



HARLESTON SANCROFT  
ACADEMY



PROSPECTUS



# Life in all its Fullness

John 10:10



## Welcome from our Headteacher



Harleston Sancroft Academy is at the heart of the local community providing education, experiences and opportunities for children aged 3-16.

As a school, relationships come first which reflects the Church of England Vision for Education. We educate for wisdom, knowledge, skills, hope and aspiration and it is these characteristics that underpin the decisions that are made daily, ensuring we create an environment that supports our school vision of: **'Life in all its Fullness'** (John 10:10)

I hope you will enjoy finding out more about this unique and very special community and gain a sense of how and why our children and adults are supported and encouraged to flourish in their daily lives.

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is full of learning, full of love, full of compassion and full of friendship. A place where everyone is celebrated.

To arrange a visit to either our Primary or Secondary Phase, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to welcome you and to provide you with the true Harleston Sancroft experience.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob Connelly".

**Rob Connelly**  
Headteacher

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We love this school and all it does for our girls. It has helped our girls grow and flourish in all areas”

PARENT OF YEAR 10 AND YEAR 8 CHILDREN



# Our Vision & Values

The Harleston Sancroft Academy is a community that flourishes, through God's love, to live 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10:10 and John 13:34).

We are a foundation of **Hope**; a family of **Love**; a school of nurture guided by **Faith**; promoting a unique, personalised journey towards excellence.

Our emphasis is on educating the whole person, so that each of us in this special community will be able to live 'Life in all its Fullness' (John 10:10). We provide an exciting and broad curriculum with dedicated support to enable children to identify and develop their skills and talents. The school provides high quality and inspirational teaching in an environment where everyone is challenged to achieve ambitious goals. Outstanding pastoral care ensures that every child is known individually and nurtured within our caring Christian community.

Children leave the school equipped with the skills, belief and confidence they need to succeed in their chosen path; they can go from 'Sancroft and beyond'.



# Our Core Values

Our values are lived within the school daily.

Each term focuses on a different value – with weekly shared resources reflected in all aspects of learning – from informal form-time chat, collective worship, and curriculum based activities.

## **Hope** inspires us

We believe that anything is possible; we have high aspirations, we are positive and enthusiastic, and we want to make things better.

## **Perseverance** strengthens us

We are resilient; we work hard, we practise, and we learn from our mistakes.

## **Wisdom** develops us

We value knowledge; we are independent learners who are responsible for ourselves; we accept challenges and celebrate achievement

## **Love** guides us

We are kind and supportive and we have a love of learning; we are good citizens, who play a positive role in our community.

## **Respect** shapes us

We value ourselves, each other, and the world; we celebrate and understand difference.

## **Faith** supports us

We have belief in ourselves and God; we show trust and dedication.



# Our History

**Harleston Sancroft Academy opened in September 2022 as an All Through School serving the community of an incredibly vibrant market town on the Norfolk/Suffolk border.**



The school currently operates on two sites that are less than a mile from each other in the town of Harleston.

In 2018, Harleston Primary School and ASHS (Archbishop Sancroft High School) joined St Benet's Multi Academy Trust and in 2019 the two schools Federated, with one Governing Body working across both phases. In 2021, Mr Rob Connelly was appointed as Executive Headteacher of The Harleston Federation and is now the Headteacher of The Harleston Sancroft Academy.

The opening of the All Through School was carefully planned, with significant involvement from St Benet's MAT, The Diocese of Norwich and the local community. We are more than just a school and through enabling and encouraging all staff, children and their families to explore, witness and experience the Christian values that are the cornerstone of all that we do, we are proud to be the Heartbeat of Harleston.



**“The Harleston Sancroft Academy has evolved to where it is now with dignity, strength and kindness. ”**

CURRENT PARENT OF A YEAR 10 CHILD



# Our Community

## Christian Ethos

Collective worship is an important part of our life as a Church school and our programme provides an excellent opportunity for our whole community to take time out of the normal hectic day to focus on issues beyond the taught curriculum. Local church groups are weekly visitors to our school providing mentoring opportunities, lunchtime activities and external collective worship.

Every member of the school community shares in a daily act of worship. This meets the requirements of the 1988 Education Act, which states that every child must attend an act of worship every day and that these acts of worship should be “predominantly Christian”. This may be in one of: Year group or House Assemblies; in class or through Form Time with class teachers or form tutors, or in our dedicated Prayer Space in smaller groups.

To view our most recent Church Schools Inspection please visit our website [www.sancroft.stbenets.org](http://www.sancroft.stbenets.org)

## A Wider Education

We pride ourselves on raising children with firm roots in the Harleston community. Opportunities for regular interaction with local care homes, church groups, sports and community groups are provided and actively encouraged.

We are also fortunate to have a wide range of incredible facilities – a heated indoor swimming pool, state of the art drama studio with tiered seating and a wealth of sports pitches / courts. Our school sites host many different clubs and interests from across the Harleston district – we are proud to see our children during evenings and weekends, living Life in All its Fullness and making the most of the opportunities provided from being a member of Harleston Sancroft Academy.

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**Every single person we met throughout our time at Harleston Sancroft bought joy to our day – what a wonderful Christmas event. ”**

SENIOR CITIZEN OF HARLESTON



## Charitable Links

Together, our children and staff have chosen various charities to support that embody our school values of Hope, Perseverance, Wisdom, Love, Respect and Faith.

