Aimhigher West Midlands Mentoring Scheme 2018-19

Summary

The Aimhigher partnership coordinates an annual programme of mentoring. Aimhigher mentors are university students who support a group of around five school or college learners on a weekly basis, typically for between 12 and 15 weeks. The mentors deliver one-to-one and group sessions during the school or college day, and have access to a secure e-mentoring system which provides further contact opportunities and a range of learning and information resources for both mentors and learners.   In 2018-2019 over 620 young people from 38 schools and colleges across the West Midlands were supported by 98 individual Aimhigher mentors. Young people are selected for the scheme because they have the potential to be considering higher education but come from disadvantaged backgrounds and communities that are under-represented in higher education.

During 2018-2019 the Aimhigher mentoring scheme achieved the following outcomes:

626 learners engaged in mentoring

5707   total learner engagements

9.1   engagements per learner

Engagement Programme Targets and Performance

The table below summarises performance in terms of engagement targets for the mentoring scheme.
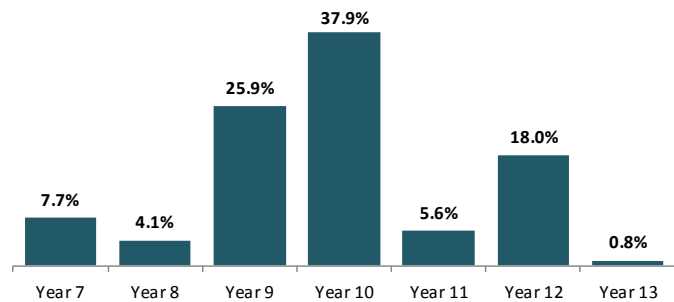
HEI	Programme Targets				Programme Performance				
	Target Mentors	Target Learners	Target no of weeks	Target exchanges	Number of mentors engaged*	Number of Learners engaged**	Average number exchanges per learner (target number of weeks)	Number of learner face to face exchanges	% of exchanges Target
Aston	40	200	12	2400	40	196	8.6	1694	70.6%
BCU	25	125	12	1500	13	88	6.7	586	39.1%
UCB	44	220	12	2640	32*	196	11.9	2342	88.7%
UoB	30	150	12	1800	29	146	7.4	1085	60.3%
Total	**139**	**695**	**12**	**8340**	**114**	**626**	**9.1**	**5707**	**68.4%**

Analysis based on mentors and learners engaged in scheme (Note that UCB Mentors have double the workload so this report so each mentor is counted twice)

Schools and Year Group Breakdown

School/Academy/College	# learners engaged
Aldridge School	15
Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School	18
ARK Kings Academy	20
Arthur Terry School	28
Aston Manor Academy	10
Bishop Walsh	5
Bournville School	17
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School	19
Eden Boys	20
George Salter Academy	21
Hamstead Hall	10
Handsworth Wood Girls	10
Hodge Hill Girls' School	20
Holly Lodge Science College	15
Kings Norton Boys' School	20
Langley School	18
Lode Heath School	20
Lordswood boys	20
Moseley School and Sixth Form	20
North Birmingham Academy	4
Park Hall Academy	16
Plantsbrook School	15
Q3 Academy	15
Q3 Tipton (The Ace Academy)	5
Saltley Academy	19
Sandwell Academy	8
Shenley Academy & Sixth Form	20
Shire Oak Academy	26
Small Heath Leadership Academy	21
Smiths Wood Academy	27
South Bromsgrove High	11
St Alban's Academy	20
Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls	7
Swanshurst School	21
Tile Cross Academy	24
Walsall Studio School	12
Wheelers Lane Technology College	19
Yardleys School	10

This year **38** schools engaged in the mentoring scheme
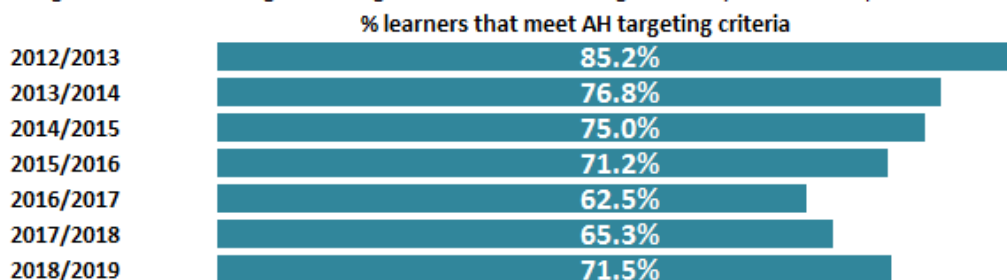**Engagement of learners by year group**

