THE JOURNEY

We are committed to being a university community where all individuals matter, where wellbeing is paramount and pastoral care is of the highest quality. A place driven by compassion, where people, the planet, and all living things are held in the highest regard.

The Future Students Team at the University of Winchester are here to support you and your students through their journey of progression to university. Our aim is to help raise students’ Higher Education aspirations by offering engaging activities to students, parents and staff.

We run a range of activities which are delivered either at your school/college or on our campus. We have activities to help students discover more about specific subjects, practical sessions on applying and preparing for university, insights into university life and opportunities to experience learning within our beautiful campus. We want our activities to be as flexible as possible and can work with you to build a custom activity to help your students understand topics that are most relevant and important to them.
THE FUTURE STUDENTS TEAM

Susan Henderson
Head of Future Students

Our dedicated Future Students Team deliver a diverse range of outreach activities ensuring that we provide your prospective students with a wide range of opportunities and knowledge about the prospects of University.

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In the 2018-19 academic year the Future Students Team have:

1000+
Students welcomed to campus

150+
School or college Careers Fairs attended

100+
Talks to students delivered

700
Students supported by checking over personal statements

60+
UCAS and national events attended

Our Senior Development Officers are the main point of contact for those working in schools and colleges. They will endeavour to meet your requirements or suggest activities that would help support your students.

Each support specific regions. If your region is not listed, please still contact us and our team will seek to support you.
Helen Sinclair  
Development Officer  

Helen attends a range of visits across the country delivering talks and workshops as required by your school or college. She supports in the administration of the Compact Agreement and on campus experiences that are provided to schools and colleges.

Laura Lincoln  
Future Students Officer  

Laura is responsible for producing promotional materials, communications and arranging attendance at larger exhibitions. Laura also manages the Student Ambassador Scheme and arranges for our Ambassadors to attend your events.

Student Ambassadors  

We are proud of our current students and believe they are in a great position to explain student life and discuss pathways into higher education. We employ and train over 100 Student Ambassadors to help us inspire students who visit us on campus or benefit from an in-school activity.

Contact us:  
Telephone: 01962 827543  
Email: schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk  
Visit: winchester.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges  
Twitter: @UoW_SCL
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Our sessions are designed to enable students to make informed decisions about progression to Higher Education. These can be tailored to suit the class size, year group and time available. Workshops are run by staff from the Future Students Team, often with Student Ambassadors supporting the session. We are able to combine sessions and themes as necessary, or if there is something specific you require please get in touch.

SUPPORTING THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS

Our engagement programme includes activities and events that can support your school or college in delivering the Gatsby Benchmarks. Our activities highlight which benchmark they contribute towards.

We are a CDI Affiliate Organisation and believe our activities enhance the quality careers education, information, advice and guidance that students are entitled to within schools and colleges.

PARENTS

Parents and guardians have a vital role to play in guiding prospective students through their decision making. We are able to offer our talks and workshops to this audience to ensure that they have a clear understanding of the options open to their son/daughter. Session topics can mirror those offered to students, however we do run specific sessions for those parents supporting with student finance and Disabled Support Allowance (DSA) applications. Please contact the team if you have any specific requirements.

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with further and higher education
8. Personal guidance
Our sessions can be delivered in a range of formats from assemblies to class presentations, to interactive workshops. The below is a guide of timings and benchmarks

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PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

BENEFITS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
This talk is particularly useful for students who may not have considered going to university. It outlines the reasons for further study and explains some of the places they can get started in researching if it’s a route for them. It also debunks some of the myths associated with applying to university.

CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY
Universities range in opportunities, specialism and ethos. This talk will highlight where students might consider studying (distance from home), university accommodation, academic and social facilities and the importance of research.

CHOOSING A COURSE
This session focuses on the key factors’ students should look out for when deciding on a course. This can be delivered early in the decision making process and to those not so sure, with starter hints and tips. Alternatively, we can help students further down the process who have already started some course research and are finalising their UCAS application.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF AN OPEN DAY/UCAS EXHIBITION
The University has hosted UCAS Exhibitions for the last two years, and as a host venue our team have a great deal of experience in supporting students during their visits. This session is to encourage students to attend a broad range university events, so they can compare the experience and atmosphere of various providers. With hints and tips of what to look out for on the day and questions they should ask.

THE UCAS APPLICATION PROCESS
This acts as an introduction to all aspects of the application process including, setting up Apply, what UCAS Track is all about and what happens once an application is sent. This can also consider UCAS Extra and Clearing.

STUDENT LIFE
An opportunity to hear directly from our student ambassadors about a range of topics such as making friends, student accommodation, academic life and budgeting. This would usually include a question and answer session for your students to ask any questions to current Winchester students.

