

USEFUL UNIVERSITY INFORMATION FOR CAREERS LEADERS

This resource document showcases some of the most popular universities local to Worcestershire. This resource aims to provide Careers Leaders with some useful information and insight into these local Universities, what their offer to educational establishments is, who to contact to book an activity and where to find their virtual tour.

The information contained within this document covers the following Universities:

- 1) Aston University
- 2) Birmingham City University
- 3) Harper Adams University
- 4) Newman University
- 5) University of Birmingham
- 6) University of Gloucestershire
- 7) University of Worcester

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WEBSITE LINK:

<https://www2.aston.ac.uk/>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

> Mentoring and Tutoring:

Aston University's Mentoring in Schools programme aims to raise pupils' aspirations, attainment and awareness of further and higher education. The various mentoring schemes are focused around aspiration raising, subject specific support and academic coaching.

> Careers fairs: If you are hosting a careers/HE fair at your school/college and would like Aston University to be there, please contact them.



BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

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EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

- > **Campus Visit:** Campus visit days include: a range of interactive activities aimed at challenging assumptions and increasing aspiration levels in your learners and a fun introduction to higher education themes, for Key stage 4 and 5. For students in year groups 11/12/13 they offer on campus "Explore Days". Students are offered the chance to experience several different workshops over the course of one day, to broaden their understanding of the different courses available in each area.
- > **Talks and Workshops:** Birmingham City University offer educational establishments higher education talks and workshops, which can be delivered at their school or college as standalone activities or as part of a wider event such as a parents evening or careers days. All the sessions can be tailored to specific year groups upon request.
- > **Mini Lectures:** Mini lectures are designed for Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils. Birmingham City University will bring expert academic staff to your school or college to explore perspectives on contemporary research, issues and approaches to higher education study.



HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

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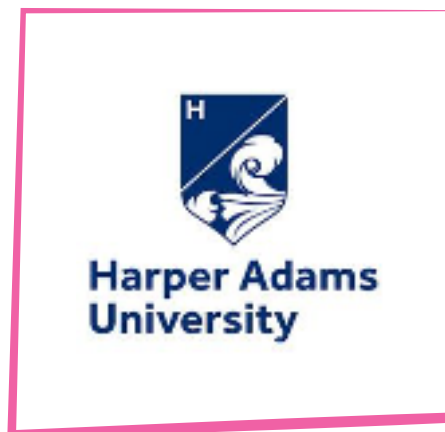
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VIRTUAL TOUR LINK:

<https://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/university-life/our-university/virtual-tours.cfm>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

Harper Adams' outreach team offers a range of activities for all schools and colleges. The menu of activity is categorised to Key Stages.

ACTIVITIES FOR KEY STAGE 2:

- > **Half the world to eat your breakfast:** Use Harper Adams Martin Luther King Breakfast video as a key resource, this session gives pupils the opportunity to explore the different courses and, ultimately, careers that are involved in the process of getting food on your table.
- > **Lego University:** The first introduction to what a University is and why people go. Pupils will learn what important parts make up a University campus, including halls of residence, lecture theatres, sports facilities, canteens and the student's union. In groups they will then build their own area of a university and put all team efforts together at the close of the session to create a large-scale Lego University.
- > **Crazy Courses:** A in-depth look into university and what people can study there. Varieties of courses are looked at, including a focus on careers that require a degree. Pupils will then create their own made-up university course. This session encourages full creativity.
- > **Granny Marmalade:** An interactive reading of extracts from Granny Marmalade and Uncle Tractor, taking the students on a journey through farming seasons. The session explores food and will encourage them to take more of an interest in what they eat and where their food comes from.

ACTIVITIES FOR KEY STAGE 3-5

- > **All about Harper:** A presentation that covers everything your pupils needs to know about Harper Adams University at this stage in their education. The presentation covers what Harper is about, what courses they offer, what the entry requirements are and how to find out more about them.
- > **Subject specifics:** A presentation that introduces Harper Adams, but with a focus on certain subject areas based on your institute's requirements. The presentations will look at entry requirements, work experience specifics, course content, placement year opportunities and career prospects.
- > **Student finance myth buster:** This presentation looks at student finance in depth. It details what it is, how you get it, what you can get and how you pay it back. It also looks at maintenance loans and scholarships.
- > **Budgeting at University:** This interactive session focuses around budgeting money whilst at University. Focuses on meal plans and healthy eating, the session requires students to figure out their best weekly meal plan within budget.
- > **Careers fairs:** If you are hosting a careers/HE fair at your school/college and would like Harper Adams to be there, please contact them.

