

Schools and Colleges **Outreach Programme**



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Information provided by the University such as in presentations, University brochures and the University website, is accurate at the time of first disclosure. However, University services and content of publications remain subject to change.

COVID-19

As a result of the ongoing situation we will continue to review when we can return to on-campus delivery. Outreach activities in partnership schools and colleges will be considered on a case-by-case basis, in line with Health & Safety guidance.



Educational Engagement

The University of Leeds works across the UK with schools and colleges to raise awareness of, and aspirations towards, higher education.

We offer an extensive programme of talks, workshops and enrichment events for primary and secondary school learners through to post-16 students. Activities can be tailored to your requirements and delivered online, on campus or in your school.

Supporting students

Access to Leeds (A2L)

Suitable for: Post-16 students; Mature learners

A2L is our alternative admissions scheme for Year 13 or mature learners who meet certain widening participation and academic criteria. The programme provides participants with the opportunity to visit the University and develop study and subject skills. Eligible applicants are guaranteed special consideration from admissions tutors. Those who receive a standard offer from Leeds will also secure an Access to Leeds offer (usually two A-levels or equivalent below the standard offer).

EPQ: Developing Research and Study Skills Workshops

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Interactive workshops suitable for Year 12 and Year 13 students undertaking the Extended Project Qualification. These can be delivered both on campus and in schools. Sessions include:

- choosing a research topic and writing a research question
- critical thinking and working with sources
- referencing and plagiarism.

Study Skills Programme

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Designed for students in Year 9 - Year 13, our study skills programmes support the transition to higher education with sessions including: critical thinking; digital skills; and time management.

Higher Education Experience Days (HEEDs)

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

We can host groups of up to 50 students on our HEEDs which aim to raise awareness of, and aspirations towards, higher education. These events typically include:

- a tour of the University campus
- interactive workshops; up to 3 can be selected from our menu of higher education talks (pages 4–5)
- a chance to meet and work with current undergraduates.

Higher Education Fairs and UCAS Conventions

Suitable for: Mature learners; Post-16 students

We attend local and national UCAS conventions and school-based higher education/careers fairs. These events provide students with an excellent opportunity to find out more about our entry requirements, facilities, opportunities at the University of Leeds and put any questions they may have to University staff.

Reach for Excellence (RfE)

Suitable for: Post-16 students

A two year widening participation programme which supports young people who demonstrate the potential to access a research intensive university but who may not have considered applying to higher education. Students on the scheme receive a wide range of support throughout the completion of their Year 12 and 13 studies. Support is provided in the form of subject specific taster sessions, study skills workshops, impartial pre-entry guidance, finance and budgeting sessions and a residential summer school.

Realising Opportunities Programme (RO)

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Leeds is a partner university for the Realising Opportunities programme. This is a collaboration of 16 research intensive universities who work to promote fair access and social mobility. The two year programme supports students from selected schools during their post-16 studies to develop academic skills and increase their confidence. Successful completion of the programme is recognised through UCAS, and gives the potential for an alternative offer (usually two A-levels or equivalent below the standard offer) from the RO universities.

Undergraduate Open Days

Suitable for: Post-16 students; Mature learners

University-wide open days with information on courses, accommodation, student life and finance. Visitors can explore the campus, meet current students and attend subject-specific talks from our teaching staff.

Book an outreach activity

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Higher education talks and workshops

We provide a range of presentations and interactive workshops for young learners. These can be held at the University, online, in schools or colleges and can be tailored to meet your needs.

We offer bitesize options for most of our talks and activities, allowing you to choose several topics to include in one session.

Please note workshops are only suitable for groups of 50 students or less.

Access to Leeds (A2L)

Target year group: Year 12

A2L is our undergraduate widening access scheme which allows us to identify the best possible applicants regardless of background. Students will find out how the scheme works, who is eligible, the application process and the financial support packages available.

Talk: 30 minutes

Applying Through UCAS and Personal Statements

Target year group: Year 12

Designed to help students understand the UCAS application process from registration, completing the form, through to tracking applications, handling offers, confirmation, adjustment and clearing. Learn the dos and don'ts of writing a personal statement and find out why they form such a crucial part of the UCAS application process. Students will consider real examples and receive tips on preparing their own.

Talk: 30-45 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Applying to Competitive Courses

Target year groups: Year 10–13

This talk looks specifically at the difference between popular and competitive courses and explores the reasons why some courses are more competitive than others. We focus on what applications need in order to stand out, as well as looking at the steps admissions tutors take during the selection process.

Talk: 30 minutes

Benefits of Higher Education

Target year groups: Year 7–11

Explores the concept of going to university and the value of a higher education qualification. The session aims to break down barriers, raise pupils' awareness and aspirations of HE.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Choosing Post-16 Options

Target year groups: Year 10–11

Encourages students to think ahead to their university options. The session explores selecting the right programmes of study for you and for applying to university.

