



NTU School Outreach Opportunities

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Welcome

The Widening Access and Outreach Team at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) want to work with you to help close the attainment gap and enable your pupils to make informed decisions about higher education.

We'd welcome a conversation with you about your school aims and how we can support you to raise attainment and awareness of higher education with your pupils. This booklet will give you an overview of our offer.

Our work is research informed and targeted in areas where progression to higher education is traditionally low. We deliver sessions both on campus and in schools, and monitor engagement by collecting pupil data in partnership with schools.

University students support the delivery of much of our work. They are recruited, trained and DBS checked through our Students in Classrooms Schemes and can talk to your pupils about what it is like to be a student.

To book a session or find out more, you can email: ose@ntu.ac.uk.

We look forward to working with you.

Laura Bates

Widening Access and Outreach Manager



Data Collection



Why do we collect pupil data?

NTU is required by our regulator the Office for Students (OfS) to promote widening participation and regularly report our progress. By collecting and tracking pupil data through the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT), we can monitor the impact of our outreach activities.



What data is collected?

The data collected includes parent/carers and pupil details, prior education attainment and free school meal eligibility. Parents/carers have the option to select 'prefer not to say'. If you would like more information click the QR code below.



How is data collected?

Before delivering any outreach activities we will ask schools to share HEAT data information forms with parents/carers to complete. CenSCE staff may also collect a register at the start of activity. This will include pupils' names and postcode. We can then identify if a pupil has an existing record on the HEAT database.



How is data stored?

Nottingham Trent University is compliant with GDPR. All data information forms and registers will be securely stored until the end of the academic year plus one year, then securely destroyed.



What is your role in data collection?

We appreciate your support to distribute and return completed data information forms from parents/carers. Schools must ensure any completed forms are returned to CenSCE staff on the day of the activity.



Scan or click this QR code to read the CenSCE privacy notice and find out more.

Primary outreach programme

The primary outreach programme introduces primary pupils to the concept of university. Pupils will develop key vocabulary linked to university and gain an understanding of the journey from primary school through to higher education. All primary opportunities contribute to Gatsby Benchmark 7.

Students in Classrooms - Primary Learning Advocates

In-school, 10 week programme, January-April

- Primary Learning Advocates are students from the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. They are recruited, trained and DBS checked
 - Following the guidance of teachers, they support attainment raising by delivering literacy interventions in schools
 - They inspire, motivate and support pupils whilst also raising awareness of the opportunities in higher education
 - Contributes to Gatsby Benchmark 7.
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Sports Programmes

- NTU Sport support schools to develop sporting provision that meets their individual needs
- NTU Sports volunteers help to increase self-esteem, communication, teamwork and confidence amongst pupils
- Email: sport.volunteering@ntu.ac.uk to talk about what we can offer.



Primary outreach - classroom provision

Year 5: Discovering University

1-hour classroom session for all year 5 classes

- This session introduces the concept and purpose of university
- Pupils discuss course options and find out about on campus facilities, as well as what university students can get involved in outside of lessons
- NTU students will be available to answer pupils' questions.



Year 6: Future Steps

1-hour classroom session for all year 6 classes

- This session challenges some myths about higher education
- Students discuss transition, focusing on the differences between primary and secondary school and how they can embrace these changes
- NTU students will also be available to answer pupils' questions.

Year 6: Campus Visit

4-hour visit to NTU's Clifton Campus available June or July

- Year 6 pupils will have an immersive experience at a university
- Pupils are supported to develop their knowledge of university and visualise their transition to secondary school
- NTU students will engage with pupils throughout the day, support a campus tour and interactive small group activities
- NTU will also contribute 50% towards your transport costs.



"Great visit thank you - well organised and perfect introduction to university life as always".

Deputy Head, Nottinghamshire Primary School

Secondary outreach programme

The secondary outreach programme provides pupils in year 7-11 with an opportunity to access information about higher education and explore the journey from secondary school to university. Pupils will also look at the skills needed for progression into post-16 learning.

Students in Classrooms: Achievement Coaches

10 week, in-school programme, January-April

- Achievement Coaches are students from the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University. They are recruited, trained and DBS checked to provide literacy support to targeted year 7 pupils
- Following the guidance of teachers, they inspire pupils' love of reading whilst also raising attainment and awareness of the opportunities in higher education
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmark 8.



Raising Attainment with Resilience (RAWR)

6 week, in-school programme for 15, year 10 pupils

- Raising Attainment with Resilience aims to improve resilience and reduce test anxiety
- Pupils will learn techniques to help maintain their academic performance during times of challenge and pressure
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmark 7.

NTU Summer Residential

2-days and 1-night at Clifton Campus, 29-30 July 2024

- The NTU Summer Residential is an opportunity for 10 year 9 pupils from your school to get a taste of university life
- Pupils take part in university style activities including academic taster sessions and social activities, alongside other schools in Nottinghamshire
- 2 members of school staff are also required to attend and stay overnight
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 4 and 7.



Secondary outreach - classroom provision

Year 7: Journey to Higher Education

Whole year group assembly, 30-minutes

- This assembly covers the transition from primary to secondary school and introduces the journey to higher education through an interactive quiz
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 3, 4 and 7.



Year 8: Myths about Higher Education

1-hour classroom session for each class

- This session gives pupils the chance to investigate the realities of university and dispel some myths
- Pupils will identify how their interests can help them decide which course to study in the future
- NTU students will also be available to answer pupils' questions
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 3 and 7.

Year 8: Campus Visit

4-hour visit to our City Campus for up to 60 pupil premium pupils

- Year 8 pupils will have an immersive experience at a university and gain an insight into university life
- Pupils will explore their educational journey and think about their future whilst developing their communication and team building skills
- NTU students will be available to answer pupils' questions
- NTU will also contribute 50% towards your transport costs
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 1 and 7.



Year 9: Your skills, your future

60 pupil premium pupils across 2, 1-hour classroom sessions

- Pupils take part in activities to identify their transferrable skills and recognise how they can apply these throughout their educational journey
- NTU students will also be available to answer pupils' questions
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 3, 4 and 7.

Secondary outreach - classroom provision

Year 10: Your future, your choice

60 pupil premium pupils across 2, 1-hour classroom sessions

- Pupils investigate post-16 options using a framework to support their research to make informed decisions
- NTU students will also be available to answer pupils' questions
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 2 and 7.



Year 10: Exploring University Together

Year 10 pupils and their families are invited to attend in March - April

- Exploring University Together is a joint event by the University of Nottingham and Nottingham Trent University for year 10 pupils and their families to learn about higher education (HE), student life and finance.

Year 11: What is success? GCSE's and beyond

Whole year group assembly, 30-minutes

- Pupils will focus on their understanding of success and reflect on their commitment to achieving their goals
- Content supports school messaging about the importance of GCSE's and encourages pupils to access support
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 4 and 7.



Year 11: Thinking about university?

60 pupil premium pupils across 2, 1-hour classroom sessions

- Pupils will learn about the benefits of going to university and course entry requirements
- The content supports messaging around further education options and career progression
- NTU students will also be available to answer pupils' questions
- Contributes to Gatsby Benchmarks 4 and 7.



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