

WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. This edition is full of opportunities, events, summer schools and resources. We hope that you find these useful. The Widening Participation scheme is here to support students and their progression in whatever subject area and via whatever route (university or apprenticeships) they choose.

The **Sussex Access programme** is a key central hub with a range of resources so we would encourage students to sign up for this – there is no expectation that you will apply to the University of Sussex. The University of Brighton **Outreach programme** is equally useful and will compliment many of the subject areas offered by the University of Sussex; students are able to register for both without obligation.

Please remember our scheme is here to provide information whatever your chosen route and if you require further information, please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. Also take a look at our VLE page for further careers information and opportunities.

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



Outreach Programme



Online and in-person activities are delivered by both university staff and student ambassadors. We can work with you to tailor our programme to suit your students. We are also developing more and more resources for students, parents, carers and practitioners using a variety of online platforms that allows users to work at their own pace, revisiting videos when they need.

Post-16 activities are open to all students, with priority booking for partner sixth forms and colleges, and students who are part of the University of Brighton Outreach programme.

To access pre-16 activities please contact outreach@brighton.ac.uk for more information.

Summer Schools

Our summer schools offer sixth form and college students an insight into what it's like to study a subject they love in higher education. Summer schools are **free**.

Summer schools are a great opportunity to find out more about the university experience from academics, students and university staff. Alongside taster sessions, students take part in a subject-specific project that could be used in their personal statements if they apply to university.

Information for applying for 2023 will be released in spring.

More Information About Events

Application Form





Access Programme



The University of Sussex Access Programme offers students support, guidance and experiences to help navigate their post-16 education options. It aims to help you make more informed choices about your future, and the steps you need to take to get there. The programme is completely free, and offers you all the tools you might need in one place, allowing you to shape your own journey.

The programme includes a variety of toolkits, on campus university visits and online content to help you make informed decisions. There are no compulsory elements of the programme, which means you can choose to book onto the events that are most useful or interesting for you. We are currently running Subject Days our beautiful campus in Sussex, following COVID guidelines..

The programme includes the following:

- Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG) Toolkits
- Recorded IAG Webinars

Students who meet our more targeted criteria will be able to sign up to additional events as part of our Access Plus programme, including:

- Academic Masterclass
- STEM Multi-Subject Taster Day
- Humanities and Social Sciences Multi-Subject Taster Day
- Summer Programme
- Sussex Access Buddy Programme

More information



Sign Up Here





Access to Southampton (A2S) / Ignite your Journey

At the University of Southampton, we take a lifecycle approach to Widening Participation and Social Mobility. Our flagship programme Ignite Southampton allows us to offer sustained and sequential support to students from groups under-represented in higher education.

Under the Ignite Southampton banner we offer:

- Ignite your Potential – for looked after children who are taking their GCSEs.
- Ignite your Journey – a transition programme for students in Year 12/13 who meet our eligibility criteria.
- Ignite your Success – supporting those in the most need to thrive whilst studying at Southampton.
- Ignite your Future – giving students the tools and resources needed to go into postgraduate study.

Applications are now closed for the 2023 entry programme. Applications for the 2024 entry programme will open in May 2023.

Ignite your Journey (2024 entry) will consist of:

- Online Learning Module
- Virtual Q & A Sessions
- E-mentoring.
- Personal development opportunities.
- On Campus Activities

Applications will open in May 2023. Register your interest here

[Find out more & to apply](#)



Residential & Virtual Summer Schools

BHASVIC authorise attendance at these events as long as students are up-to-date with their studies and have good attendance



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Apply to our virtual or residential programmes to experience what it's like to study a subject you love at university degree level. Our summer schools are FREE and open to year 12 students who attend a state school or college in the United Kingdom and meet our eligibility criteria.

Applications are now **OPEN**.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SUNDAY 2ND APRIL.

Our **residential summer schools** are 5-day, 4-night on-campus programmes and take place on the following dates:

- **Faculty of Health & Medical Sciences | Monday 26th June - Sunday 30th June**
- **Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences | Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July**
- **Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences | Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July**

Our **virtual summer school** is a 5-day programme and takes place on **Monday 17th - Friday 21st July**

During both the virtual and residential summer schools, you'll get to meet our academic staff and wonderful team of student ambassadors who are currently studying the courses that you are considering.



