Provider Access Policy for Careers Guidance (extracted from Further Education Academic Policies & Procedures).

Rationale

8.0 In line with the government's broad intentions for 'academic' and 'technical' routes of education it is 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. The Northern School of Art supports 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.

8.14 This will help the School:

- To develop the knowledge and awareness of our students of all career pathways available to them, including technical qualifications and apprenticeships.
- To support our learners to be able to discover 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).

Requests for Provider Access

8.15 Requests for access should be directed to the nominated Careers Leader.

Grounds for Granting Requests for Access

8.16 Access will be given for providers to attend during Careers or Raising Aspirations events that The Northern School of Art is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with The Northern School of Art.

Details of Premises or Facilities to be provided to a person who is given access:

8.17 The Northern School of Art will provide an appropriate room or space to be agreed. The Careers Leader will work with staff to organise this, liaising closely with the provider to ensure the facilities are appropriate to the audience. Appropriate safeguarding protocols will be followed. Providers will be met and supervised by a member of the School staff who will facilitate. There will be an expectation that any external provider representation has up to date DBS certification.

Live/Virtual Encounters

8.18 The Northern School of Art will consider live online encounters with providers where requested, and these may be broadcast to cohorts. Technology checks in advance will be required to ensure compatibility of systems.

Parents & Carers

8.19 Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Complaints Procedure

8.20 Any complaints should be conducted in accordance with the School's complaints policy.