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Realising Aspirations

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What we will be covering:

- Super-curricular activity
- Year 12 Realising Aspirations Programme
- ASFC's partnership with the University of Oxford
- OxNet
- Widening Participation/Access Schemes

Super-curricular activity

- Opportunities that **take the subjects study further**, beyond what students are learning in the curriculum
- Example activities: ASFC Realising Aspirations Programme, Access Schemes, university summer schools, online webinars, additional reading
- Through these activities, students **develop key academic skills** such as: academic writing, research, communication, critical thinking, analytical skills
- Competitive application processes (university/employment) - we encourage students to participate in super-curricular opportunities along side working hard to get the best grades they can

What is Realising Aspirations?

- Realising Aspirations ASFC's **flagship university preparation scheme** for students in Year 12 offering a taster of Higher Education
- "Try before you buy"
- Opportunity to visit top universities for bespoke taster days in a variety of subject areas
- Seminars, workshops & lectures delivered by academics leading in their field
- Additional information, advice and guidance sessions

Subjects on offer...

Life Sciences



Physical Sciences



**Computer Science
& Mathematics**



Engineering



**The Written
Word**



**History &
Politics**



**Business &
Accounting**



Law



Social Sciences



**Creative &
Digital Industries**



Healthcare



Universitites we work with...



And so many more!

Student feedback

"The trip made me more aware of what university is actually like ... I liked the friendly environment and how it's a place with lots of opportunities"

"It has helped me realise how many unis and courses there are outside of Manchester... I'm glad I was able to participate in uni visits from other strands."

"It has made me much more confident in applying to university"

Widening Participation at ASFC

Our aim is to level the playing field of students from underrepresented backgrounds

- **External opportunities** provided by institutions up and down the country
- Eligibility criteria
- Many opportunities are subject specific or linked to a career
- Example activity includes:

Mentoring, summer residentials, workshops, university guidance, essay writing support

- **Annual Widening Participation Fair**

Education providers visit ASFC to discuss opportunities students can get involved in!



ASFC's partnership with the University of Oxford

- OxNet runs six academically -intensive programmes for Year 12 pupils
- Students participate in Seminar Series, Essay Competition, Twilight Talks, Access Week (summer residential at Pembroke College)
- 100 places on the programme, and this year **15 ASFC students** were successful on gaining a place
- Supported by top academics and challenged as an Oxford undergraduate
- ASFC students enrolled onto new scheme *PEMBROKE SCHOLARS* offered only to Hub schools (so exclusive to our students)



Dr Peter Claus

Access Fellow, Historian, Director of OxNet & CredOx
(Pembroke College Oxford)

- 13+ years of partnership
- ASFC is one of seven “hub schools” in the North West, North East and London



Thank you!



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