Talk: 30 minutes

Choosing a Course and a University

Target year groups: Year 10–12

Explores the tools and methods available for prospective students to make informed decisions about their university and course options.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Choosing Accommodation

Target year groups: Year 12–13

There is a variety of university accommodation available to students. Catered? Self-catered? On or off campus? We explore how to choose and how to apply.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Interview Skills for University

Target year groups: Year 12–13

Prepares prospective students for selection interviews. We focus on why universities interview, the different types of interviews, how to prepare, and the dos and don'ts on the day. Our interactive workshop enables students to practice mock interview questions.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Learning Styles and Revision Skills

Target year groups: Year 10–13

Focuses on how students can maximise their work and revision efforts by applying new methods and techniques. We explore how students can improve and enhance their current approaches to study which will in turn prepare them for higher education.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Preparing for HE: Making the Most of Year 12

Target year groups: Year 11–12

Focuses on the opportunities available in higher education and what pupils can be doing in Year 12 to best prepare themselves for applying to university.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Preparing for HE: Transition to University

Target year groups: Year 12–13

Explores the transition to university and the steps that post-16 pupils can take to prepare for undergraduate study and student life. We highlight the opportunities available to first year university students and explore possible challenges and solutions.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Student Finance

Target year groups: Year 11–13

An introduction to student finance including fees, loans and scholarships. The session will also cover tips on how to budget and what costs to expect at university.

Talk: 30 minutes

Workshop: 60 minutes

Student Life

Target year groups: Year 7–13

Current undergraduates discuss their personal experiences at Leeds and reflect on their decision making process and transition to higher education.

Talk: 30 minutes

Why Choose Leeds

Target year groups: Year 11–13

Find out about the courses available, facilities, opportunities and support for students choosing to study at the University of Leeds.

Talk: 30 minutes

Book a talk or workshop

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Subject specific outreach: arts and humanities

Student Ambassador Talks

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Our Student Ambassador Talks are designed to inspire your students to progress in the arts and humanities at university and beyond. Delivered by undergraduate students, our interactive and engaging talks are perfect for transitional, key decision-making stages, including pre-GCSE and pre-A Level/BTEC options.

Subject Taster Workshops

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Delivered in your school or virtually, these sessions introduce your students to new topics, build on their current subjects and support them in developing skills and insight into the university experience. All sessions are interactive and delivered by postgraduate students or academic staff, giving your students a taste of university study.

National Art and Design Saturday Club

Suitable for: Secondary school learners

A free programme for 13 – 16 years olds who have an interest in art and design. The Club is part of a national network coordinated by the Saturday Club Trust, and aims to nurture talent, build confidence and raise awareness of the diverse educational and job opportunities that can lead to exciting careers. Club members have the opportunity to attend inspiring classes, visit art galleries and to exhibit their work at Somerset House, London.

Linguastars Languages Summer School

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Linguastars is a languages summer school for Year 12 French, Spanish and German students, designed to provide a taster of studying different languages at university. The programme enables them to have a taste of various aspects of life as a language student, both academically and socially.

Webinars and Workshops

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Delivered online, we offer talks and workshops throughout the year across a range of arts and humanities subjects. Student can explore the different career options available with an arts and humanities degree and take part in a live Q&A with our undergraduate students.

Skill Up in Theatre and Performance

Suitable for Post-16 students

A programme of activity for Year 12 students interested in learning more about life as a Theatre and Performance undergraduate. Developed and delivered by academics in the School of Performance and Cultural Industries, participants have the unique opportunity to enjoy interactive undergraduate taster sessions, designed to enhance key theatre and performance skills to support their transition to university. They'll also gain insight into student life and career opportunities with our Student Ambassadors.

Competitions

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

We offer a variety of competitions in our subjects, designed to stimulate students' interest and understanding of arts and humanities subjects and to develop research, critical thinking and presentation skills:

Discover ARTiculation Challenge invites KS4 students to submit a short film of themselves talking about a piece of art or architecture.

The Classics Competition is a celebration of Classics, Reading and Performance. It provides an opportunity for KS3, KS4 and KS5 students to practice their Latin, learn how traditional school subjects link to Classics and helps develop reading and presentation skills.

Religious Students Competition is a new competition for 2021/22, inviting KS5 students to research, reflect and write about current topics in Religious Studies.

Online Resources

We provide a variety of online, recorded resources that students can explore in their own time, or teachers can use during lessons. Our recorded sessions include subject taster sessions, online courses and resources that provide insight into career destinations and what it is like to study arts and humanities subjects at university.

