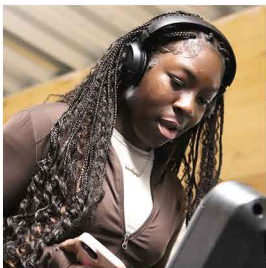




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All-through School

Your **Simon Balle Experience**



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tomorrow's
citizens
today**





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At Simon Balle All-through School, our vision is to nurture every student's potential so they can thrive and flourish in a changing world. We believe character and personal development are woven throughout our daily curriculum, enrichment activities, and community events for every child from Reception to Year 13.



Your 14-year journey

As students progress through their 14-year journey with us, they develop emotionally, socially, and academically within a supportive "family feel" community. New students joining at any stage are warmly welcomed and quickly become part of the Simon Balle family, embracing the wealth of opportunities available to them.

Our school serves the local community, with an ethos rooted in respect, dignity, and inclusion. At the core of our work is a commitment to positive relationships, valuing each individual and helping students understand their role within the broader community. Through a carefully constructed all-through curriculum, we prioritise personal growth and development, blending rich knowledge with essential life skills.



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A Journey of
Enrichment & Excellence
at Simon Balle All-through School

Our enrichment program is extensive, offering a range of opportunities across all year groups to encourage students to explore, grow, and excel in their interests.

Simon Balle Music

Music is a particular strength, with instrumental lessons and performance opportunities from KS1 through to KS5, creating a sense of ‘Team Music’ that many of our students embrace. Families often share how participation in these activities shapes students’ habits and character, helping them develop resilience, discipline, and teamwork skills.



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Music



Simon Balle Sport



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Our sports program fosters a love of physical activity, helping students develop discipline, leadership, and a sense of belonging through team sports. These experiences are integral to building character and preparing students to lead healthy, balanced lives. Likewise, participation in drama, art, and more fosters a sense of community and achievement across all ages.



Sports are a cornerstone of our enrichment programme, offering students the chance to stay active, build teamwork, and develop resilience. From primary through to sixth form, our students participate in a wide range of sports, including football, rugby, netball, athletics, and more.



Empowering Student Voice & Leadership

Student voice is a vital part of our school culture, with active Year Councils and a School Parliament where students discuss and drive meaningful changes. Whether it's updating school facilities or supporting environmental initiatives, student-led decisions create visible impact across the school. Through leadership roles, from Year 5 to Year 13, students gain invaluable experience in responsibility, teamwork, and service to others, with roles like School President providing a platform for our senior students to model these qualities for their peers.

Commitment to Safety, Wellbeing and Support

We prioritise student safety, both online and in the real world. Our PSHE curriculum is carefully designed to keep students informed and protected, with support from our safeguarding team to ensure all materials are relevant and age-appropriate. Recognising that transitions can be challenging, our all-through structure allows us to guide students seamlessly from stage to stage, providing pathways that ease any anxieties for both students and parents alike. Our approach is centred on caring, positive relationships, with strong pastoral care to help each child feel secure, valued, and supported as they grow.

With a deep sense of belonging, mutual respect, and acceptance, Simon Balle students are empowered to take risks, self-regulate, and develop the confidence needed to face future challenges. Through these principles, we aim to "create tomorrow's citizens today." Our alumni frequently tell us how this ethos has prepared them to excel not only in academic study but also in their social and moral lives as they step confidently into the wider world beyond our community.

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Preparing to Create Tomorrow's Citizens Today

Enrichment:
SBAS Enrichment Programme

PSHE Curriculum:
All-through Curriculum Map



Critical elements of this year of education:

Begin the journey of curiosity and joy in learning.
Explore early understanding of routines and expectations in school.
Engage in play-based learning to build confidence and independence.
Introduce concepts of friendship, sharing and respect for others.



Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
School Farm
Diwali and Chinese New Year
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

Hertfordshire Zoo
Panto - BEAM Theatre

Face-to-face parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Imagine and explore the world through hands-on learning.
Build early literacy and numeracy skills with confidence.
Develop positive learning behaviours and classroom routines.
Participate in creative activities to spark imagination and expression.
Begin understanding the concepts of kindness, empathy, and teamwork.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Subject Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Pocket pizza making
Chinese New Year workshop
Church visit
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Termly attendance awards
School Farm
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

Panto - BEAM Theatre
Shuttleworth

Face-to-face parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Wonder about the world around them with an emphasis on discovery.
Strengthen core skills in reading, writing, and maths.
Explore basic problem-solving and critical thinking.
Cultivate curiosity and ask questions to deepen understanding.
Participate in activities that encourage teamwork and cooperation.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Subject Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Termly attendance awards
School Farm
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

