



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's **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 the WP Teams page for further careers information and opportunities.

UCAS Pathway at BHASVIC

UCAS Pathway - How widening participation can help to remove barriers to higher education

As well as the WP Teams page and the information given in this newsletter, there is a whole section dedicated to further information about widening participation on Sharepoint. Students have access to view these slides and presentations and it will help them understand:

- Bursaries and scholarships - use this tool to search by university
- Contextual offers

Welcome to the UCAS Pathway

Widening Participation

This exists to improve social mobility from under-represented groups in higher-education. Many universities have different criteria - see the document to the right for more details (although you may like to do your own research).

You may be listed as a student on our WP scheme for a variety of reasons. This could be home postcode, care experienced, household income, free college meals or a variety of other reasons.

We cover WP and your apply form in the lunchtime apply sessions so don't worry if you don't yet know how to enter it on your form. Use it though!

Please find some links to the right for more information.



BHASVIC HE Bitesize 3 WP
Bursaries DSA Scholarships



University-brochure-Bursary-
information-for-individual-unis...



BHASVIC Contextual Offers WP
and Care-experienced schemes...



Our Support Service

The PDF documents above list many universities and their schemes and bursaries. You can search for any uni WP criteria (and the benefits) by searching for example 'bristol uni widening participation'.

They should list bursaries / reduced grade offers.

What are Contextual Offers?

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.

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Outreach Programme



**University
of Brighton**

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 information, see the [university's website](#) more information.

Summer Schools

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**.

They 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.

More Information About Events

Application Form



**Star
Feature**

Outreach Programme



**University
of Brighton**

Summer Schools continued..

We're offering both on-campus and online summer schools - all of which are free.

On-campus residential summer schools 9-12 July 2024

- Art and design
- Business and law
- Health professions
- Humanities and social sciences
- Sciences and engineering
- Sport

Online summer schools 23 to 26 July 2024

- Architecture and product design
- Art and design
- Business, economics, law, and marketing
- Media, film, and journalism
- Computing
- Engineering and construction
- Geography and environment
- Biological sciences and pharmacy
- Sport
- Health and social work
- Education and teaching
- History, politics and English
- Criminology, psychology and sociology

For more information and how to apply, please visit our summer schools page using the links below.

[More Information About Events](#)

[Application Form](#)



UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

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.

Access Plus

Students who meet our more targeted criteria will be able to sign up to additional events as part of our Access Plus Programme. Our Access Plus Programme entry criteria includes students who:

- are from areas identified as a low participation neighbourhood or areas with indicators of deprivation (we will check your postcode for you once we've received your application)
- are in receipt of free school meals, school or college bursary
- are a care experienced young person
- are a young carer
- have a disability, learning difficulty or mental health condition
- are from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- are a refugee or an asylum seeker
- are a service child
- are estranged from their family
- are a mature student

After signing up to our Access Programme, we will assess whether or not you are eligible to access the additional resources and events on our Access Plus Programme.



Sign Up Here

More information





Access Programme



Sussex Access Programme

Subject Study Experience Days	International Development - Thursday 18 April Physics & Astronomy - Wednesday 24 April Sustainability Research - Wednesday 24 April Engineering - Wednesday 30 April
Student Finance Webinar	Thursday 25 April - 5.30pm to 6.30pm Bookings will open shortly!
Family Fun Day	Join us on Friday 12 April for a free day of activities for current and future student parents and families!
Parents and Guardians Information Evening	Wednesday 8 May - 5pm to 8pm
Exam Writing Masterclass	Wednesday 8 May - 10am to 2.30pm Friday 10 May - 10am to 2.30pm
Find your Future	Tuesday 11 June - 10am to 2.30pm
Sussex Access Summer School	Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 July The Sussex Access Summer School is only open to Access Plus students.



REMINDER

Please do encourage students to sign up to the [Sussex Access Programme](#), so that they can access more events and information, advice and guidance!

To unsubscribe from this newsletter, please email accessprogramme@sussex.ac.uk



SUMMER SCHOOLS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES



University of
Southampton

Experience University - Southampton Residentials

Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th July 2024

This year you can join us on campus for a 4-day, 3-night programme. Giving you the opportunity to experience the academic and social side of university life. 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 evening social activities.

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 residentials are free and open to Year 12 or Level 3 (Year 1) students who meet our academic and Widening Participation eligibility criteria (see below). You'll be provided with free accommodation and meals for the duration of the residential.

