



Accelerate Programme

Full time courses for years 10 and 11

KEY STAGE 4 at the College of **Haringey, Enfield** and **North East London**

What is the Accelerate Programme?

The Key Stage 4 Accelerate Programme provides high quality alternative provision for 14-16 year old learners who have experienced barriers to learning or have been excluded from school. The programme is designed to re-engage learners in an educational setting with a focus on behaviour, attendance and punctuality.

The course leads to a Foundation Learning Qualification called *Step-Up*, which includes functional skills in maths, English and ICT and options from a range of vocational qualifications.

The specialist Accelerate Programme team provides academic support for learners of varying ability to enhance their learning experience, personal development skills and potential for progression to employment or further study.

The course is modular and is designed for learners who display a 'spiky' profile. Each learner is provided with an individual learning programme to suit them, which combines various vocational options along with the appropriate levels in functional skills.

The portfolio of coursework and embedded functional skills, together with support and encouragement from staff, develops motivation and the confidence to progress to further study.

The vocational areas within the Accelerate Programme may include construction, motor vehicle, hair and beauty, music and sports skills - all with embedded functional skills.

The Personal and Social Developmental (PSD) units within the *Step-Up* qualification include team working, aspects of citizenship, understanding prejudice and discrimination, drug and alcohol misuse awareness, as well as confidence building, motivation and building employability skills.

What are the aims of the Accelerate Programme?

The aims of the Accelerate Programme are to:

- provide learners with an alternative route to gain qualifications with an individualised programme suited to their needs
- reduce the barriers to learning through a challenging and highly supportive motivational environment
- re-engage learners with the education system
- enhance the learning experience, and potential for progression to employment or further study
- provide career opportunities in the workplace and work experience opportunities

Mentoring

The specialist team focuses on the individual learner's personal development and learning skills, enabling them to work toward their full potential and succeed on the Accelerate Programme.

All learners are monitored regularly through tutorials and any issues of concern are dealt with by a three-stage support and disciplinary procedure. Parents, schools and other agencies are a vital link in this support network and the Key Stage 4 team sees this as a crucial element in the successful re-engagement of these young challenging learners.

What does a student study on the Accelerate Programme?

The Accelerate Programme core timetable consists of:

Qualification/Level	Subject	
Functional Skills GCSE (if appropriate for the learner)	English, Maths and ICT	The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London
Diploma in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development (QCF)	Units include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspects of citizenship • Young people, law and order • Team working skills • Improving own learning and performance • Drug and alcohol misuse awareness • Understanding prejudice and discrimination • Managing own learning 	The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London
Vocational Pathways programmes The learner will attend an interview within the individual vocational area for pathways programmes. Levels range from: Level 1 (equivalent to GCSE grades D to G) Level 2 (equivalent to GCSE grades C to A*)	Pathways programmes are currently available in the following subject areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy • Sport 	The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London

Work Experience

During the year all learners will have the opportunity to do one week of work experience with a local employer. This will give all individuals who take part a realistic start to their career. The idea is to improve the students' self esteem and future prospects in a real working environment.

The Accelerate Programme also works with external agencies to deliver various workshops throughout the academic year, including:

- Motivational talks
- Employability skills
- Drugs awareness
- Sex education
- Healthy eating

How does a Learner get referred to the Accelerate Programme?

Learners are referred to the Accelerate Programme via their secondary schools, pupil referral unit or other agencies. Learners are interviewed by the College's Key Stage 4 Curriculum Manager within 1 week of the application at any point within the year.

Successful applicants will be given a two-week trial period and depending upon their suitability to the Accelerate Programme will be offered a permanent place. Enrolment of learners onto the programme is at the discretion of the College. Learners can begin at any point within the academic year.

Once a learner has been taken onto the Accelerate Programme, individual targets will be set and communicated to their school/agency and parent/guardian. The College expects to have regular communication with a learner's key worker, school, parent /guardian on a regular basis to ensure that the best possible support can be identified and activated to enable the learner to achieve their full potential.

The College will provide all partners with regular attendance, punctuality and behaviour reports, as well as, detailed tracking on the learner's individual progress. Partners will play a key role in the progress of the young person's emotional and academic well-being.

How can I find out more?

For more information and an application pack, contact the **College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London** on **0208 442 3055** or **courseinfo@conel.ac.uk**.

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