Panto - BEAM Theatre
Mountfitchet Castle trip

Face-to-face parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Grow through taking on more responsibility in learning.
Build stronger comprehension and analytical skills.
Develop resilience by learning from mistakes and challenges.
Expand on interpersonal skills and friendship building.
Engage in collaborative projects that emphasise teamwork and respect.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Subject Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Termly attendance awards
School Farm
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

Hertford museum
Pizza Express
Life in Ancient Egypt

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Expand understanding by connecting learning to real-world examples.
Develop independence in managing tasks and assignments.
Explore different topics to broaden knowledge and interests.
Strengthen self-reflection and awareness of personal strengths.
Begin taking on small leadership roles within the class or group activities.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Subject Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Gaudi art workshop
Roman day workshop
Bread making workshop
Parent visit - discussion about life during apartheid in South Africa
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Santa Dash with Year 12
Termly attendance awards
School Farm
Rivers - a walk along the rivers of Hertford and Ware
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe cinema night
Romans In Britain

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Embrace challenges in learning with a focus on problem-solving.
Build confidence to approach more complex tasks and subjects.
Strengthen resilience through facing and overcoming academic challenges.
Engage in collaborative learning to practise effective communication.
Begin developing personal goals and a sense of achievement.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Farm leaders

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

National Anti-Bullying Week
Parental career workshops
Hertfordshire Constabulary - mini police programme
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Termly attendance awards
Science Week
School Farm
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
BMX day

Trips:

Macbeth at the BEAM
Phasels Wood - residential trip
Barbican

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Preparing for Y7 by maintaining academic impetus into September.
Developing independence and responsibility.
A focus on oracy.
Preparing to be secondary-ready.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Subject Ambassadors
Larch Student Presidents and Student Parliament

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
National Anti-Bullying Week
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
More to experience events
Harvest festival
Carol Service
Book Swap
Termly attendance awards
Science Week
School Farm
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service

Trips:

Sheringham - residential trip
Macbeth Beam (November)

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Discover our school values, expectations, culture and ethos.
Discover a sense of belonging as a learner and contributor to our amazing community.
Discover your maturity and self-regulation as a SBAS secondary student.
Discover the importance and value of education.
Discover your interests and passions.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Form representative
Student Parliament
Language Ambassadors
Art and Design Ambassadors
Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
Gradu8
Summer School
Raytheon STEM Workshop
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
I'm a Scientist... interview with an Engineer
Reading Book Buzz
Readathon
Theatre trips
Library: Foreign Language Fridays
Library: Wellbeing Wednesday
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner
The Brilliant Club



Trips:

Bawdsey Manor PGL - residential trip
Reward House trip
PRE trip to a Hindu place of worship, Neasden Temple
Library Reward Trip

Face-to-face parental events:

Transition Evening
Information Evening
Student Consultation Evening

Careers:

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The Big Bang Competition
National Apprenticeship Week
National Careers Week





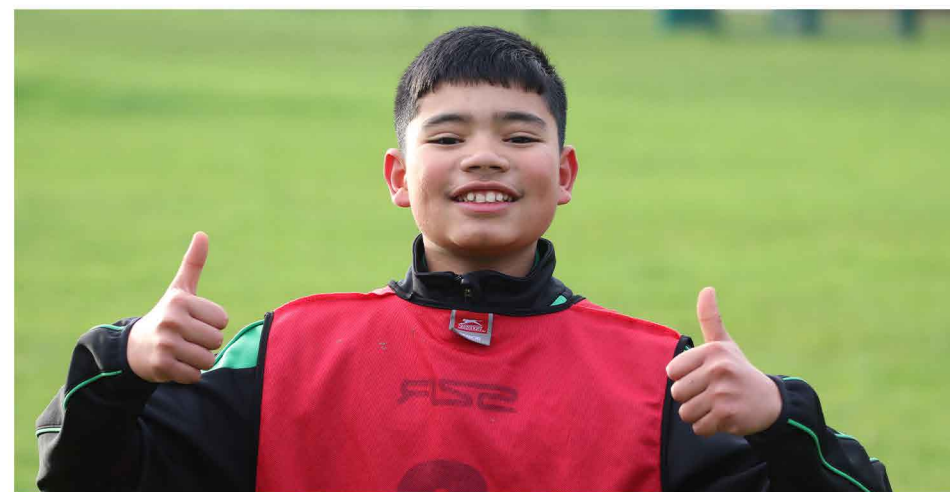
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Critical elements of this year of education:

