

THE SACP ROADSHOW

A full-day school presentation for Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 to 16), free of charge to host schools.

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 Supporting Companies and Organisations behind 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. In practice, that means bringing industry professionals, working technology and current careers information directly into schools, and keeping that information up to date until each student reaches 18.

Every Roadshow is free of charge to the host school. The SACP brings the people, the equipment and the careers material; the school provides the space and the year groups taking part.

THE PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS

15,000+

STUDENTS ENGAGED
spoken to directly, in school

800+

PARTNER SCHOOLS
receiving SACP careers
information

60+

HOST SCHOOLS
have hosted a Roadshow visit

20+

SCHOOLS VISITED
each year, planned regionally

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.

FROM THE SCHOOLS WE'VE WORKED WITH

"Many students started the day unaware of all the opportunities in aerospace and, by the end of the day had decided it was a sector they wished to pursue a career in."

Kevin Alderton · William Perkin CoE

"It was an incredible experience. I would love to get into aerospace engineering as a career, and I think that this has been incredibly helpful in telling me about the different sectors of Aerospace. I really enjoyed the interactive activities as well."

Ryan · Year 10 · Kingsdale Foundation School

THE ROADSHOW DAY

WHAT A ROADSHOW DAY LOOKS LIKE

Each visit is a full school-day event for up to 120 students, designed for Years 10 and 11 (ages 14 to 16); where agreed, Years 12 and 13 (ages 16 to 18) also take part. Many host schools invite students from neighbouring schools to share the day; the 120 covers everyone attending. 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.

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.

MORNING · AROUND TWO HOURS

THE PRESENTATION

The morning opens with the SACP's core careers message: what the aerospace, space and aviation industry looks like today, the routes into it, and the subjects and skills that keep those routes open. Three industry presentations follow, and a Supporting Company regularly joins the visit to present its own work in person. Students meet Spot, the Boston Dynamics robot, and the presentation closes with a Q&A session, with students putting their questions directly to the team.

AFTERNOON · UP TO TWO HOURS

THE BREAKOUTS

The afternoon puts students hands-on in smaller groups across four stations: FPV drone simulators on 85-inch screens, desktop flight simulators, a VR flight experience and a virtual and mixed reality (VR/MR) design experience in Gravity Sketch, with the SACP team alongside them throughout and our 3D printer running where everyone can see it. When a Supporting Company attends, it runs one of the four stations. The equipment travels with the Roadshow, so nothing is needed from the school beyond the space, tables and power to set it up.

A TYPICAL ROADSHOW DAY

THE EVENING BEFORE	The SACP team typically arrives between 16:00 and 18:00 to unload and set up equipment in the venue.
07:30	The team is met by a member of school staff for access and final set-up.
10:00	The presentation begins, with students seated and the room ready.
MIDDAY	Break and lunch times follow the pattern agreed with the school in advance.
AFTERNOON	Hands-on breakout sessions run for up to two hours.
15:00	Standard finish. Shortly before the end of the day, students complete a short feedback form, and packing takes around 45 minutes.

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

AFTER THE VISIT

A Roadshow is the start of a continuing relationship rather than a single event. Partner schools receive updated digital careers materials at regular intervals, with point-of-contact communication continuing until each student reaches 18, and students can explore further at any time through the SACP website.

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

ALIGNED TO THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The Roadshow and the SACP's continuing digital resources contribute to Benchmarks 2, 4 and 5, and support progress towards Benchmark 7. The summary below is suitable for school documentation; the full breakdown is in the SACP's Gatsby Benchmarks Summary and on the Gatsby Benchmarks page of the SACP website.

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| 2 | <p>Learning from career and labour market information</p> <p>Updated digital careers materials, refreshed at regular intervals, keep students current on aerospace, space and aviation pathways.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Linking curriculum learning to careers</p> <p>The Roadshow connects subjects such as physics, maths, design technology and computing to live industry applications across aerospace, space and aviation.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Encounters with employers and employees</p> <p>Every visit includes three presentations by industry professionals, delivered in person; when a Supporting Company attends, it presents too.</p> |
| 7 | <p><small>SUPPORTS PROGRESS TOWARDS</small></p> <p>Encounters with further and higher education</p> <p>Our careers information sets out apprenticeship, degree apprenticeship and university routes into the industry, and the SACP Pathfinder helps students explore them. Direct encounters with colleges and universities come from your wider provision.</p> |

ON THE DAY

WHAT YOUR SCHOOL PROVIDES

The SACP brings the people, all equipment and the careers material, including extension leads for every station. On the school's side, a visit needs:

- ✓ **A main presentation space** with audio and a screen the SACP's laptop can connect to, seating everyone attending.
- ✓ **Space for the breakout stations**, with trestle tables, chairs and power sockets nearby.
- ✓ **Wi-Fi access** for the team's equipment, checked with your IT department before the visit.
- ✓ **Parking and a step-free unloading route**, with equipment typically unloaded the evening before.
- ✓ **Staff supervision** of students at an appropriate level throughout the day.

All attending SACP team members are DBS checked: in line with the safeguarding requirements in force from 1 September 2026, every presenter who attends at a rate of more than three in any 30-day period holds an Enhanced DBS check with a children's barred list check, and the SACP has verified every certificate and sends copies where requested. The SACP provides a Method Statement for the visit in advance and holds a separate Risk Assessment. The team works within the school's own safeguarding and visitor policies, shared with the SACP in advance along with any SEND or accessibility information that will help the day run well. A full requirements checklist is provided at booking, and every point on it is confirmed with the school before the day.

BRING THE ROADSHOW TO YOUR SCHOOL

The Roadshow is free to host, and the itinerary is planned regionally each year. Get in touch to discuss dates, the format that fits your school, and how a visit can support your careers plan.

REQUEST A PRESENTATION

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