



Student Admission profile and criteria

Harmonize Academy will provide places for 150 students. Typically, they will have been excluded from school or be at risk of exclusion. They may be non-attenders for a variety of reasons as set out below.

Apart from KS3 students, for whom reintegration may be an option, Harmonize Academy will provide an environment with an alternative curriculum for those students who may just not flourish in a mainstream setting and may be categorised as one or more of the following:

- Asylum seeker / new arrivals to city (with or without ESOL needs)
- Young offenders
- SEN/EHCP
- At risk of missing education
- Young carers
- Teenage parents
- Looked after Children
- Children in Need
- Permanently excluded students
- Hard to place students
- Disaffected students

The list below is illustrative of the variety of reasons leading to placement at the Academy. Harmonize Academy will provide for students who:

- Are excluded or at risk of exclusion from mainstream or special schools
- Have been habitual school-refusers
- Are non-attenders as a result of school phobia
- Have emotional and behavioural difficulties that have seriously impeded school attendance
- Have been bullied to the extent that they are not able to sustain a consistent pattern of school attendance
- Are CME (Children Missing Education)
- Have been elective home-schooled children, where the decision to home educate was mostly a rejection of mainstream educational environment
- Require specialist provision for girls
- Have particular Special Educational Needs (SEN) that are not being addressed in a mainstream or special school setting but can be provided for in an Alternative Provision
- Needing extra support which is not available or possible in a mainstream setting but which is available as part of an alternative provision
- Are disaffected with mainstream education so such an extent that continued placement in such a setting is no longer a positive option
- Are disadvantaged such that a mainstream placement is neither sustainable nor appropriate
- Have been abused to the extent that a mainstream placement is neither sustainable nor appropriate

Groups

At full capacity Harmonize Academy will provide places for 150 students, the majority of whom will be in KS4. A small number of places will be available for KS3 students. We will deliver a KS3 curriculum with intense personal development and pastoral support for 1, 2 or 3 terms and work in close partnership with the referring school to reintegrate the students into mainstream school if appropriate.

The academy is also planning to provide some Post 16 education in due course. The aim with this group will be to raise their levels of qualifications, to provide on-the-job mentoring by linking them with local employers, and to progress them on to employment or FE.