

Procedure 8.3 Links with other educational institutions

The Academy has published its mission and core values in Procedure 1.1. Developing links with other institutions form part of Academy strategy. This document sets out expectations in terms of particular types of relationships.

Other colleges

The Academy will maintain collaborative relationships with other colleges (either in the independent or public sectors) if there is an advantage in terms of enhancing the learning opportunities of Academy students.

Relationships with other colleges will normally be expected to be focused upon specific assessment matters, development of case studies or sharing of good practice.

Schools

The Academy may be able to provide some support to local schools, perhaps through provision of teaching materials, teaching ideas or even guest speakers, and may occasionally be able to engage in limited sponsorship arrangements.

Community groups

Since it sees itself as located in a thriving and vibrant local setting, the Academy will engage with local enterprise and provide such financial support as it can to community groups. This might involve limited sponsorship by meeting event costs in return for exposure and promotion of the Academy name locally.

Universities

It is intended to develop formal collaborative arrangements with UK universities in the future. In such future collaborative arrangements, as well as in relation to the existing overseas links, the Academy will be guided by Chapter B10 of the *UK Quality Code*.

Associations

The Academy is currently the only member organisation in the UK of the *European Association of Hotel and Tourism Schools (AEHT)* and ran the AEHT Conference in October 2016. The aim is to extend and widen the degree of partnership with other members of the Association.