

ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION : 1 OCTOBER 2022 - 31 JANUARY 2023

Proposal under consultation

The JCB Academy currently admits 133 learners into Y9 and an additional 67 learners into Y10, an overall intake of 200 learners across the two year groups. The proposal is for The JCB Academy to admit 200 learners into Y9 only.

With the addition of the new T-Level qualification, the academy proposes an increase in Sixth Form capacity to accommodate a new T-Level cohort into Y12. This will increase the Y12 group size from 100 learners to 130 learners.

There is no plan to increase additional learners who transfer to the academy into Y12; this number is to remain at 50 learners. However, an additional 35 learners are planned to progress from the existing Y11 to make a total Y12 year group size of 140 learners.

- a) 185 learners into Y9 (total year group size at 185). The JCB Academy has capacity for 555 learners in pre-16.
- b) 50 learners into Y12. The JCB Academy has capacity for 240 learners in the Sixth Form. The total Y12 group size will be 130, including learners who progress from The JCB Academy's Y11. If fewer learners progress from Y11, The JCB Academy will admit over the admission number up to the overall size of the Y12 group if sufficient applications are received.
- c) The JCB Academy Trust may set a higher admission number than The JCB Academy's agreed admission number for an applicable year group.

Quality of education

The quality of education is enhanced for learners who enter the academy into Y9 as they have a business and engineering enhanced curriculum which increases their core knowledge and skills required for their curriculum in Y10 and Y11. There is evidence that learners who enter the academy in Y9 make significantly more progress in business and engineering. In addition, for learners who start in Y9, their personalised needs can be identified before they commence their Key Stage 4 studies and subsequently they have precise advice regarding options and pathways. Information from former schools is nearly always incomplete and further assessment is used to set a baseline for their curriculum in Y10 in their first term resulting in unnecessary time lost. In conclusion, it is pedagogically beneficial for learners to start in Y9.

Size and learner population

The total number of learners on roll in Key Stage 4 will remain the same as there would not be a cohort of learners entering the academy into Y10.

There will be an additional 35 places in Y12 for learners who will take the new T-Level qualifications; the increase in numbers will be filled from an increase in the current cohort of Y11 learners remaining at The JCB Academy.

Demand

There are approximately 3 applications for every place in Y9 and approximately 2.5 applications for every place in Y10. In conclusion, there is demand for the additional places in Y9 and the phased implementation will ensure families in Y10 will not miss the entry point.

2022 was the first year The JCB Academy ran T-Levels and 35 learners started the T-Level Engineering course. The increase in numbers was due to Year 11 learners from the academy staying on into the sixth form. There was no change in external applicants which in 2022 totalled 48 learners from other schools.

Impact on other schools

The learners coming into Y9 come from a wide catchment area and the impact on any one area or an individual school would be minimal as there is no increase in numbers overall and the increase will only alter school numbers for one academic year. The same learners who would start in Y10 would start a year earlier. In all cases, the increase in numbers is spread throughout a number of secondary schools.

The table below shows the number of learners from each area currently in the academy and the predicted impact on schools in relation to Y9 learners for **one year only** from all areas.

Location (Town/City)	Impact on the area for Y9 academic year only
Derby Area	14 learners across 29 secondary schools
Stoke Area	11 learners across 33 secondary schools
Burton Area	5 learners across 7 secondary schools
Stafford Area	4 learners across 6 secondary schools
Swadlincote Area	3 learners across 3 secondary schools
Ashbourne Area	3 learners across 3 secondary schools
Uttoxeter Area	3 learners across 4 secondary schools
Stone Area	2 learners across 3 secondary schools
Rugeley Area	3 learners across 2 secondary schools
Leek Area	1 learner across 3 secondary schools
Other (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Staffordshire, Moorlands.	4 learners

Implementation plan

There will be a phased implementation plan as follows:

In 2024, 185 learners will be admitted into Y9 and 52 learners into Y10

In 2025, 185 learners will be admitted into Y9 and no learners into Y10

Consultation process

The consultation period is from 1 October 2022 and 31 January 2023 and responses in support, objections and comments should be sent to consultation@jcbacademy.com.