We understand that travel costs can be a barrier when invited to attend a university residential. The University would therefore like to offer you the option of purchasing your train ticket on your behalf or a travel reimbursement of up to £100 for mileage costs.

Subjects for this years residentials are:

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Geography
- Modern Language
- English
- Business
- Music
- Biological Sciences
- History

Applications close at midnight on Friday 26 April 2024



Find out more & to apply



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.

Programme overview

Participants will take part in a number of activities to develop skills and knowledge around university level study, and help with their transition to HE.

Online learning module: You will complete an online learning module to prepare you for university and help develop some of the key skills needed for higher education.

Virtual Q&A sessions: We will host monthly live Q&As to connect you with experts on topics related to your journey to university.

E-mentoring: You will be matched with a current University of Southampton student who will be able to share their experience of university life and answer your questions.

Personal development opportunities: We will offer a range of opportunities which will focus on transferable skills to get you thinking about your employability and personal development.

On campus activities: We will offer you travel bursaries of up to £100 to enable Ignite your Journey students to attend one of the University's Autumn Open Days and/or an Applicant visit day, where appropriate. All participants will also attend a Transition and Skills event in April of Year 13 which will consolidate your online learning.

Applications to the programme for 2024 entry are now closed. Applications for the programme for 2025 entry will open in May 2024. The information above is for reference only.

[Register your interest here](#)



University of South Wales

University of
South Wales
Prifysgol
De Cymru

Summer School 15-17 July

The USW and Reaching Wider Summer School returns this July with a programme of exciting activities to give students a taste of life as an undergraduate student. Summer School will provide students with an authentic experience of university life. Along with two night's accommodation in our residential halls and series of social activities, students will have the chance to participate in subject-specific workshops and HE information, advice and guidance sessions. Students will also have the opportunity to connect with like-minded students from other schools and colleges, and meet our enthusiastic team of student ambassadors to get an insight into student life at USW.

Places will be allocated to Year 12 and Level 3 (Year 1) school and college students, however numbers are limited and priority will be given to students from groups currently under-represented in higher education, who meet one of the eligibility criteria detailed below and as per the University's 2023-24 Fee and Access Plan. **There is no charge to attend** the Summer School, accommodation and meals are included and we can also support with the cost of transport to attend.

Students who participate in the Summer School and enrol on a full-time 3 or 4 year undergraduate degree course in September 2025, will be eligible for the USW Summer School Bursary, worth £500.

Expressions of interest form

Visit website





All Access AUB

At AUB we believe that every individual should be able to access creative activities and explore new opportunities, no matter their background. That's why we're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new post-16 access scheme 'All Access AUB'.

It's the first of its kind. An intensive, engaging programme of activity for students from underrepresented groups, specifically designed to support entry to creative higher education.

Find out more about the exciting creative activities and review eligibility below, or contact our friendly team.

Applications for All Access AUB 2024/25 are now open. Found out more using the button below!

Applications are due to close on Friday 24 May, but may close earlier if a large number of applications are received.

All Access AUB Participants will:

- Take part in a fully funded summer residential, exploring and experimenting with different mediums to build a strong portfolio of work.
- Have their work included as part of an industry-standard art exhibition at AUB's The Gallery.
- Be invited, alongside friends and family, to attend a celebration event of their work.
- Receive one-to-one support from expert artists and designers in the development of their portfolio.
- Attend a 'transition to creative HE' event in their second year of sixth form or college.
- Be given extra consideration at the point of admission to AUB, which, if an offer is made, will be a reduced conditional offer of up to two grades.
- Support from a dedicated progression mentor through the AUB application process and beyond.

[Find out more](#)





UNIVERSITY OF
BATH

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. You'll also have the opportunity to gain a reduced 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

7 - 9 Aug
(2-night stay)

Engineering

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

5 - 7 August
(2-night stay)

Social Sciences

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

12 - 14 Aug
(2-night stay)

Management & Business

- Business Management

12 - 14 Aug
(2-night stay)

Find out more



Pathway to Property Summer School



Henley

Business School

UNIVERSITY OF READING

2 - 5 July 2024

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.

Applications will open on January 1st 2024 and close on 2nd June 2024.

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.






**The Aspire programmes will run
between the 17 July - 31 July 2024**

If you're in year 12 (or year 13 in NI or S5 in Scotland), ASPIRE is a powerful opportunity to find out more about your passions and talents.

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. It's designed to excite school students about the huge possibilities on offer here, no matter what their background. So, join us, and immerse yourself in a friendly, diverse and welcoming community for a few days of action-packed fun.

