

Proposed Leigh Aspire Programme Activities for Year 12 September 2017 - July 2018

Date	Activity	Participants	Estimated cost to academy	Comments
September 2017	One-to-one Guidance Interviews	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Once eligible students for the 'Aspire 2' programme are identified by each academy, Louise Badelow, Leigh Aspire Programme Manager, to engage in one-to-one guidance interviews with each in order to develop a suitable action plan for each student. By understanding the ambitions/aspirations of these individual students, we can signpost them towards particular opportunities as they arise and tailor the 'Aspire 2' programme accordingly.
September 2017 Onwards	Pathway Employability Programme	All Year 12 students.	Free of charge.	Pathway CTM is a social enterprise, working with young people in schools to improve their employability skills and career prospects. With a focus on those students who will transition from school to the workplace or apprenticeship programmes, Pathway also provides high achieving pupils with HE ambitions the opportunity to engage directly with aspirational employers and obtain meaningful work experience and other valuable employer engagement activities. All secondary academies have arranged a launch assembly in September, following which students will register with the service and liaise directly with the Pathway team.
September 2017 Onwards	Kent and Medway Collaborative Outreach Programme (KaMCOP)/University of Kent SUCCEED Programme	Year 12 students who meet the eligibility requirements of the programme (Leigh, Wilmington & Strood Academies only). See pdf attached for full details of eligibility criteria.	Free of charge.	A year long programme, run by the University of Kent, designed to help young people explore the opportunities and challenges offered by Higher Education with the support of friendly, knowledgeable university staff and student ambassadors. The programme involves a number of Saturday workshops, held on campus at either Canterbury or Medway, plus a three day residential course in Canterbury in July 2018. Academies should identify suitable students and actively encourage them to apply by 6th October at https://goo.gl/rUD1uF. Additionally, KaMCOP are willing to visit eligible academies to promote the programme. Please contact Programme Director, Joanna Paul, at j.paul@kent.ac.uk to arrange a visit.
September 2017 Onwards	Newsquest Young Reporter Scheme	Any Year 12 students who wish to participate.	£100.00 registration fee plus £20.00 per student, self-funded with the exception of any 'Aspire 2' DHAP students who wish to take part who will be funded by the Trust.	Currently approaching its 10th year, the Young Reporter Scheme enables young people to work with Newsquest journalists and see their work published monthly in online newspapers. As well as developing important writing skills, students are also able to build invaluable employability skills, including the ability to work to a deadline, undertake research and work independently. Each month they are required to submit copy, on deadline, in one of the following categories - breaking news, events or interviews. The programme culminates with an awards ceremony in June, with winners spending the day at university, experiencing undergraduate study as a journalism student. To register for the scheme that launches in September, contact Diana Jarvis at Newsquest, E: djarvis@london.newsquest.co.uk T: 020 8722 6378.
Autumn Term 2017 (Date/availability TBC)	University of Cambridge Academic Physics Taster Lecture	Maximum 30 x Year 12 A level Physics students.	Free of charge.	Cambridge academic/PhD scholar to visit LAT to deliver an interactive taster lecture related to STEM.

