

 Technical Providers’ Access to The Blandford School Policy

# **Policy Reviewing**

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| Responsible Person | Deputy Headteacher |

**Student entitlement**

The Blandford School is committed to providing students with access to the best possible courses for individual students and recognises the value of technical education. While the school aims to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum with a range of suitable courses, it is not possible to provide all courses and other providers may be in a position to provide alternatives.

**Opportunities for access**

Other providers can request access to inform students of the qualifications they have to offer and will be able to inform students of the opportunities they offer in the following ways:

By speaking to students in assemblies or as part of our tutorial programme (Presenters will have access to IT, data projection and sound) or by attending other school events such as open evenings and information evenings, for these providers can set up a stand in a location provided by the school.

**How providers can request access**

Providers wishing to access the school will be required to provide 12 weeks’ notice (in writing to the Headteacher) to ensure plans can be made to facilitate their visit. They will also be required to provide the school with a copy of any presentation for assemblies or written material they wish to distribute to students, at least 4 weeks prior to the event so that the school is informed of the content. Providers may request to leave written material, such as prospectuses, these will be made available to students in the careers section of the library.

All reasonable requests for access will be granted, providing that the content of any presentation is deemed suitable, sufficient notice is given to allow the school to prepare and there is not unreasonable disruption to the school and lessons.

**Expectations of providers visiting the school**

Providers will only be permitted to promote qualifications which are both Section 96 approved and that are approved for the relevant performance tables. Providers will also be expected to make it clear the full curriculum that students would be expected to follow at the institution, rather than individual specific courses in isolation and the benefits and disadvantages of such a study programme, as well as alternative progression routes to such programmes or careers at the end of schooling aged 16 and 18 so that students are fully informed of the alternatives.

Providers who either fail to provide the required notice or break the above terms may not be permitted access to the school.

Providers will also be expected to adhere to all of The Blandford School’s safeguarding procedures when visiting the school.