COMPACT PARTNERSHIP
If you are a compact partner school or college, you can benefit from our workshop. This is designed to support those who are eligible to be able to access HE. The session will comment on eligibility, extra support gained by being a compact applicant and how to apply. (Further details of the compact scheme can be found on page 13.

MATURE STUDENTS
A mature student is anyone embarking on study over the age of 21. We are aware that this is a diverse group of students with differing needs and concerns to those of school leaving age. The session is designed to answer queries and concerns about becoming a mature student and address study expectations.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS
Our talk acts as a guide to what admissions tutors are looking for in a statement, common mistakes to avoid and how students can make the most of their strengths and experiences. This can be tailored to focus on skills gained for an audience studying vocational courses, or it can be delivered with a particular degree in mind, e.g. Education, Social Work, Law etc.

EPQ AND RESEARCH SKILLS
An introduction and overview of the Extended Project Qualification, EPQ. Highlighting the benefits of the qualification and encourages students to thinking about how the skills gained can be of benefit in further study.
PERSONAL STATEMENT CRAFTING AND CHECKING
For those students who have already started to create a draft statement (anything from bullet points to final draft), this session focuses on improving their writing style, engaging the reader, prioritising information and creating a strong memorable ending. We offer personal statement checking on a one to one basis which can be arranged to suit your school’s arrangements, e.g. lunchtime slot or whole day.

POST 18 OPTIONS: WHAT IS AVAILABLE?
Thinking about all the opportunities once leaving school or college, includes gap year planning guidance, employment and training routes, apprenticeship pathways as well as deferred Wentry advice.

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS
Degree apprenticeship programmes are designed in collaboration with employers. This talk will explain what they are, how and when to apply and also the pros and cons of applying. It will highlight the opportunities at Winchester as well as signpost your students as to where and when to start their research.

NEXT STEPS – NOW YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR UNIVERSITY
Designed for those who have applied for university to get them thinking about the next steps in the process. This includes applying for accommodation and finance as well as responding to offers. Also, what happens if they change their mind about their application, decide to defer or use clearing or adjustment.

INTERVIEW PREPARATION
Preparing themselves for interview, outlining some of the techniques used by universities. This session can be delivered with a focus on interview requirements for courses such as primary teaching, social work, nursing, physiotherapy and audition subjects such as drama.

TRANSITION TO HE
This session looks at the challenges of starting university, moving away from home and the likely differences of university to school or college. The session will think about resilience for study and developing techniques to work through change and challenges to build resilience.

STUDENT FINANCE
An overview of the financial support available, including the latest information on tuition fee loans, maintenance loans, student loan repayment, budgeting and how to plan ahead for managing finances. It also ensures students are aware of scholarships and bursaries they can access.

BUDGETING
An interactive workshop that helps students to prepare for university. They focus is on completing a game, aiming to manage and budget money over a number of scenarios. It also looks at costs of living they may not have considered and ways of earning money at university.
VISIT US

We welcome visits from schools and colleges onto campus. Visit experiences are predominantly aimed at students in Year 12 or 13, studying for a Level 3 qualification. It is a great way for students to spend time in a university environment, assisting them in making a more informed choice about their future.

Visit Days are bespoke to your school or college; they can include academic subject tasters, tours of the University, opportunities to interact with current students, as well as gaining an insight into life as a student and practical experience of what it’s like to learn in a university environment.

HIGHER EDUCATION PREPARATION DAYS

Designed for Year 12 and first year Level 3 students who are exploring their higher education options. The day will cover a range of topics including:

- Applying to Higher Education,
- Choosing a Higher Education course,
- Student Finance,
- Personal Statements.

Days with also include a tour of the campus and the opportunity to talk to our current students.

Dates for the next academic year are:

- Thursday 4 June 2020
- Wednesday 10 June 2020
- Tuesday 16 June 2020

Booking will be available from our website.

We will also be offering a Year 10 Experience Day in summer 2020. Please check the website for confirmed dates.

‘A great Taster Day, which was really informative and beneficial. Thank you!’

Year 12 learner attending a Primary Education Taster Day, 2018

‘Very useful in making my decisions, extremely friendly and helpful staff and students. Good sessions, and I enjoyed the fact that current students were involved and it was hands-on.’

Year 12 learner attending a Psychology, Criminology and Forensics Day, 2018
EVENTS

Our Open Days and Campus Tours are a great opportunity to see our beautiful campus, students take a tour of our accommodation and meet staff and students from the course they are looking to study.

OPEN DAYS
Open Days are an ideal way for your students to meet staff and students from the courses they are passionate about studying.

- **Saturday 7 September 2019**
- **Saturday 5 October 2019**
- **Saturday 26 October 2019**
- **Saturday 23 November 2019**

Posters to promote Open Day dates to your students are available in print and PDF format on request.

