WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWS FREE SUMMER SCHOOLS



Introduction to Summer Schools

There are numerous benefits to taking part in summer schools, they are usually free, include your meals, accommodation and some will cover travel costs. You will also be able to find out what university is really like!

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 will 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 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 subjects. These applications are competitive and each university has a different deadline and eligibility, so please don't miss out – there's nothing to lose!

To view all the up to date Summer School opportunities see the Widening Participation section of the BHASVIC Website. You can do this by clicking <u>here</u> and going to the Widening Participation tab. We have listed the schools currently available in this newsletter but new opportunities will continue to be added to the website.

2020 Summer Schools

There are details of upcoming 2020 summer schools. Below is a sample of universities from previous years who have provided summer school placements:

- University UCL Summer School
- University of Sussex Summer School
- University of Brighton Summer School
- University of Bath Summer School
- University of Surrey Summer School
- Bournemouth University Summer Breaks
- University of Nottingham Summer School for Modern Languages
- Sutton Trust UK Summer School

Lancester University Summer School

The Summer Schools programme offers a range of exciting opportunities for Year 12 students to experience University and prepare for future study in higher education. Over 4-5 days students will immerse themselves in University life. During the day students will complete academic sessions in their subject and experience lectures, workshops, and practicals. Also on offer is a full social calendar to allow students to understand life beyond your studies.

There are five Summer Schools throughout the year, one for each of our Lancaster University faculties. These Summer Schools offer a range of subject strands and allow students to get to know others across a range of similar disciplines. Details of the subjects available in the 2020 Summer Schools can be found <u>here.</u>



Please note the summer schools, subjects, and entry criteria detailed on these pages are subject to availability and may change at any time.

- Medicine Summer School Tuesday 9th to Saturday 13th June 2020;
- Arts, Social Sciences, Business & Management Summer School Sun 12th to Thurs 16th July 2020;
- Science, Technology & Biosciences Summer School Sun 19th to Thurs 23rd July 2020.

University of Brighton Summer School

Summer schools offer students the chance to experience what it's like to study a subject they love at university. Students will learn in an academic environment, work with other students interested in similar courses, university undergraduates and academic staff. The programmes typically include lectures, seminars, practical activities, careers and university information, study skills and (if residential) a variety of fun social events each evening.

The expanded Summer School Programme for year 12 students is now open for applications. Applications welcome from all students, however as part of our ongoing commitment to Widening participation, priority will be given to applications from students who meet at least one of the following criteria:

• Live in an area where not many people go to university- we will check this based on your postcode

- Is in, or has been in care of the local authority
- Are a young carer
- Are in receipt of the 16-19 bursary, Free school meals or Pupil Premium
- Have been diagnosed with a disability or learning disability (SEN)
- Are the first in the family to attend university (apart from siblings)

The familiar faces; Social Science, Humanities, STEM, Health Care, Business and Sport are all back and we welcome some new additions; Photography and Product Design.

Product Design takes place in April so has an application deadline of Friday 27th March 2020

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All other Summer Schools application deadline is Friday 1st May 2020.

List of summer schools on offer:

- Product design 14-16th April 2020 Non-residential
- Social science 7-10th July 2020
- Humanities 8-10th July 2020 Non-residential
- Business 7-10th July 2020 Non- residential
- Healthcare 14-17th July 2020
- STEM 14-17th July 2020
- Photography 3-7th August 2020 Non-residential
- Sport 25-29th August 2020 Non-residential

For more information visit <u>here.</u>

University of Essex

Located at our historic Colchester Campus, surrounded by tranquil parkland, or the vibrant seaside town of Southend, our summer schools combine academic rigour, research excellence and innovation. Each summer school brings experts together from around the world to share their expertise and experiences; to provide insight into current trends and developments and to train participants in a range of specialised fields.



Summer Residential Experiences

Our Summer Residential Experience provides year 12 students with an authentic university experience where you will not only develop your academic writing but you will also enhance your confidence and independence, as you cook and socialise in university halls, living like a real undergraduate student. To see more click <u>here.</u>

Newcastle University

Bitesize Uni Tuesday 14-Friday 17 July 2020 Free four day residential event to help year 12 (year 13 Northern Irish students) and first year college students make informed decisions about their future. **Application deadline is 12 noon on Monday 6 April 2020.** Click here for further information

Students can check their eligibility and complete the online form here.



Pathway to Property

Part of the Reading Real Estate Foundation at Henley Business School, University of Reading, Pathways to Property is a charity funded initiative launched to raise awareness of and aspirations about the vast range of careers within the property sector. Working with schools and students, they provide guidance and support to enable participants to learn more about the property industry.



Pathways to Property Summer School

Now in its eighth year, the Summer School is a fully funded, 4 day residential programme at the University of Reading for Year 12 students. During the week, students will attend taster lectures, go on site visits, take part in a group project and debate, learn to network with key employers in the industry and experience life on a University campus. All individuals will be provided free accommodation, food and their travel expenses to Reading will be covered. At the end of the week, if they are keen to learn more about property they can complete a funded work experience placement over October half term, have access to our e-mentoring programme, and if they choose to apply to study Real Estate and Planning at the University, can apply for a bursary up to £30,000 over three years. To date, over 600 students have attended the Summer School and 25% of these have chosen to pursue a career in property – either through studying a property related degree at University or completing a property related apprenticeship.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL ARE NOW OPEN!

