PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

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Applies to	All team Leads across all Pinc organisations
Policy owner	Chief Education Officer
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Introduction

Pinc College is committed to providing holistic education of the highest quality and this policy is underpinned by Pinc College values, culture and methodology.

Our college Values

Individual - 'We celebrate everyone'

Inclusive - 'We value and support everyone'

Innovative 'We believe in the power to change'

We foster a culture that is **Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Kind**

The principles of the Pinc Method applies equally to our students and team members in everything we do. Our method holds the individual, their wellbeing and their specific needs in every aspect of our approach.

Policy intent and scope

One of Pinc College's key aims is to help prepare students for life after they leave the College. This means that we need to support students with appropriate choices through a programme of impartial careers advice and guidance, including in relation to further education and training.

Pinc College is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, to inform them about approved further, higher education qualifications and apprenticeships. Pinc College 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.

Pinc College 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.

Purpose

- 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 avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Entitlement

Pinc College fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. We will offer encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done through attending external careers events, webinars and inviting, where appropriate, organisations into campus to meet directly with students, or visits to providers for example higher education open days or bespoke arrangements.

Responsibilities and Communication

Requests for access

The Head of College coordinates provider requests.

Requests by education or training providers to provide information, workshops or visits both face to face and online are encouraged. These should be directed to the Head of College.

Pinc College will work with providers to agree an appropriate method of access and delivery. Providers are encouraged to provide information around courses and qualifications, entry requirements, progression opportunities, application and enrolment processes and student support and enrichment where relevant.

Subject to availability, Pinc College will make appropriate facilities available for provider engagement.

Providers are expected to supply their own presentation materials and equipment where

appropriate, though within reason Pinc College will support this.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Pinc College undertake a termly audit of careers and work-related activities. This is alongside an annual audit of our careers, information, advice and guidance offer including encounters with further and higher education (Gatsby Benchmark 7). Good practice is shared and where necessary actions are set to improve access and positive engagement with providers of education and training.

Safeguarding

All visits to and from external providers must meet the safeguarding requirements of Pinc College and risk assessments for such activity will be overseen by the Head of College.

Related Polices and Process Flows

Careers Policy