

Activities for schools and individual post-16 learners*

Ambition Nottingham

This programme is aimed at supporting high-achieving, widening participation post-16 students with extracurricular workshops, taster sessions and activities.

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

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.](#)



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



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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 take school bookings throughout the year, subject to availability.

The government measures schools on their progression rates to higher education. Our outreach programmes are designed to support this.

The Gatsby Career Benchmarks

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.



Activities for your school – pre-16

Pre-16 In-school sessions

Key Stage 3: Introduction to higher education (GB2, GB3)

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 (GB2, GB3, GB4)

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 (GB2, GB3, GB4)

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 as well as equip them with techniques for longer term study. Delivered to groups of up to 30 students or the whole year group.

Pre-16 On site at University of Nottingham

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

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 (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



Activities for your school or college – post-16

Post-16 In-school/college sessions

Year 12: Additional admissions tests talk (GB3)

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

Year 12: Post 18 options workshop (GB2, GB3, GB4)

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 12/13: Introduction to UCAS and HE workshop (GB2, GB3)

This session introduces UCAS and the HE application process including researching entry requirements. It will also touch upon university finance and accommodation.

Year 12/13: Study skills and revision workshop

This session provides your students with learning strategies and study techniques. This enables them to tailor their studying for their own needs. An interactive session for students to practise some studying techniques.

Year 12: Ambition Nottingham assembly

A 15-minute presentation about the Ambition Nottingham programme (see overleaf). This can be combined with the 'Post 18 options' workshop (see above) to create a longer session.

Find out more:

nottingham.ac.uk/go/post16

Year 12/13: Personal statement workshop (GB3)

An interactive workshop aimed at getting students writing and/or editing their personal statements. This session covers the structure of a personal statement, examples of good/bad practice and top tips.

Year 13: Student finance talk

A presentation for students and/or parents on the financial arrangements for higher education, including tips on managing money at university.

Year 13: Interview skills workshop (GB3)

An interactive session explaining how university interviews work and how students can prepare for them.

Other in-school sessions

Assemblies

We can also deliver assembly talks to your students; these can be based on the in-school sessions or other topics as required. Please contact us to discuss your needs.

Evening events

We give priority to events at which we are presenting.

Post-16 On site at the University of Nottingham

Year 12: Higher education campus visit (GB2, GB3, GB7)

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.