



Gunnerybury Catholic School: Provider Access **Policy**

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer.

This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils 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;
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies, group discussions, and taster events;
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme for year groups from 8-13 will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers including:

Annual Careers Fair – This is held in March and is an opportunity for providers to have access to all year groups.

National Careers Weeks(March)

National Apprenticeships Week(February)

Assembly/Tutor time (half hour slot) and lessons (90 min slot) - these allow providers to deliver presentations and speak to a large body of students in either an assembly time slot or lesson.

Employer-led Skills Seminars/Workshops - Careers seminars give providers a chance to become involved in developing the careers education of Gunnersbury students by teaching them application and interview skills, or providing insights of a particular industry.

CEIAG Weeks for each year group

Gunnersbury Catholic School is always actively looking to secure partnerships, work experience placements and talks from outside agencies to further enhance our students' opportunities and is committed to ensuring all of our students have meaningful exposure to businesses and employers in order to enhance their understanding of potential career routes when leaving school.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact our Careers Leader: Mr Parker (Deputy Headteacher)

- Telephone: 020 8568 7281. Email: christian.parker@gunnersbury.hounslow.sch.uk

A provider wishing to make enquiries should contact our Careers Education Adviser: Miss Woodhouse

- Telephone: 020 8847 5590. Email: eva.woodhouse@gunnersbury.hounslow.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The CEIAG plan outlines the events that the school is to deliver and welcomes the involvement of external providers. The careers-programme includes events/activities that would potentially offer providers an opportunity to come into our school to interact with our students. Our school calendar varies from year to year, and events/activities are usually planned well in advance. Providers would need to contact the member of staff named above to identify the most

suitable opportunity, early in the academic year, to be involved in our planning.

Our policy on Safeguarding [<https://www.gunnersbury.com/page/?title=Policies&pid=16>] summarises our approach to allowing providers onto our premises, as visitors, to talk to our students.

Premises and facilities

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit. Providers are welcome to provide relevant resources in hardcopy or softcopy; these will be made available to students in the Library, or on Google-Classroom.