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| Space Schools/studio schools    Studio schools **are pioneering** schools which receive funding as well |
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| as support from private businesses, and which seek to encourage young |
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| people to **undertak**e a less conventional form of secondary education. |
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| These schools often specialise in one specific area, whilst understanding |
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| that the same broad range of skills and **qualifications** should be made |
| available to all young people. |
| One such school has recently opened to educate fourteen- to |
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| eighteen-year-olds who have a special interest in working in the |
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| space industry. Students follow **a tailor-made** curriculum at the |
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| school, including subjects such as Astronomy and Astrophysics. |
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| Lessons are a mixture of small-class tutorials, with projects |
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| supervised by leading companies in both the space and technology |
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| `industries. |
| Prominent **scientists and engineers** are brought in as guest |
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| lecturers, with students aiming to achieve top grades in their |
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| Maths and Science exams. When they leave school, they will be  \ |
| well-placed to take any number of different career paths. ‘They |
| don’t have to become astronauts!’ says a spokesperson for the |
| school. ‘Excellent grades in science and technology subjects can |
| open many doors and lead to a variety of career opportunities.’ |

