



BHASVIC Widening Participation

Summer Schools Issue



The BHASVIC WP team hope that you have had a great start to 2018.

This newsletter is intended to summarise the main activities currently being offered by universities, whilst also informing you of other opportunities that may be appropriate. This issue pays particular attention to Summer Schools.

We appreciate that this is a packed issue but hope that you find the information useful. Most events are free of charge, but where there is a cost implication we have highlighted it.

Please note: If a student is successful in applying to any activity they must check with their teachers that it is ok for them to attend, (this only applies if the event is in College time and will result in them missing College to attend). Once they have done this, they must notify our attendance team and the WP team - this can be done by emailing outofcollege@bhasvic.ac.uk and copying in studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk

Last chance to apply!

Applications for the Widening Participation schemes are still open until **Saturday 31 March 2018** – if you have not completed the online applications and you think you are eligible for any of our partner schemes do not miss the opportunity apply now by clicking in this [LINK](#) and go to the Widening Participation tab.

Making the Most of Summer – University of Brighton

Parents, Carers and Students in Year 12 who are thinking about applying to University are invited to join this seminar.

The following topics will be included:

- Writing a strong personal statement
- Planning to fill the gaps over the summer
- Volunteering
- Work Experience
- Wider Reading
- Q&A session with staff and current students

The event will take place on:

Wednesday 16 May 2018

Time:

18:00 – 20:30

Venue:

Checkland Building, Falmer Campus, University of Brighton

For more information please email: compactplus@brighton.ac.uk

Upcoming subject specific events at the University of Brighton

Date	Time	Subject	University/Scheme
Wednesday 28 February	10:00 - 15:30	Value of Sport Conference	University of Brighton, Eastbourne Campus
Wednesday 21 March 2018	12:45 - 15:30	History A level Revision Lecture	University of Brighton, Moulsecoomb Campus
Friday 23rd March 2018	09.00 – 14:00	Tourism, Hospitality and Event Management 6th Form Conference	University of Brighton, Eastbourne Campus

Tuesday 27 March 2018	10.00 - 12.00 or 14:00 – 16:00	Pharmacy and Biomolecular Science Taster Workshops	University of Brighton, Moulsecoomb Campus
Thursday 31 May 2018	10:00 - 15:30	Social Science Conference	University of Brighton, Falmer Campus
Wednesday 18 July 2018	10.00am - 1.00	Chemistry Conference	University of Brighton, Moulsecoomb Campus

Events may be added at any time by the universities. To view the up to date information on events being held by the University of Brighton please click [HERE](#)

Free of charge. Students must be able to travel to the event independently.

For the University of Sussex students must be part of the First-Generation Scholars Scheme (first in their family to go to university, excluding siblings). All students can attend Brighton events. Except Summer Schools.

A confirmation will be sent via email (from the university, not BHASVIC) if a student is successful in securing a place.

Upcoming Events at UCL

Upcoming events for Widening Participation students at **UCL** can be found by clicking [HERE](#)

The university website includes events that our students are not eligible so we have listed the ones that are suitable below. Please check the eligibility criteria before applying to these events.

Year 12

- [Taster Courses](#)
- [Discover UCL Summer School for D/deaf and Hard of Hearing Students](#)

London Taster Days

If a student feels that they want to know more about a subject before considering studying it at university, or would like to improve their personal statement, these **FREE** London taster days are a great way to do some research.

Students apply for a course in a subject area of their choice - if they are successful, they will spend time at a London based university meeting academics and students whilst also attending lectures and workshops.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more

Access Accountancy

Access Accountancy is a movement for change across the accountancy profession. Working towards everyone having an equal chance of accessing the profession. Accountancy firms and professional bodies have committed to measurable outcomes, which aim to deliver real change and welcome talented and ambitious young people to the profession from all backgrounds, supporting social mobility. Please follow this [LINK](#) to access further information

Interested in Accountancy and Finance

If you are interested in Accountancy and Finance, there are a range of schemes available to support your progression and minimise the cost. An example of one of these is the PWC Flying Start programme; see more details at by clicking [HERE](#)

You can look at other large accountancy firms, for example, Ernst Young, Deloitte, Mazars etc. – all of whom offer programmes aimed at either giving an alternative route to a degree, or reducing the costs of the degree you study.

Futurewise courses and events

Unsure what subjects to study? Want to learn more about university courses or discover your career path? These career insight events will really help you and are being offered in a wide range of subject areas.

Take part in networking sessions with employers, hear from leading experts in their field, learn valuable skills and meet new friends from other colleges. All of this will help you prepare for your next steps and set you up for success in years to come.

