

## WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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## INTRODUCTION

We hope that you have settled in to the new academic year, as you are aware you were sent details of widening participation opportunities in your A1 year in order to support you in our progression choices. We have some more opportunities for you at the beginning of your A2 year that we would like to share with you.

The majority of the Widening Participation offers will now be for students who are planning to apply to university, but there is an option for all students to book a careers appointment via the VLE [here](#)

This may be useful to students who are still unsure of the path they wish to take.

Below we have listed some upcoming opportunities and we would encourage you to look at these carefully (check eligibility criteria) and take advantage of any that you feel can help you with your future plans.

The WP Team

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Personal Statement Sessions with Our Partner Universities

Don't miss the opportunity to receive free support with the completion of your personal statement. Book a slot with either the University of Brighton or Sussex on the following days. Click on the link below to take you to the booking page on the VLE. All appointments will take place in Student Services.

### University of Brighton

- Tuesday 19th October 2021
- Wednesday 3rd November 2021
- Thursday 4th November 2021

### University of Sussex

- Monday 18th October 2021
- Wednesday 20th October 2021
- Tuesday 2nd November 2021

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT VLE PAGE](#)

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



## INTERESTED IN THE ARTS OR HUMANITIES BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?

**\*\*\*DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS EXTENDED - 13TH OCTOBER  
2021\*\*\***

STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE IN THE BRIGHTON AREA FOR A  
YEAR FROM JAN 2022

### Who are we?

Arts Emergency provides young people with free mentoring, advice, guidance and opportunities to help them embark on higher education and careers in the creative sector.

We're looking for young people aged 16-25 who are passionate about the arts, humanities or creative industries and who would benefit from having a mentor in these areas. We match you and your mentor based on your individual interests, passions and goals.

### How we can help you

We can set you up with a mentor who shares your interests. They will support you in monthly meetings for 12 months by helping you set goals, giving you advice and providing you with opportunities to explore your passions. This could look like UCAS guidance, CV writing, exhibition/studio visits and much more!

We will continue to support you until your 26th birthday. This can be through work experience, paid opportunities, access to creative professionals, free tickets or advice and guidance.

### How to get a mentor

Apply for the programme! To apply to our programme you will need to first check the eligibility criteria to make sure we can accept your application. Then fill in our online form, which can be found on our website. Use the url below or scan the QR code on the other side of this flyer. When you apply, select that you are applying through a partner school. Applications close on October 6th 2021.



**MORE INFORMATION**

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



The UCL's Access and Widening Participation team offers an exciting range of visits, events and programmes for students in years 5-13 and adult learners who are under-represented in higher education. There are also activities run for parents and carers.

All of the events and activities are designed to give students a greater insight into UCL's degree programmes and student life. UCL also seek to raise the aspirations of students from groups who are under-represented at university.

The events and activities are funded by UCL's Access and Participation Plan and Widening Participation funds. As such, there are eligibility criteria that all applicants should consider before applying.

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# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM

## EPS Futures

The University of Birmingham recently launched EPS Futures, a fully funded foundation year providing mixed science and maths curriculum allowing progression to a range of subsequent three or four year engineering and physical science degrees. The year is fully funded covering both tuition fees and accommodation costs and entry requirements are much lower than our usual courses, around CCC.

The pathway has been created to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds so they must meet certain criteria to apply.

[WATCH VIDEO TO FIND OUT MORE](#)

## EPS Futures Student Webinar

We would like to invite year 13 students who would be interested in applying, to attend an information webinar on **Tuesday 19th October at 4pm**. It will be hosted by Dr Dan Cottle who is the lead on this course. They can learn more about the course and ask questions.

To register to attend, students need to visit this website after which they will be sent a link to attend.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



## Medicine and Health Outreach

The Health Sciences Outreach Team deliver outreach and widening participation activities on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine and Health, at the University of Leeds.

Representing a wide range of undergraduate programmes, the team works alongside current students and academics to provide an extensive range of talks, workshops and subject taster sessions, aimed at raising the aspirations of students, inspiring them to pursue a career in healthcare through university education.

Our activities raise awareness of the various healthcare professions available and support students at every stage of applying to higher education, with events taking place both at the University of Leeds and in schools and colleges nationwide.

