

Provider Access

Policy Statement

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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

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.

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.

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

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

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. [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, 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 [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

[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

[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 [David Clayton CEO Consilium Academies - \[david.clayton@consilium-at.com\]\(mailto:david.clayton@consilium-at.com\)](#)

Monitoring review and evaluation

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

Policy Coordinator: *Claire Bell – Careers Education Lead*

Policy Reviewed: *April 2023*

Appendix 1

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

Trust School	Providers
North-East HUB	
Heworth Grange School	Ask Apprenticeship NHS UTC Newcastle Hays Travel NEXUS Nort- East Apprenticeship Ambassador Network SETA 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 Consilium 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
North – West Hub	
Moorside High School Buile Hill Academy Ellesmere Park High School	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 The Sixth Form Bolton

	UTC: MediaCityUK The Manchester College Trafford College Bury College Access Creative College (Manchester) The Growth Company
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Appendix 2

Destinations of previous pupils from [Consilium Academies](#) include:

Trust School	Post 16 Provision
Heworth Grange School	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
Washington Academy	SETA Chameleon Training Army RAF St Robert's of Newminster 6th Form New College Durham Durham 6th Form Centre
Thornhill Academy Consilium Evolve	Sunderland College – Bede Campus Peterlee College East College Durham New College Durham Ask Apprenticeship
Wyvern Academy	East Durham College Northumberland College Darlington College Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Stockton Riverside College Northern School of Art Bishop Auckland College Morrisons Trust BAM Works Academy Darlington Learning and Skills EE
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