

## Introducing Causeway Education

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HE Access Network (HEAN) announces that today, 8th January 2017, it's changing its name to Causeway Education.

Founders Michael England and Sam Holmes set HEAN up in 2012 because, having worked in university admissions and teaching, they were frustrated that bright state-educated applicants were disadvantaged each year due to poor preparation.

Five years on there's compelling evidence that HEAN's work has made a measurable difference to the life chances of young people, including well-evidenced programmes developed in conjunction with the Sutton Trust.

Causeway Education's new charitable status will allow it to extend its reach and improve the life chances of many more young people through the key educational transitions in their lives.

Julie Randles, Causeway Education's CEO, said, "we believe it's important that our work is free for end-users. This is true both for the young people who are expertly mentored through our programmes and for the state schools we support to provide the best possible outcomes for their students. As a charity we will develop partnerships with a broader range of individuals and organisations to enable us to do this.

"Our name change reflects this broader ambition. We want to make sure that every young person gets the best support they can through the key transitions in their education – whether that's choosing A-levels, apprenticeships, or graduate employment."

Causeway Education will be guided by its board of trustees, who between them have an extraordinary wealth of expertise in the education and charitable sectors.

Rob McMenemy, Chair of Trustees, said, "it's a privilege to be involved with Causeway Education, and to be able to help young people reach their full potential. As the higher education landscape becomes ever more complicated and competitive, it's increasingly important that students get the very best support they can, and the innovative work that Causeway Education does helps with exactly that. I'm really looking forward to working with the team to make a difference to young people."

### Notes

- For more information, please contact Dave Sandford, Director of Communications, at [dave.sandford@causeway.education](mailto:dave.sandford@causeway.education), or 020 3808 5140.
- Causeway Education is a charity that aims to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people in the UK by supporting them through key educational transitions. You can find out more about our background at [www.causeway.education/our-story](http://www.causeway.education/our-story)
- Causeway Education's Academic Apprenticeship programme was found to increase a student's chances of getting an offer from a Russell Group University in a study by the Sutton Trust in 2016 [www.suttontrust.com/research-paper/making-a-statement/](http://www.suttontrust.com/research-paper/making-a-statement/)
- Full details about our Board of Trustees can be found at [www.causeway.education/our-trustees](http://www.causeway.education/our-trustees)

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