

Northern Schools Trust: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the arrangements of schools within the Northern Schools Trust for managing the access of providers to pupils at each school for the purposes 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

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 evenings, 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 Lyndsay MacAulay, Director of Enterprise

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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 pupils and/or their parents:

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 8	Event for University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 9	Event for University Technical Colleges and Studio Schools 'Speed Networking' event with providers and employers	KS4 options event	

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	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	Life Skills – work experience preparation sessions	Build My Future festival	Life skills – assembly and tutor group opportunities
Year 11	Life Skills – assembly on opportunities at 16	Post 16 evening Post 16 taster sessions	
Year 12	Higher Education Fair Post 18 assembly – apprenticeships	Build My Future festival	Small group sessions: future education, training and employment options

Please speak to our named Director of Enterprise 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

Each school will make appropriate 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 Director of Enterprise or a member of their team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Learning Resource Centre. The Resource Centre is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Approval and review

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