



Outreach at the University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham's Widening Participation and Student Recruitment Outreach 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 academy. If you would like to book any of the following activities, please complete the relevant online booking form, which can be found on the next page. We can take school bookings throughout the year, subject to availability.

The Gatsby Career Benchmarks

We are aware of the increasing importance of the Gatsby Career Benchmarks. Our outreach programmes are designed to support them. 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 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

Pre-16 In-school sessions: booking form

KS3: Introduction to Higher Education (GB2, GB3)

This session introduces the concept of higher education, the range of courses, extracurricular activities and explores future career options. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students (interactive session) or in an assembly format for the whole year group.

KS3: Exploring careers and post-14 options (GB2, GB3, GB4)

An interactive session for year 8/9 pupils that will increase their awareness of careers and associated degrees. The pupils will consider what their skills and qualities are and how to evidence these. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students.

KS4: Is University right for me? (GB2, GB3)

This session explores the benefits of going to university. Students will learn how best to research, understand student finance and how university differs to school. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students (interactive session) or in an assembly format for the whole year.

KS4: Building Confidence and Resilience (GB8)

This session allows students to explore confidence and resilience to support unexpected setbacks. Students will be introduced to coping strategies used to aid resilience for their future. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students.

KS4: Memory techniques for effective studying (GB8)

An interactive session to help prepare pupils for their revision and exams as well as equip them with techniques for longer-term study. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students (interactive session) or in an assembly format for the whole year group.

KS4: Careers workshop (GB2, GB4)

An activity based session that identifies the different strengths, skills and qualifications needed for a variety of careers. The importance of networking and how this can be done successfully, will also be examined. This session is available for small groups up to 30 students.

Pre-16 In-school sessions (cont.)

KS4: Math revision session: Ratio and Proportion (GB3)

In this math session pupils will recap key concepts and skills within Ratio and Proportion, with the opportunity to solve complex problems within this topic and produce revision resources for future use. There will be a focus on the development of pupils' memory, teamwork and problem-solving skills. The session is designed to be 90 minutes and aimed at up to 30 KS4 pupils working at grade 4/5 or above who have covered this topic previously.

Pre-16 On-site at the University of Nottingham: booking form

Campus visits – all year groups (GB2, GB3, GB7)

Our campus visits are available for all year groups and can be delivered to a maximum of 60 students. The visit to the University gives students an insight into university life with the aim of raising aspirations and providing them with information, advice and guidance. Students will participate in a range of interactive workshops, meet current student ambassadors and tour one of our campuses.

Further information regarding the session content within our campus visits are included in the booking form above.

Other on-site events

Year 10 Exploring University Together (GB2, GB3, GB7)

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



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