

## Provider Access Statement

### Introduction

This statement sets out Rivers Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with Rivers Academy's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

### Management of provider access requests

#### *Opportunities for access*

Our provision includes various opportunities for students to access a range of events. These are integrated into Rivers Academy's careers programme and curriculum as well as hosting or attending one off events that provide such opportunities. The integrated events are usually delivered internally, with contribution from external providers where necessary. The one off events, such as a college open day or an apprenticeship fair, are regularly advertised to our students and where appropriate we will arrange a visit, during the Academy day, for a select group of students to attend.

The Academy employs an independent and impartial careers adviser from an outside agent who works with Year 11 students to ensure they are able to make an informed choice about their next steps. The adviser will see all of our Year 11 cohort at least once, but where necessary repeat appointments can be made. We also employ an intensive careers adviser who works with students who have been identified as risk of NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). The adviser will inform students about the opportunities that other providers have, and when needed, they will complete application forms together for those selected college or apprenticeship placements.

#### *Procedure*

A provider wishing to request access should contact Mr Will Berryman, Head of CEIAG(Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) via the academy contact details.

Local providers are invited to key relevant events that are held at Rivers Academy. When holding a Year 11 or 13 parents evening we would, for example, invite apprenticeship providers, colleges, universities or other relevant groups such as our local volunteering group. We encourage other providers who are interested in coming into the Academy to contact Mr Will Berryman to identify the most suitable opportunity.

Rivers Academy policy on safeguarding sets out the Academy's approach to allowing providers into the Academy as visitors to talk to our students. At all times we

ensure that there are no issues of safeguarding and that our students are always completely safe whilst meeting or speaking to external providers.

### *Resources*

Once visits have been agreed, the Academy will provide appropriate facilities to facilitate the visit, along with any equipment requested by the provider, where it is available. Sessions can be held in different venues according to the number of students and the requirements of the provider. Visits can be in the main hall and delivered to over 200 students, or sometimes in the classroom with a smaller group. We also have the facility to deliver safe personalised sessions.

We are happy to work with providers to provide any resources we can that make their visit possible and we are happy to accommodate those that need to bring extra equipment into the Academy in order to showcase what they do.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at reception for the attention of Mr Will Berryman. Rivers Academy will place the literature in the careers office so it is available to students during the course of or directly after the Academy day.