The 2020 Summer School will take place from 20-23 July at Henley Business School, University of Reading. Please visit <u>here</u> for more information. **Deadline for applications are Friday 15th May 2020.**

Pathways to Property Open Online Course (OOC)

The OOC is a three week, free, online course designed by leading academics at Henley Business School to excite young people about a career in property and signpost them to resources that can support them while making the step into the industry. This course is designed for students in Year 9 and upwards and can be completed in their own time, requiring only 6 hours of study across the three weeks.

THE NEXT COURSE BEGINS ON 2nd MARCH 2020. Find out more here

Dates for the Diary: 2nd March 2020 – Pathways to Property Open Online Course begins 20-23rd July 2020 – Summer School, University of Reading

University of Bath - Discover Bath Residentials



What is Discover Bath? Discover Bath are on-campus residential summer schools which will give students a taste of first year study at the University of Bath. During the stay on campus students will take part in a series of first-year undergraduate lectures, workshops and projects (including laboratory experiments during our Science and Engineering summer schools).

Discover Bath summer schools run in:

- Science Tues 30 June to Fri 3 July
- Engineering Tues 30 June to Fri 3 July
- Social Sciences Mon 6 to Thur 9 July
- Management & Business Mon 6 to Thur 9 July

Students who meet the widening participation criteria (click <u>here</u>) will receive a subsidised free-of-charge place on Discover Bath, which will include accommodation, food and travel costs to and from the University.

You should note that online applications are now open. Before attending you will complete some pre-work to help you to prepare for Discover Bath, and this will typically include subject-related reading materials. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 1st March 2020**.

For more information click here.

UCL Summer School

With a wide range of undergraduate-level modules on offer from many of the renowned academic departments, students can choose the subject best suited to their academic or personal interests.

Most modules are taught on the Bloomsbury campus and, where possible, modules also make use of London as a learning space and include excursions and field trips to areas in and around the city.

Outside of the classroom, there is dedicated accommodation within walking distance of UCL in central London and a varied programme of social events to help you make the most of your time in the capital.

Applications for the 2020 UCL Summer School are now open - click here.

University of Sussex Summer School



Find your place with us.

- Choose from a range of modules across several schools of study including Business, English and Physics, designed, delivered and taught by Sussex faculty.
- Study at a university in the world's top 150 and the 22nd most international University in the world (The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019).
- Find a home away from home on our award-winning green campus and brand new state-of-the-art accommodation.
- Enjoy our series of campus social events, local activities and excursions, with London only an hour away by train so you can experience our capital for the evening or weekend (without the high cost of living there).

For further information please visit <u>here</u>

Undergraduate Summer School

Session One: 29 June - 17 July 2020 Session Two: 20 July - 7 August 2020

Physics Undergraduate Summer School

Session One: 22 June - 17 July 2020 Session Two: 20 July - 14 August 2020

Bournemouth University Summer Breaks



Get a taste of uni life this summer!

Get a taste of the university experience for free during a two-night stay at BU. You'll become an honorary BU student for the week, sampling the wide range of subjects available, from Applied Sciences to Health & Social Care, to Media & Communication – or maybe you'd be more interested in Design, Engineering & Computing, Tourism, or Business?

But university isn't just about studying – there's so much more to discover. You'll also enjoy a beach barbeque, a social evening in the Students' Union and even some sports activities. You'll be living in real student accommodation so you get the full experience! Visit <u>here</u>

University of Surrey Residential Summer School



The residential summer school programme offers students the chance to experience studying a subject at university. Summer schools are free to attend and open to Year 12 students who attend a state school or college in the United Kingdom and meet our criteria -check <u>here.</u>

During the summer schools, students will stay in university accommodation on campus and will experience a taste of university life. Students will learn in an academic environment, working with students from other schools, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and academic staff. The programme will include lectures, seminars, practical activities, and a variety of fun social events in the evenings. For more information click <u>here</u>

Arts and social sciences

29 June - 3 July

- French
- Spanish
- Business
- Law
- English and creative writing

Health sciences and psychology

13 July - 17 July

- Nursing
- Paramedic science
- Midwifery
- Psychology

Biosciences and veterinary sciences

29 June - 3 July

- Biosciences
- Veterinary science

Engineering and physical sciences

13 July - 17 July

- Physics
- Maths
- Chemistry
- Civil engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Electrical and electronic engineering
- Computer science

SPRING 2020

Name of University	Date open from	Deadline
<u>SOAS</u> <u>University of London</u>	Online Application Available now	25th May 2020
<u>Warwick University/Sutton</u> <u>Trust</u>	Online Application Available now	3rd March 2020
<u>University Of</u> <u>Bristol</u>	Available online from 8th January 2020	3rd March 2020
<u>Southampton</u> <u>University</u>	Online Application Available now	Various - check website
<u>York</u> <u>University</u>	Applications open in Spring 2020	Date not yet available
<u>University of East</u> <u>Anglia</u>	Opens March 2020	Date not yet available
<u>University of Nottingham</u>	Online Application Available now	3rd March 2020