[**Find out more & to apply**](#)



University of Southampton

Experience University of Southampton Residential

We are excited to hopefully once again offer our on campus residential opportunities for Year 12 students.

Our Experience UoS Residential are **3-day, 2-night on-campus programmes**, giving you the opportunity to experience studying a subject at university. You'll learn in an academic environment and work with students from other schools and colleges through a timetable of lectures, practical activities and a variety of fun social activities in the evenings. You'll get to meet our enthusiastic team of Student Ambassadors studying the courses you are aspiring to, as well as academics, researchers and alumni.

These residential are **free and open to Year 12 students who meet our academic and Widening Participation eligibility criteria.**

You'll be provided with **free** accommodation and meals for the duration of the residential. The University of Southampton is also able to cover **up to £80** of the cost of travel to and from the residential.

Dates and subjects for this years residential are 18th - 21st July 2023

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Geography
- Marine Biology
- English
- Business
- Music
- Biological Sciences
- Oceanography

[Find out more & to apply](#)





Discover Bath

Discover Bath is a summer programme which aims to give prospective students a taste of first-year life and study at the University of Bath, together with the opportunity to gain an alternative offer (see details below).

Discover Bath is free-of-charge, including on-campus accommodation, free meals for the duration of your stay, a programme of academic sessions (lectures, seminars, workshops) and fun social activities. Your travel to the University can be reimbursed (reasonable travel within the UK only).

Discover Bath is available to all Year 12 (or equivalent) students who are academically able to study at Bath in their chosen subject and meet our widening participation criteria.

If you do not meet our widening participation criteria then unfortunately you won't be eligible for Discover Bath but you may wish to consider our Step into Bath residential instead.

Subjects on offer

Science

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Pharmacy
- Physics

Mon 31st July to Thurs 3rd Aug (3-night stay)

Engineering

- Chemical Engineering
- Architecture & Civil Engineering
- Electronic & Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

Mon 31st July to Thurs 3rd Aug (3-night stay)

Social Sciences

- Criminology
- Economics
- Education
- Health & Sport
- French
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Mon 7th Aug to Thurs 10th Aug (3-night stay)

Management & Business

- Business Management

Mon 7th Aug to Thurs 10th Aug (3-night stay)

[Find out more](#)





OUR PROGRAMMES

We support young people from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers. In partnership with universities and employers, we run engaging programmes that give students practical advice and leave them feeling inspired and more confident about their future.

Our programmes are completely free to attend. All costs – including travel, accommodation, food and activities – are paid for by the Trust and our partners.

UK SUMMER SCHOOLS

Are you interested in going to university? Not sure on what subject you want to study? Our UK Summer Schools offer you the chance to experience what university life is like.

From academic taster sessions to social activities, you'll get the chance to meet like-minded young people from across the UK and explore a subject of your choice at a leading UK university.

APPRENTICESHIP SCHOOLS

High-quality apprenticeships not only offer young people the opportunity to earn while they learn but also ensure they gain valuable skills and get a foot on the career ladder.

The Sutton Trust Apprenticeship Summer School is a three-day residential where students can meet leading employers and like-minded peers, and learn more about how to access top apprenticeships.

[More Information](#)



Pathway to Property Summer School

25th - 28th July 2023



Henley
Business School

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The summer school is a **four day, fully funded residential course** held on campus at Henley Business School, University of Reading. During the four days you will get a real insight into the property sector and learn about different career routes into the industry.

Deadline for applications is 5th May 2023

Over the four days you will get to:

- Sit in on taster lectures, exploring current themes in property, with the chance to interact with the lecturers and other participants
- Visit various development sites and learn about how they operate
- Take part in a group project, culminating in a group presentation at the end of the event
- Learn about the great career opportunities available from some of the top employers in the industry
- Get to hear from recent graduates and apprentices about their experience of the industry
- Hear first-hand from current Real Estate and Planning students about what it is like to study property and go to university
- Develop key skills needed in the workplace such as networking, presentation skills and confidence

The summer school is free to complete, with all accommodation, food and travel costs covered by Pathways to Property.

Find out more information
& apply





Applications for Aspire 2023 are now LIVE!



We believe that it's not about where you're from – but where you're going. In a world of inequality, helping to redress the balance has never been more important. Shaping a fairer society that values everyone is a priority for us – and ASPIRE is part of that.

What is Aspire?

