

Ascent College Careers Programme Sept 2024

Overview

At Ascent College we aim to support autistic young people into employment and or supported/independent living opportunities. Our careers programme has been designed to meet the needs of all students and provides a wide range of career development opportunities which align to the Gatsby benchmarks. At Ascent College we use the student vocational profiles and EHCP outcomes to help the student to identify their skills and their aspirations to develop a vision for the future. Parental views and involvement is important to us and questionnaires are sent out regularly. Careers education is embedded within the curriculum and students are placed in one of four career groups; Aspire, Develop, Experience or Engage. All career activities and staff/student feedback are evidenced in individual career plans.

| Activity | Description | Participation |
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| IAG meetings | 1:1 meeting with impartial career advisor | ALL students |
| Skill building | Skill building exercises | Class groups |
| Taster days | Wide range of work tasters available on internal work placements | Aspire and Develop groups |
| Volunteering | Volunteering placements | Aspire and develop groups Optional- Experience groups |
| Work experience | Work and industry placements (1 day per week) | Experience group |
| Pre supported internship | Work and Industry placements (2 days per week) | Engage group |
| Supported internship | Work and Industry placements (3 days per week) | Engage group |
| College coffee mornings | Community engagement | ALL students |
| Wellbeing | 6 week programme with Grow-wellbeing CIC | ALL students |
| Green careers week | Wide range of career activities | ALL students |
| Creative careers week | Wide range of career activities | ALL students |
| Mock Interviews | 1 Mock interview | Experience group |
| CV writing | 1 Cv writing session | Experience group |

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| Creative design | Digital workshops | Group work |
| Community and enterprise days | PJF Talentino enterprise competition | ALL students |
| Christmas Market | Community engagement | ALL students |
| National careers week | Wide range of career activities | ALL students |
| Careers fair | Visit to career fairs to collect information and inform choices | Experience group |
| Local jobs fairs | Visit to jobs fairs to collect information and inform choices | Experience group |
| Industry talks | Wide range of industries | Experience group |

Volunteering experiences at Ascent

Work experience opportunities at Ascent

Pre supported internship opportunities at Ascent

Supported internship opportunities at Ascent

Further Education opportunities at Ascent