Careers at Park Academy West London

At Park Academy West London, we help students explore their ambitions, discover opportunities and make informed decisions about their future. Our careers programme spans all year groups, combining impartial guidance with practical experiences that introduce students to further study and the world of work.

Students benefit from university visits, employer encounters, work experience, interviews and support through Unifrog. An independent careers adviser provides personalised guidance to students in Years 11–13, with additional support for those who may face barriers to progressing into education, employment or training.

Exploring opportunities and developing skills

All Key Stage 4 students are offered a university visit and an interview with an external employer. Students in Years 10 and 12 are offered work experience, while our Year 9 Work Shadowing Day provides an early opportunity to explore working life.

These experiences help students understand the pathways available to them and develop confidence, communication, organisation and other valuable employability skills.

Our Compass evaluation reflects the breadth and structure of our provision across the eight Gatsby Benchmarks, which underpin high-quality careers education. We continually review our programme to understand how effectively it helps students develop their aspirations and prepare for their next steps.

Supporting successful next steps

We support students with applications and transitions into sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, training and employment. Those who need additional help receive targeted guidance to explore suitable options and plan their next steps.

Our aim is for every student to leave Park Academy with a clear sense of direction, the confidence to pursue their goals and the skills to make the most of future opportunities.

Year 11 Destinations	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
Staying in Education or Employment	132	92%	143	91%	88	86%

Year 11 Destinations	2024-2025		2023-2024		2022-2023	
	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
Park Academy Sixth Form	38	26%	48	31%	28	27%
College	84	59%	87	54%	49	48%
Apprenticeship	3	2%	4	3%	5	5%
Employment	7	5%	4	3%	4	4%
NEET	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%
Other	12	8%	14	9%	14	14%
Total Leavers	**144**		**157**		**102**	

Year 13 Destinations	2025		2024		2023	
	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students	No. of students	% of students
Higher Education	16	64%	29	62%	26	61%
Employment	6	18%	10	24%	10	25%
Gap year	1	3%	2	4%	2	4%
Apprenticeship	2	6%	3	6%	2	4%
NEET	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%
Other	3	9%	2	4%	2	4%
Total Leavers	**28**		**46**		**43**	