Please click [HERE](#) for full details

Please note that students will need to book the event and travel independently, they will also need to **pay the non-member price for the taster day**.

This is not a free activity so please check the costs involved when applying.

Free Get into Medicine Events with Buckingham Medical School

Are you interested in studying Medicine? There is a free seminar, you can receive top tips from qualified doctors on how to stand out in your medical school application.

The Medic Portal has teamed up with the University of Buckingham Medical School who are proudly sponsoring this free seminar in London.

Click [HERE](#) for information

Access to Southampton (A2S) – This opportunity is only available to first year students

Applications for the Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme for 2019 entry are now open. A2S is a widening participation programme designed to provide additional support and consideration to eligible students. The programme includes a summer school, an academic assignment, mentoring and support with the transition to University. Students who successfully complete the scheme will also receive a **£1000 scholarship** in their first year of study at Southampton.

Please visit the website for more information, or contact the A2S Co-ordinator, Emma Woozeer
e.woozeer@soton.ac.uk | 02380 595696.

<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/access-to-southampton.page>

Summer Schools

There are numerous benefits to taking part in Summer Schools, these range from simply getting information to gaining confidence and making choices about your future. They are usually **free** and include your meals, accommodation, some will cover travel costs. You will also be able to find out what University is really like! Summer schools are often the most inspirational part of the WP year.

You can develop your critical thinking and independent study skills, and you will be introduced to new subject areas which will all help to support your progression to higher education.

You'll have the opportunity to ask current students about their university experiences, and talk to academics about their subjects and research.

You will gain an insight to university life, and there are numerous academic benefits to taking part in a summer school, for example:

- find out about courses and how they are taught
- learn how to carry out university-level research
- experience a university lecture, delivered by an academic in a lecture theatre
- use facilities including, labs, teaching areas, sports facilities, library and specialist arts facilities

To view all the up to date Summer School opportunities see the Widening Participation section of the BHASVIC Website. We have numerous universities offering summer schools in a variety of subjects. These applications are competitive and each university has a different deadline so please don't miss out. Click [HERE](#) to gain further information.

Postcode checker

When checking whether you are eligible for some WP opportunities you will be asked if you come from a neighbourhood where fewer than average young people attend university. In order to check whether this applies to you click [Here](#).

If your postcode is in Quintile 1 or 2 then you are from an eligible postcode.

Support for the A1 to A2 Transfer

Students will soon start the process of completing their A1 – A2 transfer options. During this time, they will need to start looking at what their future plans may be.

If students are interested in going to university then the [Sacu A Level Explorer](#) could help them find a course.

For students wanting to understand where a degree subject might lead them then [Prospects – what can I do with my degree?](#) Is a useful tool to give suggestions, but this is not an exhaustive list.

Students wishing to understand more about apprenticeships should look at [Get in Go Far](#)

Careers Resources

Please see the links below for information that might help students make decisions between different pathways, but also for parents to think about when talking to students about their choices.

[Target Careers](#)

[Target Careers Choices about University](#)

[Get in Go Far](#)

[Apprenticeships in Sussex](#)

Useful Links

Career Sectors - [Target Jobs](#)

The government site for apprenticeships - [Get in Go Far](#)

School Leaver opportunities and Apprenticeships (Finance/Consulting/Law)

Ernst Young

EY are offering apprenticeships in Tax, Assurance, Transactions & Consulting - get the qualifications you'd normally gain after finishing uni on a salary up to £21.5K. Or choose EY's degree apprenticeship which includes a paid-for BSc in Digital Innovation.

National Audit Office (NAO)

Study to become a chartered accountant straight from college with NAO's school/college leaver programme. NAO inspects public spending of government departments, agencies and public bodies, so a career at NAO is an opportunity to make a difference to our society. Available in London and Newcastle.

View Opportunities [Success at School](#)

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Opportunities for students to gain experience in the legal sector.

[Success at School](#)

General Information

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We have sent this newsletter to the parents/carers of all students who are eligible for at least one of the WP schemes that we work with. To check your eligibility students can speak to Lynne or Susie in Student Services, or email studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk and enquire.

The application process for University of Brighton is online, via the following link: <http://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/wideningparticipation/application-form/> and you can follow this link for the University of Sussex <https://goo.gl/forms/56zRjUXO3bJuPFNI3>

You can follow us on [B H A S V I C - Student Services](#) or twitter [@BHASVICStudentServs](#) to ensure that you have information regarding any other events being offered by our team.