

Outreach opportunities for schools



The Centre for Student and Community Engagement (CenSCE)

CenSCE is committed to delivering evidence-based outreach interventions that make a real difference to young people's lives. All our sessions are fully resourced, completely free of charge and delivered by our experienced team.

Who do we work with?

We work specifically with disadvantaged learners and those who are under-represented in higher education (HE). Our main aims are to empower learners to succeed, and to close the attainment gaps. Many of the young people we work with qualify for pupil premium.

Does it work?

Yes. Our evidence shows an association between participation in NTU's outreach activities and improved pupil attainment across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Participants on our programmes achieved higher than average value-added / Progress 8 scores compared to non-participants. This is an average of almost four GCSE grades higher than might be expected.

How do I find out more and book sessions?

Contact us at CenSCE@ntu.ac.uk or refer to back page of this booklet for how to engage with our services, and start making a difference in your school today.

Learning outcomes

Primary Discover programme

Years 5 and 6

We introduce the concept of higher education.

Secondary Achieve programme

Years 7 and 8

We reinforce key higher education messages, challenge misconceptions, and identify future goals.

Years 9, 10 and 11

We develop the skills and characteristics needed to encourage decision-making and enable successful transitions into further education.

Post-16 Prepare programme

Years 12 and 13

We equip participants with the necessary skills and characteristics to support their transition to university, and to help them succeed once they're there.

Our evidence and research-informed provision is free, and can support your school in reaching the Gatsby Benchmarks.



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From the moment we arrived until we left, everything was extremely well planned, the activities were brilliant and our students thoroughly enjoyed the day. Unfortunately, I can't think of any suggestions on how to improve the day because it was that good!

Alex Collins, All Saints Catholic Academy

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Primary pupils – Discover programme

The Discover programme introduces the concept of higher education and helps prepare pupils for a successful transition to secondary school.

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We had a fantastic experience and all those involved in the visit were great. While returning home, it was so beautiful to listen to our children, who were absolutely buzzing, discussing their futures and talking enthusiastically about University. It truly opened their eyes and inspired so many of them.

Lauren Rook, Teacher, Glenbrook School

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Year 5 Discovering University

-  One-hour classroom session
-  Bookable for September–June
-  Maximum 30 pupils per session
-  In school

For many of your pupils, this will be their first opportunity to learn about the journey to – and benefits of – further education and university. It's a great chance to meet current students and find out more.

Required: pens/pencils, crayons/felt-tips, interactive whiteboards

Year 6 Investigating University

-  One-hour classroom session
-  Bookable for September–June
-  Maximum 30 pupils per session
-  In school

This session delves into university life and the fantastic opportunities further study can bring. Together, we'll explore different routes to university, jobs and careers and the skills required to become a successful learner. Pupils will meet current students and get a real insight into university life.

Campus Visit

-  10.00 am–2.30 pm
-  Bookable for June–July
-  Maximum 60 pupils
-  NTU Clifton Campus

The campus visit brings the university experience to life and helps pupils with their upcoming transition to secondary school. Pupils will go on a campus tour and meet current students.

School responsibilities: Transport to and from NTU's Clifton Campus, as well as teacher supervision. The University can reimburse schools 50% of travel costs upon receiving an invoice.



Secondary pupils – Achieve programme

The Achieve programme continues to explore the concept of higher education. It supports pupils with their attainment and develops the skills needed for a successful transition to further education.



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Thank you for this incredible experience and for making it possible. I already knew I wanted to go to University but you guys solidified that.

Year 9 residential participant

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Year 7 University: Fact from Fiction



20-minute assembly



Bookable for September–June



Whole year group



In school

This interactive assembly covers key terminology and the benefits of higher education. It promotes the importance of participation and engagement at school as a key to success.



Year 8

Exploring University



One-hour classroom session



Bookable for September–June



**Whole year group, maximum 30 pupils per session
(multiple sessions possible)**



In school

An immersive and engaging session designed to introduce pupils to higher education and university life using a carousel of activities. Current students share their experiences and support personalised learning.

