

## Provider Access Policy

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## Introduction

This policy statement sets out Thornhill Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students 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 students in years 7-13 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

Providers wishing to request access should contact

Cherry Crooks, Assistant Headteacher, Telephone: 0191 500 7981; Email: [cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com](mailto:cherry.crooks@consilium-at.com)

## Opportunities for Access

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to students and/or their parents/carers. The main events include:

Autumn Term: Futures Fair, Skills Building Workshops, Parents Evening, Business Breakfasts

Spring Term: Inspiration day, Parents Evenings, Business Breakfasts, Pathways Evening, Skills Building Workshops

Summer Term: College Taster Days, Parents Evenings, Business Breakfasts, Workplace Experience, Skills Building Workshops

Assembly and tutor group opportunities, small group sessions and lunchtime sessions can be planned into the program throughout the year. Please speak to our Careers Leader to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

## Premises and Facilities

The Academy will make the Tom Cowie Centre, Small Hall, classrooms, or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The Academy 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course or employment literature to be displayed in the Careers Corner, which is managed by the Careers Leader. The Careers Corner is available to all students at lunch and break times.