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Activity brochure

EDUCATION LIAISON



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Raising awareness of higher education

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Introduction

In this brochure you'll find details of activities, presentations and workshops that we offer to our Progression Partner schools and colleges, as well as the events that we'll be holding at the University.

We hope you'll find everything you need to help your students get an accurate insight into higher education, so that they can make an informed choice about their futures.

However if you can't see an activity listed that you would like us to run, please contact us.

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What are the Progression Scheme benefits?

As one of our Progression Partners you and your students receive some great benefits.

For school and college staff

You'll receive:

- invitations to our annual Progression Conference and partnership meeting
- invitations to staff development events
- the opportunity to develop curriculum links
- advice and guidance on higher education issues
- access to rooms for staff meetings
- discounted rooms for larger events.

For groups of your students

They'll receive:

- invitations to our open days, taster days, masterclasses, challenge days and university experience days
- presentations and workshops delivered in your school or college
- use of the library for small groups.

For individual students

They'll receive:

- a guaranteed place or interview if students meet the minimum entry criteria for their chosen course and apply by the January UCAS deadline date. Minimum entry criteria includes a strong personal statement and a good reference
- a Progression bursary for each year they're studying at Derby*
- regular contact with our friendly and approachable staff
- advice and guidance for themselves and their families before starting university
- use of our online buddy scheme and access to our Progression Scheme Facebook page
- training if they would like to work as part time student mentors when they come to university.

* **Conditions apply, please see www.derby.ac.uk/bursaries, under review for September 2012 entry.**

Events coming up

For students

Year 12 Big University Experience Days

2011 Monday 21 November

2012 Wednesday 18 January
Tuesday 7 February
Wednesday 7 March (Buxton)
Friday 23 March
Monday 2 July

Year 10 Experience and Year 12 Information Days

By arrangement – up to 100 for each day

Limited number of days available, please book as soon as possible

Access into HE Progression event

Friday 14 October

Open Days – Derby and Buxton

2011 Saturday 3 September
Saturday 8 October
Saturday 29 October
Saturday 26 November

2012 Saturday 4 February
Saturday 17 March
Saturday 9 June

For Parents

Parents evenings

Thursday 8 March – Buxton
Tuesday 13 March – Derby

Other events – dates to be confirmed

Summer schools

Year 12 non-residential STEM summer school
Year 10 residential summer school
Cross year non-residential girls summer school

Boys into HE days

Year 10 and Year 12 day

For staff

Staff days

Education Liaison networking events:

Birmingham – Monday 10 October
Ashbourne – Tuesday 11 October
Leicester – Wednesday 12 October
Stoke-on-Trent – Thursday 13 October
Nottingham – Monday 17 October
Chesterfield – Tuesday 18 October
Derby – Wednesday 19 October

Progression partnership meeting

Thursday 15 March

Progression conference

Wednesday 11 July

For more information about our events and to book
www.derby.ac.uk/educationliaison/events

Our Events

The Big University Experience Days

These days are for Year 12 and Year 13 students who want to find out more about university and a particular course.

We'll offer a range of activities on these days including:

Gifted and Talented sessions

These workshops are a great way for your gifted and talented students to find out more about relevant courses and what life is really like as a student. The workshops are designed to stretch and challenge your students.

They'll get the chance to attend a lecture or tutorial led by our academics, talk to current students and have a tour of the University.

Subject challenges

Our challenge days are for Year 12 students who are thinking of going onto higher education and have an interest in particular subject areas such as:

- business and marketing
- law
- technology
- science.

Students work as a team on a challenge that meets a specific brief set by our academics.

Taster sessions

At our taster sessions your students can find out about specific university courses, take part in interactive sessions, talk to our lecturers, meet students, see our facilities and get a real taste of university life.

Please visit www.derby.ac.uk/educationliaison/events to find out what activities will be offered on these days.

