



Activities for Level 3 Vocational Students



"Appropriate delivery with clear knowledge and appreciation of the target audience. Students were keen to express their enjoyment of the session and all felt that they had gained valuable knowledge from the session. Excellent rating from class" *Central College Nottingham*

We are aware of the increasing importance of the Gatsby Career Benchmarks. For your convenience, we have identified where our sessions meet the criteria. For reference, we refer to the relevant Benchmark as 'GB2, GB3' etc.

The following activities are available for your Level 3 Vocational students to prepare them for Higher Education:

In-college, On-line or Voice Recorded Activities:

Researching Your HE Options (GB2, GB3, GB4) 1-1.5hrs recommended

Suitable for the end of the first or beginning of the second year, this session gives a full introduction to the benefits of HE. This interactive session tackles the application process head on and aims to encourage students to research their options to enable them to make informed choices. We will cover aspects such as entry requirements, course structures, UCAS process and ultimately guide them to consider which course is right for them.

This session is only suitable for students who are thinking about HE study (it does not cover careers advice pertinent to apprenticeships or jobs)

UCAS Personal Statement Workshop (GB3) (Generic, Nursing, Midwifery or Social Work sessions available) 1-1.5hrs recommended

An interactive session focused on the personal statement. This session encourages students to reflect on their skills and achievements and recognise the breadth of information required in a personal statement. By the end of the session students will have the basic outline of their statement.

University Finance 1 hr recommended

An in-depth look at HE finance, with a particular focus on enabling students to be proactive and prepared when it comes to finding out about bursaries and the extra support available to them. Includes a budgeting exercise.



University Interviews (GB 3) 1-1.5hrs recommended

A session which will introduce students to the HE interview process. The session will include tips and guidance on the interview process and the opportunity to have a mock interview.

Study Skills for Higher Education 1-1.5hrs recommended

These interactive sessions introduce students to the different study skills required in HE. The sessions are aimed at supporting students' transition to HE but is also useful from an FE perspective as it supports and reiterates teaching in this area. Sessions are available in:

Essay Writing - students undertake exercises to help them decipher essay questions and approach their essay writing in an organised academic manner. The focus is on structure and original/critical thinking.

Referencing and Plagiarism - students are introduced to the importance of referencing in academia and undertake a number of different exercises including a 'when to reference' game and cover plagiarism in detail.

For Tutors: Reference Writing (1 hour recommended)

The reference is something university admissions tutors take very seriously when considering potential students, particularly for competitive courses. This interactive group session will explore what admissions tutors are looking for in more detail and aims to highlight good and bad practice. Suitable for those responsible for writing the UCAS reference.

Extra activities at the University of Nottingham:

The Ambition Nottingham programme is designed to provide Vocational students with further information about studying a course at university and to support students through the UCAS Application process providing guidance and advice.

Some of the activities will include:

- Subject taster sessions (Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Physiotherapy, Sports Rehabilitation and Exercise)
- University information workshops (personal statements, interviews, finance, Q&A sessions)
- UCAS support

I shall send more details about the Ambition Nottingham programme separately.

Campus Visits at the University (Agenda and times can be arranged to suit your needs)

Campus visits can be requested but availability will have to adhere to health and safety regulations due to Covid restrictions. Please email a request and we will try to accommodate and get back to you with more details.

A day or half day visit to the University. Sessions will be tailored to your students' needs and can cover any preferred aspects from the sessions above. Or, alternatively we can arrange sessions that you think would best suit the needs of your groups and cover any aspects that you feel appropriate. There will be an opportunity for a campus tour and to visit an academic library. Current students from an educational background similar to your students will be present.

For further details or to book an activity contact:

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