

Higher Education

Supporting your learners' progression



Schools and Colleges Liaison Programme

The Schools and Colleges Liaison team at Buckinghamshire New University run events, talks, tours and workshops for learners, parents and carers to give a clear picture of university study. We provide a flexible service and choice of locations to fit around your requirements, working in active partnership with schools and colleges to ensure learners make informed choices about their future progression.



We can come to you...

We will meet learners and/or parents and carers at your school/college to deliver:

Interactive talks and workshops

What next after school/college?

A chance for younger learners to consider post-16 progression routes into careers which interest them. They will explore the range of alternative pathways into different professions, identify qualifications needed and the choices required to move them towards their goals.

Why go to university?

A time for learners to consider the options open to them in the world of work and weigh up the benefits and demands of higher education. This session will help learners assess whether university is for them and discuss ways to gain experience and qualifications to enhance their prospects.

Understanding UCAS

Applying to higher education can be a confusing process and the stakes are high. We will clarify the key stages and deadlines involved, help learners explore the choices ahead of them, understand what universities are looking for and identify the key factors in making a successful application.

Persuasive personal statements

This section of a UCAS form can make or break the application – a pressure which makes it hard to think straight. Based on insider advice from our university admissions team, we will show what makes a good statement and give practical tips on preparing and writing a powerful personal statement.

Impress at interview

Many universities select candidates based on interview performance. Young people can find this unnerving and underperform. We can contribute to your mock interviews or offer an interview skills session to boost confidence by showing what to expect, exploring typical questions and allowing time to plan and practice in an unpressured atmosphere.

Finance facts and fiction

Media scare stories can cause confusion and fear of debt, putting many off before fully checking the facts about university finance. This session shows how to work out the true costs, the system of loans and repayment and the kinds of financial support available to learners entering university. Discussion of personal budgeting prepares students to manage their finances when away from home.

Transition skills workshops

Aimed at Year 13 and second year FE students, these practical and fun workshops are designed to foster the skills required to move successfully to an autonomous approach to study at university. Two different sessions are offered in the form of group challenges: 'University Survival' and 'The Great Assignment'.

We can also add value to your **HE Fairs** by ensuring a university representative is on hand to offer learners direct access to the latest information about courses, facilities and teaching methods, plus informal advice on future study or career routes.

You can come to us...

Bring your learners onto our High Wycombe or Uxbridge Campus to explore our facilities, meet lecturers and current students, and get a feel of what life is like at a modern university.

We can also build any of the talks listed opposite into a visit.

Open Days

We welcome potential students to our campuses to find out about the range of courses on offer and gain a sense of the University and its facilities. Open Days include tours, subject talks, and a chance for relaxed discussion of courses and services with current university students and lecturers. At our High Wycombe Open Days, we can tailor the day to fit the particular interests or requirements of your learners.

Passport Days

Designed with Year 9 learners in mind, this is a day on campus to find out what university is all about, explore the characteristics expected in a university student, meet current students and explore the opportunities higher education may offer as students begin thinking about their future ambitions.

Subject Conferences

Aimed at years 10 and 11, these sessions focus on careers, entry and study routes in specific subject areas. Conferences include parallel sessions for teachers and careers advisers on career opportunities and progression into and within subject sectors.

Higher Education Awareness Days (HEADs)

These enable first year FE students and those in Year 12 to get an idea of what it would be like to study their current subject choices - or even something entirely new - at university. HEADs offer taster sessions in subject areas, information on student finance, a personal statement workshop to support their UCAS application and a chance to quiz current students about their experiences of university life.

Strategic alliance

We may be able to put you in touch with subject specialists and departments at Bucks to forge academic links which will support your learners' progression in specified subject areas through and beyond school or college.

