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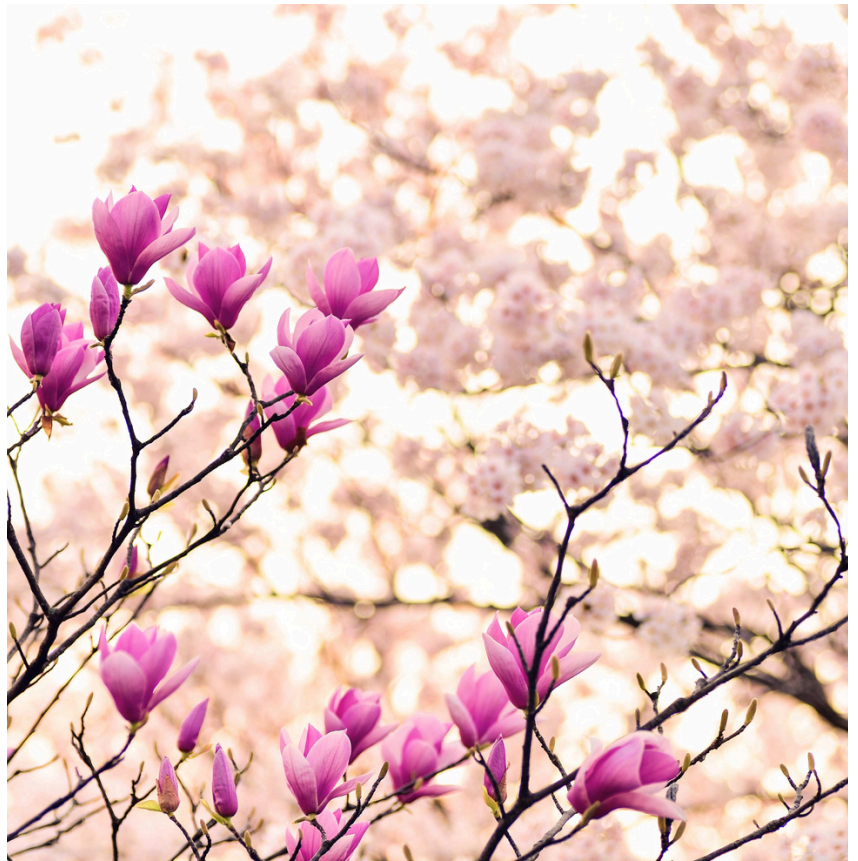
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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. Now we are in the spring term let us draw your attention to lots of new opportunities, including summer schools and work experiences. **Please remember to check each programme's eligibility criteria before applying.** 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 Inspires programme** is a key central hub with a range of resources so we 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 with the added benefit of offering a bursary called 'Brighton Boost' and this programme will complement many of the subject areas offered by the University of Sussex; students are able to register for both without obligation.

Some of the deadline dates are fast approaching so it is advisable to read/skim to see which programmes are closing in the coming weeks. If you require further information, please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. Students can 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

In the coming months, our first year students will be choosing their pathway for the second year tutorial programme. 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 called **Welcome to the UCAS Pathway**. Students have access to view these slides and presentations and it will help them understand:

- Bursaries and scholarships
- Contextual offers

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



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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 called contextual admissions, these 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, mentoring 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.

Use the Sutton Trust Tool to see which universities give contextual offers against WP criteria.

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES



**University
of Brighton**

Outreach Programme

From the University of Brighton website:

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.

Brighton Boost (2026)

Eligible students can also access the Brighton Boost, offering up to £1,000 for accommodation or £700 for travel, alongside support such as part-time job opportunities, essentials support, laptop loans, and free campus parking; eligibility can be checked using the [postcode checker online](#):

- + up to £1,000 to help with halls accommodation costs, or
- + up to £700 to help with the cost of commuting to uni

**Brighton
Boost**

Student Travel Bursary

Do you need travel support to attend one of our applicant events? Students can apply for funding for travel to events and trips that support their awareness and understanding of education options through the Sussex Learning Network UniConnect fund. They can apply for travel funding for themselves and a parent, carer or guardian.

To be eligible to apply, they need to be:

- + in year 10 or above in the academic year 2025-2026
- + studying in a Sussex state school, 6th form or further education college
- + eligible for free school meals, now or in the past

Funding requests should be made by individual students using the [application form](#).

If students are not sure if they are eligible, they can contact SLN Uni Connect on admin@sussexlearningnetwork.org.uk.