Experience Days

Our university experience days are for younger students who are expected to achieve five A–C grades at GCSE, but who may not be considering higher education, or have no family history of studying at higher education level.

Your students will see what university is like, look around our facilities and meet and chat to our current students.

Year 12 Information Days

These days are designed for students who are thinking about going to university and who want to learn more. Throughout the day we run sessions on:

- choosing a university and a course
- the UCAS process
- personal statements
- university finance
- the Progression Scheme.

Summer Schools

Our summer schools are designed to give your students a real taste of student life and equip them with essential skills that will help them make the most of their time at university.

Raising The Grade

These events have been developed using best practice from the Aimhigher project. They will focus on either maths or English and will be an opportunity for Year 11 C/D borderline students to have an intensive day focussing on their study skills and techniques with a view to raising their attainment to that all important C grade.

Schools and Colleges Degree Show

This day is specifically organised for schools and colleges and gives students that are interested in our art and design courses an opportunity to see our graduating students' final year exhibitions, take a tour of our Markeaton Street site and watch a video of our graduate Fashion Show.

Progression Conference for teachers and careers advisers

This conference is for anyone interested in the progression of students. We offer a range of keynote speakers and workshops covering issues vital to the successful progression of students into higher education.

Past workshops have covered topics including:

- student loans and finance
- IAG resources
- employability
- supporting students through higher education
- progression routes into higher education
- the benefits of our Progression Scheme
- subject specific workshops.

www.derby.ac.uk/educationliaison

University life

Campaigning for your university

During this workshop your students will discuss some of the issues that are important to undergraduates. They'll look at the campaign process for raising awareness of university activities, including social events and part time work, as well as finding out more about the role of the Students' Union.

Your students will work with our undergraduates in small groups to develop a campaign of their choice – they'll nominate a team leader and devise their campaign. Each group will pitch their campaign to their peers.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, team building, presentation skills, numeracy

Target audience:
Years 7–10

Max number of students in a session: 30

Campus tours

Your students will have the opportunity to explore one of our campuses and get a real feel for university life. They will take part in a quiz that includes the Atrium, Library and Students' Union at Kedleston Road in Derby, or the Dome and Library at Buxton.

Type of activity:
Tour and quiz

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness

Target audience:
Year 7 students and above as part of a visit to our Derby or Buxton campuses

Graduate employability

During this presentation we'll discuss the skills employers are looking for from graduates, and offer tips to help students become more employable. We'll also review the types of jobs that graduates go into after university.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
45 minutes

Skills addressed:
Making choices, employability, higher education awareness

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students, parents

Max number of students in a session: 40

University Cribs

This presentation and DVD is delivered by our current undergraduate students. Our University Cribs DVD will feature several student homes and it'll take a look at the advantages and disadvantages of living at home and moving away.

During the presentation there will be a discussion about the different accommodation options when studying at university, followed by a question and answer session, so students can ask our undergraduates about any concerns they might have.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices

Target audience:
Year 12–13 students and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

How to survive the first term

This presentation and workshop has been developed, and is delivered, by our students. It gives students who are due to start at university some hints and tips about the things they need to think about before they arrive, and what to expect in their first week.

They'll work through a series of dilemmas that they may face as students and decide on the best solution. There will be a question and answer session, so they can ask any questions they have about university.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices, personal effectiveness, finance, relationships and responsibility, problem solving, team building

Target audience:
Year 13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 40

Why go to university?

This workshop is led by current undergraduate students and looks at the main advantages of coming to university. It covers aspects such as money, employability, study choices, personal development and social life. Our students discuss their own reasons for coming to university and why they think it's worth it, and your students will have the opportunity to look at their own education and career choices.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices

Target audience:
Year 11–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 100

Typical student

This interactive session is particularly good for discussing higher education with your younger year groups.

Your students will work together in small groups to describe what they think a typical student is like. They give their 'student' a back story – a name, age, what course he or she is studying, family background, hobbies, social life and whether he or she works.

