



Cardinal Hume
Catholic School



Provider Access Policy February 2023

Policy on Providing Access to Education
and Training Providers



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Provider Access Policy Statement

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.

Pupil 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 in 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11).

For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils



Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Proctor & Gamble
- Sunderland Engineering Training Agency (SETA)
- Gateshead College
- NE University Collaboration Programme
- ARUP
- Gateshead NHS Trust
- Gateshead Council
- Mott McDonald
- Allied Services Ltd
- St James Place Wealth Management
- Castle Building Services Ltd
- Northumbria Police
- Haines Watts

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our Year 11 pupils moved to a range of providers in the local area after school:

Info on Y11 destinations

From a cohort of 258 students the following is a breakdown of the students post 16 destinations:

- Cardinal Hume sixth form – 144
- College – 85
- Other school sixth forms – 8
- UTC – 3
- Apprenticeships – 8



- NEET – 2
- Unknown – 1

Last year our Year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

Info on Y13 destinations

From a cohort of 115 students the following is a breakdown of the students post 18 destinations:

- University – 92
- College – 3
- Other Education – 2
- Degree Apprenticeship – 3
- Employment – 14
- NEET – 1

Management of provider access requests

Procedure:

A provider wishing to request access should contact

Mr D Addison: Deputy Headteacher

Mr M Errington: Senior Assistant Headteacher

Mr M Stobbs: Lead of Careers and Character Education

Telephone: 0191 487 7638

Email: info@chs.bwcet.com

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers. Please speak with the provider managers listed above for further information.



Year Group	Encounter with provider
12	Deloitte – Degree and Higher Level apprenticeship opportunities
12	P & G – Degree and Higher Level apprenticeship opportunities
11	SETA – Post 16 apprenticeship provision
11	Gateshead College – Technical education pathways
10	Learning Curve Group – Military Preparation College for Training
10	Tyne North Training – Apprenticeship pathways
9	Tyne Coast College – Marine Cadetships and Post 16 pathways
9	RAF – Apprenticeship routes in the Armed Forces
8	Trinity Solutions Academy – Post 16 technical pathways
8	TDR Training – Post 16 apprenticeship routes and wider training
7	NHS – Careers in the NHS
7	BL Training – introduction of apprenticeship routes

Sixth form access is also provided by a number of Higher Level education providers including Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Durham Universities. This is part of a structured IAG programme held each Friday afternoon.

Premises and facilities

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms 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 school leadership team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at reception to be added to the careers information available to students.



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