Aspire is a 3-day immersive programme for students in Year 12. It's designed to excite school students about the huge possibilities on offer here, no matter what their background.

By attending students will discover what it is like to work at Deloitte, attend employability skills sessions, find out about opportunities at Deloitte such as our BrightStart Higher Apprenticeship, network with various employees from different service lines and much more...

When & Where

We will be hosting three events this year. Two in person events and one virtual event. Each event is 3 days.

ASPIRE Virtual Event: Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th June 2023

ASPIRE Birmingham: Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th July 2023

ASPIRE London: Monday 10th – Wednesday 12th July 2023

For ASPIRE in-person events, we will cover reasonable travel costs (for example journeys up to 1 hour each way). There are no overnight stays for these events.

Programme overview

Students will take a closer look at Deloitte life and get to grips with what each of our business areas does. They'll get to take part in immersive case studies, develop life skills and benefit from employability sessions that'll help to set you up for your future career.

Deadline 31st March 2023



APPLY HERE



Residential Insight into University Courses – Summer 2023



Industrial Cadets

Take a look at these residential courses at individual universities. Please note that fees to attending are attached and listed below.

Maths at Lancaster University

Course dates : 24th to 27th July 2023 – 3 nights residential
Course cost: £395 (Bursaries are also available)

Materials Science at University of Cambridge

Course dates: 2nd – 6th July 2023 – 4 nights residential
Course cost : £495 (Bursaries are also available)

Mechanical Engineering at UCL

Course dates: 26th – 29th June 2023 – 3 nights residential
Course cost : £395 (Bursaries are also available)

Materials Science at University of Oxford

Course dates: 19th – 23rd June 2023 – 3 nights residential
Course cost : £495 (Bursaries are also available)

Materials Science at University of Oxford

Course dates: 19th – 23rd June 2023 – 3 nights residential
Course cost : £495 (Bursaries are also available)

Find out more information

& apply



Events

insight into **UNIVERSITY**

3rd July - 25th August 2023
Duration - 30 hours of study to be completed at your own pace.
Applications open March 6th

*****£85 fee towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Silver award. Bursary places are available, please indicate your interest on the application form. *****

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart & Inspire) is a comprehensive online course allowing students to experience STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. The course is open to all students age 16+ and it is suitable for all academic abilities - all that is required is a genuine interest in STEM subjects.

This course provides a unique opportunity for students to access content, activities, lectures, and live sessions from various nationwide universities . It will also offer some fantastic workshops and careers guidance from GSK, BP, Balfour Beatty, GE, Tech Partnership....and others. His Royal Highness Prince of Wales Ambassadors will be participating in exclusive live Q&A sessions and students will have an opportunity to be selected for a 1:1 mentoring session with a STEM business leader or an HRH ambassador. Our student support team is here for you at studentrecruitment@etrust.org.uk



Find out more information



Amazing Futures - SEND Opportunity

Amazing Futures is the name of the peer support project for young people with additional needs aged 14-25 in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex.

The project is for young people aged 14-25 who have any kind of special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Many of our services are available in both Brighton & Hove and East Sussex, but some are only available in Brighton & Hove at the moment.

The project started in April 2017, and currently includes:

- **Peer support activity groups, and one-to-one peer support** (Brighton & Hove and East Sussex)
- **Information through our website** on a number of topics, including daily living, education, housing, and health & wellbeing. This section is still growing, so check back soon for more!
- **Young people's advisory group** – so you can get involved and tell Amaze how we can help young people
- **Casework support** offering information and advice on a number of topics (Brighton & Hove and East Sussex)
- **One-to-one support with DLA and PIP applications** (Brighton & Hove only)

In addition to Amazing Futures, we currently offer two other services for young people:

- **Amazing Futures Careers**, a career support programme for young people with SEND in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex
- The **Compass Card** – young people with significant additional needs in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex can access special deals and offers through this leisure discount card

We also sometimes offer **workshops, info sessions and other fun events!**

[Find out more](#)





FREE Opportunity - limited spaces

InvestIN Programme

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Ambition Beyond Education.

**Providing Unparalleled Career Experience
Programmes in 28 Different Careers for Ages 12-18**

Our programmes give students an immersive experience of their dream career. Learn from top industry professionals through hands-on activities, interactive demonstrations, unique networking opportunities, personalised career coaching demonstrations and so much more. All programmes are Live-Online so you can attend from the comfort of your own home. Click the links below to find out more.