October 2017 Onwards	Young Enterprise Company Programme	Up to 25 x Y12 students per academy.	£250.00 per academy if new to the scheme. Academies to self-fund if they wish to participate (UTC already involved).	Running throughout one academic year, students find out what it's really like to set up and run a business. Students make all the decisions about their company, from deciding on the company name and product to creating a business plan, managing the company finances, selling to the public at trade fairs to ultimately winding up the company and paying their taxes. All this takes place with the support of a volunteer Business Adviser who brings a wealth of business knowledge and expertise. The national final takes place at the end of the academic year. To register, contact Vanessa Johnson E: vanessa.johnson@y-e.org.uk T: 07834 606 231
October 2017	Morrisby Online	All Year 12 students to complete full Morrisby psychometric assessment.	£25.00 plus VAT per student. Self-funded, with the exception of disadvantaged 'Aspire 2' students across the LAT.	Academies to promote the life-long benefits of Morrisby to parents and students and encourage subscription via Morrisby Pay. Tests to be delivered in school - staff will be trained to do so, although in the first instance these could be administered by the careers team/engagement team. Careers Practitioners to liaise with Post-16 teams about promoting Morrisby. Louise Badelow to facilitate tests for the Aspire 2 students.
October 2017 Onwards	NCOP (National Collaborative Outreach Programme) Mentoring Project	Year 12 disadvantaged 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	A mentoring project to increase the participation in HE of young people from target wards in Kent and Medway where data indicates lower than expected participation. Mentors comprise of current graduates and postgraduates from University of Greenwich, all of whom have been specially trained in mentor work, Child Protection and possess DBS checks. Themes may include: <i>Student Life, Career Aspirations, Academic Achievement and Preparing for University</i> .
18th October 2017	Visit to Mansfield & St. Hugh's Colleges, University of Oxford	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Visit would include an introductory talk, academic taster lecture, tour of the university and lunch in college.
November 2017	High Tariff University Outreach Session	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Visit from Student Outreach/Widening Participation Team (different university each visit) to engage with 'Aspire 2' students on a range of specific HE related topics, e.g. how to choose the right course/university, student finance, personal statement writing, UCAS application process, how to use league tables, how to get the best out of open days/exhibitions, student life, etc.
w/c 20th November 2017	Mousetrap Theatre Projects 'Play the Critic' Workshop, plus two West End theatre trips.	20 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge. Travel costs to be met by students or by academy 'Hardship Fund' if students are disadvantaged.	HEISENBERG: THE UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE The creative team behind 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time' are reuniting to produce this fascinating new play by award-winning playwright Simon Stephens. Students attend a performance of the play in the West End, followed a few days later (on 24th November) by a day-long masterclass day led by leading theatre critics, who take students through a series of practical exercises to teach the principles of journalistic review-writing. In addition Simon Stephens will also lead a session, helping the students to gain a deeper understanding of the creative process. Following the workshop, students will attend a second theatre production and write their own review, which is then submitted to the critics who visit the school to provide one-to-one feedback tutorials. The winning student from the LAT will be invited to attend a press night of a new production with one of the critics. Participating academies to confirm student names and choice of second production by Monday 18th September.

December 2017	High Tariff University Outreach Session	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Visit from Student Outreach/Widening Participation Team (different university each visit) to engage with 'Aspire 2' students on a range of specific HE related topics, e.g. how to choose the right course/university, student finance, personal statement writing, UCAS application process, how to use league tables, how to get the best out of open days/exhibitions, student life, etc.
January 2018	One-to-one Guidance Interviews	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students	Free of charge.	Review of student action plan and progress. Explore opportunities for Summer School applications, Head Start courses, taster lectures, forthcoming open days etc., plus discuss securing aspirational work experience to support future ambitions.
January 2018 (Date TBC)	Feeding Britain's Future	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Delivered by Future First with the involvement of industry professionals, these Institute of Grocery Distribution workshops are designed to inspire the next generation and equip them with the skills they need to succeed beyond school. The focus of the workshop will either be 'The Hidden Job Market', 'Building My Brand' or 'Skills & Strengths'.
January 2018 Onwards	The Brilliant Club	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	An award-winning charity that exists to increase the number of pupils from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities. This is achieved by mobilising the PhD community to share its academic expertise with state schools. An exceptional programme which has delivered proven results for other MATs, including The Harris Foundation, offers seven x 75 minute tutorials (two of which on a one-to-one basis), two High Tariff University visits (including a Saturday 'graduation' event), a Summer Conference, access to a VLE and feedback on a draft personal statement. Final assignment is the equivalent of 1st Year Undergraduate level, and is marked accordingly, utilising a national moderation scheme. Deadline for registration, 8th November 2017.
January 2018 (Date/availability TBC)	University of Cambridge Academic Taster Lecture	Minimum 30 x Year 12 students, including 'Aspire 2' cohort.	Free of charge.	Cambridge academic or PhD scholar to visit LAT to deliver an interactive arts/humanities-related taster lecture.
February 2018 Onwards	Youth Employment Young Professional Programme	All Year 12 students.	Free of charge.	A not-for-profit campaigning organisation, a key objective of YEUK is to give young people a voice and empower them to prepare for the world of work. Their 'Young Professionals' programme aims to equip young people with the skills they need for the workplace, and these closely match the attributes of the Aspire Programme. Student registration can be facilitated as part of Form Time/PSHE session, after which students engage directly with the platform to build their knowledge and skills.
7th February 2018	Visit to the University of Bath	c. 30 x Year 12 'Aspire 2' students plus 60 x Wilmington Academy Y12 students.	Free of charge, although travel costs will be incurred by Wilmington Academy.	Specific programme for the day to be agreed, but will include an introductory talk, tour of university and academic taster session. Wilmington to agree programme with University of Bath.
March 2018	UCAS Higher Education Exhibition	All Year 12 students.	Free of charge, although travel costs will be incurred. These should be met by the academies.	Heads of 6th Form to invite students to attend one of the annual UCAS Higher Education exhibitions. As well as providing the opportunity to talk to admissions staff and subject specialists from hundreds of universities, students can learn more about the alternative options, including apprenticeships, internships, gap years and volunteering opportunities.

March 2018 (Date TBC)	University of Leicester Introduction to Medicine Conference	Year 12 students interested in studying medicine. Suitable Year 11 students could also be invited to attend.	Free of charge, although travel costs will be incurred.	Schools conference, in London, designed to provide information and advice about applying for medical school. Delivered by admissions staff and current medical undergraduates, topics include entry requirements, how to choose a medical school, application process, course structure (including intercalated degree options) and insights from a student perspective.
W/c 19th March 2018 (Day TBC)	University of Cambridge Student Roadshow	Year 12 'Aspire 2' students, plus other Y12 students who wish to attend. Suitable Year 11 students could also be invited to attend.	Free of charge.	LAT provide a 'host' school for this annual roadshow where undergraduates talk about their experience of study and life at Cambridge, and share their stories about college life, supervisions, clubs and societies, social life, friends, support, workload, applications and interviews. Approximately one hour session, plus Q&A. Other local schools invited to attend.
March 2018 (Date TBC)	Oxford & Cambridge Student Conference	Year 12 'Aspire 2' students interested in applying to Oxbridge.	Free of charge, although travel costs will be incurred.	This annual conference is designed to provide up-to-date information on the application and admissions procedure at both institutions, as well as providing an insight into student life. There are also sessions specifically for teaching staff and careers professionals.
April 2018	One-to-one Guidance Interviews	c. 30 Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Review of student action plan and progress. Explore opportunities for Summer School applications, Head Start courses, taster lectures, forthcoming open days etc. plus discuss securing aspirational work experience to support future ambitions.
April 2018	LinkedIn Workshop	All Year 12 students.	Free of charge.	With the rise of the 'hidden job market', networking is becoming an increasingly important skill for young people to develop - and the earlier they start, the greater and more effective their network will be. Universities and employers recognise the value of LinkedIn and maintain a high profile on the platform, enabling young people to both research and identify potential links with individuals who are part of their network. Form Time/PSHE sessions can be used to deliver workshops and introduce resources that will enable students to build an effective profile and use LinkedIn to its full potential.
April 2018	High Tariff University Outreach Session	c. 30 Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Visit from Student Outreach/Widening Participation Team (different university each visit) to engage with 'Aspire 2' students on a range of specific HE related topics, e.g. how to choose the right course/university, student finance, personal statement writing, UCAS application process, how to use league tables, how to get the best out of open days/exhibitions, student life, etc.
May 2018	High Tariff University Outreach Session	c. 30 Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge.	Visit from Student Outreach/Widening Participation Team (different university each visit) to engage with 'Aspire 2' students on a range of specific HE related topics, e.g. how to choose the right course/university, student finance, personal statement writing, UCAS application process, how to use league tables, how to get the best out of open days/exhibitions, student life, etc.
June 2018	University of Leicester Schools Taster Conference	c. 30 Year 12 'Aspire 2' students.	Free of charge, although travel costs may be incurred (possibility of funding from Leicester).	A day of inspirational and engaging taster sessions, led by acclaimed academic staff from one of the UK's leading research and teaching universities. Free to attend, the day provides an insight into university life, as well as entertaining and thought-provoking sessions across all their undergraduate departments.
July 2018	Aspire 2 Graduation Event/Celebration of Achievement	All Year 12 students who complete the 'Aspire 2' programme.	TBC, dependent upon number of students.	