Each group will then feed back to the others to initiate debate about what university students are really like and address any issues the groups have about coming to university.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, team building

Target audience:
Year 7–10 students

Max number of students in a session: Up to 100 but need room to work in small groups if this session is run in your school or college.

Your future assembly

Year 10: This short assembly is suitable for Year 10 groups and can be used as a preparatory session for those attending a Year 10 higher education or university experience day.

Year 9: This short assembly is suitable for Year 9 groups when considering their future options. We will discuss the different routes students can take to get into higher education including A levels, BTECs, diplomas and apprenticeships.

There will also be a question and answer session, so students can ask our current undergraduates any questions they have about higher education.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
20–30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices

Target audience:
Year 9–10 students

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

Derby University Challenge

This workshop is an interactive quiz game based on the famous TV show *University Challenge*.

Your students will work in teams to answer a number of quickfire questions on a range of topics to test their knowledge of university and pick up some interesting and informative facts along the way.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
45 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness,
making choices

Target audience:
Year 9–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

University Fortunes

“Our survey says ...”

This workshop is an interactive version of the popular *Family Fortunes* television show. We have surveyed our current students about higher education. The game will cover a range of topics and encourage discussion between the students.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness,
team building

Target audience:
Year 7–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Play Your Cards Right

This fun and interactive game is led by our current students. It'll help students and parents to start thinking about and exploring the idea of higher education. Based on the television game show *Play Your Cards Right*, we use a series of questions to encourage discussion topics about higher education.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness,
team building

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3
students, parents

Max number of students in a session: 50

Who Wants To Be a University Millionaire?

This fun and interactive game is based on the television show *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire*. We use a selection of questions to encourage discussion topics about university life. This workshop will help students to start thinking about and exploring the idea of higher education.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness,
team building

Target audience:
Year 7–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 40

Applying to university

Choosing a course and a university

This workshop will give your students the knowledge and skills to research their course and university choice and make an informed decision about what is best for them.

A range of interactive exercises, presentations and input from staff and students will be used depending on your students' needs and stage within the admissions cycle.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices, study skills, researching skills, computer skills

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

The UCAS process and personal statements

During this in-depth presentation we'll introduce your students to UCAS and look at the application process. We'll talk about deadlines, course choices, personal statements, what admissions tutors are looking for, and where to get help.

We'll also offer some useful tips from our admissions tutors and current students.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Communication, making choices, higher education awareness, assertiveness

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 50

Personal statement dilemmas game

During this workshop we'll focus on the importance of a well written personal statement by engaging your students in a fun and interactive game. After the game we'll give a short presentation about the best way to write a personal statement, covering hints and tips from admissions tutors and students. At the end of the session we'll give students a worksheet to help them to focus their ideas and begin writing their own personal statement.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices, study skills, communication, assertiveness

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 40

Drop in clinics

Your students will have the opportunity to talk to a member of our staff on a one to one basis.

Popular discussion topics include:

- personal statements
- university life and the student experience
- fees and finance
- course content.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
Morning or afternoon

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: One to one

Making the most out of UCAS fairs

This presentation is useful for your Year 12 students who are attending a UCAS fair and are considering going onto higher education.

We'll discuss what students need to prepare before they go to a UCAS fair, tips on what they need to do when they are there and what to do with the information afterwards.

Our student mentors will also be on hand to give some practical advice.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices

Target audience:
Year 12/Level 3 students that are going to a UCAS fair

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

University interview preparation

This workshop has been developed specifically for students who are applying to courses that have an interview as part of the selection process, such as radiography, occupational therapy, teacher training and nursing.

Students will look at the planning and preparation that is needed for interviews, the types of interviews, body language, how to answer questions and what to do after the interview.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Personal effectiveness, developing self esteem, communication, interview skills

Target audience:
Year 13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: One to one

Finance

Finance facts and figures

During this presentation we'll cover the facts and figures associated with higher education finance, including student loans, fees and other costs, maintenance grants, bursaries and other sources of income.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Finance

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students, parents

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

Money matters

This presentation is delivered by our current undergraduates and covers issues such as fees, loans and bursaries, as well as what additional costs to expect and where extra money could come from.

