



PROVIDER ACCESS POLICY

Date of last review	18 March 2025
Review cycle	2 years
Policy due for review and approval by Local Governing Body	March 2027

MISSION STATEMENT

The Collegiate and its component provisions seek to provide a personalised educational experience that identifies and responds to the circumstances and needs of each individual child or young person. In doing so it enables them to progress academically and become successful learners through the reengagement of the young person with education.

EQUALITIES STATEMENT

All who work for the Collegiate are committed to the celebration of diversity, and the challenging of disadvantage and discrimination, in all its forms.

These values are explicit to the ethos of the Saffron Valley Collegiate and implicit in all policies and practices.

Reference: Saffron Valley Collegiate, Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) – Provider Access Policy

Name of School: Saffron Valley Collegiate

Provider Access Policy Statement

(To include The Department of Education, July 2021: "Baker Clause" and the Provider Access Legislation, January 2023)

Ownership: Saffron Valley Collegiate

Date updated: March 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 in acquiring 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

Saffron Valley Collegiate 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. Saffron Valley Collegiate 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 statutory duty, and not showing bias towards any route, be that academic or technical.

Saffron Valley Collegiate endeavours to ensure that all students are aware of all routes to higher skills and can 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 Saffron Valley Collegiate 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

Saffron Valley Collegiate 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 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 Leader and Line Manager (Gill LaRocque) 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. Saffron Valley Collegiate 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 **Sonia Kapoor, Careers Leader**. Sonia Kapoor may be contacted by telephone or email, **Sonia.kapoor@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk**, Tel **0203 2522020**

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 Saffron Valley Collegiate is arranging. Students may also travel to visit another provider. *Details of premises or facilities to be provided to a person who is given access.*

Saffron Valley Collegiate 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

Saffron Valley Collegiate 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 their senior management line manager.

Complaints Procedure

Any complaints about this policy should be raised to the Headteacher of Saffron Valley Collegiate, Gill LaRocque, via email: gillian.laroque@saffronvalleycollegiate.co.uk

Monitoring review and evaluation

The Policy is monitored and evaluated every two years via Saffron Valley Collegiate's Local Governing Body.

Appendix

Providers who have been invited into Saffron Valley Collegiate to date include:

- Croydon College
- John Ruskin College
- London Learning Consortium
- Talk the Talk (Jack Petchey Foundation)

Destinations of previous pupils from Saffron Valley Collegiate include:

- Croydon College
- John Ruskin College
- Brit School
- Reigate College
- Bromley College
- Carshalton College
- Coulsdon Sixth Form College