

Netherhall School: Provider Access Policy

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to 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.

Pupil entitlement

All pupils in years 8 to 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.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 to 9) and two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 to 11). For pupils in the 'third key phase' (year 12 to 13), particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be 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 (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

Year 8 & 9 encounters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour market information supply chain workshop – September (year 7)• BAE Systems Electricity Workshop – October (year 7 & 8)• Careers in the NHS Theatre performance November (year 8)• WOW Day – January (Year 9)• Energy Coast UTC assembly – September (year 9)• Forensics workshops – March 2024 (year 9)
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Year 10 & 11 encounters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sellafield apprenticeship talks – November • CV writing with Lakes College – January • React Engineering talk • Year 10 work experience week – July (year 10) • Build a barracks workshops – March (year 10) • Festival of Work – July (year 10) • Sellafield apprenticeship fair – November (year 11)
Year 12 & 13 optional encounters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sellafield apprenticeship talks – November • Higher Education Fair at Lakes College – November (year 12) • Sellafield apprenticeship fair – November • Carlisle College talk – January • UCAS Fair – July (year 12) • Morgan Sindall talk apprenticeships – Feb • Northumbria University visit – April (year 12) • Dream Placement – February (year 12) • Work experience week – March (year 12)

Meaningful provider encounters

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it meaningful checklist](#).

Meaningful online engagement is also an option, and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils.

Previous providers

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- Lakes College
- Energy Coast UTC
- Sellafield Ltd
- University of Cumbria
- Gen II
- Jacobs
- Atkins
- Thomas Armstrong
- Morgan Sindall
- React Engineering
- Centre for Leadership and Performance

Further information about our careers programme and the encounters available to students can be found at <https://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk/careers> .

Employers and providers can also gain more information about potential formats for encounters here

https://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk/files/ugd/45636c_5229f283f4c041cc8b49466359ba25d4.pdf

Destinations of our pupils

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 34.2% Sixth Form
- 47.4% Further Education
- 0.9% Full time training
- 12.2% apprenticeships
- 3.5% Employment with training

Further information about key stage 4 destinations can be found on our website at <https://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk/careers>

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- 62% University
- 29% Apprenticeships
- 6% Employment
- 3% Not in Education, Employment or Training

Management of provider access requests

Any provider wishing to request access should contact:

Lisa Barcock - Careers Lead

Telephone: 01900 813434

Email: l.barcock@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk

Opportunities for access

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme. We will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils or their parents or carers.


Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Approval and review

Approved: September 2024

Next review: September 2025

Signed:



David Tromans
Head teacher

Signed:



Lisa Barcock
Careers Lead