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WIDENING PARTICIPATION NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO THE LATEST WP NEWS

Welcome to the Spring term edition of our newsletter. It's packed full of opportunities, and information on events, upcoming summer schools and resources. We hope that you find these useful.

Any programmes listed from other universities where the deadlines are imminent, have been put at the start of the newsletter after the 'Updates from our partner universities' section.

The **Sussex Inspires 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.

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. If you require further information, please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. Students should 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.

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

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 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, they 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 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.

Upcoming Events

Student funding and finance talk and Q+A

2 April 2025 5-6pm

Online

Join us for a live presentation on all aspects of UK student funding and finance. This will be followed by a live Q+A, where our staff and current students will be on hand to answer your questions.

A day in the life of an architect

23 April 2025 5-6pm

Online

Architecture is often characterised by iconic buildings, sometimes by charismatic individuals and at other times defined by its cost. Are these a genuine reflection of the day-to-day practice of architecture? This session will explore what the reality of studying and practising architecture looks like today.

A day in the life of a midwife

29 April 2025 5-6pm

Online

Join us to learn about what being a midwife looks like on a day-to-day basis. Hear from one of our midwifery lecturers and get the chance to discover more about midwifery as a career path.

University of Brighton 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 School 8-11 July 2025

- Art and Design
- Business and law
- Healthcare
- Humanities and Social Science
- Sciences and engineering
- Sport

Online Summer School 22 to 25 July 2025

- 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

Sussex Inspires Programme



Whilst applications for the main Sussex Inspires programme have closed, we have a limited number of spaces available on our residential summer school, running **Tuesday 15 - Thursday 17 July**. If you would like to apply to attend our summer school, please complete the application below. If you are already on the Sussex Inspires programme you will be contacted separately and do not need to fill in this form again.

Sign up to the Sussex Inspires Residential Summer School

We would welcome applications from students who meet our Widening Participation criteria, as outlined below.

Students who meet one or more of the following criteria will be given places as a priority:

- are in receipt of free school meals at any time in the past five years
- are a care experienced young person
- are from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities

Our residential Summer School will give you the chance to experience student life at our beautiful campus. You will study topics within your strand, all delivered by academics. Throughout the summer school, you will work independently or in small groups on a short, university-level poster assignment.

Alongside the academic programme you will attend a variety of social events on campus and in Brighton to soak up the student experience. You will stay for two nights in university accommodation, sharing a flat with other students on Sussex Inspires.

The Sussex Inspires 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. Applying for the University of Sussex Inspires programme does not guarantee you a place on all of our activities. This will be subject to confirmation from the Sussex Inspires programme team via email. **Register your interest. The form should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete.**

Please be aware that the programme is only open for students currently studying in their first year of college or sixth form.



Sign Up Here

Sussex Inspires Programme



For those students that have signed up for Sussex Inspires, here's what activities are coming up.

Careers Day - Tuesday 4 March

Where can a degree take you? What have Sussex alumni gone on to do? Do you have the option of continuing on to post-graduate qualifications like Masters and PhD? We will give you the knowledge and skills to consider your future career and hear from people who have had a similar journey.

Find your Future: university essentials - Saturday 14 June

Our Find Your Future conferences let you explore student life and help kickstart your university application. You'll leave knowing exactly what you need to do to complete a UCAS application, understand the student finance system and gain insight into student life.

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Graduation Ceremony - Saturday 13 September

To celebrate your achievements on Sussex Inspires, we invite you to celebrate at our graduation day. You will receive your certificate of completion and be allowed to bring guests for your special day.

Optional events or trips

We may run some optional social events or trips throughout the programme and will communicate these with you in due course.



Into University - Explore Oxbridge



Support for Applicants to Oxford and Cambridge

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 Programme for Year 9 - 12

Explore Oxbridge is a five-year programme, 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

[Programme application form & more details](#)



SUMMER SCHOOLS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The application deadline is midday 6th March 2025, after which you will no longer be able to edit or submit your application.

UK Summer School 2025 June - August 2025

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.

[Programme application form & more details](#)

University of Nottingham



Summer School 6-11 July or 13 -18 July 2025

The deadline for applications is midday on 6th March 2025

The University of Nottingham Summer Schools offer Year 12 students the opportunity to explore the university experience in depth, while developing the skills and knowledge required to progress onto the country's top universities.

During the in-person summer school you will spend five days with the University and enjoy a varied programme of activities – academic, social and personal development – all for free! **Use the link below to check which week your subject strand is running in.**

After the summer school, you will have access to a wealth of UCAS resources and webinars – as well as direct chat with our student ambassadors – through Sutton Trust Online to support you through your higher education journey.

If you successfully complete the Nottingham Summer School, you will be eligible for an enhanced contextual offer (up to two grades lower, depending on course) and the Nottingham Potential Bursary worth £1000 for each year of undergraduate study!

To apply for the summer school, you must:

- be a home UK student in Year 12
- attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non fee-paying school/college
- be studying relevant subjects in relation to the subject stream you are applying for

If you meet the above requirements, we will look at the following criteria when we consider your application:

- live in a neighbourhood with a low rate of progression to higher education and/or a high level of socio-economic deprivation
- would be in the first generation of your family to attend university
- have been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at secondary school
- have achieved at least five GCSEs at grades 9 – 6 (A* – B), including English and Maths
- attend a school or college with a below-average A-level or Higher point score and/or a low rate of progression to higher education
- are (or have been) looked after, accommodated or in care
- under the age of 18 at the time of the summer school

[Find out more](#)





SUMMER SCHOOLS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES

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Insight into Bristol

The summer school will take place from Tuesday 22 July to Friday 25 July 2025 on the University of Bristol campus with accommodation provided.