More Information About Events

Outreach Programme



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.

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

On-campus residential summer schools 7-9 July 2026

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| • Art and media | • Law (non residential 1-2 July) |
| • Business (non residential 1-2 July) | • Science |
| • Engineering | • Social science |
| • Health professions | • Sport |
| • Humanities | |

Online summer schools 20 - 23 July 2026

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

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

[More Information About Events](#)

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Inspires Programme List of Events



From the University of Sussex website:

School of Progressive Futures Event Series

The Sussex School for Progressive Futures (SSPF) is the University's flagship hub to catalyse and coordinate a distinctive, world-changing programme of interdisciplinary education, research, and global and civic engagement.

- **Law in the Age of AI**

Wednesday 11th February 5:30–7pm

Moot Room, Freeman Centre, University of Sussex Campus

[Register Here](#)

- **Lessons from Women Entrepreneurs in Yemen**

Thursday 19th February 5pm–6:30pm

Sussex School for Progressive Futures space, Library, University of Sussex

[Register Here](#)

Find your Future: University Essentials

Our Find your Future conferences give attendees from Year 12 of Sixth Form and Year 1 of college the chance to discover what student life is like, in addition to offering a springboard into potential University applications. They'll leave knowing exactly what they need to do to complete a UCAS application, understand the student finance system and gain an insight into student life.

Wednesday 3 June 2026, Thursday 11 June 2026, Wednesday 17 June 2026,

[Apply Here](#)

Work Experience at the University of Sussex

Life Sciences

For the 2025–26 academic year the School of Life Sciences can offer a work experience (WEX) programme to A-level students working with the Chemistry and Biology technical teams.

Students will spend two days in each area. Research lab visits are an included activity to take place on the last day of the work experience week. Closing date is 27th February.

[Apply Here](#)

Undergraduate Visit Days 2026

Attend one of our Visit Days and students get money towards their travel! Whether they are an offer holder or interested in studying in the vibrant city of Brighton, come visit US.

Saturday 14 February, Saturday 14 March, Saturday 11 April, Saturday 25 April

[Register here](#)

UPDATES AT PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

Into University



Students who are applying to Oxford or Cambridge this year, whether for an undergraduate course or a Foundation Year, they may be eligible for an extensive package of virtual support, including:

- Feedback on their Personal Statement
- Advice on preparing for Admissions Tests and Assessments
- Interview Preparation
- Pastoral support
- Signposting to other resources and opportunities

Explore Oxbridge takes place after school, mostly online. Students without access to a computer at home can arrange to use one at their local IntoUniversity Centre.

As with our other programmes, students must meet the **IntoUniversity eligibility criteria** to take part and because the programme takes place mainly online, there is no limit to the number of students who can participate, nor is there a minimum number.

Explore Oxbridge is a five-year programme that students can join at any time from year 9 until 13 and is designed to help students develop their:

- Critical thinking
- Oracy skills
- GCSE knowledge
- Intellectual curiosity
- Knowledge of courses on offer
- Preparation to apply to competitive universities, particularly Oxford and Cambridge



Sign Up Here

More information



SUMMER SCHOOLS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES & OTHER ORGANISATIONS



Programme of Events

Please note there are fees payable for attending

Weekend Programme

During term-time, we deliver one-day career tasters designed to give students an immersive introduction to their chosen profession. Delivered by top professionals, our Weekend programmes enable students to gain the foundations of an industry, try their hand at an interactive career simulation, receive career coaching and participate in a live Q&A session. Weekend Programmes have two intakes per academic year, with dates available on Sundays in November and March. Students can choose to attend the non-residential programmes in-person at UCL in London or live online (UK time zone).

More information



Summer Experience

During the summer holidays, we deliver comprehensive summer schools designed to give students a 360-degree experience of their dream career. Delivered by top professionals, our Summer Experiences enable students to gain up to 65 hours of hands-on experience, featuring excursions to real workplaces, professional development coaching and private networking.

Programmes are based on UCL campus in central London. Students can choose to attend a one-week, two-week or two-week Premium Summer Experience, with or without accommodation.

Our scholarship scheme offers students aged 15-18 the chance to attend a fully funded one-week in-person Summer Experience. With 15 industries to choose from, they will meet professionals, visit workplaces and take part in career simulations.

Applications are now open here, applications close 20th February 2026!



More information



University of Southampton

Experience University – Southampton Residentials

Tuesday 7 to Friday 10 July 2026

Our Summer School is a great opportunity to get a taste of student life and degrees offered at UoS ahead of your university application.

