

AHEAD PARTNERSHIP

About us

We are passionate about the role that employers can play in enabling young people to achieve their full potential, regardless of background. Learn more about our work with educators [here](#).

OUR OFFERS

3 Pathways Programmes

Choosing one of our pathways programmes grants up to 8 unique opportunities for your students to explore **apprenticeships**, **university**, or a **blend of both**.

Work Experience Week

Combining 2-3 workplace visits and virtual mentoring activities in between, our work experience week provides a meaningful interaction with with an aspirational employer in Birmingham, planned and facilitated by us.

OUTCOMES

- Confidence in their chosen pathway
- Meaningful experience of a real workplace
- Opportunities to meet and network with local employers

RESOURCE REQUIRED

- A dedicated school contact to co-organise activity dates, room bookings, and travel.
- Commitment to collecting student feedback and photo consent forms throughout.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMME

APPRENTICESHIP, UNIVERSITY, OR BLENDED

➤ **Launch & Q+A Panel** - Term 1
Full year group

➤ **Speed Networking** - Term 1
200 students

30 CORE COHORT STUDENTS SELECTED FOR:

➤ **Skills Bootcamp** - Term 2
Two back-to-back workshops on applications and career pathways.

➤ **Workplace Visit** - Term 2
One (30 students) OR two (15 students each) visits to a local partner business

➤ **University Visit** - Term 2
University pathway only

➤ **Parents & Carers Session** - Term 3
Online event and plain English support

➤ **Bonus Check-in Session** - Term 1
Practical, 1-hour next steps workshop for last year's Y11-13 cohort

➤ **Careers Exhibition & Celebration Event** - Term 3
Cross-school event to network with employers, celebrate their work, and recap the year.

WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

One 5-day work experience week including 2-3 workplace visits. In school, students will work on their brief, complete reflection tasks, and attend virtual mentoring calls with business volunteers. On site, students will practice workplace tasks, network with employees, tour the office, and respond to a professional brief. They will receive meaningful, specific feedback on their work from the employer.

