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NTU Outreach Opportunities for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Schools 2026/27

Centre for Student and
Community Engagement

Nottingham Trent University
are pleased to present our
outreach programme to you.
This document outlines the
learner journey from primary
to secondary school and is
designed to be displayed on
your staffroom wall to easily
share with your colleagues.

Nottingham Trent University's progressive outreach programme supports pupils from Year 5 to Year 11, and combines whole year group sessions with targeted workshops for pupils in receipt of free school meals. We aim to boost academic achievement and raise higher education awareness.

We are keen to see your pupils repeatedly during their time at school and would like you to book our full provision annually. Our offer is free, and transport costs to campus visits are subsidised.

Activities occur both in-school and on NTU campuses, with university students offering valuable insights into student life either via video or in person.

We look forward to working with you and offering our activities to your pupils. Please get in touch with us to book our provision.





Data information

Why do we collect pupil data?

To provide our outreach programme free of charge, NTU must meet the requirements of our regulator, the Office for Students (OfS). We use the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) to evaluate the effectiveness of our outreach to ensure we are supporting the right pupils.

What data is collected?

We require:

- completed HEAT data forms
- attendance registers for each outreach activity (including name, postcode and FSM status)

**For more information
on data collection,
scan the QR code.**



How is data collected?

Prior to each activity, schools will receive a digital link or printable version of the HEAT form. Schools should distribute these to parents/carers and return any completed paper forms to NTU staff on the day. If a register is not provided in advance, NTU staff will request this information on the day.

How is data stored?

NTU complies with GDPR regulations. All data is stored securely and destroyed in line with our data retention schedule. Please ask if you would like further information.

The role of the school

To support our data requirements, we ask schools to:

- distribute HEAT forms (digital or paper) to parents/carers in advance
- return completed paper forms to NTU staff on the day
- provide attendance registers for all activity and evaluation forms, where applicable

Primary Outreach Programme overview

The primary outreach programme introduces 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. Outreach is most effective when it is sustained and progressive, so we recommend you book our whole offer for your pupils.

Year 5 Discovering University workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year

This workshop introduces the concept and purpose of university. Pupils can discuss course options and find out about what university students can get involved in outside of lessons. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.



Year 6 Future Steps workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year

This workshop challenges myths about university and supports pupils to discuss the transition between primary and secondary school, and how they can embrace these changes. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Year 6 Campus Visit

- 🕒 4-hours 📍 NTU Clifton Campus 📅 June or July
- 👥 Maximum 60 pupils

Pupils will have an immersive, interactive experience to develop their knowledge of university, visualise their transition to secondary school and interact with NTU students. NTU can contribute towards your transport costs.

Booking deadline: February



Secondary Outreach Programme overview

The secondary outreach programme will provide pupils with an opportunity to access information about higher education and explore the journey from secondary school to university. Pupils will look at the skills needed for progression into post-16 learning and consider future education pathways.

All assemblies are followed by a workshop exclusively for your pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM). This workshop will develop and build on the knowledge gained in the assembly. Outreach is most effective when it is sustained and progressive, so we recommend you book our whole offer for your pupils.

Year 7 Moving On Up assembly

- 🕒 20-minutes 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year group

This assembly introduces the journey through secondary school to Higher Education. It will go through key aspects of higher education through an interactive quiz.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 2, 7

Year 8 Myths About Higher Education assembly

- 🕒 20-minutes 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year group

This assembly focuses on some of the common myths that surround higher education and goes into more depth about the societies that we have on offer at NTU for students.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 2, 7

Year 7 Moving On Up workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 All pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, 30 per workshop

This workshop is designed to identify key aspects of university. We will reflect on the transition from primary to secondary school and consider the transferable skills they have from this experience. Pupils will then discover NTU facilities and opportunities. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 2, 7



Year 8 Myths About Higher Education workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 All pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, 30 per workshop

This workshop gives pupils the chance to investigate the realities of university. We discuss some of the courses that we have available at NTU and pupils have an opportunity to create their own society. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Gatsby Benchmarks 2, 3, 7

Year 8 Campus Visit

- 🕒 4-hours 📍 NTU City Campus
- 👥 Please prioritise pupils in receipt of FSM, 60 max per visit
- 📅 June or July

Pupils will explore university life through an interactive campus visit. With the support of NTU students, pupils will develop their communication and teamwork skills and think about their future education journey. NTU can contribute towards your transport costs.

Booking deadline: February
Gatsby Benchmarks 1, 7



Year 11 Looking Ahead assembly

- 🕒 20-minutes 📍 In-school 👥 Whole year group
- 📅 Term 1 and 2 only (before Easter break)

This assembly focuses on how GCSEs are the first step towards the future. We ask pupils to reflect on their commitment to succeeding and offer tips to maximise their GCSE attainment. Content supports school messaging about the importance of GCSEs and encourages pupils to access support.

Gatsby Benchmark: 4,7

Year 11 Looking Ahead workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 All pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, 30 per workshop
- 📅 Term 1 and 2 only (before Easter break)

This workshop shows alternative routes into careers but also focuses on the benefits of going to university. We discuss some of the available courses and go into more depth about student finance. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Gatsby Benchmark: 4, 7

Year 10 Your Future, Your Choice workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 All pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, 30 per workshop

This workshop is a deeper dive into the differences between post-16 options; sixth form, college and apprenticeships. There will be activities to support pupils in identifying their preferred post-16 options for the future. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 2, 7

Year 10 Your Future, Your Choice assembly

- 🕒 20-minutes 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year group

This assembly discusses further education options that are available to pupils. There will be added input from student case studies and reflective questions to support pupil decision making.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 2, 7



Year 9 Your Skills, Your Future assembly

- 🕒 20-minutes 📍 In-school
- 👥 Whole year group

This assembly focuses on exploring educational choices post GCSEs. We introduce pupils to the skills needed for their future such as employment and higher education.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 3, 4, 7



Year 9 Your Skills, Your Future workshop

- 🕒 1-hour 📍 In-school
- 👥 All pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, 30 per workshop

This workshop is a deeper dive into the skills required for success. Pupils will analyse different case studies and then identify and assess their current skill set. NTU student videos will explore questions about university life.

Gatsby Benchmarks: 3, 4, 7

Get in touch to find out more: ose@ntu.ac.uk

“Please pass on my thanks to the NTU staff for the assembly today. I have heard only positive things from both staff and students. The support from NTU is invaluable on days like today aimed at inspiring students to think about what success means to them and encouraging students to think about their future.”

Careers advisor, The Manor Academy

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