

BAKER CLAUSE

What is the Baker Clause?

Introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, the Baker Clause **stipulates that schools must allow colleges and training providers access to every student in Years 8- 13 to discuss non-academic routes that are available to them.**

The 'Baker Clause': supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options. Schools and colleges have a 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 schools and colleges must act impartially, in line with their statutory duty or contractual requirement, and not show bias towards any route, be that academic or technical. They should promote a full range of technical options.

Schools have an important role in correcting the imbalance in careers information which means that in Years 9 and 10 far fewer students have been spoken to about technical choices in comparison to academic routes, and only 4% of young people start an apprenticeship after their GCSEs.

Schools must open their doors to other education and training providers, in line with their statutory responsibilities under the 'Baker Clause', putting in place a range of opportunities for providers of technical education and apprenticeships to talk to all Year 8 to 13 students about their education or training offer. This is vital to ensure that all students are aware of the benefits of apprenticeships, T Levels and other approved technical education qualifications and can consider them, alongside 7 academic options, when making decisions about their next steps.

Further details about what schools must do to comply with the 'Baker Clause'.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1103188/Careers_statutory_guidance_September_2022.pdf

<https://www.tes.com/magazine/analysis/secondary/careers-advice-what-schools-need-know-about-baker-clause>