Who's it for?

If you're excited about your future and ready to learn more about the world of work, ASPIRE is a great opportunity. To apply, you'll need to be in a state school in Year 12 in England or Wales

You'll also need to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- The occupation of your main household earner when you were aged 14 is categorised as a lower socio-economic background or
- You are/have been eligible for free school meals or
- You attend a school that's above the regional average in terms of the number of students eligible for free school meals or
- You would be the first member of your family to go on to Higher Education, e.g. to obtain a degree at university or through a degree apprenticeship



**Location and dates for all ASPIRE
programmes to be confirmed shortly**

Register Your Interest



Residential Insight into University Courses - Summer 2024



Industrial Cadets

Insight into University residential courses (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

Applications for some of the summer 2024 summer schools are still open. For course more information on specific courses and requirements please see the course descriptions below.

[Materials Science at the University of Oxford - 4 nights residential](#)

[Materials Science at the University of Cambridge - 4 nights residential](#)

[Broad-Based Engineering at the University of Sheffield - 4 nights residential](#)

[Aerospace Engineering at the University of Liverpool - 4 nights residential](#)

[Maths at Lancaster University - 3 nights residential](#)

[Ocean & Earth Science at the University of Southampton - 4 nights residential](#)

[Physics and Astronomy at the University of Surrey - 3 nights residential](#)

[Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at Aston University - 4 nights residential](#)

[Broad-Based Engineering at the University of Salford - 3 nights residential](#)

*******Please note that these residential attract a fee. You will need to click on the individual course to see if you are eligible for a bursary*******

[Find out more information](#)



EVENTS

insight into UNIVERSITY Virtual

1st July 2024 - 23rd August 2024
Duration - 30 hours of study to
be completed at your own
pace.

*****£95 fee towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Silver award.*****

Insight into University (previously known as Headstart) is a comprehensive virtual experience allowing students to explore STEM studies at university and the career opportunities that these subjects lead to. It provides access to information on university and student life, STEM projects and activities set by leading UK universities and global STEM companies, first year undergraduate lectures, live interactive sessions with academics, admissions tutors, employers and current students.

Every year EDT partner up with leading Universities across the UK including Cambridge, Sheffield, Lancaster, Abertay, UCL, Oxford, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Birmingham, Warwick, Kingston, Nottingham, Strathclyde, Plymouth University to give students an insight into STEM courses. Whether you are interested in life sciences, chemistry, biomedical, forensic science, robotics, food science, electronics, engineering, physics, computer science, sustainability, materials science, aerospace, built environment, tech or maths, we have something for you!

There are also fantastic workshops and careers guidance from organisations such as Innovate UK, GSK, GE, Tech Partnership, Rolls Royce....and more!

The unique feature of this course is that students are able to access content from a diverse range of STEM subjects and will be able to tailor a course that suits their interest.

[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.

It's a youth-led project, connecting young people and empowering them to have a place where their voices are heard and valued, where they can be unapologetically themselves.

The project is for young people 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:

- **Activities and groups**
- **Wellbeing support**
- **Volunteering opportunities**
- **Youth Voice**
- **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!
- **One-to-one support**

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

Find out more



GENERAL CAREERS INFORMATION

Advice for School Leavers



Designed for 15 to 18 year old school and college students, this website gives school/college leavers 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.

[More Information](#)



YourGamePlan?

Your Game Plan

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

[Explore the YourGamePlan courses](#)



BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS



careerdays.co.uk

CareerDays.co.uk is for any student aged 13-18 who wants to experience different careers or gain work experience in their chosen field. From medicine, law, performing arts, psychology, business or becoming a vet, we have a 1-day online event for you, designed to give you an insight into life in your chosen field.

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.

TEDI-London Financial Support Arrangements

At TEDI-London we will award bursaries to students if they come from a low-income family. 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.

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

TEDI-London Access Bursary

If your household income is less than £35,000 a year, and you meet the eligibility criteria outlined below, you will automatically be awarded a bursary of up to £2,000 for every year of your course. This is not a loan: it is a gift from TEDI-London that does not have to be repaid and you can use the money for anything you want.

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 2024:

- **WOMEN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**
- **BLACK ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP**
- **UPSKILLING AND RETRAINING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **REFUGEE SCHOLARSHIP**
- **CARE SCHOLARSHIP**

[More Information](#)

Scholarship

UAL Travel Bursary



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.

[More Information](#)



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](#)