Explore subjects more deeply to fuel your passions and interests and what it means to be a lifelong learner.
Explore your leadership through being a role model to others and giving to the community.
Explore ways to develop your independence so you can be a mature and self-motivated student.
Explore the importance of knowing the power of your voice and what it means to be an active citizen.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Form representative and Student Parliament
Language Ambassadors
Art and Design Ambassadors
Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
McMullens Brewery Trip
New Scientist Live Trip - ExCeL Centre
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
If you were an engineer, what would you do? Online interview with an Engineer
Readathon
Theatre trips
Library: Foreign Language Fridays
Library: Wellbeing Wednesday
The Brilliant Club
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner



Trips:

Science Live
PE - Sports Tour (biannually)
MFL trips - students have the opportunity to visit either France or Spain during the year.
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent
McMullen's Brewery Trip
Music Tour - Ghent
Colchester Zoo
Library Reward Trip

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening

Careers:

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New Scientist LIVE, RAF Youth and STEM event , National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week Week, The Big Bang Competition, Science talk: If you were an engineer, Computacenters presentation, Morgan Sindell presentation, McMullans Visit - Apprenticeships.





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Focus now on being an excellent learner with well established learning habits.
Focus on becoming GCSE ready.
Focus on aspirations and next steps both in terms of subjects and passions.
Exposure to different career pathways and post 16 options.
Focus on personal development and expanding leadership skills and qualities.
Focus on the importance of home learning and independent study.
Focus on Finishing/ Completing



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Form representative and Student Parliament
Sports Leaders: District & County Officials
Royal Navy Leadership day
Language Ambassadors
Art and Design Ambassadors
Anti Bullying Ambassador

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
Industrial Cadets Programme - Bronze Award
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Duke of Edinburgh award
Royal Navy Leadership day
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
Science Cadets - GSK mentoring
Geography - YouthCOP
Geography - Volcano day
Theatre trips
Library: Foreign Language Fridays
Library: Wellbeing Wednesday
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner



Trips:

Battlefields trip
PE - Sports Tour (biannually)
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent
Duke of Edinburgh award
Library Reward Trip
University of Hertfordshire - Festival of Ideas trip
Music Tour - Ghent
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze

Face-to-face parental events:

Y9 Preference evening
Student Consultation Evening

Careers:

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Computacenter presentation, Morgan Sindell presentation, McMullans Visit - Apprenticeships, Royal Navy Leadership and Team Building activity day, The Big Bang Competition, National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week, KS4 Options Evening for Year 9, KS4 Options Assemblies for Year 9, Careers presentation from GSK





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Critical elements of this year of education:

Embrace your chosen curriculum and use your learning skills and habits to be resilient and meet the challenges of an examination course. Accelerate the level of independence learning and taking opportunities outside of the classroom. Accelerate interest in chosen subjects through further reading, local visits either organised by departments. Subject specific pathways linked to further education and careers.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Form representative and Student Parliament
Year 10 Sports Leaders Award
Language Ambassadors
Art and Design Ambassadors
Anti Bullying Ambassador

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
ELSA get ready for work day
National Scientific Thinking Challenge
Wonderstruck STEM event
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Duke of Edinburgh award
KS4 study club
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
SfYP 1-2-1 career interviews
National Scientific Thinking Challenge
Geography - YouthCOP
Theatre trips
Library: Foreign Language Fridays
Library: Wellbeing Wednesday
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner



Trips:

Cambridge University trip
Generation Hertford - Careers Fair - Beam Theatre
Ski Trip
Geography - Walton-on-the-Naze
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent
Business Convention Disneyland Paris
Music Tour - Ghent

Virtual parental events:

Student Consultation Evening

Careers:

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The Big Bang Competition
Computacenter presentation
Sky Studios presentation
ELSA Next Generation - Get Work Ready Day
National Careers Week
Thinking Scientifically Challenge



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Critical elements of this year of education:

To bring together the curriculum knowledge and skills into the formal examinations enabling students to achieve as highly as they are able
To apply the metacognition learnt over the period in school to enhance revision/study skills and examination techniques.
To ensure students achieve an enriched curriculum to motivate, inspire and create curiosity.
To ensure students access their next phase in their educational journey by researching further education courses and careers.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Form representative and Student Parliament
Language Ambassadors
Art and Design Ambassadors
Anti Bullying Ambassador

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
Revision sessions and Masterclasses
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Duke of Edinburgh award
Tutoring from Sixth Form Students
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
SfYP 1-2-1 career interviews
Herts Regional College talk - T levels and Apprenticeships and College education
Geography - YouthCOP
Theatre trips
Library: Foreign Language Fridays
End of KS4 Celebration Events
Library: Wellbeing Wednesday
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner
Coping with exams led by the school mental health team



Trips:

PRE - Amaravati Monastery
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent

Face-to-face parental events:

Expectation and Information evening
Outside speaker on metacognition and revision
Student Consultation Evening
Performance clinics
Apprenticeship Information Evening (biannually)

Careers:

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HRC talk - T Levels, apprenticeships and College, National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week, The Big Bang Competition, Sixth Form applications 1-1 meetings.



