

Great Oaks College Provider Access	
Person Responsible:	Richard Murr – Deputy Principal
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Rationale	
<p>This policy statement sets out the College’s arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the college for the purposes of giving them information about the provider’s education or training offer with regard to technical education or apprenticeships. This complies with the College’s legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as amended by the Technical and Further Education Act 2017.</p>	
Aims	
<p>At Great Oaks College, students on the Vocational Pathway courses access work experience placements and careers advice and guidance. Work experience and job coaching is seen as an extension of the students’ curriculum to enable them to practise learn skills within real working environments. The college works with multiple employers and outside agencies to support the developing vocational students to achieve to the best of their ability.</p>	
Objectives	
<p>Student entitlement</p> <p>We aim to inform students and their families to the possibilities of employment available for them and require them to explore opportunities available, as well as, develop their decision making and skills in preparation for the world of work and adulthood. We aim to raise their inspirations and promote inclusion.</p> <p>Students in Great Oaks College are entitled to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Find out about technical education qualifications and local supported internships opportunities, as part of our careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point. <input type="checkbox"/> Hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and internships available for them. <input type="checkbox"/> Understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses <input type="checkbox"/> Students will have work experience opportunities according to their aspirations and needs to develop their working skills and to explore future opportunities. <input type="checkbox"/> Students will gain work experience in the Horticulture, Facilities, Catering and Café/Retail industries as part of their vocational course <p>Opportunities for Access</p> <p>All students on the vocational pathway at Great Oaks College follow a bespoke vocational curriculum. We actively seek to build partnerships with outside agencies to provide students with a range of education and career opportunities to develop their aspirations. We attend Open day events and fairs with students in order for them to explore opportunities available to them. We encourage providers to contact our Employment and Engagement Office to make suitable arrangements for work experience or to learn about how they can accommodate young adults with additional needs the value they can add to a company.</p>	

Destinations

Great Oaks College host an annual Destinations Fair. The fair offers students from Great Oaks college, local 6th form and other specialist colleges and their parents the unique opportunity to meet representatives from further education and internship providers to explore the opportunities on offer through, education, training and employment. The fair also offers opportunities to meet organisations that provide advice, support, information, activities and housing in Hounslow and our neighboring Local Authorities.

Training providers and employers wishing to talk to students about possible opportunities of employment and training events are encouraged to contact the Employment Engagement Officer.

Management of provider access requests

A provider wishing to request access should contact the college Employability Coach team.

Telephone: 02039629009

Email: office@greatoakscollege.com

Providers interested in working alongside our college are encouraged to contact our Employability Coaches in order to assess the best opportunity and to identify suitable students. Once the provider is approved, we will work together to arrange appropriate spaces for the visit and liaise regarding any special equipment required to support presentations or activities. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into College to speak to students and/or their parents/carers


We will support providers prior to their visit to ensure resources and presentations are accessible to our students according to their needs.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding policy sets out the regulations in place for safeguarding our students and staff. The policy outlines the college's procedure for checking the identity and suitability of visitors. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this policy.

Policies and information about Great Oaks College can be found on our website www.greatoakscollege.com

Please also see our work experience policy

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