For courses, contact us at: schoolsandcolleges@winchester.ac.uk

To book on to an Open Day please register at: www.winchester.ac.uk/opendays

CAMPUS TOURS
A Campus Tour gives students the chance to take a look at our outstanding learning and teaching facilities whilst exploring our attractive campus. Students are greeted be one of our Future Students Team before listening to an overview of The University of Winchester followed by a Student Life Talk delivered by a current student. The overview talk will cover the Universities values, ethos, developments, achievements and student population. The Student Life Talk covers what to expect when moving to Winchester, what to bring when moving in and how to make the most of their time at Winchester. Campus Tours are held weekly on either Wednesday or Friday afternoons. Tours are usually guided by a current student who is able to answer any questions your students might have about life at the University of Winchester.

CAMPUS TOURS PLUS
Campus Tour Plus gives student the chance to attend a short Personal Statement session with up-to-date advice and guidance on their Personal Statement, as well as having a Student Life Talk. These sessions provide information on Campus Tour Plus is held fortnightly on either Wednesday or Friday afternoons between July and January every year.

SELF GUIDED AND AUDIO TOURS
We offer self-guided and audio tours for those who prefer to explore our campus independently. Students are welcome to visit our Main Reception to collect an MP3 player and map to take a self-guided tour.

Visit: www.winchester.ac.uk/campustours for available dates and to register.

PUBLIC EVENTS
The university hosts a wide range of events from inaugural lectures to seminars on specific topics open to the general public throughout the year. Our Christmas Lecture invites young people, their families and members of the local community to enjoy interactive activities.

For a full list of opportunities please visit: www.winchester.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/
UCAS HAMPSHIRE
Tuesday 28 April 2020

Whether students are interested in higher education, apprenticeships, volunteer and gap year programmes, or career opportunities, they are sure to find something that appeals to them at a UCAS exhibition where there will be over 140 exhibitors.

With inspirational talks, topical seminars, application process advice, and interactive stands, this is an event experience like no other. Students can find out what life is like on a university campus, and ask current students from a range of universities what it is really like to study a certain subject. It is the perfect opportunity for students to ask those burning questions.

Booking opens in the Autumn via the UCAS website and is available via: www.ucas.com/ucas/events-exhibitions

‘I really liked how open arms and friendly the university was’

‘So impressed with the accommodation and how knowledgeable the ambassadors were. Very helpful and made my mind up about which university I will be attending!’

‘Really informative. Everyone exceptionally friendly and welcoming. It made it possible for me to focus on getting the info I needed.’

‘Friendly smiles everywhere.’

‘The students and staff were friendly and helpful, the university itself is pretty and I love the positive impact they have on the environment!’

‘The university had a great sense of community.’

A selection of quotes taken from prospective students who attended recent Open Days
COMPACT SCHEME

The University of Winchester is committed to encouraging and supporting all students who have academic potential and ability to progress to higher education. We have therefore formed compact partnerships with a number of schools and colleges.

The University’s role in forming this partnership is:

• To improve participation rates in Higher Education.

• To involve people in Higher Education who come from sections of the community which are under-represented in Higher Education.

• To effect easier transition from Further Education/Sixth Form to Higher Education

• To work together in a collaborative and collegiate partnership.

WHAT IS THE COMPACT SCHEME?

Students applying through the Compact Scheme are guaranteed an offer of a place for non-interview courses. For courses that require an interview as part of the application process, compact applicants are guaranteed an invitation to interview.

Compact applicants can receive extra support for their transition to university. A lower offer, place in student housing and/or a contact in our Student Services department can be arranged.

In addition, students who apply through the Compact Scheme are eligible for our £100 Pick’n’Mix financial award once they enrol. They can claim from a variety of expenses associated with the transition to university including books, equipment, furniture, travel costs, childcare costs etc.

To check eligibility criteria please visit: www.winchester.ac.uk/compact

Applicants complete the UCAS form in the normal way and write ‘Compact’ in the further details box on the choice details page. It is also recommended that applicants talk to their tutor or Careers Adviser before applying.

A full list of Compact partners is available on our website. For any queries please contact: compact@winchester.ac.uk

In 2016 the university was recognised with a prestigious Times Higher Education Award for our pioneering work encouraging and supporting young carers to access and succeed in higher education.

The University was named a University of Sanctuary in December 2018 in recognition of its initiatives to welcome refugees and asylum seekers and support them in HE study.
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Winchester offers a safe and supportive global community for international students. We currently have 7,500 students in total of which over 700 are International students from 60 countries.

Our International students are integrated with UK students both in teaching and accommodation, giving all students the chance to make friends for life and experience international cultures from around the world. They consistently tell us how much they enjoy studying with us and that the teaching style at Winchester allows them to realize their full potential.

