

Ascent College Careers Programme September 2025

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
IAG meetings	1:1 meeting with impartial career advisor	ALL students
Skill building	Skill building exercises Vocational profiling Additional workshops delivered by challenge sports	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

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Supported internship	Work and Industry placements (3 days per week)	Engage group
College coffee mornings Business Breakfast	Community engagement	ALL students Experience group
Wellbeing	6 week programme with Grow-wellbeing CIC	ALL students
Green careers week 3-8th Nov	Wide range of career activities	ALL students
Mock Interviews	1 Mock interview	Experience group
CV writing	1 Cv writing session	Experience group
Creative careers	Additional Digital workshops Digital arts box CIC	Group work available to all
Community and enterprise days	PJF Talentino enterprise competition	ALL students
Christmas Market Spring Enterprise day	Community engagement	ALL students
National careers week 3rd-8th March	Wide range of career activitie	ALL students
Careers fair	Visit to career fairs to collect information and inform choices on work and apprenticeships	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
Apprenticeship week	Apprenticeship talk by St Helens' college	Available to yr 12 and 13 and all interested
GFE Visit	St Helens college tour Taster sessions	Available to yr 12 and 13 and all interested
University link days	Liverpool Hope university	Experience group
All about STEM	Career days	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