

Baker Clause Policy Statement

Access to approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships at Thirsk School and Sixth Form from September 2019.

As part of our commitment to informing our students of the full range of learning and training pathways on offer to them, we will consider requests from approved training, apprenticeship and vocational education providers to speak to students.

We also proactively seek to build relationships with such partners as we plan our careers information and guidance throughout the school year to ensure that providers have opportunities to speak to students and their parents in Years 7-13, to offer information on vocational, technical and apprenticeship qualifications and pathways.

Opportunities for providers to speak with students might include school assemblies, employer and provider engagement events or opportunities to speak with students and parents on a one-to-one basis supporting GCSE, post-16 or post-18 option choices.

In the first instance, requests by providers should be sent to kylie.jackson@thirskschool.org – Head of Careers with a minimum of six weeks' notice. The request should include:

- The proposed format, timings and duration of the request;
- The number of staff from your organisation who propose to visit;
- Any support requirements of the school.

All requests will be considered on the basis of:

- Clashes with other planned activity, trips or visits to the school;
- Interruption to preparation for examinations; and
- Availability of academy staff, space and resources to host the activity.

The Headteacher may – at her discretion – refuse a request if it would be likely to be detrimental to the safety or wellbeing of children or staff, or if granting the request would be likely to bring the school into disrepute.

If a request is granted, the provider will have access to:

- A large room within the school (for example, the hall or gym);
- Audio-visual equipment, including a projector or interactive board;
- Pens, paper and pencils as required;
- At least one member of academy staff.

If you have any questions, please contact the email address above.