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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 the Headteacher via the school address in a written letter outlining the nature of the access required. Access will only be granted to organisations that have formally contacted the school and in line with the event schedule outlined below. Providers will be asked for DBS details and other information prior to any access permission given. Access will only be granted for organisations that can provide full written details of the courses or provision and appropriate success rates.

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:

Autumn Term

Year 8 Careers Assembly
Year 9 Careers Assembly
Year 10 Careers Assembly

Spring Term

Careers Day
Year 9 Options Evening

Premises and facilities

The school will make rooms available as appropriate to the access request. Rooms are subject to availability and other curriculum considerations.

Providers will be permitted to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for the careers library.

The Learning Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

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Further information

Useful resources and external organisations

- [Gatsby Good Practice](#). A website which shares good practice from the North East pilot of the Gatsby Benchmarks, and other information and support for schools.
- [Compass](#). A self-evaluation tool to help schools to evaluate their careers and enterprise provision and benchmark against the Gatsby Benchmarks and compare it with other schools.
- [State of the Nation 2017](#). A report on the careers and enterprise provision in secondary schools in England in 2016/17. It examines how schools are performing in relation to the Gatsby Benchmarks, based on data from responses to the Compass tool.
- [Careers & Enterprise Company](#). The Careers & Enterprise Company brokers links between employers, schools and colleges in order to ensure that young people aged 12-18 get the inspiration and guidance they need for success in working life.
- [Careers & Enterprise Company: Schools and Colleges](#). Connects schools to businesses volunteers and careers activity programmes.
- [National Careers Service](#). The National Careers Service provides information, advice and guidance to help people make decisions on learning, training and work opportunities. The service offers confidential and impartial advice. This is supported by qualified careers advisers.
- [Amazing Apprenticeships](#). A website to make it easy for teachers and careers advisers to access the latest information about apprenticeships.
- [Career Development Institute](#). The Career Development Institute is the single UKwide professional body for everyone working in the fields of careers education, career information, advice and guidance, career coaching, career consultancy and career management. It offers affiliate and individual membership to schools which includes free CPD webinars, regular digital newsletters, a quarterly magazine, online networking groups and training at a preferential rate.