

SUPPORTING THE SACP

Who we are, what the programme delivers in schools, and how Supporting Companies take part.

WHO WE ARE

AN ESTABLISHED UK CHARITY

The Schools' Aerospace Careers Programme (the SACP) is an established UK charity, developed through six years of in-school delivery. We represent the aerospace, space and aviation industry to schools and students: funded by the companies and organisations that support the programme, and independent in the careers guidance we give.

The charity exists to advance the education of young people by building their knowledge of engineering, aviation and related sciences through aerospace, space and aviation. Supporting Companies fund that work: their support takes the SACP Roadshow (a full-day school presentation) into schools across the UK, keeps every visit free of charge to the host school, and sustains the careers information each school receives until its students reach 18.

Supporting Companies fund the programme. The SACP plans and delivers every visit, schools pay nothing to host, and the careers guidance students receive stays independent.

THE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

15,000+

STUDENTS ENGAGED
spoken to directly, in school

800+

PARTNER SCHOOLS
receiving SACP careers
information

20+

SCHOOLS VISITED
each year, planned regionally

£0

COST TO HOST SCHOOLS
every visit funded by
Supporting Companies

WHERE WE WORK

ACROSS THE UK

The Roadshow is available to schools throughout the UK. To date the SACP has worked with schools across England and Scotland, with the itinerary planned regionally each year so coverage builds steadily rather than concentrating in one part of the country. For Supporting Companies, that reach means engagement with students well beyond the regions where they operate or recruit.

FROM THE SCHOOLS WE'VE WORKED WITH

"This event has been the highlight of the year at Ripon Grammar School. If you want your students to be enthused about technology and careers in aerospace this is the organisation to ask. Superb opportunity for your students."

Bob Walker · Ripon Grammar School

"A very informative presentation with a great hands-on element, allowing our pupils to see real futures for themselves. Thank you SACP!"

James Sneddon · Wycombe Abbey

THE PARTNERSHIP

WHAT SUPPORTING COMPANIES DO

Supporting Companies fund the SACP, with the option to join Roadshow visits in person: the morning presentation, the afternoon breakouts, or both. Companies attending the morning deliver their own presentation to students in Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 to 16), with Years 12 and 13 (ages 16 to 18) where agreed with the school; companies attending the afternoon host a dedicated breakout station. There is no set tier or package; the level of involvement is shaped around what each company can offer.

Involvement does not end with the visit. Partner schools receive updated digital careers materials at regular intervals, with communication continuing until each student reaches 18, and Supporting Companies feature in those materials throughout. Where it fits within the scope of the programme, the SACP also supports companies with wider careers outreach to its schools network.

Year groups are given as used in England and Wales. The Scottish equivalents are S3 and S4, with S5 and S6 where agreed; the ages apply throughout.

IN THE MAIN SESSION

THE PRESENTATION SLOT

Each Roadshow includes three presentations by industry professionals, and one delivered by a Supporting Company when attending. The talks sit within the main two-hour session, alongside the SACP's core careers message, Spot the Boston Dynamics robot and a closing Q&A with students.

IN THE BREAKOUTS

A DEDICATED BREAKOUT STATION

Attending companies host their own station for hands-on activities and conversation in smaller groups: around 90 minutes with students across the afternoon, in four groups of about 30. It runs as one of the four rotations, alongside three SACP-led stations drawn from our FPV drone simulators, flight simulators, VR flight experience and virtual and mixed reality (VR/MR) design experience.

VISIBILITY ACROSS THE NETWORK

Supporting Companies are listed on the SACP website and appear in the digital careers materials sent to schools at regular intervals, reaching students, teachers and parents in the terms that follow.

ALL PREPARATION HANDLED

The SACP manages scheduling, school liaison and on-the-day delivery in full. A company's part is to arrive and take its place in the day, whether morning, afternoon or both.

THE ROADSHOW DAY

WHAT A ROADSHOW DAY LOOKS LIKE

Each visit is a full school-day event for up to 120 students in Years 10 and 11, with many host schools inviting neighbouring schools to share the day. The format has been refined over six years of delivery: a large-group presentation in the morning, then smaller, hands-on breakouts in the afternoon, with the SACP's 3D printer running throughout where everyone can see it.

THE EVENING BEFORE

The SACP team arrives to unload and set up equipment in the venue.

10:00

The presentation begins: the SACP's core careers message, the industry presentations, Spot and a closing Q&A.

AFTERNOON

Hands-on breakout sessions run for up to two hours, with the SACP team alongside students throughout.

15:00

Standard finish, with a short student feedback form before the end of the day.

Timings show the standard pattern. Every detail is confirmed with the school before the day.

THE CASE FOR SUPPORT

WHY COMPANIES SUPPORT THE SACP

The aerospace, space and aviation industry will need engineers, pilots, technicians, software specialists and operations staff for decades to come, and the subject choices that keep those routes open are made at school. The SACP works at that stage, putting industry professionals, working technology and current careers information in front of students, and keeping it up to date until each student reaches 18.

For a Supporting Company, the value is practical rather than promotional. A presentation slot puts your people in front of a school audience, a breakout station puts them in conversation with smaller groups, and the careers materials keep your company visible between visits. The SACP makes no claims about recruitment outcomes, and does not need to: sector awareness built at ages 14 to 16 is where the industry's future intake begins.

Because Supporting Companies fund the programme, every Roadshow is free of charge to the host school; because the SACP is independent, the guidance students receive reflects the breadth of the industry rather than any one company's hiring needs. Schools trust that independence, and it is what makes company involvement welcome in the classroom.

- ✓ **Direct engagement** with students aged 14 to 16
- ✓ **Reach** across 800+ partner schools
- ✓ **Involvement shaped** around what you can offer
- ✓ **Planning and delivery** handled by the SACP

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

ALIGNED TO THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS

Company involvement contributes to Benchmarks 2, 4 and 5 of the Gatsby Benchmarks, the framework schools use to plan and measure careers provision, and supports progress towards Benchmark 7. The full breakdown is on the Gatsby Benchmarks page of the SACP website.

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Learning from career and labour market information

Supporting Companies contribute to the digital careers materials sent to schools at regular intervals, keeping students current on aerospace, space and aviation pathways.
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Linking curriculum learning to careers

Industry presentations connect subjects such as physics, maths, design technology and computing to live work across aerospace, space and aviation.
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Encounters with employers and employees

Each Roadshow includes three presentations by industry professionals and one from a Supporting Company when attending, putting students in direct contact with people working in the industry.
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SUPPORTS PROGRESS TOWARDS

Encounters with further and higher education

The SACP's careers information sets out apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship and university routes into the industry; direct encounters with colleges and universities come from each school's wider provision.
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JOIN THE COMPANIES BEHIND THE SACP

Supporting Companies fund an independent programme that has spoken directly to more than 15,000 students. Get in touch to discuss what involvement could look like for your company.

BECOME A SUPPORTING COMPANY

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