During the 4 day programme you will:

- experience student life through clubs and societies, activities, tasters and tours
- receive information and guidance around the topic of finance, student maintenance loans the cost of living as a student
- have the opportunity to socialise with others and meet likeminded individuals through a variety of social activities
- stay in student halls
- plan a meal on a budget
- tour the city of Southampton with a current student
- have a taster lecture and group workshop or practical in a degree programme or subject area
- experience teaching and research within a subject area
- hear an alumni talk to find out where our graduates ended up after they studied at UoS
- explore our main campus

This experience will help you make an informed decision about a university course and gain and develop academic/ transferable skills.

Subjects for this years' residentials are:

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| • <u>Biological Sciences</u> | • <u>Geography</u> |
| • <u>Business</u> | • <u>History</u> |
| • <u>Economics</u> | • <u>Law</u> |
| • <u>Engineering</u> | • <u>Physics</u> |
| • <u>English</u> | |



Find out more & to apply



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 offer our post-16 access programme '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 at wp@aub.ac.uk.

Summer Residential: Tuesday 11 August – Friday 14 August

Applications to All Access AUB 2025/26 are now closed, **and will open for the next cohort in March 2026**. This year, we're excited to announce a Dance and Performance stream, in addition to Art and Design.

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 [TheGallery](#).
- 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 Day](#) 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.
- Receive support from a dedicated progression mentor through the AUB application process and beyond.

[Find out more](#)





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.

Discover Bath is fully subsidised by the University of Bath (this means that you won't need to pay to attend), 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

- Biosciences
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Pharmacy & Pharmacology
- Physics

5-7 Aug
(2-night stay)

Engineering

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

3-5 Aug
(2-night stay)

Social Sciences

- Criminology
- Economics
- Health, Exercise & Sport
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Education

10-12 Aug
(2-night stay)

Accounting, Management & Business

- Business & Marketing
- Accounting & Finance

10-12 Aug
(2-night stay)

Find out more





UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

National Access Summer School

The National Access Summer School (NASS) is a four-day residential programme for Year 12 students from across the UK.

The programme offers an insight into the university experience, including taster lectures covering various academic subjects, a chance to live in university accommodation and exciting new social experiences.

Applications for NASS 2026 open on Monday 2 February 2026.

NASS supports students from underrepresented backgrounds in higher education by teaching them more about university-level study and student life. The programme is for those who study at a state school or college and meet other eligibility criteria.

For you to be able to participate in NASS, your school or college must be signed up as a P2B partner. A teacher at school/college (usually a Head of Sixth Form or Head of Year) will be able to confirm if your school is a P2B partner. If your school is not a P2B partner, but you think you may be eligible for NASS, please email nasse@contacts.bham.ac.uk for more information.

- Duration: 4 days and 3 nights
- **Dates: Monday 20 July - Thursday 23 July 2026**
- Location: University of Birmingham campus and accommodation

Your immersive campus experience will start with staying in the university halls of residence for the duration of the summer school.

During the day, you will attend academic sessions focused on an area of your interest, and during the evenings, you will get the chance to take part in social activities. You'll also get to take a tour of Birmingham, the UK's second city. Throughout the residential, an experienced team of current undergraduate student ambassadors will be on hand to support you.

After the summer school, you will be supported with a period of e-mentoring from an undergraduate student from the University.

Find out more





Insight into Bristol

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st July 2026.

The deadline for applications is Monday 9th March 8am.

About the programme

Participants in the summer school will get the opportunity to experience student life at the University of Bristol by:

- staying in student accommodation
- meeting similar students from across the UK
- exploring the City of Bristol
- attending academic sessions in an assigned subject stream delivered by our world-leading academics
- getting to know current University of Bristol students, including some of our student societies
- taking part in social activities throughout the week
- receiving information, advice and guidance to equip you to navigate to a top UK university

The summer school will take place on the University of Bristol campus with accommodation provided.

Guaranteed contextual offer

If you successfully complete the Insight Into Bristol scheme, and depending on the course(s) that you choose to apply for, you may be eligible for a guaranteed contextual offer or interview to study at Bristol provided you meet the contextual entry requirements for that course.

For courses that do not routinely interview as part of the admissions process, you will be guaranteed a contextual offer (typically two A-Level grades below standard entry requirements) to study at Bristol provided you are studying any specified A-Level subjects and meet any additional requirements for your chosen course. Applicants must still complete any admissions tests such as the UCAT/ LNAT/ SAQ (and score above a threshold) in order to receive the guaranteed offer/ guaranteed interview.

