

## Technical and Further education provider access policy

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<b>Committee Responsible</b>	Quality of Education
<b>Designated member of staff</b>	Bernie Corrighan - Head of Careers
<b>Date of next review:</b>	October 2027

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

This policy sets out the school's arrangements for providing information on FE and technical pathways. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997 and The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023.

Grey Court School is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Grey Court is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical. Grey Court School endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships.

### Aims

Grey Court School's policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Not in education, employment or training).

### Student entitlement

Grey Court School fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in assemblies, PDW and bespoke events.

## Monitoring review and evaluation

This policy has been developed and is reviewed biennially by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (Deputy HT i/c of Careers) based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

## Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

## Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Grey Court School is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

## Management of provider access requests

### Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact the Careers Leader - Bernie Corrighan via the school number: 0208948 1173 or email: [bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:bcorrighan@greycourt.org.uk). The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to the senior management line manager.

The school will provide appropriate facilities such as the main hall or classrooms to facilitate the discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. This also may be virtually and IT facilities are available in school. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.

### Opportunities for access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school/virtually speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers. Please speak to our Careers Leader Bernie Corrighan to identify the most suitable opportunity for you. The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students. Please see our programme of activities on the next page:

Year	Grey Court Careers Activities
7	Year 7 PDW and induction activities National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities & Employer engagement activities
8	Year 8 PDW/Gradu8 programme National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities & Employer engagement activities
9	Year 9 PDW programme Year 9 options programme - Careers networking, options activities, assemblies National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities
10	Year 10 PDW programme Year 10 Activities week programme - work insights Post 16 options process - talks from providers around options and careers Employer engagement activities - work experience/work related learning National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities
11	Year 11 PDW programme including post 16 options, personal statement writing, interview skills etc (Tutor time and assemblies) National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities

	<p>Careers Fair (October)</p> <p>Post 16 provider talks - assemblies, PDW, information events</p> <p>Apprenticeship talks</p> <p>Results day support</p>
<b>12</b>	<p>Enrichment &amp; PDW</p> <p>University and Apprenticeship events and visits</p> <p>Careers Fair (October)</p> <p>Friends and Founder's careers event (Dec)</p> <p>Post 18 options information, advice and guidance</p> <p>National Careers week and apprenticeships week activities</p> <p>Work experience launch</p> <p>Assemblies or bespoke talks with guest speakers</p>
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### **Parents and Carers**

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

### **Complaints Procedure**

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mr Rhodes the Headteacher, email: [crhodes@greycourt.org.uk](mailto:crhodes@greycourt.org.uk)