Book an arts and humanities activity

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Subject specific outreach: health sciences

Webinars and Workshops

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Students can explore the different career options available in medicine and healthcare and receive support and information as they approach the UCAS application stage through our webinar and workshop series. Delivered online, we offer talks and workshops throughout the year in a variety of topics including: Making the Most of Year 12; Subject Insight Sessions; Creating Your Personal Statement and Preparing for Interview for Medicine and Health Courses.

Dental, Healthcare and Medicine Futures

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Our 12 month programmes (Medicine Futures, Dental Futures, and Healthcare Futures) are designed to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds applying to Medical, Dental, and Healthcare courses. Through a blend of face to face and online activities, students will take part in subject taster sessions, guest lectures and skills workshops, and will also receive application support and advice throughout the programme.

Summer Schools

Suitable for: Post-16 students

Our annual Summer School programme includes events focused on Medicine, Dentistry, Healthcare and Psychology. Designed to inspire and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds, these events allow students to explore their chosen subject area and make an informed choice about their future course options.

Healthcare Academy

Suitable for: Secondary school learners

Our Healthcare Academy is designed to introduce Year 9 and 10 students to the wonderful world of medicine and health. Tackling important topics in healthcare, students will be introduced to different health professions, and the skills and attributes required to study a healthcare course in the future.

Student Ambassador Talks

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

An opportunity for students to hear about an undergraduate's journey to higher education and learn more about the various careers available within Psychology and Healthcare. We currently offer talks from University students on our Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work programmes, as well as our Healthcare Science (Audiology, Cardiac Physiology and Diagnostic Radiography) and Psychology courses.

Widening Access to Medical School (WAMS) Talks and Workshops

Suitable for: Primary school learners; Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Our volunteer medical students deliver talks and workshops throughout the year, raising aspirations and supporting students and potential applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Open Wide Talks and Workshops

Suitable for: Primary school learners; Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Our volunteer dental students deliver talks and workshops throughout the year, raising aspirations and supporting students and potential applicants from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Book a health sciences activity

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Subject specific outreach: social sciences

Student Ambassador Talks

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

If you'd like to help your students make sense of the many degree options available to those interested in social sciences, why not invite one of our Student Ambassadors to come and speak with them face-to-face or online? Our specially trained Student Ambassadors discuss their programme of study, their experience of life at university, and why they chose to study their subject. Talks are available in a wide range of areas including: Business (includes Accounting, Economics and Marketing); Education (for students interested in teaching, learning, language acquisition and child development); Geography and Environment; Law and Criminal Justice; Politics and International Studies; Sociology and Social Policy.

Taster Sessions

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Our online and on campus sessions provide students with a taste of life studying at university. These take place for all subjects across the social sciences

Summer School

Suitable for: Post-16 students

A two-day residential for Year 12 students to experience what it's like to study social science subjects at the University of Leeds. Students will attend workshops and taster sessions on a range of themes, exploring how studying social science subjects at university level can lead to exciting future careers. Students will also gain an insight into the wider personal development opportunities that university life can offer by engaging in a range of social events and activities.

Futures Programmes

Suitable for: Post-16 students

This sustained programme for Year 12 students gives an insight in to the courses available within Politics and Geography and is aimed at students that meet at least 1 of our Access to Leeds criteria. Sessions include taster lectures, input from academics and current students, support with choosing the right course and writing personal statements.

Sustained Outreach Programmes

Suitable for: Secondary school learners

We offer a number of sustained outreach programmes across a variety of subject areas: Sociology; Politics; Business; Geography; Law; and Education for students of different ages. These programmes, including Business Challenge, Debate Club and Street Law are designed to support school curricula, increase confidence and aspirations of students, and align with a number of Gatsby Benchmarks. Each of these activities includes multiple engagements with students, with a mixture of virtual, in school, and on campus activity.

Book a social sciences activity

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Subject specific outreach: **STEM**

Student Ambassador Talks

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

Subject specific talks delivered in schools by undergraduate students from a range of STEM degrees, designed to inspire and promote further interest in these subjects in higher education.

Medicine – Not Just About Medics

Suitable for: Secondary school learners

An exciting opportunity for students interested in studying science at A-Level and those who have an interest in medicine, but want to explore other medically related STEM degrees and career prospects.

Summer Schools

Suitable for: Post-16 students

An opportunity for Year 12 students to experience STEM subjects in greater depth, through taster lectures and practical activities, and to meet and speak to current staff and students. Previous summer schools have included Biological Sciences, Food Science & Nutrition and Mathematics, as well as a work experience week in Physics.

STEM Lecture Series

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

These online sessions aim to give students a better understanding of some of the topics they would learn about in a STEM degree at Leeds, inspiring them to go onto further study in these subjects.

STEM Futures: Environment

Suitable for: Post-16 students

A programme for Year 12 students which provides an insight in to the courses available within the Faculty of the Environment. There are 3 strands to choose from: Climate; Sustainability; and Earth, offering taster lectures and input from Academics and current students.