For courses that require an interview as part of the admissions process, such as Medicine or Dentistry, you will be guaranteed an interview for that course provided you are predicted to meet or exceed the contextual entry requirements for that course; you meet any GCSE or equivalent requirements; and you have completed any relevant aptitude test such as the UCAT (and scored above a threshold) by the appropriate deadline. Following interview, you may be made an offer at the contextual level.

This benefit can apply to multiple courses should you choose to submit multiple course applications to Bristol.

Find out more



Pathway to Property Summer School



Henley
Business School

UNIVERSITY OF READING

14 -17 July 2026

Applications open to 19th April 2026

Whiteknights Campus

Whiteknights House, Reading RG6 6UR

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.

A four day, three night residential summer school for year 12 students from all over the country, during this event you will:

- get to meet lots of people in the real estate industry
- work on a project
- go on a site visit
- meet a range of companies at a careers fair
- experience a staying at a university campus.

We run a range of team building, ice-breaking and social activities, to help you get the maximum enjoyment from the event.

Participation is free – all costs including travel, accommodation, food and drinks are covered by the Pathways to Property programme.

We will contact you after the 20th April to let you know if you have received a place.



Find out more information
& apply.





Most applications close on 5 March, but Cambridge courses close on 12 February.

UK Summer School June - August 2026

Spend a week at a leading university attending exciting lectures and meeting interesting people. After you have graduated you will gain access to our 3,000 strong alumni network where you can gain access to more career opportunities

Experience university life

Spend a week at one of our 12 partner universities attending lectures, living in a dorm, networking with professors and administrators, and immersing yourself in university life. Our Summer Schools are completely free so you can get to know your chosen university, no matter where in the country you're from.

Explore one of 40 subjects at a leading institution

Explore academic taster sessions in your chosen subject. Choose from over 40 different courses, from Archaeology and Anthropology to Veterinary Medicine. With over 15 hours of teaching at undergraduate level, you will get the chance to explore the subjects that you are passionate about.

Going beyond the school curriculum, your academic sessions will provide you with a valuable experience to use in your personal statement.

Receive university application support

You will take part in workshops that will help you navigate UCAS and write the best personal statement possible. You will find out about how to apply for student finance, the availability of bursaries and how to manage your money whilst at university.

More information





Access to Sheffield Summer School

Monday 3 August - Thursday 6 August 2026.

Over four days, you'll immerse yourself in university life at Sheffield, participating in a range of academic skills sessions and social activities with other students from across the UK.

You'll be introduced to and develop valuable transferable skills for university life and employment, experience university-level teaching and increase your confidence in preparation for uni. Fun evening events mean you'll experience the social side of university and learn how our students balance their academic work with their wider interests.

You'll be supported throughout by an inspirational team of student ambassadors who are currently studying with us.

Who's the summer school for?

This summer school is ideal for students who may not be sure what they would like to study, but would like to prepare themselves by developing the skills needed for university life. You can apply if you are studying in Year 12

What's included?

In simple terms; everything is included! All activities and equipment, overnight accommodation, meals and refreshments. We will also fund your travel to and from the University - this will be arranged on an individual basis as part of the application process and we'll help you every step of the way. You'll even receive your own University branded sweatshirt, so you can really look the part of a student too.

Why should I attend?

Successful completion of the summer school will result in additional consideration and a contextual offer equivalent to up to three grades below the standard A Level entry requirements for your course. If you choose to study with us, and meet our criteria, **you will be guaranteed a bursary and an Access to Sheffield Scholarship.**

- Dedicated support when you study with us as an undergraduate student
- Be supported by and learn from our current students
- Enhance your preparedness for university and support your application
- Try out a range of social and evening activities to give you a real taste of university life
- During Y13 you'll be enrolled onto our Access to Sheffield (Y13 to Uni) programme. You'll be able to access support with academic attainment and your university journey

Find out more



University of South Wales

University of
South Wales
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De Cymru

Summer School 20 – 24 July

USW Summer School 2026 (co-funded by Reaching Wider South East Wales) will take place between 20 – 24 July, hosted across multiple locations offering a week of discovery, inspiration and hands on learning across the USW portfolio for students from underrepresented groups.

Full programme will be published week commencing 16 February.