Wei Liu (also known as Will), our International Student Recruitment Development Manager, is responsible for UK-based international student (including EU) recruitment. Will is the first point of contact for any international student studying at UK schools and colleges with regards to programme selections, applications, visa-related advice etc. Will makes regular visits to schools and colleges and meets international students, providing talks and advice. He also follows up with applications and organises campus visits.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Will:

Wei Liu
International Student Recruitment
Tel: 01962 827319
Email: wei.liu@winchester.ac.uk

Visit: www.winchester.ac.uk/international
TEACHER AND CAREERS ADVISER CONTINUED

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

With all the changes taking place in higher education and across post 16 education more broadly we appreciate it can be difficult to keep up. We are keen to offer sessions to tutors and teachers to support training days and CPD meetings taking place at your school or college.

Previous activities we have delivered include:

- UCAS reference writing guidance
- Applying to university with vocational qualifications
- Information for those support students applying for Disabled Students’ Allowances (DSA) from our Disability Team
- Student Finance Applications from our Student Finance Team
- Academic Support

Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

RESOURCES

Available via our website is a range of resources for teachers and advisers to support progression activities. These include higher education posters, student profiles and a range of leaflets and information to suit specific groups of learners including those undertaking vocational qualifications, mature students and those from military families.

Visit: www.winchester.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges

NETSIXTHFORM

Collaboration with NetSixthForm demonstrates our focus on working with Heads of Sixth Forms across the country. They provide a wealth of free information via newsletters and resources. We will be contributing to the Head of Sixth Form Autumn Conference on Friday 29 November 2019, please visit: www.netsixthform.co.uk for further details.

COMPACT PARTNERS’ MEETING

If your school/college has a Compact Partnership Agreement with the University of Winchester, you are invited to join us at this meeting where we will provide you with information on how our Compact Scheme has performed for your students so far this year, and ask you for feedback and suggestions about how our scheme can continue to work in the best interests of your students.

Our next breakfast meeting will be taking place in June 2020.

If you would like to discuss becoming a partner school/college contact: compact@winchester.ac.uk

SUN – NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Southern Universities Network (SUN) is a collaborative partnership comprising HE providers in Hampshire, Dorset and the Isle of Wight. The SUN provides outreach activities for schools and colleges and is part of the National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP). The University of Winchester, as part of this project, offers training and events for those working in schools.

For more information, please visit the SUN Outreach website: www.sunoutreach.org
STUDENT SUPPORT

Our support teams offer a wide range of support, advice, information and guidance on every aspect of student life, both personal and study-related. We encourage teachers and advisers to make direct contact with our support services to support your student’s progression.

COURSE ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS
Are the first point of contact regarding entry requirements, students offers via UCAS or interview and general application queries.

Email: admissions@winchester.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 1962 827234

DISABILITY SUPPORT
Our Disability Support team ensure the provision of specialist support or facilities to meet students’ requirements. If you support students who may require reasonable adjustments to be put in place our disability advisers will assist you. Please encourage students to get in touch as early as possible to alert us to any needs they may have.

Email: disability@winchester.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 1962 827341

STUDENT FINANCE ADVISERS
To find out more about funding, especially bursaries and scholarship which are available then our Student Finance Advisers are available to support queries regarding funding applications and eligibility.

Email: studentsandmoney@winchester.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0) 1962 827397

ACADEMIC SKILLS ADVISORS
The Academic Skills team provides one-to-one consultations and group workshops. Academic Skills Advisers help learners to take an active role in developing the skills needed for success with an emphasis on enhancement of learning to assist students in achieving their full potential.

Email: academicskills@winchester.ac.uk
Tel: +44 (0)1962 827341
STAYING IN TOUCH

LIVE CHAT
Live Chat is a great resource for teachers and advisers as well as students and parents. It’s ideal for queries if you haven’t been able to find the information you are looking for or if you’re looking for a quick answer to a question.

Our Live Chat allows you to instantly communicate with our staff via instant messaging. We know how important direct support is if you are working with a student and we are happy to answer a large range of questions. The chat simply appears within the browser window, when visiting our main website: www.winchester.ac.uk.

LIVE Q&A
Throughout the year we host a range of Q&A sessions covering particular degree subjects but also higher education topics, such as, accommodation, application, student finance.

These web chats are the perfect place to get questions answered and to be able to see the questions others are considering too. Our staff teams are available to offer information and guidance to teachers and advisers, applicants and their parents, guardians and/or carers.

Dates and times for our live Q&A’s can be found on the website. We often send our reminders of upcoming sessions to students who have attended an open day or make an application to study with us.
CONTACT THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TEAM

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