ACCOUNTANT

ARCHITECT

ARTIST

CYBER SECURITY

DATA SCIENTIST

DENTIST

DOCTOR

ENGINEER

ENTREPRENEUR

FASHION

FILMMAKER

BANKER

FORENSIC SCIENTIST

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

INVESTMENT BANKER

JOURNALIST

LAWYER

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

MARKETING MANAGER

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We offer teenagers the chance to test drive their dream career, through our range of immersive career experiences. On our programmes, students gain hands-on experience alongside top industry professionals, enabling them to make the right career decisions and maximise their potential. As part of the Widening Participation scheme at BHASVIC we are able to offer limited places.

Also available through this company is Ambition X. This platform allows 12 months free access to careers sessions run by a top UK careers provider. The sessions will all be online and run at the weekends. You are able to attend as many courses as you would like, these sessions cover everything from Medicine, Film Making, Journalism, Engineering and many more (there are 28 career sectors to choose from please see attached leaflet). This free access will help you not only understand more about the careers you are considering, but will also provide you with access to leading industry figures who can advise you regarding applications and your future choices.

Please take a few minutes to look at the attached information and then if you feel that you would benefit from this opportunity **please email careers@bhasvic.ac.uk** and title the email InvestIN and also include your name, please also state your main areas of interest in the email. If there are more applications than places, we will choose the successful applicants at random.

Please get in touch quickly as courses are filling up fast!

[More Information](#)



Other Information



BHASVIC students get contextual offers from Bristol and Exeter universities on an individual basis. Please check other university websites to see if they make contextual offers.

Being part of Widening Participation programme at BHASVIC, you may be eligible for a contextual offer from the universities that you apply to. But what is a contextual offer and how does it work?

Contextual offers or sometimes it's called contextual admissions, are defined by UCAS as 'where the university considers any barriers you may face, and will either reduce grade requirements or give extra consideration when deciding whether to give you an offer.' This can include guaranteed interviews and/or bursary funds linked to WP status. Some universities take into account whether a student has participated in their Widening Participation access programme or summer school when making a contextual offer. You will need to add this to your UCAS application and if you require further information, contact the university's admissions department directly.

Each application is considered on a case-by-case basis and takes into account your personal circumstances and this will differ from university to university and by course/subject area.

In order to find out if you fit the criteria for a contextual offer, you will need to look at each university website page that you are applying to, or contact their admission department directly to find out more information. Usually, by applying through the normal UCAS process, your application will include information that will be assessed by the admissions teams, however some universities may require you to a separate application form whilst applying through UCAS.

Schroders

Designed to deliver the insight and understanding to kick-start your career. These programmes are focused on giving trainees vital skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime

We have roles in Compliance, Corporate Governance, Wealth Management (Charities), Audit, Investment (Data Insights/ ESG), Operations, Sales and Client Services, Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Fund Services and Technology. Our roles are based across London and our Broadlands Hub in Horsham.

12 Month Traineeships

A year long fixed-term contract for school leavers. The traineeship delivers valuable training and practical, paid work experience. The programme combines formal training from experts inside Schroders and from across the industry. There are opportunities and support to gain formal qualifications and lots of chances to build lasting professional relationships.

For those unsure if university is the right choice for them, this is a great entry point for anyone wanting to explore a career in the investment management industry.

Apprenticeships

This is a permanent, salaried position offering an entry-level role at Schroders for school leavers. There are apprenticeship opportunities in teams across our business. Each offers the chance to gain expertise and experience in a diverse range of professions, from fund management to research, marketing, finance and technology.

As well as practical work experience, the initial two years of the programme include formal training designed to build expertise and personal capabilities. All of our apprenticeships are fully accredited. Many of our apprentices build long-term careers at Schroders, but wherever their work takes them, they know their training is recognised and valued.

[Find out more](#)

[Find out more](#)

General Careers Information

For students – School Leaver 200

Designed for 15 to 18 year old school and college students, this guide ranks the top 200 school leaver employers in the UK and offers advice and information.



Key features

- Explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths and opportunities within many of the UK's largest industries/employers.
- Showcases employers and career stories of young professionals.
- Includes practical advice for school leavers.



[Download digital copy](#)

For Parents – Paths to Careers

The content of this guide was developed following a survey conducted on Mumsnet, it offers advice to parents on supporting their child with their career choices, on making decisions about university, and on employer programmes.

