



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 Raedwald Trust 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 Raedwald Trust 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 Raedwald Trust 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 Raedwald Trust 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 Raedwald Trust fully supports the statutory requirement for students to have direct access to other providers of further education training, technical training and apprenticeships. The Trust will work with home schools to comply with the new legal requirement to put on at least six encounters with providers of approved technical education qualifications or apprenticeships. This may be done in assemblies in National Apprenticeship Week and National Careers Week, in addition to providers attending careers events at school or at each Trust school.

Development

This policy has been developed and is reviewed annually by the Careers Lead 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, Safeguarding and Child Protection, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and SEND.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Access to other providers is available and promoted to allow all students to access information about other providers of further education and apprenticeships. The Raedwald Trust 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 the Academy Head Teachers. Contact details can be found on the Raedwald Trust website – www.raewaldtrust.org

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 Raedwald Trust is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider as part of the trip to be organised in partnership with the Raedwald Trust.

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

The Raedwald Trust 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

The Raedwald Trust 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 Lead coordinates all provider requests and is responsible to his/her senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised as per the Raedwald Trust Complaints Procedure.

Appendix 1: Academy Specific Information

Alderwood Academy

Student entitlement at Alderwood Academy:

Termly Employment Encounters

- Atkins Realis – Net Zero Superhero Competition
- Atkins Realis – Robot Dog ‘Disruption Day’
- Rev Emma Haggart – careers talk
- PC Hannah Canning – Suffolk Police careers talk
- Pupil volunteering at Local Food Bank through All Hallows Church
- ITFC Divert Programme delivered over 6-weeks, with a focus on professional sport

Providers who have been invited into Alderwood Academy date include:

- Atkins Realis
- Suffolk Police
- Church of England
- All Hallows Church
- ITFC Divert Programme

Destinations of previous pupils from Alderwood Academy include:

- Return to mainstream settings
- Transition into new educational settings

First Base Bury St Edmunds Academy and First Base Ipswich Academy

Student entitlement at First Base:

- Visit to Suffolk Food Museum
- Visit to Pantomime

Parkside Academy

Student entitlement at Parkside Academy:

- Home School Careers Advisors
- Raedwald Trust Careers Advisor
- Supported visits to post-16 provisions such as Suffolk New College
- Careers Talks such as the Police; The Job Centre.
- Links incorporating Careers throughout the planned curriculum

Providers who have been invited into Parkside Academy date include:

- Suffolk New College: Chef Whites
- Suffolk Police
- Volunteering Matters
- Awe & Wonder Sports Programme

Destinations of previous pupils from Parkside Academy include:

- Eastern Outreach
- Lofty Heights
- TCHC
- Employment
- Suffolk New College

St Christopher’s Academy

Student entitlement at St Christopher's Academy:

- Pupil's Home school careers officers: Westbourne; Holbrook; Thomas Mills HS; St Alban's; Copleston HS; Northgate
- SCC: Form the Futures Project; Otley College
- Supported visits to careers fairs; WS training; New Skills; Suffolk New College; Suffolk One
- Careers Talks as Colchester Zoo; Wolsey Theatre; Jimmy's Farm;
- Otley College
- Deben Community Farm
- Links incorporating Careers virtual contacts/discussions throughout the planned curriculum

Providers who have been invited into St Christopher's Academy date include:

- Pupil's Home school careers officers: Westbourne; Holbrook; Thomas Mills HS; St Alban's; Copleston HS; Northgate
- SCC: Form the Futures Project; Otley College

Destinations of previous pupils from St Christopher's Academy include:

- Eastern Regional Training (ERT)
- TCHC Group
- Kesgrave High School Sixth Form
- Suffolk New
- Eastern Outreach
- Otley College

The Albany Academy

Student entitlement at The Albany Academy:

- Home School Careers Advisors – Castle Manor, Samuel Ward, Mildenhall, Newmarket
- Raedwald Trust Careers Advisor – Gus
- West Suffolk College visit – supported visit
- Apprenticeship assembly
- Form the Futures organisation
- Careers link woven into planned curriculum associated with various subject

Providers who have been invited into The Albany Academy date include:

- Careers talk – police (Ellen Whight)
- Gus Krasonis-Katsimalis – careers advisor

Destinations of previous pupils from The Albany Academy include:

- West Suffolk College
- Lapwing
- WS Training
- Apprenticeships
- Thurston Sixth Form

Westbridge Academy

Student entitlement at Westbridge Academy:

- Home School Careers Advisors
- Raedwald Trust Careers Advisor
- Form the Futures Project
- Supported visits to post-16 provisions such as Otley College; Suffolk New College; Suffolk One.
- Careers Talks such as the Police; The Job Centre.
- Links incorporating Careers throughout the planned curriculum

Providers who have been invited into Westbridge Academy include:

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- The Police
 - The Job Centre
 - Home School Careers Advisors

Destinations of previous pupils from Westbridge Academy include:

Post-16 provisions such as

- Otley College
- Suffolk New College
- Suffolk One