

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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## WIDENING PARTICIPATION EVENTS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

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Welcome to the summer edition which covers upcoming summer schools. All of the events we showcase are intended to help develop skills and although the majority of information in this newsletter is about academic events, we have also included some more general information. Attending academic events/summer schools can enhance your critical thinking and independent study skills and students will be introduced to new subject areas, which will all help to support progression to higher education. There will be the opportunity to ask current students about their university experiences, and talk to academics about their subjects and research. There are numerous benefits to taking part in these events, 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.

Many universities offer summer schools in a variety of subject areas. These applications are competitive and each university deadline and eligibility criteria may vary, so please check so you don't miss out - there's nothing to lose!

## UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

# Access Programme



### Summer Schools

For students who enrol on our Access Plus programme, they will have an exciting opportunity to apply for the Summer School Programme. This will give Year 12 and 13 students the chance to study a subject of their choice, produce a university level assignment, meet and network with current Sussex students, as well as explore our beautiful campus. This year's post-16 Summer Programme is now open for applications and will include:

- An on-campus welcome day introducing students to their chosen subject and meeting others on the programme,
- Two online tutorials on the subject of their choosing,
- A two-day residential in Sussex University accommodation where students can experience various aspects of student life, whilst completing and submitting an assignment.

To take part in the Year 12 and above Summer Programme students will need to be signed up to the Sussex Access Programme. Applications to our Sussex Access Programme remain open throughout the year, taking around 5-10 minutes for students to apply. You can check your students' eligibility [here](#), and student can apply using the button below

### Academic Masterclasses

Access Plus Academic Masterclasses are running between **May and June**, with several sessions available for students to book on to:

- **Astronomy Masterclass (Tuesday 24 May) 10:30am – 2:30pm**
- **Media Masterclass (Tuesday 14 June) 10:30am – 2:30pm**
- **Life Sciences Masterclass (Wednesday 15 June) 10:30am – 2:30pm**
- **International Relations Masterclass (Wednesday 22 June) 10:30am – 2:30pm**

These events will take place in person, on our Falmer campus, and give students the opportunity to interact with our staff, academics, and student ambassadors. The University of Sussex will cover the cost of travel to us, and lunch will be provided on the day.

Applications to our Sussex Access Programme remain open throughout the year, however, to get the most from our events we recommend students sign up as soon as possible [here](#)

*DON'T  
miss it!*

**Learn More**



## UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

# Access Programme Continued



### Multi-Subject Taster Day

**Wednesday 8th June 2022 10:30 - 14:30 (arrival from 10.00am)**

We are running a Multi Subject Taster event on Wednesday 8 June for students in Year 12, 13 and above. This event is open for group bookings which can be made by coordinators on behalf of students who meet our criteria.

The day will provide a unique chance for students to try out three subjects that they may not have considered before, or to have a university style taster in one of their favourite subjects, or a tour of our campus. The sessions are led by academic staff at the University of Sussex and are supported by current students.

Subjects: English, Mathematics, Psychology, Philosophy, Media, and Physics.

Please note, students will be able to sign up to their subject preferences on the day.

Additional Information:

- **Packed lunch is included**
- **Travel can be reimbursed**
- **Students can attend without a School/College member of staff**

We expect this event to sell out very quickly please complete the booking form as soon as possible



### More Information

## UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

# Outreach Programme Summer Schools



**University  
of Brighton**

### **On-campus residential summer schools**

Join us for four days on campus for subject taster sessions, social activities, and overnight stays in our halls of residence.

Humanities and social science: 12 – 15 July

Applied sciences and engineering, health professions, sport and exercise: 19 – 22 July

**Application deadline: 31 May**

### **On-campus non-residential summer schools**

These summer schools are for photography and business subjects, you'll work with current Brighton students on a project to develop your skills.

Photography: 28 June – 1 July

Business: 27 – 29 July

**Application deadline: 31 May**

### **Online summer schools**

Get a taste for studying your subject at university, from wherever you are in the world! Find out more.

All running from 26 – 29 July

**Application deadline: 20 July**

**Learn More**





## National Residential 2022

**Deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 15th May 2022.**

Participants outside of the south west of England join our National pathway, which begins with a week-long residential experience – either on-campus or virtual – in the July between year 12 and year 13.

This year, for the first time, applicants can choose between a campus residential or a virtual residential. There are different subject strands available for each, and applicants will be asked on the application form to choose their preferred subject strand and residential type.

### Campus Residentials

On the five-day campus residential, you'll get both the chance to stay in university halls and explore the area around the University of Exeter, and the opportunity to explore a particular academic subject in more detail. Subject strands take place at either the Streatham campus in Exeter or the Penryn campus in Cornwall.

