

# **Provider Access Policy October 2020 Technical Education and Apprenticeships**

## **Introduction**

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the school for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer with regard to technical education or apprenticeships. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017. (as well as further amendment on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018)

Student entitlement: Students in years 8-13 are entitled to; find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point; hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships; understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

### a) Procedure:

Any provider wishing to request access should contact the following member of staff: Name Tracy McIntyre, Careers Coordinator [tmcintyre@cornwallisacademy.com](mailto:tmcintyre@cornwallisacademy.com)

Local providers are invited to key relevant events that are held at Cornwallis Academy. We encourage other providers who are interested in coming into the Academy to contact Tracy McIntyre to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Cornwallis Academy's safeguarding policy sets out our approach to allowing providers into the academy as visitors to talk to our students in a safe environment.

### b) Opportunities for access

A number of events are integrated into the school careers programme which would potentially offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents. The school calendar varies from year to year so providers need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most suitable opportunity. The events are usually arranged well in advance so it is essential that providers contact us early in the academic year to be involved in our planning. Access to students and/or parents will be granted on the understanding that information and guidance offered by providers is related to technical courses and apprenticeship opportunities only. Providers will be expected to meet the school's safeguarding requirements which can be found in the Safeguarding Policy Statement accessible on the school website.

### c) Premises and facilities

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit. Sessions can be held in different rooms according to the number of students and the requirements of the provider, for example, use of the lecture theatre for larger group sessions.

We are happy to work with providers to provide any resources we can that make their visit possible and can accommodate those that need to bring extra equipment into the Academy in order to showcase what they do.

Providers are welcome to provide relevant brochures and other printed material specifically related to technical courses and apprenticeships; these will be made available to students in Careers section of the school library.