

# Provider Access

## Policy

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# Armthorpe Academy: Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause” and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

<b>Ownership:</b>	<b>Consilium Academies</b>
<b>Date updated:</b>	January 2023

## Rationale

High quality careers education and guidance in school or college is critical to young people’s futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work including the routes to jobs and careers that they might find engaging and rewarding. It supports them to acquire the self-development and career management skills they need to achieve positive employment destinations. This helps students to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships rises every year, it becomes increasingly important that all young people have a full understanding of all the options available to them post-16 and post-18 including wider technical education options such as T-Levels and Higher Technical Qualifications.

## Commitment

The **Consilium Academies** is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access students, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications and apprenticeships. The **Consilium Academies** is fully aware of the responsibility to set students on the path that will secure the best outcome which will enable them to progress in education and work and give employers the highly skilled people they need. That means acting impartially, in line with the statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

The **Consilium Academies** endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and are able to access information on technical options and apprenticeships (The Department of Education, July 2021: “Baker Clause”: supporting students to understand the full range of education and training options, and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023).

## Aims

- The **Consilium Academies** policy for Access to other education and training providers has the following aims:
- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support young people to be able to learn more about opportunities for education and training outside of school before making crucial choices about their future options.
- To reduce drop out from courses and avoid the risk of students becoming NEET (Young people not in education, employment or training).

## Student Entitlement

The **Consilium Academies** fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school or at each Trust school.

## Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader and Line Manager (**Consilium Academies Claire Bell CSL**) based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

## **Links with other policies**

It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

## **Equality and Diversity**

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The **Consilium Academies** is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

## **Requests for access**

Requests for access should be directed to **Claire Bell**, Careers Education Leader. **Consilium Academies** may be contacted by telephone or email, [claire.bell@consilium-at.com](mailto:claire.bell@consilium-at.com), Tel: 0191 4212244

## **Grounds for granting requests for access**

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that The **Consilium Academies** is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with **Consilium Academies**.

## **Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access**

The **Consilium Academies** will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser will organise this, working closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding checks will be carried out. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

## **Live/Virtual encounters**

The Consilium Academies will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast into classrooms or the school assembly hall. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

## **Parents and Carers**

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

## **Management**

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

## **Complaints Procedure**

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to **Claire Bell – Careers Education Lead**, [claire.bell@consilium-at.com](mailto:claire.bell@consilium-at.com) **Kate Hewson** will raise the complaint to **Tracey Greenough CEO Consilium Academies** – [tracey.greenough@consilium-at.com](mailto:tracey.greenough@consilium-at.com)

## **Monitoring review and evaluation**

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually via the Executive Leadership Team. **Consilium Academies**

**Policy Coordinator: Claire Bell – Careers Education Lead**

**Policy Reviewed: January 2023**

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# Appendix

Providers who have been invited into **Consilium Academies** to date include:

Trust School	Providers
<b>North-East HUB</b>	
Armthorpe	Doncaster Chamber of Commerce
Heworth Grange Academy	Ask Apprenticeship NHS UTC Newcastle Hays Travel NEXUS Nort- East Apprenticeship Ambassador Network <a href="#">SETA</a> Gateshead College Newcastle College Newcastle University Sunderland University NECOP – FutureMe Oxford University Cambridge University
Washington Academy	SETA Northern Power Grid Foundation of Light Marelli Nissan Oxford University New College Durham BL Training
Thornhill Academy Evolve	Sunderland College – Bede Campus Peterlee College East College Durham - Houghall New College Durham Ask Apprenticeship
Wyvern Academy	ASK Apprenticeship TTE - Middlesbrough College UTC SOUTH DURHAM Morrisons Trust Learning Curve Darlington College Bishop Auckland College East Durham College- Houghall BL Training
Consilium Evolve	Nissan Ask Apprenticeship SEND NELEP Think Big Cyber Crime BMW
<b>North – West Hub</b>	
Moorside Buile Hill Ellesmere	Salford City College (inclusive of: Pendleton College, Eccles College, City Skills College, Future Skills College & Worsley College) Loreto College Xaverian College Winstanley College Bolton College

	<p>The Sixth Form Bolton  UTC: MediaCityUK  The Manchester College  Trafford College  Bury College  Access Creative College (Manchester)  The Growth Company</p>
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**Destinations of previous pupils from [Consilium Academies](#) include:**

<b>Trust School</b>	<b>Post 16 Provision</b>
Armthorpe	<p>Barnsley Sixth Form College  Doncaster College  New College Doncaster  Rotherham College  Dearne Valley College Thomas Rotherham College</p>
Heworth Grange	<p>Newcastle Sixth Form  Gateshead College  Newcastle College  East Durham College  Northumberland College  Seta  RAF  Navy  St Joseph's Academy  Park View Academy  Sunderland College  Cardinal Hume  Newcastle UTC  Lord Lawson</p>
Washington	<p>SETA  Chameleon training  Army  RAF  St Robert's of Newminster 6th Form  New College Durham  Durham 6th Form Centre</p>
Thornhill Academy Evolve	<p>Sunderland College – Bede Campus  Peterlee College  East College Durham  New College Durham  Ask Apprenticeship  Springboard  Bede College  Houghall College  Gateshead College</p>
Wyvern Academy	<p><b>East Durham College</b>  <b>Northumberland College</b>  <b>Darlington College</b>  <b>Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form</b>  <b>Stockton Riverside College</b>  <b>Northern School of Art</b>  <b>Bishop Auckland College</b>  <b>Morrisons Trust</b></p>

	<p>BAM  Works Academy  Darlington Learning and Skills  EE</p>
<b>North-West Hub</b>	
<p>Moorside Academy  Buile Hill Academy  Ellesmere Academy</p>	<p>Salford City College (inclusive of: Pendleton College, Eccles College, City Skills College, Future Skills College &amp; Worsley College)  Loreto College  Xaverian College  Winstanley College  Bolton College  The Sixth Form Bolton  UTC: MediaCityUK  The Manchester College  Trafford College  Bury College  Access Creative College (Manchester)  The Growth Company</p>