[Visit website](#)



[Expression of Interest Form](#)




The ASPIRE programmes run during school holidays on the following dates:

- **Virtual: 22nd – 24th July 2026**
- **London: 27th – 29th July 2026**

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

Register Your Interest



Residential Insight into University Courses – Summer 2026



Industrial Cadets

Have you ever wondered what it's like to go to university? Are there lots of questions about university going around in your head? Would you like to know what it's like before you take the leap and apply for a STEM university degree?

Well now you can – with our Industrial Cadets Residential Insight into University experiences, you get the chance to try out a STEM degree subject at leading universities throughout the UK.

Insight into University experiences 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.

These experiences provide a great way for students to try out university life, help them make an informed decision for their UCAS application and meet like-minded students from all around the UK. On completion of the course, students will achieve an Industrial Cadets Silver Award

Dates

4 or 5 days at a UK university between June–August 2026

Cost/funding

- £475 for 3 nights residential and £595 for 4 nights residential.
- **Bursary places are available**
- for eligible students.

Find out more information



Improving Social Mobility in Law



We believe everyone should have equal access to the legal profession and run free projects for 16–18-year-olds from non-fee-paying schools across England and Wales, delivered both online and in person throughout the year.

PROJECTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS:

5RB Chambers – Media Law Insight & Work Experience

Virtual media law insight evening with 5RB, with eligibility for an in-person work experience placement.

Supreme Court Mooting Competition

Compete in a Supreme Court-associated mooting competition and develop advocacy and legal skills.

Introduction to the Legal System Project

Analyse a recent Supreme Court case and learn how the UK legal system works.

BCL Solicitors – White Collar Crime Placement

One-week summer work experience at a leading white-collar crime law firm.

Schillings International – Insight Programme

In-person insight into careers in law, consultancy, and reputation management at Schillings.

In-House Lawyer Insight Programme

Virtual insight evening exploring in-house legal careers at The Blair Partnership and Pottermore.

Model Law Commission

National project simulating the work of the Law Commission and legal reform.

Law Reporter Work Experience – ICLR

Four-day legal reporting work experience including court visits and writing case reports.

Find out more information



SMBP Wise (Work Experience)



Each year, SMBP runs Work Insight and Skills Experience (WISE) Weeks - immersive programmes designed to give students aged 16-18 a real taste of the working world. Over the course of one week, students visit 5 different high-profile organisations to take part in interactive, hands-on activities, spend a day at a professional sports club learning about the psychology of resilience, work in teams to solve business-like challenges, build key workplace skills, and explore career paths they may never have considered before.

In addition to in-person programmes, SMBP also runs a National Online Week, designed for students who live in more rural areas or cannot attend in-person sessions. This virtual experience is hosted live by a different business each day, offering the same high-quality insight and skills development as the in-person programme.

In-person WISE Week - is a **five-day programme delivered in specific UK locations**, where students visit multiple businesses and a professional sports organisation in person. Participants take part in practical, interactive activities, meet professionals face-to-face, and experience real workplace environments, helping them build confidence, understand different careers, and develop key employability skills. Lunch is provided each day, and travel costs are covered. **[Details are here](#)**

Virtual Programme - our National Online WISE Week delivers the same core careers insight and skills development through live, interactive online sessions hosted by four high-profile business partners across the week, with the final day spent developing resilience and goal planning skills through the SMBP App. It removes the need for travel, making it accessible to students regardless of location or circumstances, while still offering exposure to a range of industries, professional role models, and workplace skills in a virtual format. **[Details are here](#)**



Application process

Register Your Interest



Imperial College Work Experience

IMPERIAL

This programme will give you an insight into the exciting world of research at Imperial College London

The work experience programme is designed to give students an insight into life as a researcher and other careers in higher education. Students will experience working life, from the daily commute to managing their time and navigating a professional environment, all whilst gaining a fantastic insight into the exciting world of research at Imperial. In 2026, the following streams will take part:

- Bioengineering
- Biomedical Research
- Chemical Engineering
- Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment
- Materials
- Mathematics
- National Heart and Lung Institute

Application dates

- Open: 12 January 2026
- **Close: 12.00 midday, 5 March 2026**
- Decisions: 6 May 2026
- Applications: places 20: 1 (2025)

Programme overview

- 29 June – 3 July 2026
- Non-residential
- For year 12 students
- Attending state schools in the UK
- Must meet eligibility and academic criteria

[Apply here](#)



Careers Days Work Experience



Cost applies - bursaries available

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/college 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



EVENTS

insight into **UNIVERSITY** **Virtual**

29 June – 21 August 2026
Duration – 30 hours of study to
be completed at your own
pace.

*****£99 fee towards the cost of administration and the Industrial Cadets Silver award.*****

Insight into University 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



WP Trip to Sussex Police HQ in Lewes - Jan 2026

Each year, students who are part of the WP programme are invited to attend various trips including open day events at regional universities.

