



## PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This statement sets out The Bridge School's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students for the purpose of them offering information about the provider's education or training offer.

This complies with The Bridge School's legal obligation under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, which outlines the requirements of schools to ensure there is opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students in Year 8 to 13 for the purposes of informing them about approved technical education, qualifications or apprenticeships.

## **STUDENT ENTITLEMENT**

All students in Year 8 to 11 at The Bridge School are entitled to:

- \*find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of our careers programme.
- \*Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer.
- \*Understand how to make applications for academic and practical courses or training.

## **MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS**

### **Opportunities for access**

Our provision includes various opportunities for students to access a range of events. These will be integrated in The Bridge School's careers programme and curriculum as well as hosting or attending one off events that offer such opportunities. The integrated events are usually delivered internally, with contributions from outside organisations where necessary. We will arrange visits to potential work placements and further education establishments in KS4 or below if appropriate.

KS4 staff will be responsible for arranging placements and further training or education for Year 11. They will inform students of opportunities and will support the completion of applications and transition. The aim is that our students will go into further training or work, including with voluntary organisations.

### **Curriculum provision**

The KS4 curriculum is planned around the OCR Entry Level Diploma in Life and Living Skills (Entry 1) so that all children leave with an accredited qualification to either enter further functional and life skills training or supported employment.

At the Bridge School we aim to work with local providers to facilitate work placements in KS4.

Across the school we welcome the involvement of employers to develop our pupils' understanding of the world of work.

We work with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Trust to recruit enterprise advisors from a range of vocational backgrounds. These advisors liaise with the careers leads to enhance our careers provision.

### **Procedure**

A provider wishing to request access should contact the careers lead via the school contact details, which can be found on the website. We would welcome suggestions to host events, particularly when we have parent events such as parent evenings, when organisations may wish to have display material or be on hand to speak to parents and students.

## **Resources**

Once visits have been agreed the school will allocate appropriate facilities and equipment, requested by the provider, where it is available. Visits may be to groups or individuals depending on the student's requirements.

They are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant literature, at the school, for the attention of the Senior Leadership Team, who will, where appropriate, make it available to pupils and parents.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy outlines the school's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors.

Education and Training providers will be expected to adhere to this.

## **LINKS TO OTHE POLICIES**

\* Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

\* Curriculum Policy