



Provider access policy statement

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1.1	N/A	No amendments
1.0	N/A	Introduction of a Trust-wide policy statement

Rationale

At Gosforth Group, we put the child at the centre of everything that we do. We want children and young people to feel valued and cared for, safe and prepared academically and emotionally for adulthood. Part of our mission is to work in partnership with others to raise aspirations and broaden mindsets, maximising the opportunities of living and working in the North East.

High quality careers education and guidance in school is critical to achieving this mission. It helps to prepare students for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

Commitment

Gosforth Academy is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. Gosforth Academy is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Gosforth Academy endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

Aims

Gosforth Academy’s policy for access to other education and training providers has the following aims:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

Student Entitlement

The Gosforth Group supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. All of our schools will comply with the legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. In line with statutory guidance, our schools will offer as minimum:

- 2 encounters that are mandatory for all pupils to attend that take place any time during year 8 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 9. In Gosforth Junior High Academy, encounters will take place in Year 8.
- 2 encounters that are mandatory for all pupils to attend that take place any time during year 10 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 11
- At Gosforth Academy and Jesmond Park Academy, 2 further encounters that are mandatory for the school to put on, but optional for pupils to attend, to take place any time during year 12 or between 1 September and 28 February during year 13

This will typically be done during assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Development

This policy has been developed at Trust level and adapted for each school in the Gosforth Group. At Gosforth Academy the policy is reviewed by Li-Am Carter and the Trust's Senior Improvement and Aspirations Lead, based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. Gosforth Academy is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Li-Am Carter who may be contacted by emailing admin@ga.newcastle.sch.uk, marked for the attention of Li-Am Carter.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or PSHE lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that Li-Am Carter is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with other schools within the Trust.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

Li-Am Carter will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

Li-Am Carter will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to their senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints related to provider access can be raised with the careers leader, Li-Am Carter, and in line with the Trust's Complaints Policy.

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Senior Improvement and Aspirations Lead at the Trust.

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Gosforth Academy to date include:

- Language C-P
- Northumbria Police
- Northern Art
- Newcastle University
- NHS
- Lloyds Community Bank
- Army
- TDR Training
- Uni Connect Programme FutureMe
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- The National Horseracing College
- Turner & Townsend
- Unison
- Mudd Daddy
- North East Museums
- Gosforth Family Chiropractic
- Careers and Guidance Team
- National Audit Office
- Strathclyde University
- Trinity Solutions
- Robson Laidler
- Sheffield University
- Northumbria University
- Optimum Skills
- Sage Ltd.
- British Engines
- Teesside University
- Sunderland University
- Crosby's
- St Oswalds
- Newcastle College
- Gateshead College
- Northumberland College
- RAF
- Ernst Young
- Laing Art Gallery
- Tyne Met College
- Pink Lane Bakery
- TW Fire and Rescue
- Police
- Metro Centre

- Stirling University
- EDF Energy
- Sopra Steria
- Virgin Money
- Gateshead College

Destinations of previous pupils from Gosforth Academy include:

2026 destinations:

Universities:

- Aberystwyth University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Aston University, Birmingham
- Bangor University
- Bath Spa University
- BIMM University
- Birkbeck, University of London
- Birmingham City University
- Brighton and Sussex Medical School
- Bristol, UWE
- Brunel University of London
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Cardiff University
- Central Film School London
- City St George's, University of London
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University
- Durham University
- Edinburgh Napier University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Harper Adams University
- Hartpury University
- Heriot-Watt University
- Hull York Medical School
- Imperial College London
- Keele University
- Kent and Medway Medical School
- King's College London, University of London
- Lancaster University
- Leeds Arts University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds Trinity University

- Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts
- Liverpool John Moores University
- LMA
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Newcastle College University Centre
- Newcastle University
- Newcastle University
- Northumbria University, Newcastle
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh
- Queen Mary University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- Robert Gordon University
- Rose Bruford College
- Royal Agricultural University
- Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, University of London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- Sheffield Hallam University
- SOAS University of London
- Swansea University
- Teesside University
- The Northern School of Art
- The University of Edinburgh
- The University of Law
- UCL (University College London)
- UCL (University College London)
- University College Birmingham
- University for the Creative Arts
- University of Aberdeen
- University of Bath
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bradford
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chester
- University of Cumbria
- University of Dundee
- University of East Anglia UEA

- University of Essex
- University of Glasgow
- University of Greater Manchester
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- University of Kent
- University of Lancashire
- University of Leeds
- University of Leicester
- University of Lincoln
- University of Liverpool
- University of London Institute in Paris
- University of Manchester
- University of Northampton
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- University of Plymouth
- University of Roehampton
- University of Salford
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Staffordshire
- University of Stirling
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Sunderland
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of the Arts London
- University of Warwick
- University of Westminster, London
- University of York
- York St John University

College:

- Newcastle College
- Gateshead College
- Northumberland College
- Trinity Solutions
- Newcastle City Learning

Apprenticeships:

- Fairhurst – Civil Engineering

- NHS
- Motor Vehicle
- Hair and Beauty
- Newcastle City Council
- Civil Service
- EY