

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 2023 (year 8)• STEM-azing workshops with Morgan Sindall – January 2024 (year 8)• React Science and Engineering performance September 2023 (Year 8 only)• Careers in the NHS Theatre performance November 2023 (Year 8 only)• WOW Day – January 2024 (Year 9 only)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Coast UTC assembly – planned June • Forensics workshops – March 2024 (Year 9 only) • BBC Careers Roadshow – December 2023
Year 10 & 11 encounters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sellafield apprenticeship talks – November 2023 • CV writing with Lakes College – January 2024 • React Engineering talk – November 2023 • Year 10 work experience week – July 2024 • Inspira Careers Fair assembly – October 2023 (year 11) • Build a barracks workshops – March 2024 • Festival of Work (year 10) – planned July 2024 • Sellafield apprenticeship fair – November 2023 (year 11)
Year 12 & 13 optional encounters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sellafield apprenticeship talks – November 2022 • Higher Education Fair at Lakes College – November 2023 (year 12) • Sellafield apprenticeship fair – November 2023 (year 12&13) • Carlisle College talk – January 2024 • UCAS Fair – planned July 2024 (year 12) • Morgan Sindall talk – apprenticeships – Feb 2024 • Northumbria University visit – April 2024 (year 12) • Dream Placement – February 2024 (year 12) • Work experience week – March 2024 (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

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 2023

Next review: September 2024

Signed:



David Tromans
Head teacher

Signed:



Lisa Barcock
Careers Lead