

**GOSFORTH GROUP**  
 **Jesmond Park  
Academy**  
**PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY**

This policy statement sets out the Academy's arrangements for managing the access of providers to students at the Academy for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academy'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 apprenticeship 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
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses

### **Opportunities for access and management of provider access requests**

Providers should contact Sue Taylor (Careers Leader) [STaylor@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:STaylor@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk)

Sarah Beeley (CEIAG Manager) [SBeeley@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:SBeeley@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk)

Our Enterprise Adviser is Catherine Boland: [catherine.boland@workfinder.com](mailto:catherine.boland@workfinder.com)

Several events, integrated into the Academy careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents: these include assemblies, careers lessons, lunchtime seminars and workshops.

Our annual Careers Fair is an all-day event held at the end of January and gives delegates the opportunity to speak to our students alongside employers and training providers from a wide range of sectors. All students from Years 9, 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> form attend the Fair. Providers should contact Jacqui Strong if they are interested in attending.

We actively support National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week during March, and providers offering support should contact Sue Taylor or Jacqui Strong.

A Higher Education evening is held in the Autumn Term for Sixth Form students and parents. Providers should contact Julie Routledge if they are interested in attending ([jroutledge@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:jroutledge@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk)).

The Sixth Form assembly programme has a strong careers element, and depending on available time in programme, it may be possible for providers to contribute. Please contact Jacqui Strong if you could offer support.

Sixth Form Progression Week takes place in the final 2 weeks of term in July; there are opportunities for providers to engage with students in a variety of ways. Please contact Sue Taylor or Jacqui Strong if you are interested in contributing.

The school policy on safeguarding sets out the school's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

<http://www.jesmondparkacademy.org.uk/media/1311969/JPA-Safeguarding-Policy-2018-19.pdf>

### **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 main reception, who will deliver them to the Careers Leader. Resources are made available to all students before school, at breaks, at lunch times and after school.

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