Newport Girls' High School Provider Access Statement

Our vision for young people

High-quality careers education and guidance 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 pupils to choose their pathways, improve their life opportunities and contribute to a productive and successful economy.

As the number of apprenticeships and other vocational opportunities 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.

Our commitment

NGHS is committed to ensuring there is an opportunity for a range of education and training providers to access pupils, for the purpose of informing them about approved technical education qualifications, work-based training opportunities and apprenticeships.

NGHS is fully aware of the responsibility to set pupils 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.

NGHS endeavours to ensure that all pupils 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). This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, the provider access legislation introduced in January 2018 and the updated provider access legislation, January 2023.

Our aims

NGHS's careers strategy has the following aims:

- Help pupils prepare for the workplace, by building self-development and career management skills
- Provide experience and a clear understanding of the working world
- Develop pupils' awareness of the variety of education, training and careers opportunities available to them
- Help pupils to understand routes to careers that they're interested in, and to make informed choices about their next step in education or training

- Take into account the individual needs of all pupils to tailor the programme accordingly and provide the right level of support
- Promote a culture of high aspirations and equality of opportunity
- **Overall,** a programme which uses and offers data, advises on all progression routes, focuses on each and every student, which is driven by strong leadership.

Student entitlement

To meet our aims, all students in years 8-13 are entitled to six encounters:

• Two encounters for pupils during the 'first key phase' (year 8 or 9) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

• Two encounters for pupils during the 'second key phase' (year 10 or 11) that are mandatory for all pupils to attend.

• Two encounters for pupils during the 'third key phase' (year 12 or 13) that are mandatory for the school to put on but optional for pupils to attend.

This will be done during the school day in assemblies, lunchtime meetings and other events. Providers delivering encounters will be expected to provide impartial information about approved technical education qualifications, apprenticeships and related career pathways and provide opportunities for pupils to ask questions.

Requests for access

Requests for access should be directed to Head of Careers, Miss L Smith, by telephone on 01952 797550 or by email at schooloffice@nghs.org.uk

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, for lunchtime talks or drop in sessions or events that the school is arranging. Pupils may also travel to visit another provider as part of a trip. NGHS will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed, which can include interactive whiteboards and computers. The Head of Careers 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 the Head of Careers or another member of staff, who will facilitate. NGHS 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.

The school has been proud to welcome a number of education and training providers in to work with our students, and we hope for many more interactions in the future.

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