Latest activities include:

- Medicine, Dentistry and Healthcare Futures
- Webinar Series for Years 11, 12 and 13
- Online Mentoring for Aspiring Dental Professionals
- Access to Leeds – applications open soon

For more information and to sign up for updates click on the box below

**[MORE INFORMATION](#)**

# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED



## York Access Scheme 2022/23

The York Access Scheme aims to provide a fair chance of getting into the University of York. It gives you the opportunity to let us know about any circumstances that may affect your progression to a university like York.

We are committed to widening access to York particularly for applicants from backgrounds that are underrepresented in higher education. Our ambition is to work together to promote a more equal, diverse and inclusive society.

By providing us with more detailed information about your background than you provided on your UCAS form, you could receive additional consideration from our admissions assessors and a contextual offer offer up to two grades below the typical offer. You could also access an enhanced support package that will help you to meet other offer holders and prepare for the exciting transition to university life.

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 OPEN FROM 6 OCTOBER 2021**

**[CHECK ELIGIBILITY, COMPLETE FORMS AND FIND OUT  
MORE CLICK HERE](#)**



# CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

## STAART Initiative



At the University of Greenwich, we are very fortunate to have the STAART initiative which supports disabled (including specific learning difficulties and mental health conditions) students from outreach through to employment and postgraduate study. The scheme is unique in the UK and students do not require any medical and/or psychological evidence to join us.

This initiative supports prospective and current students who have a disability; long-term health condition; specific learning difficulty; and/or mental health condition. Our support mechanisms prepare students for the reality of university for disabled students.

The STAART Team is a disability and diversity focused initiative at the University of Greenwich that was developed in partnership with Aimhigher. They provide information and guidance to disabled and diverse students who may not feel university is for them, or who have concerns about going to university. The team started in 2007 and continues to develop to meet the requirements of disabled and diverse students.

What do we mean by 'disability and diversity'? Disability and diversity includes the following:

- A mental-health condition such as anxiety or depression
- A specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia or dyspraxia
- A developmental disorder such as autism or ADHD/ADD
- A progressive medical condition such as Multiple Sclerosis, Cancer or HIV
- A sensory impairment which could affect the ability to see or hear

Want to know more? Click on 'More information' button below to find out.

[\*\*MORE INFORMATION\*\*](#)



# VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES



## PwC Virtual Classroom

At PwC, we're focused on helping you to achieve your full potential. Whether you already have an application in progress with us, or just want to learn more about PwC, there's something for everyone in our Virtual Classroom programme.

Join us over three technology focused student sessions (taking place on 7 October) where you'll gain insights into the work we do with emerging tech, cyber security and digital data and analytics here at PwC. You'll also hear about our opportunities and have the chance to engage with a range of PwC ambassadors.

We'll finish with a session for parents, carers and teachers (taking place on 14 October) to share some key insights and more information about our opportunities.

We also have a wide range of other resources, such as our Employability Hub, a wide range of YouTube videos and our Back to Schools recordings to access at a time that suits you.

### DATES OF LIVE SESSIONS

- **CYBER SECURITY, 7 OCTOBER 4.30 - 5.30PM**
- **PARENT & TEACHER SESSION, 14 OCTOBER 4.30 - 5.30PM**

**[MORE INFORMATION](#)**



## USEFUL WEBSITES



**allabout**  
schoolleavers.co.uk

If you are considering doing an apprenticeship, school leaver programme or sponsored degree, you will also need to start thinking about which industry you'd like to work in.

In the UK, there are apprenticeships available in all kinds of industries, from accounting and digital media to construction, engineering and IT. You are spoilt for choice. That's why it's important to start finding out about all of the different industries you can enter.

### [MORE INFORMATION](#)

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, support social mobility.

Access Accountancy exists to ensure that everyone has an equal chance of accessing the accountancy profession based on merit, not background.



### [MORE INFORMATION](#)



The world of work is changing and there are now more options than ever for students, such as going to university, starting an apprenticeship or combining both through high apprenticeship or sponsored degrees. TARGET careers helps school leavers make decisions about their future and offers information guides to parents.

### [MORE INFORMATION](#)