

A silhouette of a person standing on the peak of a mountain, with the sun rising directly behind them, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, and the foreground shows the dark, rocky terrain of the mountain.

The Aspire Programme

Your complete guide
to progressing onto
Higher Education

The Aspire Programme is designed to help you realise your future opportunities and create the roadmap for your career.

Learn alongside other students in your subject specialism, and receive guidance tailored to your area of choice.

Meet employers, get help with applications and find the key to unlocking your future.

The Aspire Programme: Year 1

Year 1 introduces you to all the possible opportunities that open up when you pursue Higher Education. Get to know employers and industry professionals, experience a day in the life of a HE student, and attend a festival of HE research.

November

Welcome and Dragons' Den Workshop

An informative workshop, giving you the tools to create your personal career roadmap. In a Dragons' Den style workshop with local stakeholders, student teams battle it out with creative business ideas to win the Dragon's support and feedback.

April

HE Taster Day

A day in the life of a HE student at CCP. Meet the team, try out the facilities and experience an authentic taste of what it is like to be a HE student.

March

Financial Literacy

This session explores student finance, how student loan repayments work and how students can afford to budget for University.

May

Research Showcase

Annual Festival of CCP HE Research. Step into a vibrant showcase, meet the team behind cutting-edge university research - from undergraduates to PhD candidates, staff, and alumni.

July

Reflection

Participate in our end-of-year reflection to provide valuable feedback, share your experiences, and contribute to enhancing future learning opportunities.

June

Neurodiversity - A dialogue on Inclusion

From a student's perspective, learn how they bring their unique strengths, creativity, and problem-solving approaches to their studies. A balance between overcoming barriers and discovering how differences can become powerful assets when an inclusive organisation ensures the right support is in place.

The Aspire Programme: Year 2 Progression Masterclass

Year 2 takes you through the Progression Masterclass. This year will equip you with all the skills you need to progress easily onto the next stage of your academic journey. From financial literacy, to study skills and mock interviews - these invaluable sessions will give you the confidence to take your next steps.

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Welcome and UCAS Applications

An informative workshop, giving you the tools to create your personal career roadmap. Support students understand and navigate the UCAS application process.

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This session explores student finance, how student loan repayments work and how students can afford to budget for University.

February

Mock Interview

Mock Interview Day is your chance to practice interviewing with real professionals in a low pressure setting. You'll get to experience what a real interview feels like, receive helpful feedback, and build confidence before the real thing.

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For more information or to sign up to the programme please contact the Higher Education team email he@cityplym.ac.uk

