

Springwell Learning Community Lincolnshire

Provider Access 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 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:

Springwell Lincolnshire is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Springwell Lincolnshire 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.

Springwell Lincolnshire 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:

Springwell Lincolnshire 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).

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Executive Vice Principal at each Springwell school:

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A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. The core content of these programmes is outlined above.

The school will make appropriate spaces available for discussions between the provider and students. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support the provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Assistant Principal or a member of the school team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature with the Assistant Principal. The prospectus will then be made available to all students during their careers education.

Information about the excellent careers opportunities that are available in Lincolnshire is available at the Family Services Directory, which can be located through this link:

<https://www.lincsfamilydirectory.org.uk/kb5/lincs/fsd/home.page>

Useful information for students, parents and carers:

If you have any questions about your future, or your child's future, please give us a call or email. Your child's class teacher is the first point of contact, and they can refer you to our NEET Prevention Officer, who meets with all students regularly during their time in KS4, and will happily meet with parents, carers and families if you want to be more involved in supporting your child with their next steps.

Useful websites:

- www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk – This is the Government's hub for careers advice for people of all ages where you can find help with drafting letters, CVs, exploring your skills or seeking careers advice.
- www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships – the National Apprenticeship Service website provides general advice and information about apprenticeships. This website also advertises current vacancies.
- www.careersbox.co.uk – videos about what it is like to do different jobs.
- www.how2become.com – detailed advice on how you can get into work in a wide range of different types of job.
- www.fasttomato.com – an interactive careers website to help with 'careers matching' programme to help with career choice (log in for a free guest pass).
- www.notgoingtouni.co.uk – opportunities that exist for people who do not want to go to university, including things like apprenticeships, training programmes, etc.
- www.jobapplications.co.uk – this site has useful videos, demonstrating how to complete the online applications for many top companies in the UK, as well as providing detailed information on salaries and interviews. Applications forms can be printed off directly from this site.
- www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk – displays current apprenticeship and school leaver programme opportunities, to the latest school leaver job news, and gives career journey advice.
- www.allAboutApprenticeships.co.uk – gives live apprenticeship vacancies, organised by sector or area. Also offers plenty of advice on making applications.