Campus visit



10.00 am–2.30 pm



Bookable for June–July



Maximum 60 pupils



NTU City Campus

Working collaboratively with current students, pupils will explore the campus and complete a university-style research project. This brings university to life and develops self-confidence and motivation in their education.

School responsibilities: Transport to and from NTU's City Campus. The University can reimburse 50% of travel costs upon receipt of an invoice. Schools are required to identify appropriate pupils who would benefit from the visit, ensure paperwork is completed and that pupils bring their own packed lunch. In the rare case of cancellation, a minimum of 48 hours is required, or a cost may be incurred.



Year 9 Skills for Success



One-hour classroom session



Bookable for September–July



Maximum 30 pupils per session
(multiple sessions possible)



In school

Pupils will identify the skills and characteristics needed to succeed, whilst exploring ways to develop their skills.

NTU Residential



Three days and two nights



July or August



Five girls and five boys



NTU Clifton Campus

Designed to give pupils a first-hand experience of university life, pupils will stay in our accommodation and participate in a range of activities. They will get to meet and work with pupils from other schools – as well as current NTU students – and develop the key skills and character for success.

School responsibilities: Transport to and from NTU's Clifton Campus. Schools are required to identify appropriate pupils to attend. Two members of staff (one male and one female) are required to stay overnight in University halls of residence, and will be paid £200 each. Your school can invoice NTU for teacher cover.

Year 9 Residential
aspire Potential, Deliver Excellence

Year 10

Choices: the Big Debate

-  One-hour classroom session
-  Bookable for September–June
-  Maximum 30 pupils per session
(multiple sessions possible)
-  In school

This session will support pupils in making informed choices about their future, as they research and evaluate the pros and cons of various options after compulsory education.

Exploring University Together

-  Three-hour event
-  March
-  Year 10 pupils and their families book
their own places
-  NTU City Campus

With the aim of easing concerns about university, this event will answer questions and provide valuable support to pupils and families alike. Families will meet current students, consider the benefits of higher education, discuss student finance, and go on a tour of the University campus. A meal will be provided by NTU.



Year 11 Looking Ahead



20-minute assembly



Bookable for September–March



Whole year group



In school

A motivational assembly that outlines the importance of self-belief, and helps pupils identify the steps they can take to get the exam results they want.



Additional opportunities for secondary pupils

In addition to our comprehensive in-school programme, we have a range of opportunities aimed at boosting pupils' attainment and building their skills and experience.

Saturday Art Club Years 9, 10 and 11

Run in partnership with the Saturday Club Trust, NTU Saturday Art Club gives pupils with an interest in art and design the opportunity to develop their creative skills through trips, professional tuition, masterclasses, and the chance to showcase their work at a central London gallery. The programme starts in September and is completely free.

Email NTUSaturdayArtClub@ntu.ac.uk for application forms and further details.

Students in Classrooms – Learning Advocates

Trained university students will support school staff in a similar role to a teaching assistant. They aim to inspire and motivate your pupils to learn by assisting with small groups, and / or offering one-to-one support. Learning Advocates will be based in a department relating to their current area of study, under the support and guidance from a subject specific teacher.

This is a 10-week programme, starting in January 2020.

Students in Classrooms – Achievement Coaches

Achievement Coaches will provide tailored coaching and guidance for GCSE pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, supporting their attainment. This can be on a one-to-one basis or in small groups, but the aim is still the same – to equip pupils with the skills they'll need to meet the challenges of GCSE English or Maths

This is a 10-week programme, starting in January 2020.

NTU work experience placement scheme

This scheme provides more than 60 work experience placements (typically lasting a week) across the University for pupils in Years 9–12. Each placement has clear learning outcomes, achieved through practical, work-based activities, and an opportunity to see behind the scenes at our institution. Pupils can email workexperience@ntu.ac.uk for more information.



