

Provider Access Policy

Under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997, as of January 2018 St Bede' Catholic Comprehensive School and Byron College have a duty of care to provide students in Years 8-13 with access to providers of post-14, post -16 and post-18 education and training.

Student entitlement

All students in years 7-13 are entitled:

- To learn more about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as a part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available to them 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, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of access requests

Any provider wishing to request access should contact Mrs Tracey Robinson, Assistant Headteacher (career lead), on 0191 5876220 or via email on trobinson@st-bedes.org

Opportunities for access

Via our schools careers programme, we offer providers numerous opportunities throughout the school year to speak to students and/or parents and carers. The annual schedule is as follows:

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Year 7	Futureme Introduction assembly PSHE	Tutor group/assembly opportunities National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities	Tutor group/assembly opportunities. Activities week
Year 8	Futureme Introduction assembly PSHE	Tutor group/assembly opportunities National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities.	Tutor group/assembly opportunities. Activities week
Year 9	Futureme Introduction assembly	Tutor group/assembly opportunities National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities.	Tutor group/assembly opportunities Activities week

		Options evening PSHE	
Year 10	Futureme Introduction assembly	Tutor group/assembly opportunities. National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities	Tutor group/assembly opportunities Activities week PSHE
Year 11	Futureme Introduction assembly Byron Open evening (access to apprenticeships and HE providers)	Tutor group/assembly opportunities EDC interviews National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities	Tutor group/assembly Opportunities Activities week
Year 12	Futureme assembly	Tutor group/assembly opportunities National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities PSHE	Tutor group/assembly opportunities PSHE Activities week
Year 13	Futureme assembly	Tutor group/assembly opportunities National Apprenticeship week activities. National Careers week activities PSHE	Tutor group/assembly opportunities PSHE Activities week

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Once we have approved the provider and the provider meets the requirements of our students, we will work with them to identify the best methods for providing access to our students. We will provide a suitable venue to host the event and also provide presentation equipment when requested.

Arrangements will be discussed in advanced between the Careers Lead and the providers team.