The residential in Penryn, Cornwall, takes place from Monday 4th to Friday 8th July 2022.

The residential in Exeter, Devon, takes place from Monday 25th to Friday 29th July 2022.

### Virtual Residential

On the five-day virtual residential, you'll explore a particular academic subject in more detail and take part in a group project and virtual social activities. Subject strands take place virtually.

The virtual residential takes place from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July 2022.

**IMPORTANT:** We aim to place participants on their first choice of residential and subject strand, but due to demand and availability we are not always able to do so. In this case, we will place participants on their second choice of residential and subject strand. Please do try to choose a residential (campus or virtual) and subject strand (see lists below) for your second choice that you would be just as happy to study as part of the Exeter Scholars programme.

### More Information



**Exeter Scholars Programme** – Remember it's not too late to sign up for the Exeter Scholars programme



# SOAS

University of London

## Summer Schools

**Applications have reopened for the following summer schools (closes Friday 27th May)**

SOAS summer schools are for students in Year 12. During each summer school students will have a mixture of activities, including interactive lectures delivered by academics, study skills sessions as well as access to resources and materials. Students will also have a live Q&A with recent alumni and current SOAS students and will complete a group project with peers, supported by student ambassadors.

Some of the summer schools will be taking place on campus and some will be offered with a hybrid approach, where you will be able to select whether you attend on campus or via Zoom. Each summer school clearly states which format is being used so please make sure you check that the summer school you are interested in is being delivered in a format suitable for you before you make your selections.

Summer schools are from 10am – 4pm each day, unless stated otherwise.

If you are from outside of London but are interested in attending an on campus programme SOAS will provide unsupervised accommodation and cover travel costs (for eligible students)

During July and August 2022 SOAS will be offering eight summer schools.

For students who attend a UK state school and fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- First generation in family to attend university in the UK
- Eligible or previously eligible for free school meals
- Experience of local authority care
- From an area of low progression to higher education (as measured by Polar 4 data)
- **Anthropology - Tuesday 5th - Friday 9th July**
- **School of Arts - Monday 1st - Thursday 4th August**
- **Development Studies - Monday 1st - Thursday 4th August**
- **History - Monday 18th - Thursday 21st July**

**More Information**





**The London Institute  
of Banking & Finance**

## Summer University

**Tuesday 23 - Thursday 25  
August 2022**



**fee attached to attendance**



Summer University is a three day non-residential programme for students who are thinking about a career in financial services and are interested in studying related subjects at university. It will give you an insight into the world of banking and finance. It will also introduce the various career paths available to you within financial services, and can help you think about whether a career in these areas is right for you.

Over three days, you will take part in a variety of workshops, talks and lectures led by experts that already work in the industry. There will also be a number of social activities to introduce you to staff and students, and to give you a taste of student life in the heart of the city.

You are encouraged to apply for the Summer University if you:

- Are a Year 12 or Year 11 student as of September 2021,
- Have five 9 to 4 grades at GCSE (or equivalent), including English and Maths,
- Have a broad interest in finance, economics or business,
- Are considering applying to university.

### **Fee**

£75 per student

£50 per student currently studying the CeFS or DipFS

Refreshments and lunch will be provided every day and the cost of materials and all excursions are covered within the course fee. Please note: There is no accommodation provided. Suggestions on places to stay are available via the link below.

### **Bursaries**

There are a limited number of bursaries that cover the full cost of the programme. To qualify for this, you should meet two or more of the criteria below:

- Be living in a POLAR4 area of quintile 1 or 2,
- You are in, or have been in, the care of the Local Authority,
- Receives free school meals.

Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis.

**Learn More**





UNIVERSITY OF  
**BATH**

## Step into Bath



**Fee attached to attendance**



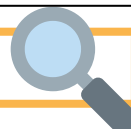
Step into Bath is now open for applications. It is a 2-night residential summer school, from Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 July, for Year 12 students who are on track to meet our typical offer and who are considering applying to Bath for 2023 entry.

Students will stay in campus accommodation and attend interactive sessions to help them make a competitive university application, as well as academic skills sessions to prepare them for the transition to university study.

There is an attendance fee of £200 which covers all accommodation, food and activities. Applications close on Wednesday 1 June 2022.

