



Ninestiles, An Academy Application for Provider Access – Information, Advice and Guidance

Ninestiles, An Academy Provider Access Policy Statement

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

Ownership: Ninestiles, An Academy

Date updated: September 2025

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

Ninestiles, An 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. Erdington 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.

Ninestiles, An 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

Ninestiles, An 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

Ninestiles, An 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 and lessons, National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to Futures Week (a week dedicated to Careers in the curriculum) PSHE careers focus, Enrichment days, trips and events & school website to provide students with opportunities to find out more about FE, Apprenticeships, training, Careers, Jobs and Higher Education.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader, Amanda O'Donnell, Careers Advisor, Debbie Perry & Jessica Hazelwood (SLT Link) 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. Ninestiles, An 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 by email to *Amanda O'Donnell*, Careers Leader, amanda.odonnell@ninstiles.org.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

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

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

Ninestiles, An 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 Careers Leader or 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 the Careers Team who will facilitate.



Live/Virtual encounters

Ninestiles, An 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 Careers Leader & Careers Advisor coordinate all provider requests and are responsible to their senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Jessica Hazelwood – Vicce Principal**, email: **Jessica Hazelwood** will raise the complaint to Alex Hughes **Principal of Ninestiles, An Academy**

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team and board of associates for the trust.

Policy Coordinator: *Amanda O'Donnell*

Policy Reviewed: **September 2023**



Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Ninestiles, An Academy to date include:

Apprenticeship ASK
Access Creative College
Army
Aston University
AVFC
Birmingham City University
Birmingham Metropolitan College
Birmingham University (red brick)
British Academy of Jewellery
Cadbury College Sixth Form
Cambridge
Cardiff University
CILEX - Law
Coventry University
Crackerjack Training
De Montford University
Fairfax Sixth Form
Gordan Franks
Halesowen College
Hampstead Hall Sixth Form
Heart of England Training
Holly Head Sixth Form
IM Properties
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College
JLR
Make UK
NCATI
Navy
NORTH BIRMINGHAM COLLEGE
NCS
Newman University
Protocol Training
Precision Micros X 2
RAF



Solihull College
Solihull Sixth Form
South & City College
Staffordshire University
UCB University College Bham
Walsall College
West Midlands Police
Winvic Construction Ltd
WMG Academy for Young Engineers, Aston
BOA
Reflections
St Edmund Campion
St Michaels Sixth Form

Destinations of previous pupils from Ninestiles, An Academy

Birmingham Metropolitan College

Sutton Campus

James Watt Campus

Matthew Boulton Campus

Erdington Skills Centre

University College Birmingham

Cadbury College

Joseph Chamberlain College

Aston University Engineering Campus

Fairfax Sixth Form

Solihull College

Solihull Sixth Form

BOA

HOET

St Edmund Campton

St Michaels Sixth Form

AFVC – Football and education

South & City College Birmingham