Year	%
Year 7	7.7%
Year 8	4.1%
Year 9	25.9%
Year 10	37.9%
Year 11	5.6%
Year 12	18.0%
Year 13	0.8%

Learner Targeting

Category	Criteria	Number Target	% target	Number Not target	Unknown	Total Known
A	IMD	373	78.9%	100	153	473
	Eligibility for FSM	182	44.7%	225	219	407
B	No parental HE or	368	73.5%	133	125	501
	POLAR2 (YPR)	233	49.3%	240	153	473
C	Disability	28	6.0%	439	159	467
	In care	18	3.9%	442	166	460
	Teacher supporting	0	0.0%	626	NA	626
NA	Meets 1 criteria	467	91.7%	42	117	509
NA	**Meets Aimhigher**	364	71.5%	145	117	509

*Aimhigher target criteria – learner must meet at least 1 criteria from both categories A and B. Learners who are disabled or are in care (Category C) are given high priority and do not have to meet any of the other criteria.

Learner Targeting

71.5% of learners on the scheme meet full Aimhigher targeting criteria*

The percentage of learners meeting full Aimhigher criteria increased against last year after the previous fall tending

% learners that meet AH targeting criteria

Year	%
2012/2013	85.2%
2013/2014	76.8%
2014/2015	75.0%
2015/2016	71.2%
2016/2017	62.5%
2017/2018	65.3%
2018/2019	71.5%

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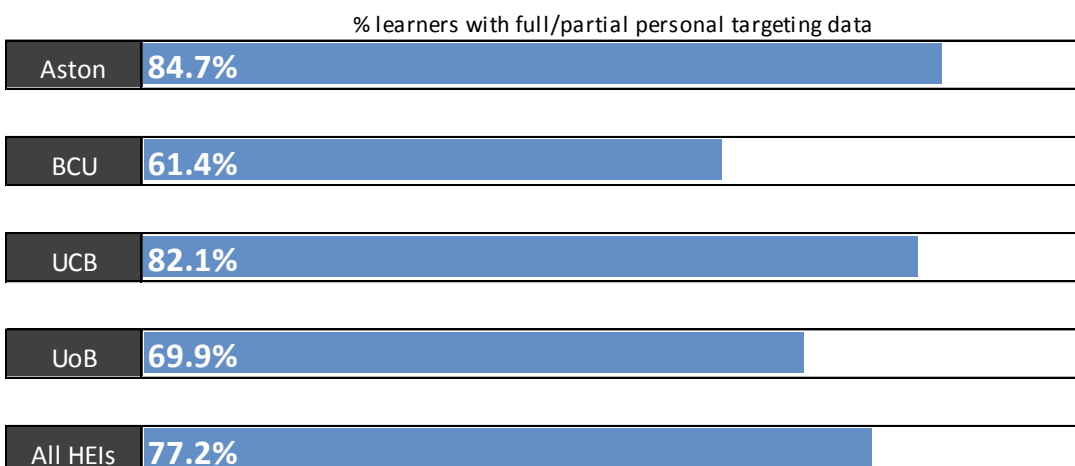
Personal Data

To identify the proportions of learners that meet Aimhigher targeting criteria the partnership collects personal data from learners and their families. This year the return of personal data forms was improved so that we did not approach schools for school census data when personal data was not available. This year 71.5% of personal data forms were returned, which is above the set target of 60% (2017-2018 66.1% were returned).

Mentoring scheme improvement target: % of learners that return full/partial personal targeting data

Year	%
2014/2015	49.0%
2015/2016	65.1%
2016/2017	70.8%
2017/2018	66.1%
2018/2019	77.2%

% of engaged mentored learners with targeting data

% learners with full/partial personal targeting data

HEI	%
Aston	84.7%
BCU	61.4%
UCB	82.1%
UoB	69.9%
All HEIs	77.2%

Data is for learners who engaged in the scheme at least 1 or more times