Activities for schools and individual post-16 learners*

Ambition Nottingham
This programme is aimed at supporting high-achieving, widening participation post-16 learners from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

Eligible students sign up to the programme and can access masterclasses, subject tasters and information workshops in year 12, and personal development activities and revision sessions in year 13.

Applications close in early December – please visit the website for further details. Students can apply online to join: nottingham.ac.uk/ambition

Summer School Programme
Residential, academic summer schools followed by a year-long support programme, consisting of:

- e-mentoring
- revision sessions both at the University and online
- skills workshops, for example mock interviews
- a bursary for those progressing to the University of Nottingham

Applications close in early March – please visit the website for details: nottingham.ac.uk/go/summer-schools

* The eligibility criteria for each of the programmes are different but typically include high-achieving individuals from lower socio-economic backgrounds.

For your school – general

Students in classrooms
This scheme, run in conjunction with Nottingham Trent University, places University of Nottingham students in local primary and secondary schools to work with both young people and teachers.

Contact us to find out more.

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The University of Nottingham’s Widening Participation team works towards raising aspirations, attainment and progression to university, particularly among learners currently under-represented in higher education.

This short guide outlines the range of free activities and events we can offer your school or college. If you would like to book any of the following activities, please get in contact using the details on the back page. We can tailor events and activities throughout the year, subject to availability.

The government measures schools on their attainment and progression to higher education.

The programmes offered by the University of Nottingham encourage our students to make informed and considered choices regarding their future progression. They have inspired our students with a sense of motivation, self-confidence and positivity and the engaging and thought provoking activities have fuelled their passion for learning!

Quarrydale Academy

Activities for your school

Pre-16

In-school sessions

Key Stage 3: Introduction to higher education
An interactive session to introduce the concept of higher education and the range of extra-curricular activities available as well as exploring possible career options. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students.

Key Stage 3: Options session
An interactive session for year 8/9 pupils which will increase their awareness of their options post-14. The pupils will consider what their skills and qualities are, what they want for their future and who can give advice. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students, but available for the whole year group.

Key Stage 4: Post-16 options session
A session that explores the different options available to pupils in terms of both further and higher education. This is an interactive session that focuses on the wide range of courses and careers available and the importance of carefully considering post-16 options. Delivered to the whole year group or targeted smaller groups.

Key Stage 4: Study skills
An interactive session to help prepare pupils for their revision and exams. This includes advice and guidance on:
- time management
- learning styles and tailoring approaches to study
- memory techniques

Delivered to groups of up to 30 students or the whole year group.

On site at University of Nottingham

Campus visits – all year groups
Campus visits are available for all year groups throughout the year, subject to staff and room availability. All activities are interactive and supported by current students from the University and each visit includes a tour of one of our campuses.

We have a number of activities for you to choose from, including a ‘design your own university’ session and a ‘choose your own adventure’ game. Each visit can be tailored to the needs of your pupils; please contact us to arrange a programme.

Other on-site events

Year 10 family events
Interactive events for year 10 pupils and their families, to provide information and dispel the myths about higher education. These are run in partnership with Nottingham Trent University.

Find out more: nottingham.ac.uk/go/pre16

Post-16

In-school/college sessions

Year 12: Ambition Nottingham assembly
A 15-minute presentation and discussion on the variety and range of opportunities available at the University. This is ideal for this session is is ideal for year 10/11 groups throughout the year.

Year 12: Post 18 options workshop
A workshop to introduce the options available after 18 including higher education, apprenticeships and gap years. Students will begin to research courses. A computer room is ideal for this session.

Year 12: Additional admissions tests talk
A presentation introducing the additional admissions tests that are required for entry to selected universities and courses. It will focus on the UKCAT, BMAT and LNAT tests for entry to law and medical related degrees.

Year 12/13: Study skills and revision workshop
This session can be tailored to the needs of your students and can include advice and guidance on:
- effective note taking and organisation (for long term learning, not just during revision)
- learning styles and how to tailor your approach to studies
- revision skills and time management
- exam tips

Year 13: Interview skills workshop
A 15-minute presentation about the Ambition Nottingham programme (see overview). This can be combined with the ‘Post 18 options’ workshop (see below) to create a longer session.

Year 12: Year 12 family day
A full day of activities focusing on the myth surrounding university applications. This day can be tailored to fit your individual requirements.

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Year 12: Higher education campus visit
Campus visits are designed to give your students an insight into university life. Current students will be available to give advice and support, answer questions and lead a campus tour. Other sessions within the day can be tailored to fit your individual requirements.

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