The Baker Clause

The Baker Clause which was introduced as an amendment to the Technical and Further Education Act 2017, 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.

Lakeside is a school for pupils aged 2-19 with severe and complex needs including autism. As such we offer a broad and balanced curriculum but one which is flexed and adapted to meet the very individual needs of our cohort. As part of our WRL curriculum we identify and arrange appropriate work experience in school and/or offsite and college links when this supports and promotes the learning and experiences of pupils. Students are given the opportunity to take part in a Duke of Edinburgh program, which includes volunteering opportunities.

At key transition times we also promote opportunities for students to make contact with possible non-academic providers and the Annual Review process provides opportunities to discuss potential future destinations. As part of the transition process for all pupils at Year 9 Annual review and when moving into Key Stage 5 and post-19 we work closely with Local Authority Transition teams and local providers to identify next steps in students' education and life.

Any provider wishing to request access should contact admin@lakeside.herts.sch.uk.