Teesdale School
& Sixth Form

Provider Access Policy

For the Academic Year 2026/27

North East
Learning Trust

Policy statement on provider access

Introduction

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 pupils 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 events, 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:

Careers Leader: Viktorija Saviciute

Tel: 01833 638 166

Email: office@teesdaleschool.co.uk

Opportunities for access

There are a number of opportunities available to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers:

- A careers fair which will typically be organised in the second half of the autumn term.
- Parents evenings as indicated by the school calendar, where employers/providers might speak with parents/carers and pupils.

- Year group assemblies which are short opportunities to speak to whole year groups.

It may be possible to arrange bespoke opportunities to address students' requirements but any such arrangements are at the discretion of Teesdale School and dependent upon restrictions in the calendar.

Additionally, providers can provide relevant literature to the school to be distributed to pupils and/or their parents/carers.

Please speak to Beth Ward to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

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 and dependent upon availability at the time in question. 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 Careers Leader or a member of their team.