Your students will get some great money saving tips and our students will discuss why they think that coming to university is worth the cost.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Finance

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students, parents

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

Managing a student budget

Your students will work in small groups using case studies to work out a termly budget for a university student. Our undergraduate students will then lead a discussion focusing on how realistic the budgets were.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Finance, group work, personal effectiveness

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

The University Price is Right

“Come on down!”

To get your students thinking about finance at higher education and how much things cost we have developed a fun and interactive game based on the TV show *The Price is Right*.

They'll have items relating to university life and in teams they'll have to guess the price of the items such as a TV licence and a can of baked beans all in preparation for their forthcoming years at university.

Our current undergraduate students will be around to offer their experience of finance at university.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
45 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness, making choices, finance

Target audience:
Year 10–13 and level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 50

Study skills

Introduction to study skills and identifying personal qualities

Your students will learn how to look positively at their own skills and qualities with the help of an activity looking at the skills and qualities of some well known figures.

Following this is an interactive workshop to introduce your students to some creative methods of studying and ways of identifying areas for improvement, ending with the opportunity to present to their peers.

Our current students will be there throughout to work alongside your students to give their own hints and tips.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
60 minutes

Skills addressed:
Study skills, personal effectiveness, group work

Target audience:
Year 10–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Team building

This interactive workshop gives your students the opportunity to look at team building techniques. They'll work together in groups completing a range of team building tasks designed to help them to develop effective communication and problem solving skills.

Some of our current undergraduate students will be on hand to help out and discuss the importance of working with others.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Team building, personal effectiveness

Target audience:
Year 9–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 40

Revision and exam techniques

This interactive workshop gives your students the opportunity to look at the revision techniques they use and evaluate how effective they are. We'll also introduce them to new revision techniques that may be useful in the future.

We'll look at coping with exam pressure and your students will plan a suitable revision schedule. Our current undergraduate students will also share some hints and tips that can be used for successful future revision practice.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
30–45 minutes

Skills addressed:
Study skills, revision skills, personal effectiveness, time management

Target audience:
Year 9–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Improving your memory

Remembering effectively is an important skill for your students to have. This workshop will explore the different techniques students can use for learning and memorising. It'll also help them to identify the strategies that'll be most effective to them to enhance their learning.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Memory, concentration, personal effectiveness

Target audience:
Year 7–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 40

Managing your time effectively

This presentation and interactive workshop has been developed to raise your students' awareness of their approach to time. They will complete a variety of activities, which will help them to develop the skills they need to manage their time more effectively and become more productive in future activities.

They'll pick up tips for successful time management skills from some of our current undergraduates.

Type of activity:
Workshop and presentation

Length of session:
30 minutes

Skills addressed:
Time management, personal effectiveness

Target audience:
Year 9–13 and Level 3 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Visit our library

To give students an awareness of the resources and facilities of an academic library and help develop their research skills we offer a two hour session in our library covering the following:

- An icebreaker activity exploring the reliability of different information media
- Internet searching workshop to look at the strengths and weaknesses of different search tools
- A library tour and quiz
- Time for individual research.

Type of activity:
Workshop

Length of session:
2 hours

Skills addressed:
Research skills, group work, personal effectiveness

Target audience:
Year 10–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Post 16 Transition

Listen and Take Note

This workshop offers an opportunity for students to learn the skill of effective listening and note taking for post-16 study and beyond. Areas covered include how to take well organised, relevant notes, determine fact from opinion, and skills to maintain focus.

University undergraduates will also be available to add their advice and experience of these skills at higher education level.