Please note, Harper Adams request at least 4 weeks' notice to arrange a campus visit.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

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Newman University

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VIRTUAL TOUR LINK:

<https://www.newman.ac.uk/virtual-tour/>

WEBSITE LINK:

<https://www.newman.ac.uk/>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

- > **Introduction to Higher Education:** Bespoke days for schools and colleges on their campus. As well as explaining in greater detail about a myriad of issues surrounding higher education, these events can also include exciting sessions delivered by their academic staff giving students a taste of university life.
- > **Personal Statement Workshops:** Give students the best chance at wowing universities with their personal statement and bagging themselves an offer. This masterclass will help them feel prepared and confident.
- > **UCAS Apply Presentation / Workshop / Application Process:** Help students to understand the UCAS system, how it works, what they need to know and all the important deadlines they need to meet. Students will come away from this workshop feeling confident and well informed ready to start the UCAS application process.
- > **Teacher Training and QTS Skills Tests Preparation:** work with schools to help them to choose their next team of teachers, bespoke training and flexible models are available- more information can be found at <https://www.newman.ac.uk/knowledge-base/information-for-schools/>
- > **Subject Specific Presentations/Taster Sessions:** Choose from a variety of subject courses to create a bespoke on-campus or in school introduction to university. Each activity will be tailored to the requirements of the group and your institution.
- > **Year 10/12 explore and experience Newman university events:** Newman University offer a "Explore and Experience" event to Year 10/Year 12 students. Students will be able to explore and experience sessions including; 'Introduction to Higher Education', student finance, student life, personal statements and will be able to go on a tour of our university campus.
- > **Learning days:** Newman University offer free half-day Learning Days for Year 12/Year 13 students who are interested in studying one of the subjects that Newman University offers. These events will be useful for students studying A-level or BTEC Level 3, to open up our wide-range of subjects as realistic options for their undergraduate studies and future careers.



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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WEBSITE LINK:

<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/index.aspx>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

- > **Campus Visit:** Campus visits are suitable for groups of between 25-50 students. If University of Birmingham are travelling to your school for an event, they ask for a minimum of 25 students.
- > **Advice and Guidance Talks:** Advice and Guidance talks typically consist of presentation talks in school on topics like 'Why HE?', choosing a university, subject choices at GCSE and A-level and making the most of sixth form.
- > **Masterclass Programme:** A masterclass programme is available (most appropriate for the year 12 group) and will help to stretch and challenge, broadening pupils' knowledge of particular topics and inspiring them to take their studies further. Bookings are made via the Universities website.
- > **Raise Programme:** Raise programme is designed to support years 7 to 11 pupils and provides fun, interactive lectures, workshops and competitive quizzes. The programme is delivered on campus and often with a subject focus.



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EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

- > **Careers Talks:** Careers talks are available for: Art and Design, Business, Computing, Education and Teacher Training, English, History and RPE, Health and Social Care, Law, Media, Natural Sciences, Performing Arts, Social Sciences and Sport. The sessions encourage students to think about futures and understand the importance of experience alongside study. They also look at the incredibly broad range of careers that people with different degrees enter.
- > **Subject Taster:** Choose from a variety of subject courses to create a bespoke on-campus introduction to university. Students will also receive a campus tour from our Student Ambassadors who will share their experiences of university life and answer any questions.
- > **Why go to University:** Give your students an overview of a specific subject of your choice. This presentation is led by subject specialists and will give students an insight into studying their favourite subject at higher education.
- > **Personal Statement Masterclass:** Give students the best chance at wowing universities with their personal statement and bagging themselves an offer. This masterclass will help them feel prepared and confident.

UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER

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VIRTUAL TOUR LINK:

<https://www.worcester.ac.uk/life/virtual-tour.aspx>

WEBSITE LINK:

<https://www.worcester.ac.uk/>

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ACTIVITY OFFER:

- Campus Visits: The University of Worcester offer an onsite visit to students run by Graduate Ambassadors. Graduate Ambassadors are trained members of staff and recent graduates who can talk authentically about making friends, settling in and campus life. Answering the key question of what university is really like and demystifying areas such as student finance and the application process, as well as providing support for personal statements and preparing for interviews.
- Taster Days: Suitable for year 12 or 13 students, a taster day allows students to explore life on campus and find out more about university life. For groups of 50+ we may also be able to offer a taster lecture.
- Bitesize: A new series of short and snappy sessions allow students to get top tips around preparing for university in just 20 minutes. Sessions are aimed at year 12 students and designed to be interactive and exciting to help inspire students to think about the following: Student Life, Finance Top Tips and Interview Top Tips.
- Subject Specific Taster Days: if you have a group of at least 15 students interested in a specific subject, they can organise a subject specific taster day. This would include practical sessions, taster lectures and a chance for students to see facilities specific to their course of interest.
- Subject Specific Workshops: Lecturers can visit your Educational Establishment to deliver subject specific sessions tailored to your students. Subjects areas available include:
 - Teaching and Education
 - Health
 - Business and Computing
 - Humanities
 - Nursing
 - Psychology
 - Creative Arts
 - Science and Environment
 - Sports



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