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# JACK HUNT ACADEMY

## POLICY – Provider Access Policy

YEAR – 2026

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Approved by – Headteacher

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# Provider Access Policy

## Introduction

This policy sets out Jack Hunt Academy's arrangements for giving education and training providers access to students to explain their education and training offers. It supports informed choices and access to the full range of academic and technical pathways.

The academy complies with section 42B of the Education Act 1997, introduced by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017 (commonly known as the Baker Clause) and strengthened by the Skills and Post-16 Education Act 2022. The enhanced provider access requirements took effect on 1 January 2023. The academy has regard to the Department for Education's statutory guidance, Careers guidance and access for education and training providers, updated on 23 June 2026.

The academy acts impartially and does not favour its own provision or any academic or technical route. Students' interests, abilities and aspirations guide the support offered.

## Aims

- Broaden students' understanding of education and career pathways, including approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships.
- Support informed choices at key transition points and explain how to apply for education and training opportunities beyond school.
- Support successful progression and reduce the risk of students becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- Help students develop transferable skills for further study, training and employment.

## Student Entitlement

All students in Years 7 to 13 are entitled to a careers programme covering the full range of education and training options, opportunities to hear directly from providers, and guidance on applications.

| Phase | Minimum encounters and timing |
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| Years 8 and 9 | Two encounters during Year 8 or between 1 September and 28 February of Year 9. |
| Years 10 and 11 | Two encounters during Year 10 or between 1 September and 28 February of Year 11. |
| Years 12 and 13 | Two encounters during Year 12 or between 1 September and 28 February of Year 13. |

In addition to the minimum encounters, students from Year 7 to Year 13 are entitled to:

- Access to information on technical education qualifications and apprenticeships through a careers programme covering all education and training options at key transition points.

- Opportunities to engage with a range of local providers about their technical education and apprenticeship offerings, via activities such as options events, assemblies, group discussions, and taster sessions.
- Guidance on applying for academic and technical courses.

## Equality and Diversity

Jack Hunt Academy promotes equality and diversity, ensuring all students have access to impartial information about further education and apprenticeship providers. The school supports students in making future choices based on unbiased, comprehensive information.

## Provider Access Requests Procedure

Providers wishing to request access should contact:

Afiyah Sanghar (Careers Leader): sanghar@jha.keystrust.org

Stephanie McCracken (Curriculum Area Leader for PDE and Work Experience

Coordinator): smccracken@jha.keystrust.org

Phone: 01733 263526

## Minimum Requirements for Provider-Led Sessions:

Information about the provider and the approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships they offer. Details about the careers linked to those qualifications or apprenticeships. A description of the learning or training experience with the provider.

Opportunities for students to ask questions about the provider, qualifications, or apprenticeships.

Sessions should occur during the school day and, where possible, be delivered face-to- face. Blended or virtual sessions are acceptable if they include a live Q&A for students. Sessions must last at least 30 minutes to ensure they are meaningful.

## Opportunities for Access

Providers will have opportunities to engage with students during:

- Assemblies.
- Timetabled PDE and Careers lessons.
- Careers or Raising Aspirations events organised by Jack Hunt School.
- Organised visits to other providers.

Appropriate safeguarding checks will be conducted before any events.

## Parents and Carers

Parents and carers are encouraged to be involved and may be invited to attend events to meet

providers.

## Premises and Facilities

Jack Hunt Academy will provide appropriate spaces, such as the main hall, classrooms, or private meeting rooms, for discussions between providers and students. The school will also provide AV

or specialist equipment as needed to support provider presentations. These arrangements will be confirmed with the Careers Leader or their team before the visit.

Providers may also leave copies of their prospectuses or other relevant materials, which will be made accessible to students.

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