Wed 27 July	Thurs 28 July	Fri 29 July
12 noon- Arrival	8 am- Breakfast	8 am- Breakfast
1 pm- Welcome	9.15 am- Students' Union session	9 am- Check out of accommodation
2 pm- Campus Tour	10.30am- Placements session	9.45 am- Finance, budgeting and university accommodation
3 pm- Choosing a course and applying to a competitive university	12 noon- Lunch	11 am- Transition to university
4 pm- Accommodation check-in	1.15 pm- Transferable skills and goal setting	12 pm- Attendee feedback
5 pm- Faculty focused session showcasing department facilities and Ambassador Q&A	2.45 pm- Writing your best personal statement and Admissions Q&A	1 pm- Packed lunch and departure
6 pm- Dinner	5 pm- Dinner	
7.30pm- Quiz led by Student Ambassadors	6.30 pm- Guided city tour	

**Learn More**







# Industrial Cadets

## Summer Residential Courses - Residential Insight into University

Summer Residential Courses are offered by EDT starting from mid-June 2022. These courses are for 3 days and are intended to give students an insight into University Life. **\*\*Please note the fees attached to attending\*\***

### **Maths at Lancaster University -**

**Course dates : 25th to 28th July 2022 - 3 nights residential**

**Course cost: £375**



### **Materials Science at University of Cambridge**

**Course dates: 3rd - 7th July 2022 - 4 nights residential**

**Course cost : £475**



### **Robotics & Autonomous Systems at University of Liverpool**

**Course dates: 4th - 7th July 2022 - 3 nights residential**

**Course cost : £375**



### **Broad-based Engineering at University of Sheffield**

**Course dates: 25th - 29th July 2022 - 4 nights residential**

**Course cost : £475**



**[Find Out More Here](#)**

## Summer School Links

Listed below is a list of summer schools that we have featured in the newsletter previously. Please check the links for subject areas, eligibility and application deadlines. If the university that you are interested in does not appear on this list, please check their individual websites to see if other opportunities are being offered. Please let [wpebhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:wpebhasvic.ac.uk) know if you are applying to any of these opportunities as we like to track the activities our students are engaging in. If an opportunity requires a reference, please **nominate a teacher or tutor** who knows you and let them know that you have nominated them (ideally before you submit the application).

- **University of Bath** <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/discover-bath/>
- **University of Surrey** <https://www.surrey.ac.uk/schools-colleges/sixth-form-colleges/residential-summer-schools>
- **University of Lancaster** <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/widening-participation/access/summer-schools/>
- **University of Essex** <https://www.essex.ac.uk/summer-schools/human-rights>
- **University of Southampton** A2S – need to apply soon for this in year 1  
<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/access-to-southampton.page>
- **University of York** <https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/post-16/summer-school/>
- **University of East Anglia** – details not available yet  
<https://www.uea.ac.uk/visit/summer-schools>

## Events



### EXPLORE BDO INSIGHT PROGRAMME

**1st – 5th August 2022**

At BDO, school leavers are an integral part of our future. Our Managing Partner joined us straight from school and is just one example of the talented and driven candidates we've nurtured from apprentices into leaders across our business. We pride ourselves on creating a culture where everyone is encouraged to be themselves, make a real impact and build a career on their strengths. We've got an exciting virtual programme for school leavers who are interested in exploring a career in accountancy.

The **week-long virtual programme** has been designed to give school leavers an insight into life at a leading UK accountancy firm. Through a mixture of session types, they'll meet recent apprentices and senior leaders as they discover that accountancy is about much more than number-crunching.

#### **Students will also get**

- Valuable work experience and skills for your CV
- A deep understanding of how our business works
- Opportunities to learn from and network with our brilliant people
- The chance to secure a 2023 summer school or 2023 school leaver apprenticeship process

We believe student's career prospects should be defined by their talent and drive, not their background. That's why we've created this programme exclusively for students in Years 11-12 who attend a state school and meet our social mobility criteria based on the job of the main earner in their household.

**Find out more**



## Events

### Goldsmiths Taster Days



**Thinking about university? Goldsmiths Taster Days are free-to-attend masterclasses led by Goldsmiths academics.**

Taster Days will run in late June and early July, and we will have a mixture of in-person and online events. The sessions will consist of an hour-long lecture or workshop from one of our academic departments and an opportunity to interact with our current students, either through a Q&A (for online events) or a campus tour.

Some sessions will be seminar-based and you'll be expected to join in with the session using your camera and/or microphone. In order to moderate these sessions, we will limit the number of participants.

**[Register here to find out more](#)**



# General Careers Information

**opendays.com**  
university and college open days

## Opendays.com - the university and college open day directory

Online tool to search for university and college open day events .  
Search to find out all that you need to know about open days at the university or college of your choice

[More Information](#)



UNIVERSITY OF  
**Southampton**

## Access to Southampton (A2S)

Applications for the Access to Southampton (A2S) scheme for students wishing to begin a degree 2022 entry will open soon. A2S is a widening participation programme that will support your university application and help develop the skills you need to reach your potential as an undergraduate. The programme includes a residential summer school, support with transition to university, a scholarship and potential eligibility for additional admissions consideration (grade reduction).

[More Information](#)

