



**THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL
PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY**

Signed by Headmaster:

Signed by Co-Chair of Governors:

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Introduction

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers of technical education and apprenticeships to pupils at The Nelson Thomlinson School, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Pupil Entitlement

All pupils in Years 8-13 are entitled to be informed about technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities, as part of a careers education and guidance programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact:

Mrs Julia Mullarkey, Careers Leader, Nelson Thomlinson School

Email: jmullarkey@nts.cumbria.sch.uk Telephone: 016973 42160, ext. 250

Opportunities for access

1. Whole year-group traditional or virtual assemblies will offer providers of technical education or apprenticeships with opportunities to speak directly to pupils.
2. Providers of technical education or apprenticeships may request to attend other events, at which pupils and/or their parents/carers will be present. These might include lunchtime workshop opportunities, traditional or virtual assemblies and information evenings in preparation for key transition points.
3. Providers are welcome to submit information on technical education or apprenticeship opportunities for inclusion in the school's online careers education and guidance facility. This is available to all pupils at Nelson Thomlinson School and their parents/carers, at school or from home via the Internet. Instruction and practice in the use of this facility is an integral part of the school's careers education programme, from Year 7 to Year 13.

Please contact our Careers Leader (preferably by email) to identify the most suitable opportunities for you.

Premises and facilities

The school will make a classroom, the careers library or a meeting room available for presentations or discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school can also make available audio-visual, public address or other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. These arrangements will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Leader.