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Provider Access Statement

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Links with other policies:

This Policy is linked to:

- Climate for Learning and Attendance Policy
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment Policy
- Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy
- Complaints Policy

Please note, this is not an exhaustive list and does not include all Academy specific policies.

Section 1: Introduction & Purpose Statement

This statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at Durham Sixth Form Centre for the purposes of providing them with information about the provider's education or training offer.

Section 2: Legislation and Guidance

This complies with the legal obligations under Section 42B of the [Education Act 1997](#), the [Skills and Post-16 Act 2022](#) and guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [careers guidance and access for education and training providers](#).

Section 3: Student Entitlement

Students at Durham Sixth Form Centre 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 – 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.

Section 4: Management of Provider Access Requests

Procedure: A provider wishing to request access should contact Lee Bone, Vice Principal, by telephone on 0191 383 0708 or via email: lee.bone@durhamsixthformcentre.org.uk.

Section 5: Opportunities for Access

At Durham Sixth Form Centre, we are committed to providing meaningful encounters to students. A number of events, integrated into the Academy's careers programme, offer providers an opportunity to come into Durham Sixth Form Centre to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. These events include a number of provider encounters which are optional for students to attend but they are always encouraged to do so, particularly if they have not yet decided their next steps. In response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, a flexible approach has been adopted towards provider opportunities, which can be accommodated in-person, remotely or through a blended approach.

Year 12		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Next Generation...” Programme Events • Parents Careers Conference • FutureChoices Event • Widening Participation Student Talks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Next Generation...” Programme Events • Medical & Health Careers Conference • Parents Progression Evening

Year 13		
Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Next Generation...” Programme Events • Widening Participation Student Talks • Art Foundation Degree talk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Next Generation...” Programme Events • Studying Abroad Student Talk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Next Generation...” Programme Events • Apprenticeship Matching Service

In addition, Durham Sixth Form Centre offers a number of opportunities for provider encounters that are scheduled during the main Academy hours and the provider is 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;
- Answer questions from students.

Please speak to Lee Bone, Vice Principal, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Section 6: Safeguarding

Durham Sixth Form Centre’s Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policy (available on the website) sets out the approach to allowing providers into the Academy as visitors to talk to our students. Education and training providers will be expected to adhere to this Policy.

Section 7: Premises and Facilities

The Academy will make facilities available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy will also make available existing technological and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with Lee Bone, Vice Principal, or a designated member of the Careers, Progression and Aspirations team. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature for distribution to students.

Section 8: Previous Providers

The following list outlines a small number of the many providers that have spoken to our students recently:

- ASK Apprenticeships;
- Baltic Training;
- Bishop Auckland College;
- Civil Service;
- Durham University;
- Education Training Collective;
- EY Foundation;
- Learning Curve;
- New College Durham;
- Newcastle College;
- Newcastle University;
- The NHS;
- Northumbria University;
- PwC;
- SETA;
- South West Durham Training;
- Teesside University;
- University of Cambridge;
- University of Oxford;
- University of Sunderland;
- Zenith Training.

Section 9: Student Destinations

Last year, our Y13 students moved to a range of destinations and providers on completion of their studies at Durham Sixth Form Centre. This includes Higher education providers, such as:

- Abertay University;
- Aberystwyth University;
- Arts University Bournemouth;
- Arts University Plymouth;
- Bangor University;
- Bath Spa University;
- Bristol, University of the West of England;
- Cardiff University;
- City of Sunderland College;
- De Montfort University;
- Durham University;
- Edge Hill University;
- Edinburgh Napier University;
- Imperial College London;
- Keele University;
- Lancaster University;
- Leeds Arts University;
- Leeds Beckett University;
- Leeds Conservatoire;
- Leeds Trinity University;
- Liverpool Hope University;
- Liverpool John Moores University;
- LMA;
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London;
- Loughborough University;
- Manchester Metropolitan University;
- Middlesex University;
- New College Durham;
- Newcastle College University Centre;
- Newcastle University;
- Northumbria University, Newcastle;
- Norwich University of the Arts;
- Nottingham Trent University;
- Oxford Brookes University;
- Queen Mary University of London;
- Queen's University Belfast;
- Royal Holloway, University of London;
- Royal Veterinary College, University of London;
- Sheffield Hallam University;
- Teesside University, Middlesbrough;
- The Northern School of Art;
- The University of Edinburgh;
- UCEN Manchester;
- UCL (University College London);
- University Centre Askham Bryan;
- University Centre Bishop Burton;
- University Centre Myerscough;
- University for the Creative Arts;
- University of Aberdeen;
- University of Bradford;
- University of Chester;
- University of Cumbria;
- University of Derby;
- University of East Anglia UEA;
- University of East London;
- University of Essex;
- University of Hull;
- University of Kent;
- University of Leeds;
- University of Liverpool;
- University of Manchester;
- University of Northampton;
- University of Nottingham;
- University of Oxford;
- University of Reading;
- University of Salford;
- University of Sheffield;
- University of Southampton;
- University of St Andrews;
- University of Stirling;
- University of Sunderland;
- University of Surrey;
- University of the Arts London;
- University of Wolverhampton;
- University of York;
- York St John University.

Apprenticeship, employment and further education providers, such as:

- Barclays Bank;
- Bishop Auckland College;
- Bowmer and Kirkland;
- BTS Fabrications;
- Building Design Northern;
- Centre of Process Innovation (CPI);
- Chipchase Nelson;
- Dane Architectural;
- Deloitte;
- Durham County Council;
- DXC Technology;
- Esh Group;
- Evelyn Partners;
- G Whitfield Ltd;
- Hays Travel;
- Jaguar Land Rover;
- KL Accounts;
- Leeds Conservatoire;
- Manchester College;
- McDonalds;
- McManus Hill Chartered Accountants;
- New College Durham;
- Newcastle College;
- Nissan;
- NRCPD;
- RAF;
- Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance;
- Seaward Electronic Ltd;
- Stafford Accountancy;
- Stockton Riverside College;
- Sunderland College;
- The NHS;
- The Police.

Section 10: Complaints

Any complaints related to provider access can be raised following the Academy Complaints Policy (available on the website).

Section 11: Monitoring Arrangements

The Academy's arrangements for managing the access of education and training providers to students are monitored by Lee Bone, Vice Principal.

This Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and approved by the Providence Learning Partnership Board of Trustees.

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