

Provider Access Policy Statement

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	1	Seaton Sluice Middle School			
	1	Whytrig Middle School			
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1 Introduction

1.1 This policy statement sets out the Federation's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the Federation schools for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the schools' legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

2 Student entitlement

- 2.1 Students 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 evenings, assemblies and group discussions and taster events.
 - to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

3 Management of provider access requests

- 3.1 A provider wishing to request access should contact the relevant Head of School or Assistant Headteacher (Post-16).
- 3.2 A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents:

		Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term
Year					•	IAG questionnaire
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Year			•	Providers will be		
9				invited to give		
				information that will		
				be shared with pupils		
				before the option process begins		
Year	•	Life Skills - work	•	Life Skills - PSHE	•	Life skills - assembly
10	_	experience		sessions		and tutor group
'		preparation sessions	•	University Visits		opportunities
				•		
Year	•	Life Skills - assembly	•	Post-16 evening		
11		on opportunities at 16	•	Post-16 taster sessions		
	•	One to One Careers	•	NCS Assembly		
		interviews	•	One to One Careers		
Year	•	Post-18 assembly -	•	interviews Post-18 assembly -	•	Post-18 assembly -
12	•	apprenticeships from	•	apprenticeships from	•	apprenticeships from
'2		numerous providers		numerous providers		numerous providers
		on an annual basis		on an annual basis		on an annual basis
		(HMRC, Accenture,		(HMRC, Accenture,		(HMRC, Accenture,
		Merchant Navy, BT,		Merchant Navy, BT,		Merchant Navy, BT,
		Hays Travel etc.)		Hays Travel etc.)		Hays Travel etc.)

	 Students' Finance Team Year group visit to Northumbria University Talks from Northumbria, Newcastle and Durham University 	Oxford and Cambridge University conference for most able	Parents' Higher Education Information Evening to promote higher level apprenticeships and university programmes
Year 13	 Workshops - HE and higher level apprenticeship applications. UCAS Club - support after school with university applications Talks from 	 Post-18 assembly - apprenticeships from numerous providers on an annual basis (HMRC, Accenture, Merchant Navy, BT, Hays Travel etc.) Careers interviews 	 Post-18 assembly - apprenticeships from numerous providers on an annual basis (HMRC, Accenture, Merchant Navy, BT, Hays Travel etc.) Targeted weekly
	Northumbria, Newcastle and Durham University	with an independent careers advisor for all students not applying for university	emails sent to parents with details of all apprenticeships

- 3.3 Please speak to Mr Scott (Astley/Whytrig) or Mrs McSparron (Seaton Sluice) to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.
- 3.4 The Federation's Child Protection Policy sets out the schools' approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

4 Premises and facilities

- 4.1 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. 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 relevant Head of School, Assistant Headteacher (Post-16) or Northumberland County Council Careers Adviser.
- 4.2 Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature in the school library.