



APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

Information for parents
and carers



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A WARM WELCOME TO THE APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

The City of London Academies Trust Apprenticeship Academy provides secure, high-quality education and training from a single well-resourced location near Highbury and Islington station. The aim is to provide an alternative pathway to high-quality opportunities in employment, apprenticeships or further education. This is a fresh start for children aged between 14-16 in a small, flexible educational setting.

All Apprenticeship Academy students are given access to high-quality teaching in core GCSEs as well as intensive individualised programmes of study, support and coaching. The same Trust expectations apply here as in any of our academies, namely outstanding conduct from students, engaging learning experiences and high-quality guidance from teachers and coaches.



CURRICULUM OFFER

The standard curriculum provided is outlined below, although this may be amended and tailored to suit the needs and ambitions of individual students.

- ✓ English GCSE and English Literature GCSE
- ✓ Mathematics GCSE
- ✓ Science GCSE
- ✓ PE
- ✓ BTEC Level 2 Business (with an emphasis on developing creative fusion skills)
- ✓ BTEC Level 2 Sport
- ✓ City and Guilds Employability Level 1/2
- ✓ One day a week work placement (three placements a year, one term at each placement)
- ✓ A weekly personal coaching session
- ✓ A fortnightly work-related coaching session
- ✓ External agency support as required

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Comprehensive pastoral arrangements are available for each student which includes regular access to a personal tutor, Behaviour Mentor and world of work/business coaching. This represents significant extra pastoral support in addition to the usual array of school and local authority resourced provision. The support package provided will depend on students' needs as well as advice from the feeder school, but would typically include:

- ✓ A well-boundaried and carefully managed learning environment based on the highest expectations and a clear system of rewards and consequences.
- ✓ Engagement of parent/carers in the monitoring and support of academy expectations.
- ✓ Mentoring and support sessions for every child, every day.
- ✓ Planners and logbooks to be signed by tutors and parents/carers every day.
- ✓ High-quality, carefully managed on-boarding and induction processes; this will include support from the feeder school in terms of travel arrangements, induction and parental engagement with the service.
- ✓ Continuing opportunities to engage in collective Trust activities - concerts, sports days, careers events, etc.
- ✓ Extra 'wraparound' services as required from social workers, CAMHS, educational welfare, police and family support.



WORK PLACEMENTS

Students will attend a work placement one day a week. This placement may well change each term to allow students to experience of different workplace settings and decide which field of employment they want to work in after leaving school.

The placements we can secure are wide ranging. We are currently arranging placements in:

- ✓ Business and finance
- ✓ Open spaces – horticulture and grounds maintenance
- ✓ Sports coaching
- ✓ Entertainment – technical posts
- ✓ Events management
- ✓ Animal welfare

Other opportunities will follow and, where possible, will be linked to students' interests.



PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are two significant progression pathways from this provision.

A GUARANTEED INTERVIEW FOR A CITY OF LONDON APPRENTICESHIP

This is available for students who complete the Apprenticeship Academy programme having achieved all the following:

- ✓ GCSE grade 4+ in English and maths and achievement of City and Guilds Level 2 in Preparation for Work
- ✓ A pass in either BTEC Business or BTEC Sport
- ✓ No exclusions and an attendance rate of 97%+ with an excellent record of punctuality
- ✓ Two or more successful work placements
- ✓ A positive reference from the service lead.

A SUPPORTED PROGRESSION ROUTE TO COLLEGE OR EMPLOYMENT

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For students who do not meet the criteria above, or who do not secure or wish to follow a City of London apprenticeship, there will be independent support to ensure that every student moves on to appropriate employment or further education provision.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment can happen at any time during an academic year. Places are made available through application and on the recommendation of the student's current school. An application form is available from any Trust school and must be completed with the agreement and in the presence of the parent/carer and child.

The application form will be considered and, if places are available, the student will be invited to attend the provision at the earliest opportunity to begin the enrolment and induction process.

For more information, please contact the Head of Service, Andre Martins, by emailing: amartins@highburygrove.cola.org.uk.





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