

Hedingham School and Sixth Form Provider Access Policy Statement



Ownership: Hedingham School and Sixth Form

Date updated: November 2025

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

Hedingham School and Sixth Form 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. We are 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.

We endeavour 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, Provider Access Legislation, 2023).

Aims

The Hedingham School and Sixth Form 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

Hedingham School and Sixth Form fully support 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 through a series of events including careers fairs, educational visits and bespoke in-school activities as listed in our Careers Education, Information and Guidance Policy.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Leader (Mr D. Batch) and Line Manager (Mr J. Pearson) 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. Hedingham School and Sixth Form 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 Mr D. Batch, Careers Leader. Mr Batch may be contacted by telephone or email, hed.batchd@hedingham.essex.sch.uk, Tel - 01787 460 470.

Grounds for granting requests for access

Access will be given for providers to attend during school assemblies, timetabled lessons, and Careers in the Curriculum and Careers Fairs events that Hedingham School and Sixth Form is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with Hedingham School and Sixth Form.

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

Hedingham School and Sixth Form will provide an appropriate room or assembly hall to be agreed. All rooms have computers, projectors and screens provided. Computer rooms can also be arranged. The Careers Leader or Careers Adviser 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

Hedingham School and Sixth Form 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.

Parents and Carers

Parental involvement is encouraged, and parents may be invited to attend the events to meet the providers.

Management

The Careers Leader coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to Mr D. Batch, email:

hed.batchd@hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Mr D Batch will raise the complaint to Mr P Finch, Headteacher

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated annually by Mr D Batch.

Policy Coordinator: Mr D Batch

Policy Reviewed: November 2026

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Hedingham School and Sixth Form to date include:

Abbey Croft Leisure

Anderson Group

Biogen

Braintree District Council

Eastlight Community Homes

Fennes Shooting School

Fennes Wedding Venue

Braintree Village

Gainsborough

Halstead Youth Football Club

Ipswich Hospital

Kingfisher Leisure Centre

Mackman Research

Maycast Noakes

McDonalds

Namco

Natwest

Quay Theatre

Shimpling Park Farms

Splinters

Swan Engineering Group

Transporter Engineering

Destinations of previous pupils from Hedingham School and Sixth Form Name of School include:

The Co-operative

Moore Green Chartered Accountants

Swann Engineering Group

London Stansted

Royal Navy

Costa Coffee

John Lewis Group

Lloyds Bank

Flameguard Fire and Security

University of Dundee

Lancaster University

Sheffield Hallam University

University of Leicester

De Montford University

Colchester Institute

Colchester Sixth Form College

Nottingham Trent University

University of Essex