- The Children’s Society
- Waveney Food Bank
- To Kenya With Love
- Poppy Appeal – British Legion
- Children in Need
- Mind
- The Children’s Society
- Great Ormond Street Hospital
- Guide Dogs for the Blind

In addition to the above, every House in the secondary phase identifies a charity at the start of the academic year and organises fundraising events, in collaboration with the School Council.

We also enjoy working with local organisations to host events such as the Annual Christmas Senior Citizen Lunch, Remembrance Day parades, Christmas Carols in local care homes, as well as supporting community projects in Harleston with art work, music performances and many more.

**A big thank you goes to all parents/carers, children, community and family members who help, bake, donate and take part in our fundraising events.**





# Our People

**“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”**

DENIS WAITLEY, PSYCHOLOGIST AND AUTHOR

Relationships are at the heart of all we do in our school. They are the cornerstone of our values, our teaching, our learning, and our future. Emotional wellbeing contributes greatly to academic and professional success – all of our staff members support our children to ensure that potential is recognised and barriers to children achieving their potential are identified and addressed.

## Mental Health and Pastoral Support

We take a whole-school approach to mental health and encourage children and staff to think about both their mental and physical wellbeing and make sure relevant information is always available. Our trained Wellbeing Council in the Primary Phase and Mental Health Leaders in the Secondary Phase play a vital role in this. Furthermore, our full-time pastoral teams across the school provide trained, specialist staff to help children and adults with their concerns or worries as well as providing advice on where to seek further support.

## The Student Voice

Our children are the essence of our school and therefore the ‘voice of the children’ is of paramount importance to us. Our School Council provides children with further opportunities to develop a voice. Children are represented across all year groups and are encouraged to take an active part in whole school improvements. Our children’s voice is evident in new appointments made at Harleston Sancroft Academy. Child-led panels are used and the child’s voice is heard and represented. We appoint Head students and a Student leadership team. These come from elections held and child votes. This helps provide opportunities to further promote democratic values.

There is also an open door policy that ensures concerns, ideas and feedback from the children is always welcomed and sought.

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Every single person who works at the school contributes to who I am. It truly is a special place where we are all one big family. ”

YEAR 11 CHILD



# Curriculum Overview

### Curriculum Intent

All children are unique and the curriculum intent at Harleston Sancroft Academy is to provide our pupils with a knowledge-rich, vocabulary-driven, skills-based curriculum which will enable all pupils to ‘Live life in all its fullness’ (John 10:10).

By embedding knowledge-rich learning we create and build opportunities for children to look within and outside of their own context. We enrich their experiences through high quality vocabulary acquisition, leading children to develop a greater understanding of the world around them.

A skills-based approach to contextualising learning, through thought-provoking questions and meaningful opportunities, enables children to apply what they have been taught. Through the implementation of our curriculum, a distinct body of knowledge relevant to our community creates an ambitious curriculum which builds piece by piece through a carefully considered sequence from the Early Years through to the end of Key Stage 4.

### Curriculum Implementation

The implementation of the curriculum is underpinned by our core values - Hope, Perseverance, Wisdom, Love, Respect and Faith; as well as the broader British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect.

The curriculum has been built upon a clear understanding of what makes great teaching and effective learning with a recognition that everyone in our school community is a learner, who can enhance and extend their understanding. We focus on building students’ knowledge beyond the test, by teaching a broad and balanced curriculum.



### Curriculum Impact

We believe that the curriculum is the progression model. Students have made progress if they have learnt a subject’s programme of study. We place more emphasis on teaching to the curriculum and not to the test. As a result of responsive teaching, regularly reviewing learning and revisiting knowledge, students develop mastery in their subjects. The impact of our knowledge-rich, vocabulary-driven, skills-based curriculum can be measured through

academic success in national assessments and through our clearly-structured assessment framework.

The impact of our curriculum can be seen through the readiness of children to engage in their next steps. Children are equipped with the knowledge, vocabulary and skills necessary to continue on their learning journey, to be successful citizens in the world around them and to ‘Live life in all its Fullness’, from *Sancroft and Beyond*.

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I had such a great day at your school. From the minute I walked through the door at the start of the day until the minute I left, every single adult and child I encountered was so incredibly kind and welcoming. I was very impressed. ”

NEIL MOGGEN, COMPANY DIRECTOR OF FUTURE ACTION LIMITED



# St Benet's MAT

**St Benet's is a proactive, positive and productive Trust, fully committed to providing the highest quality education for all children and young people in our academies, and excellent career development opportunities for our staff.**

Our Academies provide education for children and young people in Norfolk and the Waveney Valley. Some of our schools are very small and rural; others are much larger and in market towns. Each has their own distinctive character, but all operate within the Christian ethos and values of the Diocese of Norwich and St Benet's Multi Academy Trust and benefit from the support and development opportunities the Trust provides.

St Benet's is a growing and developing Multi Academy Trust. Our collaborative, peer to peer approach to support brings many benefits to our schools and our staff. We recognise best practice, celebrate successes, and harness and share the expertise within our community.

With extensive professional development opportunities on offer for all St Benet's staff we have an experienced, high-quality workforce, confident of their career development within the Trust.



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**Our passion and ambition are to see children and young people achieve excellent educational outcomes and grow into their own potential as individuals**”

RICHARD CRANMER, CEO

## and Finally

**Our school is a very special place. We boast several members of staff who have been with us for decades, because our school community feels like family.**

Come and see us – let us show you the Harleston Sancroft experience!

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# Harleston Sancroft Academy

## Secondary Phase

### Welcome



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