The Power of STEM

Suitable for: Secondary school learners; Post-16 students

A series of interactive and practical workshops led by young researchers (online for Autumn with the potential for practical sessions on campus in the Easter Holidays). A chance for students to meet new STEM researchers, find out about their journeys, and explore the challenges they are now working on and the difference they could make in the world.

Book a STEM activity

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Supporting teachers and advisors

Teachers and Advisors' CPD Conference

Our annual Teachers and Advisors' Conference takes place on campus every May. This event is designed to support staff who have specific responsibilities for progression and guidance to higher education. We explore key issues affecting students applying to university, provide an update on recent developments at the University of Leeds and offer specialist admissions workshops covering some of our most competitive courses.

Research and Study Skills Conference

In partnership with the University of Southampton we host an annual conference for teachers whose role involves supervising students' research projects (including the Extended Project Qualification and the International Baccalaureate Extended Essay). The event includes: interactive support sessions; networking opportunities with academics and colleagues; and advice on how the University can support you and your students.

STEM Conferences

We offer CPD events for teachers which include conferences for Geophysics and Maths practitioners. Please see our website for up-to-date details.

Arts and Humanities Teacher Conferences and CPD Workshops

An opportunity for teachers to network with colleagues, explore ideas to take back to the classroom and support their students to progress in the arts and humanities.

Plan, Prepare, Provide

Plan Prepare Provide is a partnership programme between the Paul Mellon Centre, the Association for Art History and the School of Fine Art, History of Art and Cultural Studies, offering a unique opportunity for secondary school teachers and their schools to improve their delivery of both academic and practical art lessons. It encompasses an annual 3-day residential, stand-alone CPD sessions, and a targeted follow-on Postgraduate Certificate in 'Developing Teacher's Research and Practice'.

Social Sciences Teachers and Advisors' Conference

An opportunity for school/ college based teachers and advisors, along with University admissions teams, academics and staff to learn from each other about the best ways to support young people in their transition from school or college to studying social sciences in higher education.

Workshops cover a wide range of topics including information on course changes, admissions criteria, the student journey, work-placement opportunities and how the University of Leeds supports particular cohorts of students.

CPD Webinars

Our webinars cover a diverse range of topics: subject specific workshops; competitive admissions; alternative routes to university; and student employability. All are designed to provide you, and in turn your students, with an enhanced understanding of applying to university.

CPD Talks in Schools

We offer a programme of talks for teachers and careers advisors which can be delivered within your school/college as part of an event or a stand alone activity. These include: Writing Academic References and Personal Statements; Preparing your Students for Higher Education: Why Choose Leeds; and Student Finance.

Teachers and Advisors' Ezine

Our newsletters keep colleagues in schools and colleges up to date with the latest news, information and opportunities at the University of Leeds. These bulletins offer advice and guidance to those working in the post-16 sector, regarding applying to Leeds, aspiration raising schemes, our school engagement programme, fees and financial support, partnership opportunities, open days and key diary dates.

Further information

 leeds.ac.uk/teachers



Supporting parents and carers

Our talks for parents and carers can be delivered at your school/college as part of a higher education information evening or a stand alone event.

Student Finance

How much will it cost? This is the question which is asked by many parents. This session provides an introduction to student finance including fees, expenses and the different types of financial help available.

Talk: 30 minutes

Supporting Your Child Through the Application Process

A session for parents providing an overview of higher education, including the benefits of university study, the application process, accommodation and student finance.

Talk: 30 minutes

Book a parents talk

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Useful websites

Education Outreach Student Webpages
educationoutreach.leeds.ac.uk

Access to Leeds
leeds.ac.uk/A2L

Arts and Humanities Outreach
artsoutreach.leeds.ac.uk

Health Sciences Outreach
healthsciences.leeds.ac.uk

Open Days
leeds.ac.uk/opensdays

Reach for Excellence
studenttalentspotting.leeds.ac.uk/rfe

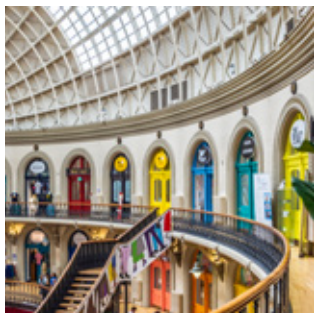
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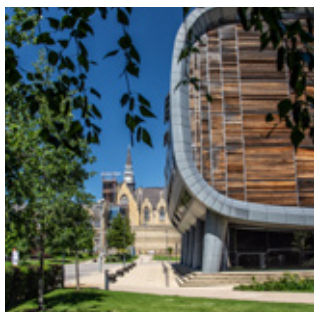
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