

GOSFORTH FEDERATED ACADEMIES PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY (DRAFT)

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils 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 apprenticeship 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
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

Opportunities for access and management of provider access requests

Our annual Careers Convention is an all-day event held on our November Review Day, and gives providers the opportunity to speak to our students (and parents in the case of Years 9-11), alongside employers from a wide range of sectors. All students in Years 9-11 come into school with parents to attend a review appointment with their plan manager and must also attend this Careers Convention to complete a research task before their appointment. All students from Years 7 and 8 at Gosforth Junior High Academy attend the Convention, and Sixth Form students are also strongly encouraged to attend. Providers should contact Leigh Shickle if they are interested in attending (leigh.schickle@ga.newcastle.sch.uk).

An apprenticeship fair is held for Year 11 students in March at which apprenticeship providers are welcome. Providers should contact Matthew Stephenson if they are interested in attending (matthew.stephenson@ga.newcastle.sch.uk).

A Higher Education evening is held in June for Sixth Form students and parents. Providers should contact Matthew Stephenson if they are interested in attending (matthew.stephenson@ga.newcastle.sch.uk).

The Sixth Form assembly programme has a strong careers element, and depending on available time in programme, it may be possible for providers to contribute. We also welcome providers who wish to engage with students at specially arranged optional sessions after school and at lunchtime. Providers should contact Matthew Stephenson if they are interested in attending (matthew.stephenson@ga.newcastle.sch.uk).

Sixth Form Progression Week takes place in the final week of term in July; there are opportunities for providers to engage with students in a variety of ways. Providers should contact Matthew Stephenson if they are interested in contributing (matthew.stephenson@ga.newcastle.sch.uk).

Premises and facilities

Providers attending the Careers Convention and/or the Apprenticeship Fair will be given a designated space for a stall where they can display banners and make their literature available to students and parents. If a power supply is requested for electronic devices, we do our best to position stalls where this is possible; we also enable guest wifi access where possible for those that request it.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for the careers sections of the Main School and Sixth Form Libraries.

	September 2019
Date approved:
Signed:
	September 2020
Date to be reviewed: