

The Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network (GMLPN) are pleased to announce that **we are continuing to deliver the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for schools and colleges (ASK) Programme**. We are building on the successful virtual delivery that took place during the last summer term to offer a flexible programme this year.

The ASK programme is funded by the National Apprenticeship Service, part of the Department for Education, to support the Government's Careers Strategy and ensure that schools and colleges are equipped and supported to deliver their statutory duty. **The ASK Programme supports schools' and colleges' statutory duty to provide their pupils with the full range of education and training options post-16 by providing independent apprenticeship guidance presented in an impartial manner.**

The aim of the ASK programme is to support educational establishments to deliver high-quality Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) to their students on apprenticeships and traineeships.

Discover the full range of support options open to you through the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge for schools and colleges (ASK) programme:

- **Apprenticeship Presentations and Awareness Assemblies**
  - Provides an overview of apprenticeships for students and highlights where to find apprenticeship vacancies.
  - This can also be provided as a pre-recorded presentation
- **Registration and application workshops**
  - Supports students to register on the [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website and to search for vacancies.
- **Interactive Virtual Workshops**
  - Online, bespoke, practical support sessions for students to enable them to navigate the recruitment process.
- **Mock Assessment Centre Workshops**
  - This session for students explores recruitment methods that may be expected of them at an assessment centre.
- **Bespoke Support**
  - Similar to the virtual workshops but delivered face to face, these small group sessions support students to search and apply for apprenticeship vacancies.
- **Careers Fairs**
  - Supporting a stand either face to face or virtually to provide information about apprenticeships
- **Teacher and Careers Advisor Training and Development**
  - Provides an overview of apprenticeships for teachers and careers advisors
- **Parents and Carers Support**
  - Support and strand and/or deliver an overview presentation either face to face or virtually.
- **Apprenticeship Ambassadors**
  - Where possible we will bring along an apprenticeship ambassador for all of the sessions described above to share their personal apprenticeship experience.

The government’s Careers Strategy, published in December 2017 and built around The Gatsby Benchmarks, brings with it a range of new requirements for schools to deliver quality careers support for young people, ensuring that they hit the eight benchmarks of good career guidance. **The below diagram shows how ASK supports schools in achieving their seven of the eight Gatsby Benchmarks with regards to apprenticeships, either directly or indirectly through our activities.**

	Gatsby Benchmarks						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Apprenticeship and traineeships awareness assemblies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Registration and application workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Interactive virtual workshops (Yrs. 10-13)							
Mock-assessment centre workshops	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Bespoke support (Yrs. 11 and 13)							
Careers Fairs	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
Teacher and Careers Adviser training and development	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Parents and Carers support	✓	✓	✓				✓
Apprenticeship Ambassadors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓


**Direct Link**

**Indirect Link**

### Next Steps

To set up a meeting to discuss the how the ASK Programme can support your careers strategy or to request our attendance at a forthcoming event there are two options:

1. Use the following link to submit a request <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/request-support/>
2. Contact **Matt Leigh** at the Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network (GMLPN) directly at [matthew.l@gmpln.co.uk](mailto:matthew.l@gmpln.co.uk) or on **07530 075650**