

## Provider Access Statement

### St Cuthbert's Catholic High school: Provider Access Policy Statement

To include The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023

Ownership: St Cuthbert's Catholic High school, Bishop Bewick trust

Date updated: November 2025

#### 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

St Cuthbert's Catholic High school 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. St Cuthbert's 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.

St Cuthbert's 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

St Cuthbert's 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).

This policy statement sets out the school's arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils 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.

## **Pupil/student entitlement**

All pupils 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 events, 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/employer access requests**

### **Procedure**

A provider or employer wishing to request access should contact the Careers leader Sarah Garay, Assistant Head of Sixth form/Progression coach & Careers. Additionally, any feedback on activity undertaken is welcomed and please return to Sarah Garay via email.

Email: [sarah.garay@scchs.org.uk](mailto:sarah.garay@scchs.org.uk)

### **Opportunities for access**

A number of events, integrated into the school careers programme, will offer providers an opportunity to come into school to speak to pupils and/or their parents/carers; please refer to the Careers programme and calendar of interventions and events.

### **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.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course with the Careers leader.

**Safeguarding:** Providers are asked to read our [Safeguarding Guidance for Visitors](#) to the school before any visit.

### **Approval and review to take place every 5 years.**

Approved: September 2025

Next review: August 2030

Signed: **D P Murray** Headmaster