Applications close 6pm on Sunday 09 March 2025.

Insight into Bristol is a free Summer School that provides Year 12 students from Asian, Black, and other global majority backgrounds the opportunity to experience life as a student at the University of Bristol.

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

- **A guaranteed contextual offer**
- **Eligibility criteria**

SUMMER SCHOOLS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES



University of
Southampton

Experience University - Southampton Residentials

Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th July 2025

This year you can join us on campus for a 4-day, 3-night programme. You'll get to meet our enthusiastic team of current students studying the courses you are aspiring to. You'll also meet with 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 have 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 & Chemical Engineering
- Physics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Geography
- Modern Language & Linguistics
- English
- Business
- Music
- Biological Sciences
- History

To be eligible, you must be taking relevant and required subjects in relation to the taster degree subject session chosen. You must also meet at least one of the following Widening Participation criteria:

- You are an estranged student
- Your current home post code shows that you live in an area with low levels of progression to Higher Education. (Postcodes within the lowest 2 POLAR4 or TUNDRA (MSOA) quintiles: Q1 or Q2). Postcodes can be checked for eligibility on our Postcode Checker.
- Your current home postcode falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation - identified as IMD Quintile 1 on our Postcode Checker.
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant OR received Free School Meals after the age of 14
- You live or grew up in Local Authority care
- Are a Young Carer

We prioritise students from state schools or colleges in the UK.

Applications close at midnight on Friday 25 April 2025



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 for the programme for 2026 entry will open in May 2025. The information above is for reference only.

[Register your interest here](#)



University of South Wales

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South Wales
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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



Pathway to Property Summer School



Henley

Business School

UNIVERSITY OF READING

8 - 11 July 2025

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 close on 20 April 2025.

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.





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 2025/26 are due to open in March

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](#)





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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

6- 8 Aug
(2-night stay)

Engineering

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

4 - 6 August
(2-night stay)

Social Sciences

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

11 - 13 Aug
(2-night stay)

Management & Business

- Business Management

11 - 13 Aug
(2-night stay)

Find out more






The Aspire programmes will run between the 22 July - 1 August 2025

If you're in year 12, 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 2025



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 2025 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 Salford - 3 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](#)

*******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](#)





University of Exeter

National Residential Pathway

You can find further information about the Year 12 National Residential 2025, in the coming weeks including the subject strands, dates, location, and what to bring.

Subject Strands: We aim to place participants on their first choice of residential and subject strand, but due to demand and availability we are not always able to do so. In this case, we will place participants on their second or third choice of residential and subject strand. Please do try to choose a residential and subject strand (see lists below) for your second or your third choice that you would be just as happy to study as part of the Exeter Scholars programme. Also, when choosing first, second, and third choices for subject strands, do not select the same subject strand multiple times - this will not increase your chances of getting your first choice.

Code of Conduct: As part of the application, you will need to read and agree to the Residential Code of Conduct, which can be found below. Please ensure that you read and agree to this before submitting your application, as you will be asked to indicate your agreement as part of the application form.

IMPORTANT: The residential event is a compulsory component of this programme pathway, and without attending the residential, a student will not be able to take part in the programme.

Applications open in April 2025



Am I eligible?



ACCESS TO LEEDS SCHEME

Access to Leeds is our contextual admissions programme for UK undergraduate applicants. It offers additional consideration for applicants based on their personal circumstances.

If you join us through Access to Leeds, you will benefit from:

the chance to study an undergraduate degree with entry requirements up to two grades lower than our standard offer. For example if the standard entry requirement for your course is AAA at A-level, the Access to Leeds offer could be ABB.

a study module, support and events to help prepare you for university
on-course support through our Plus Programme
additional consideration if you apply for a means-tested scholarship.

How to apply

Applications open in September for the following academic year. Some students are automatically identified as eligible from their UCAS application, but if you meet the eligibility criteria, we recommend you apply directly as it guarantees you will be considered.

Dates for your diary

September

Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) applications open.

Access to Leeds applications open (late September).

Mid October

UCAS application deadline for medicine and dentistry courses (15 October).

Late October

Access to Leeds application deadline for medicine and dentistry courses (25 October).

January

Main application deadline for completing UCAS applications (29 January).

February

Access to Leeds application deadline for all other courses (12 February).



Am I eligible?

EVENTS

insight into UNIVERSITY Virtual

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](#)



LEATHERSELLERS STUDENT GRANT



Support for those with Care Experience at / going to University

The Leathersellers' Undergraduate Student Grants Programme provides grants up to a maximum of £5,000 per year for a period of up to 4 years, (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.

Primarily we are looking to support those who are care - experienced. We know that people with care experience are under-represented at university, with much support ending at 18 or 25, so we deliberately have no set age limit.

More Information



UCFB x Raheem Sterling Foundation Scholarships



UCFB have partnered with Raheem Sterling Foundation to offer Scholarships to students.

What You Need to Know:

The Scholarships

- Fully funded Undergraduate course at UCFB.
- £1000 per year UCFB Bursary.
- £500 one-off support payment upon enrolment.

Eligibility

- Open to students of Black, African, or Caribbean heritage.
- Hold an offer to study a UCFB Undergraduate course for September 2025.
- Household income of under £40,000 a year.

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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.

Summer School Monday 30 June - Friday 18 July 2025 - YEAR 13

There will additionally be some compulsory, self-guided online pre-learning to support you with the experience. This will be released 3 weeks ahead of this start date from 9 June 2025.

Our summer school is the opportunity for aspiring changemakers to work in teams and investigate and propose innovative, sustainable solutions, in collaboration with TEDI-London faculty and industry experts from Network Rail, Transport for London, and British Land.

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 2025:

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

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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.

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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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