

## **PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY**

**September 2023**

### Introduction

This policy statement sets out the arrangements at Longbenton High School 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 evenings, 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 Mr P Atkinson, Careers Leader

Telephone: 0191 218 9500; Email: [pa@longbenton.org.uk](mailto:pa@longbenton.org.uk)

#### **Opportunities for access**

Many providers visit Longbenton High School each year. These are valuable and informative and help to ensure that students access the appropriate provision relating to their career aspirations.

Providers talk to students during assembly time and this can be arranged at mutually convenient times during the academic year.

A number of bespoke events complement our school careers programme. Working with North Tyneside Learning Trust, we are constantly looking for employers/institutions who would like to support us in making improvements to our current offerings. If you feel that this could be you then please do not hesitate to contact Ian Williams using the procedure above. Alternatively, if you would like to be involved in activities with Longbenton High School and other Trust Schools then please contact Angie Patterson at [angie.patterson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:angie.patterson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk)

## **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. 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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Resource Centre and they will be shared in the library which is available to all students at lunch and break times.

All health and safety procedures will be enforced to comply with existing COVID19 guidance.