Type of activity:

Workshop

Length of session:

60 minutes

Skills addressed:

Note taking, listening, personal effectiveness

Target audience:

Year 12–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Research and referencing

Covering topics such as when and how to reference, plus issues surrounding what is plagiarism, this session also tackles how to recognise reliable source material when using the web.

Our undergraduates will help with giving their perspective and experience of using these skills at university.

It is ideal if this session can take place in a PC lab.

Type of activity:

Workshop

Length of session:

60 minutes

Skills addressed:

Research, referencing, personal effectiveness

Target audience:

Year 12–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Thinking skills

A practical and fun session that introduces students to the critical and creative thinking skills needed in order to perform well at post-16 and into higher education. Using memorable techniques to help with analysing, questioning and how to form an argument, this workshop helps provide students with a structured approach that can be applied across a wide range of subjects.

The student mentors will be available to help facilitate group work and offer their advice and experience.

Type of activity:

Workshop

Length of session:

60 minutes

Skills addressed:

Critical and creative thinking, analysing, questioning

Target audience:

Year 12–13 students

Max number of students in a session: 30

Progression Scheme

The benefits of our Progression Scheme

During this presentation we'll introduce your students to our Progression Scheme. We'll highlight the benefits of becoming involved in the scheme, what they can access to help them during the application process and how it can support them while they study at Derby.

Type of activity:
Presentation

Length of session:
20 minutes

Skills addressed:
Higher education awareness

Target audience:
Year 12–13 and Level 3 students, parents

Max number of students in a session: Whole year group

Making the most of the Progression Scheme

This interactive workshop will give staff from partner and potential partner schools and colleges the opportunity to find out more about the benefits for you, your school or college and your students. There will also be an open discussion forum where you can give feedback about your experiences of the Progression Scheme, suggest additional activities or ask about any aspect of the scheme or pre-entry information, advice and guidance.

Type of activity:
Presentation and workshop

Length of session:
45 minutes

Target audience:
Heads of Sixth form, teachers, careers advisors.

We've produced a range of publications for our Progression Scheme partners

Is university for me?

Is aimed at 14–16 year olds who may or may not be thinking about university. It includes information about progression routes, what students can study at university, entry requirements and finance.

Not another bog standard prospectus

We've changed our undergraduate prospectus – it's now personalised so students need to order it online.

This leaflet explains our new format, and how they can order their own personalised prospectus.

Quick guide to university

This leaflet gives students tips from our current undergraduates on how to apply to university, how to write a personal statement, preparing for university life and managing money.

How do I get into university?

This leaflet explains what the UCAS tariff is, and what points are allocated to different qualifications and grades.

What will going to university cost me?

This leaflet contains information about tuition fees, bursaries and grants.

A parent's guide to university

This booklet provides parents with a comprehensive guide to university. It covers topics such as finance, student accommodation, support services, career options and how to apply.

Progression Scheme benefits

There are two versions of this leaflet, one for students and one for teachers and careers advisers outlining the benefits that students and schools and colleges get from being one of our Progression Partners.

Activity brochure 2011/12

Please let us know if you would like any more copies of this brochure.

If you would like copies of these please contact the **Education Liaison Team** on **01332 591088** or email **elteam@derby.ac.uk**

Feedback

"The students enjoyed the day and had the opportunity to develop transferable skills."

Teacher who attended the Business Challenge day from Tuxford School

"Thanks for an amazing day, it was great meeting new people and I learnt a lot."

Student from Lakeview College that attended the Business Challenge Day

"Excellent day and excellent staff, really want to come to this University now."

Student from Stephenson College that attended the Law Challenge Day

"Brilliant mentor, she really answered all my questions. This was an amazing day as now I know everything I need to know about what I want to do for my career interest. Thank you,"

Student from Longslade Community College

"Thank you for making us feel so welcome – it has been a fantastic day!"

Teacher from Woodlands that brought students to an experience day.

"I really have enjoyed today, at the start I thought I would never want to go to university but now I do."

Student from Friesland School that attended a Year 10 experience day