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Critical elements of this year of education:

Aspire to being an excellent citizen and a role model to younger years, active citizenship within our community.
Discovering connections across and beyond their curriculum subjects.
To encourage and inspire students to be aspirational in their next steps.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Student Presidents and Form representative
Student Parliament
House Leader
Student mentors and Subject tutors
Music, Art and STEM ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
INFORM enrichment sessions
Scholars Programme
Work Experience Week
Enrichment Programme - Larch outreach, Senior Sport and Fitness, Advanced Musicians Programme.
Sixth Form Colour run
MUN - Model United Nations conference at Haileybury
Charity Santa Dash
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Hertford food bank drive
Biology in action and Science live
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
Lessons from Auschwitz
Theatre trips
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner

Trips:

BBC STEM trip
English - Stratford upon Avon
EPQ - University of Hertfordshire LRC
PRE - God and the Good Conference
MFL - Spanish Study Day
Geography field trip - Manchester
Art in Action
Ski Trip
UCAS Discover Exhibition - Excel Centre
MUN
Psychology - Bethlem Hospital Museum Visit
Economics - Bank of England Trip
History - Berlin
Cambridge University
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent
Politics - Houses of Parliament
Lessons from Auschwitz

Face-to-face parental events:

Expectation and Information evening
Apprenticeship Information Evening (biannually)
Next Steps Launch

Face-to-face parental events:

Student Consultation Evening

Careers:

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Employers talks and workshops, Year 12 mock interviews, Why University presentation delivered by the University of Hertfordshire, UCAS Discovery Exhibition, National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week, Alumni presentations, The Big Bang Competition, Work Experience, Personal statement workshop, University visits, UCAS Support.



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Critical elements of this year of education:

Embed your knowledge and skills so you can achieve your dreams and be successful academically, and as an active part of our school community. Develop their own interests in preparation for the breadth and depth of study at degree level and/or employment and apprenticeships. Producing motivated and engaged independent thinkers. Academic literacy and preparation for Uni/apprenticeships/employment.



Student Leadership Opportunities:

Student Presidents and Form representative
Student Parliament
House Leader
Student mentors and Subject tutors
Music, Art and STEM ambassadors

Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural Development and Experiences:

House system
Sports Teams
Music Opportunities
Scholars Programme
Sixth Form Colour run
Revision sessions and Masterclasses
Study club
Apprenticeship support programme
Red Nose Day - annual sport event
Chemistry Olympiad
The Big Bang Science & Engineering Competition
PSHE external speakers
National Anti-Bullying Week
Biology in action and Science live
Remembrance Day assemblies and commemoration service
Theatre trips
Library: Thursday Speakers Corner
Leavers Day celebration event



Trips:

New York - Business and Economics students
BBC STEM trip
Geography field trip to Swanage
MFL - Spanish trip
Art in Action
Psychology - Bethlem Hospital Museum Visit
History - Berlin
Reward House trip
Music Tour - Ghent

Face-to-face parental events:

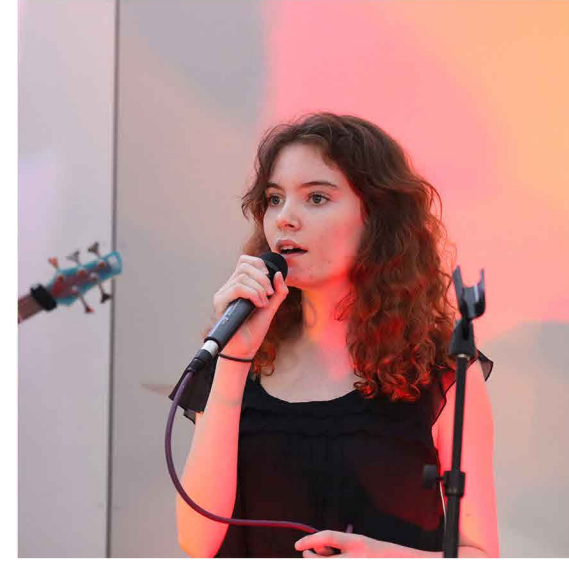
Expectation and Information evening
Student Consultation Evening
Apprenticeship Information Evening (biannually)

Careers:

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Mock university interviews (for Oxbridge, Medicine, and Veterinary Medicine), Next steps support, Apprenticeship Support Programme, 1-1 meetings with SfYP, National Apprenticeship Week, National Careers Week, The Big Bang Competition, UCAS Support.







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