161 537 0660.

## Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or PSHE lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Irlam and Cadishead Academy is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Irlam and Cadishead Academy.

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

Irlam and Cadishead Academy will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The CEIAG Coordinator 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

Irlam and Cadishead Academy 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 CEIAG Coordinator, Ms J. Baker, coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to her senior management line manager.

## Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mr. A. Brown, email: [andy.brown@irlamandcadishead.org.uk](mailto:andy.brown@irlamandcadishead.org.uk)

Mr. A. Brown will raise the complaint to Mr C. Leader, Principal of Irlam and Cadishead Academy.

## Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Governing Body.

**Policy Coordinator:** Mr. A. Brown

**Policy Reviewed:** September 2025

# Application for Provider Access

Providers who have been invited into Irlam and Cadishead Academy to date include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Armed Forces</li> <li>• Foundation 92</li> <li>• Kingsland Drinks</li> <li>• Freedom Fibre</li> <li>• Hamilton Davies Trust</li> <li>• Cabinet Office</li> <li>• Salford City Leisure</li> <li>• Wykes Signs</li> <li>• Greater Manchester Police</li> <li>• Network Rail</li> <li>• North West Ambulance Trust</li> <li>• Salford City Council</li> <li>• YMCA</li> <li>• Smile Dental Care</li> <li>• AJ Bell</li> <li>• Werit</li> <li>• Sale Sharks</li> <li>• Vistry Partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Busy Bee's</li> <li>• Proicere</li> <li>• Greater Manchester Learning Provider</li> <li>• O'Neil and Partners</li> <li>• Addleshaw Goddard</li> <li>• Thornley Groves Estate Agents</li> <li>• Omega</li> <li>• Morson Projects</li> <li>• Hahn Plastics</li> <li>• Red Tree Construction</li> <li>• Manchester Civil Justice Centre</li> <li>• Corpus Christi</li> <li>• Deans Group</li> <li>• Azenta</li> <li>• KPMG</li> <li>• Rehau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brenntag</li> <li>• HMRC</li> <li>• Hilti</li> <li>• Royal Horticultural Society</li> <li>• Sellafield Sites</li> <li>• Career Connect</li> <li>• UTCW</li> <li>• Royal Navy</li> <li>• RRG Group</li> <li>• Manchester United Foundation</li> <li>• North Lancashire Training Group (NLTG)</li> <li>• SP&amp;Co financial management</li> <li>• Siemens</li> <li>• Seddon Construction</li> <li>• Kelloggs</li> </ul>
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Destinations of previous students from Irlam and Cadishead Academy include:

- Priestley College
- Warrington & Vale College
- Salford City Colleges (Pendleton; Worsley; Eccles; City Skills; Future Skills)
- UTC Warrington
- Birchwood College
- Education and Semi Professional Academy