

Young Strathclyde: Accelerate

Education Challenge

22nd – 26^h June 2026

Accelerate is a one-week programme, held at the University of Strathclyde, for pupils who have just gone into S5 and S6. It aims to provide a targeted focus on the pupils' chosen area of academic interest, giving them a head start on the road to their chosen career.

There are ten areas that you can choose from in 2026, depending on your career aspirations:

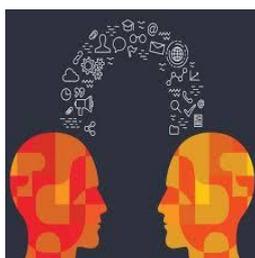
- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Education**
- **Electronic & Electrical Engineering**
- **Languages & International Communication**
- **Law**
- **Politics**
- **Product Design**

Teams of academic experts have put together week-long Challenges in each of these areas that will allow pupils to find out all about their area of interest and the career opportunities open to them. Led by undergraduate and postgraduate student mentors from the relevant fields, pupils will undertake a variety of group challenges, as well as attending career workshops and getting a chance to see what student life is like.

The Education Challenge: Outline

The Education Challenge has three main aims:

- To provide you with insights and information about the various academic courses and work opportunities that there are in the field of Education.
- To allow you to discuss career and education options with a variety of professionals and academics while being treated as a University student for the week.
- To allow you to take part in group challenges to develop your understanding of Education as an academic subject.



University staff from the Strathclyde Institute of Education and external partners working in the Education sector will be on hand throughout the week as a source of advice and information and to support you through your group tasks.

You will:

- *Examine the questions ‘What is Education?’ and ‘How do people learn?’*
- *Explore different approaches to learning by working with experts in areas like Creativities, Sustainability and Teacher Education.*
- *Consider what Education might look like in the future for people of all ages.*
- *Explore the many opportunities open to graduates in the field of Education.*

This Challenge is designed to help you to think more deeply about the purpose of Education. You will have time to examine the role of schools and schooling but will also be involved in thinking more broadly about the nature of Education and about the Education of Society.

This Challenge is designed to provide a university-based experience of learning, thinking and working collaboratively to support you as you make decisions about your own future.

Our Education careers and industry event will also allow you to see the future opportunities available to you and the whole week will offer you a taste of what it is really like to be a University student.



What previous Education Challenge participants said about the programme:

“I really enjoyed the accelerate education programme and it opened my eyes to education in a whole new light.”

“I thought it was very informative as it taught me all the different ways to learn the pathway to take to be a teacher and how to work in a group setting.”

“Really enjoyed it, liked socialising with new people and doing all the activities. The mentors were GREAT. 10/10 experience.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed the programme, and it helped me feel more prepared for a career in education as well as getting more used to meeting and working with new people.”

For further information, visit:

<https://www.strath.ac.uk/professionalservices/accessequalityinclusionsevice/wideningaccess/gettingready/accelerate/>

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