

## Provider Access Policy

### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the college's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the college for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the college's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and the government's statutory guidance for governing bodies, school leaders and school staff.

### Student Entitlement

All students at the college are entitled to:

- find out about technical education qualifications, higher education and apprenticeships opportunities and, 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, higher education and apprenticeships
- understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

### Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the College careers programme, will offer providers the opportunity to come into college to speak to students and/or their parents/carers.

These include:

- Fresher's Fair and Induction Talks
- HE Fair
- Aspire – career fairs
- Apprenticeship week events
- National Careers Week events
- Lunch time drop ins
- Adhoc Workshops

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.



**Procedure**

Any provider wishing to request access should contact Head of Careers and Work Placements (Careers Lead), [ciag@west-thames.ac.uk](mailto:ciag@west-thames.ac.uk)

**Premises and Facilities**

Access to appropriate rooms and facilities to support provider presentations will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit.

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 the Careers Hub and in the Careers section of the College Learning Resource Centre. Both facilities are available to all students throughout the working day.

**Review**

Our policy will be reviewed in July 2024.