



Harris Church of England Academy

Policy

Provider Access Policy

To be tabled at Full Governing Body for	
Date Tabled:	September 2025
Review Date:	September 2026

Introduction

This policy statement sets out the Academies arrangements for managing the access of providers to pupils at the academy for the purposes of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the Academies legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

Harris CofE 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. Harris CofE 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.

Harris CofE 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).

Student entitlement

Students in years 7-11 are entitled:

- To impartial information about the full range of technical education qualifications and apprenticeships opportunities available at each transition point.
- To hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through information evenings, assemblies, group discussions and taster events.
- To understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

Management of provider access requests

Procedure

A provider wishing to request access should contact;

Mrs S Roberson, Assistant Head

Telephone: 01788 812549

Email: careers@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

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.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
All Year Groups	Work Related Learning lessons in PHSE.	National Apprenticeship and Careers Week activities.	Big Bang (STEAM) Fair Bi annual event
Year 7	Employer led workshop (any term)	Career Detectives activity. National Careers and Apprenticeship week events – assembly and tutor group opportunities	
Year 8	University and workplace trips CEIAG programme – assembly from training, apprenticeship and educational providers. Employer led workshop (any term)	University and workplace trips National Careers and Apprenticeship week events – assembly and tutor group opportunities CEIAG programme – assembly from training, apprenticeship and educational providers.	University and workplace trips CEIAG programme – assembly from training, apprenticeship and educational providers.
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Year 11	CEIAG programme – assemblies from training, apprenticeship and educational providers.	CEIAG programme – assemblies from training, apprenticeship and educational providers	Exam results day support for students Appeals to colleges/ providers

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	Mock Interviews – with representatives from local and national businesses or educational providers.	specifically aimed at post 16 opportunities. National Careers week events – assembly and tutor group opportunities Trips to colleges and 6 th form providers.	Six month post school follow up for SEND and disadvantaged students with additional careers support offered.

Please speak to the Academy's Careers Adviser to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

The academy policy on safeguarding sets out the Academy's approach to allowing providers into school as visitors to talk to our students.

Premises and facilities

The academy will make suitable arrangements for discussions between the provider and students, as appropriate to the activity. The academy will also make available any specific equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Advisor or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature at the Careers Hub located within the academy library. The Careers Hub is available to all students at lunch and break times.

Live/Virtual encounters

Harris CofE 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.

Approval and review

Approved: **Autumn 2025 by Full Governing Body**

Next review: **Autumn 2027**

Signed:

Miss A Weitzel

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Chair of Governors

Head Teacher