

The Harleston Sancroft Academy

CIAG Provider Access Policy

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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

- The Harleston Sancroft Academy 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. The Harleston Sancroft Academy 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.
- The Harleston Sancroft Academy 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

- The Harleston Sancroft Academy 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).

Student Entitlement

- The Harleston Sancroft Academy fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The school will comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This will be done in Collective Worship, Life Skills, in addition to providers attending careers events at school.

Development

- This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader Johannes Ahrenfelt, and Headteacher *Rob Connelly* based on current good practice guidelines by the Department for Education.

Links with other policies

- It supports and is underpinned by key school policies including those for Careers, Child Protection, Equality and Diversity, and SEND.

Equality and Diversity

- Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The Harleston Sancroft Academy is committed to encouraging all students to make decisions about their future based on impartial information.

Requests for access

- Requests for access should be directed to **Johannes Ahrenfelt**, Careers Leader. **Johannes Ahrenfelt** may be contacted by telephone or email, jahrenfelt@sancroft.stbenets.org , Tel 01379 852561.

Grounds for granting requests for access

- Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled Careers or Life lessons, and Careers or Raising Aspirations events that The Harleston Sancroft Academy is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with **St Benets Trust**.

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 students and/or their parents/carers. Please refer to our Careers Information Advice programme detailed on our website.

Please speak to our Careers Leader, Johannes Ahrenfelt jahrenfelt@sancroft.stbenets.org, to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access

- The Harleston Sancroft Academy will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. Computers, projectors and screens can be provided on request.

Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader 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 a member of the Careers Team who will facilitate.

Live/Virtual encounters

- The Harleston Sancroft Academy 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.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised via our [complaints procedure](#).

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years.

Title	Last reviewed	Next review	Changes made
CIAG Provider Access	Jan 2018	Jan 2020	Adoption of new policy.
CIAG Policy	February 2021	February 2024	Text revisions
CIAG Provider Access	February 2023	February 2025	Complete rewrite due to changes in recent Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)