# THE BLUE COAT SCHOOL ACCESS POLICY

Nominated Lead Member of Staff: S. O'Rourke

Last Review Date: December 2021

Next Review Date: December 2022

### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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.

### Student entitlement

All students in years 8-13 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 Mrs S. O'Rourke – Deputy Headteacher. Telephone: 0151 733 1407 Email: s.orourke@bluecoatschool.org.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 students and/or their parents/carers throughout the academic year.

Please speak to Sarah O'Rourke 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.

#### Premises and facilities

The school will make larger venues and classrooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Deputy Headteacher.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course Literature, which will be shared with the students.

Approval and review

(Pending January 2022)