Post-16 – Prepare programme

The Prepare programme offers a range of school, college and campus-based sessions, which are designed to build on the Achieve programme at secondary school level.

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A huge thank you for such an informative and interesting visit to NTU. All our students were discussing the University, courses and lifestyle on their way back home. Many of them have since approached me to say they're now considering university when they hadn't previously, so you and your team definitely had a positive impact. I wish we could have stayed longer.

Tutor, New College Stamford, Year 12 campus visit

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Year 12

What University Can Do For You



30–45 mins



Recommended timings: October–March



Whole year group

This session highlights the benefits of university and how it can enhance students' future employability and post-18 choices.

NTU Progression Scheme Assembly



15 mins



Recommended timings: October–March



Whole year group

This assembly identifies the benefits of taking part in the NTU Progression scheme, the exciting opportunities that are available, and how to sign up.

(Refer to page [Additional opportunities for post-16](#) for further details of the NTU Progression scheme.)

Researching Your Options



45–60 mins



December–April (ideally booked prior to your visit to a UCAS Exhibition)

Using an interactive toolkit, this session will support your students in researching university options to help get them started.



Year 12

Understanding Your Mindset



45–60 mins



October–May



Max 30 students

This interactive workshop introduces students to the theory of growth mindset, helping them to realise the power of positive thinking.

Experience NTU Campus Visit



09:30 am–2:30 pm



June–July



Max 60 students



NTU City Campus

Not just your average campus tour, this is a new research-focused visit enabling your students to explore the campus with the support of current students, and discover even more about university. They'll research one of the following areas along the way: teaching and learning methods; extra opportunities for personal development; how to make yourself more employable; and support available at the University.

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Year 12 and 13

The UCAS Application Process



30–45 mins



Year 12: May–July
Year 13: September–October



Whole group

This session covers the UCAS application process and supports students in considering when to apply and what to include.

*This presentation is also available for audiences of parents and carers.

Personal Statement Workshop



45–60 mins



Year 12: May–July
Year 13: September–October



Whole group

This interactive workshop employs a toolkit that gets students started on the process of writing their personal statements. It also gives them the opportunity to review the drafts they've already created. The session highlights the importance of content and structure, and may be transferable to employment when considering how to promote their skills to others.



Year 12 and 13 Student Finance*



30–45 mins



January–April

This presentation clearly explains the student finance process – covering the main costs of higher education, the key sources of funding, how repayments are structured, and how to apply.

Student Life



45–60 mins



Anytime



Whole group

A chance for your students to interact with current students and discuss the key issues in higher education. Topics vary, and can be tailored to both your students' needs and the time of year.

*This presentation is also available for audiences of parents and carers.



Year 13 Thriving at University



45–60 mins



March–May

This interactive workshop covers the main aspects of university life, identifying areas and strategies to ease the transition into higher education.

Positive Psychology



45–60 mins



September–March



Max 30 students

Students will explore and apply positive psychology methodologies, boosting their chances of educational success.



Additional opportunities for post-16

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Year 12 Pathways to Law

Pathways to Law is two-year programme delivered by NTU and the University of Nottingham, in partnership with the SuttonTrust. It's ideal for Year 12 students who are interested in a career in Law. Participants have the opportunity to take part in taster days, lectures and masterclasses, as well as completing a work placement in a professional legal environment. They'll have priority access to an undergraduate Law mentor, UCAS application workshops, careers advice, a trip to the London law courts, and a four-day national residential conference.

Visit www.suttontrust.com/programmes/pathways-to-law or ask us to find out more.

NTU Progression

NTU progression is free programme of opportunities designed to help Year 12 and 13 students access university, and succeed in higher education. NTU Progression members have exclusive access to university application support; exciting social and cultural activities; a summer residential programme; and a priority place on NTU's work experience placement scheme. Pupils can email progression@ntu.ac.uk for more information.



Find out more

If you'd like further information, or wish to discuss how we can support your school, then please get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

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