



## Provider Access Policy



### 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 7-11 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 and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### Management of provider access requests Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact Theo Walker, Careers Leader, Telephone: 0121 483 2890; Email: [twalker@tgbs.co.uk](mailto:twalker@tgbs.co.uk)

### Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

- Careers Fair for Years 9, 10 and 11
- Parents' Evenings
- KS4 Options Evening
- Assemblies
- Year 10 Work Experience Presentation
- Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
- Further opportunities as appropriate

## **Granting and refusing access**

We will always try to grant access wherever possible but may refuse based on the following criteria. Please note this list is not exhaustive and each request will be considered on a case by case basis.

- Nature of the request from provider
- The needs of the students
- The needs of the curriculum
- Number of requests received from provider
- Number of requests received for a particular cohort of students
- Timing of the academic day
- Availability in our calendar
- Quality of previous interactions with our students
- Failure to pass safeguarding checks
- Safety of our pupils, staff and visitors (especially in relation to the coronavirus pandemic).

## **Safeguarding**

Our Child 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 policy. <https://tgbs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Turves-Matrix-Safeguarding-Policy-Sept-22.pdf>

## **Premises and facilities**

Depending on the nature of the session, providers will have access to presentation rooms or classrooms with audio/visual equipment, projectors or interactive whiteboards. Organisation of these facilities will take place when you contact the Careers Leader about your proposed session. Providers can leave materials such as prospectuses for the students to read but we kindly ask that this is agreed with the Careers Leader first. Such materials will be assessed for their suitability.