Key features

- Introduces and explains all the options/routes post-18.
- Covers career paths within many of the UK's largest industries and professions.
- Details the pros and cons of each 'route'.
- Showcases career stories of young professionals looking back on how they got there.
- Includes practical advice for parents on where to go for careers information, who to speak to and how they can best support their children in making decisions.



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YourGamePlan?

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Get certificates for online courses. Be work-ready and great for CV's

Shape your future careers and stand out from the crowd with **FREE** digital courses to help teach you transferable and employability skills for the workplace. They also teach you about the different sectors you can have careers in.

Standing out from the crowd can be difficult when you're all starting off at the bottom of the ladder. You need to give yourself a competitive edge...but how?

That's where we come in...

At YourGamePlan, we are all about compiling the best resources for you to upskill yourself with the knowledge to help raise your CV to the top of the pile. By signing up to YourGamePlan you'll learn...

- What employers are looking for (and how to make sure that's you!)
- Insider knowledge and tips on how to get hired from leading UK organisations
- Access to the freshest opportunities going
- CV enhancing skills – complete with certificates
- Online courses you can access anywhere with **the chance to WIN incredible prizes... all completely FREE.**

[Explore the YourGamePlan courses](#)



Bursaries & Scholarships



We have bursaries available for UK and International students to enable them to attend our courses without charge or at a reduced cost. There are 400 free places available for those students requiring financial help if you are based in the UK.

In order for you to qualify you must meet **three** of the following criteria:

- Attending a publicly funded school or college
- Receive free school meals
- Be on track or have attained a minimum of 5 A*- B GCSE's
- First in their family to attend university
- Either parents in receipt of either Jobseeker's Allowance, Universal Credit or Income support.

Due to the large amount of applications for bursaries we receive, we may not be able to give you an individual response but we will be in touch if you are successful.

More Information





This university offers engineering courses to non-maths students and is accredited by Kings College London.

We recognise that choosing to study a degree is a big decision, and how to fund your studies is a big part of that decision. We want you to understand the full range of options and opportunities available to you if you choose to study at TEDI-London.

Bursaries

TEDI-LONDON FINANCIAL SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

At TEDI-London we will award bursaries to students if they come from a low-income family or if they are a care leaver. This can help students who may face more barriers to attending full-time education, enabling them to access a degree at TEDI-London.

The Student Hub can support students experiencing financial difficulties. We can check that you are receiving all the funding and benefits you are entitled to. We can also help you with budgeting and to understand your expenditures.

Please note that you will only receive one bursary, even if you are eligible for more than one.

Scholarships

We want to ensure that a diverse range of students are able to study with us. Our scholarships portfolio is designed to support this. Explore our range for students joining in 2023:

- WOMEN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP
- LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
- BLACK ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP
- UPSKILLING AND RETRAINING SCHOLARSHIP
- INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
- APPLICANT DAY PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

[More Information](#)



Scholarship UAL Travel Bursary



[More Information](#)

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University of the Arts London (UAL) is committed to widening participation to higher education (HE) and supporting students as they progress to the next stage in their creative education. Each UAL Travel Bursary offers to cover the costs of mainline train and/or airline travel within the UK for applicants meeting eligibility criteria to attend UAL applicant and/or interview days. Bursary funds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis until the fund has been fully spent.

The Geospatial Scholarship Fund

Supporting undergraduate and postgraduate study of **Geography** and **Geoscience**

The geospatial scholarship fund aims to support disadvantaged students from various communities to achieve their full potential in higher education by removing much of the financial stress of studying in higher education.

[More Information](#)



University Scholarship: Rise To It With Macquarie

Our Rise To It with Macquarie Programme in the UK gives year 12 students from low socio-economic backgrounds and under-represented communities financial assistance, covering their full university maintenance and tuition fees¹ as well as offering hands-on work experience at Macquarie. Students who are selected for the programme will have the opportunity to build their networks and access valuable career development resources.

The programme entails an Annual Insight Day and an opportunity to apply for a week of work experience at our London office. Three successful candidates will receive:

- A scholarship covering full tuition fees and maintenance loans
- A guaranteed place on our Insight, Internship and Graduate Programmes
- Career development resources, including access to a mentor, hands-on assistance to set goals and objectives, and a tailored development programme.



[More Information](#)