On 14 January 2026, 12 students from Criminology department were invited to come along to Sussex police HQ in Lewes. The trip was linked to their current unit on Policing, bringing classroom learning into real-world application and potential progression routes. Students were warmly welcomed and there had been a lot planning to ensure a meaningful visit.

After an introduction from PC Keith Berkley about the force, the students were introduced to both operational and uniformed job and also civilian roles in following departments:

- CSI and forensic investigation with demonstrations on fingerprint removal, PPE and DNA samples
- Contact Officers and Controllers based in the call room for 999 and 101 calls
- IT
- Traffic Officers
- Firearms Officers with a visit the force's armoury
- Recruitment and the application process

This was an exciting opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes at the police HQ and we were all grateful for the chance to see how different department work.





Amazing Futures - SEND Opportunity

Amazing Futures is the name of the peer support project for young people with additional needs 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.

We support young people who are:

- aged 14 to 25
- living in Brighton & Hove or East Sussex
- disabled, neurodivergent, or with any kind of additional needs

For example, you might be autistic or have ADHD, learning disabilities, mental health difficulties, sensory disabilities, or physical disabilities.

Some of our services have other eligibility criteria as well.

You don't need a diagnosis, and everything we do is free or low cost.

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



BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS



Support for those going to university

Explore the UK's **largest hub** on all types of funding to help finance your education and development. You can apply directly for:

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Bursaries
- Hardship funds

Also included is the **Leathersellers' Undergraduate Student Grants Programme** provides grants up to a maximum of £5,000 per year with a yearly review. The grant is unrestricted, and you may therefore spend it wherever your need is greatest, whether that be towards your living costs, equipment or travel for your course or fees etc.

Closing date for applications is 5 March 2026 at 5pm

[More Information](#)



UCFB Bursaries & Scholarships



UCFB's Access and Widening Participation (AWP) schemes and programmes included:

- **The UCFB scholarship schemes** encourage students to enhance their time studying with us and graduate with more than just their university degree. Available at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels of study, we are committed to enhancing the employability of all students accessing higher education.

These initiatives not only offer students the chance to gain a number of individual skills that will enhance their CV but also increase employment prospects and enhance their overall experience.

- **The UCFB Undergraduate Bursary Scheme** is intended to help level the playing field for undergraduate students from lower income, disadvantaged and traditionally under-represented backgrounds in Higher Education (including students from low income households and those who are a care giver, single parent, students with a disability, independent learner, female student or from a global majority group) to ensure that higher education is available to everyone.

[More Information](#)



ASU London

ASU London is the next step in the journey of The Engineering & Design Institute London (TEDI-London) – an engineering education initiative founded by King's College London, Arizona State University and UNSW Sydney – the three partners of the PLuS Alliance.

ASU London financial support arrangements

At ASU London, we will award bursaries to 'home' 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 ASU 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.

ASU London Access Bursary

If your household income is less than £35,000 a year, and you meet the eligibility criteria outlined below, you'll 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 ASU 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 2026:

- WOMEN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP
- BLACK ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP
- UPSKILLING AND RETRAINING SCHOLARSHIP
- INAUGURAL GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP
- CARE SCHOLARSHIP
- TALENT SCHOLARSHIP

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Are you currently studying in an FE College and looking to progress to university level study?

APPLY FOR A BURSARY OF UP TO £2,250 TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDIES THIS SEPTEMBER!

Applications close Thursday 9th May, 4pm 2026

To apply and to check the full eligibility criteria please visit www.hkf.org.uk

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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.



Black and mixed Black heritage students are significantly under-represented within the fields of geography and geoscience. The scholarships will:

Help to promote geography and geoscience as a positive life choice for students

Provide financial and other support for students throughout their studies

Increase the number of Black and mixed Black heritage students studying and working within the disciplines

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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.

TRENDING IN ADVICE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

[What are the top 10 skills that'll get you a job when you graduate?](#)

[All degrees welcome for a graduate career in property.](#)

[How to use LinkedIn to get a job](#)

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