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FUTUREFEST 2018

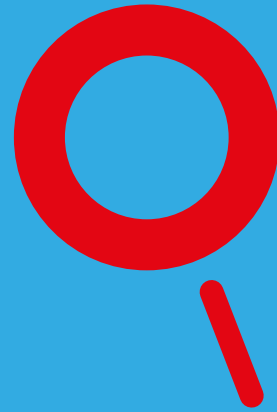
The logo for the National Collaborative Outreach Programme, consisting of three overlapping circles in orange, blue, and green.

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National Collaborative
Outreach Programme

A purple circle containing the text "Explore Discover Achieve".

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WHAT IS FUTUREFEST?



FutureFest Summer Schools will take place at 4 universities across Birmingham in 2018. FutureFest will allow year 12s to explore university life by meeting undergraduate students, making friends and having an action packed, fun experience. FutureFest is funded by Aimhigher Plus universities and is totally free of charge to students and their families. Meals, accommodation, activities and travel costs are all paid for.

WHO IS FUTUREFEST FOR?

FutureFest is for students in Year 12 who live in an NCOP postcode and attend a state-funded sixth form or college in the West Midlands. To apply, you will need the support of your tutors and the consent of your parents or carers.

WHAT WILL I DO?

Each FutureFest programme offers a unique experience. Some explore university life in general and others focus on certain career or study pathways. All FutureFest events include hands-on sessions and a packed programme of fun social activities.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Meet new people
- Find out what life at university is really like
- Develop key skills required at university and in the world of work

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

You will need to complete an application form and get consent from your parent/carer and your tutor before sending it back to us.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE ARE MORE APPLICANTS THAN PLACES?

This is the first time FutureFest has run but it is likely to be very popular and we anticipate more applicants than we can accommodate. We ask for information about your family background so that we can prioritise places as fairly as possible. If you have any questions about eligibility contact Aimhigher on **0121 415 8176** or email aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk



STEPS TO FUTUREFEST



1. APPLY

(JANUARY TO MARCH 2018)

TALK to your parents / carers, and show them this Directory. They will need to agree to your application, and give us information about their education and work background.

THINK about your interests and future plans. Look at the events in this Directory and the subject areas they cover. If you have a clear idea of the career you want to follow a specialist event might be right for you. If you don't have specific career in mind yet, a more general event will give you the chance to try different subject areas. Check out the universities' websites and ask your teachers

about it. Do they think going to FutureFest will help you? You will need your school to support your application, so the sooner you ask the better!

APPLY. After you and your parents or carers have filled in your application, pass it to your teacher to complete it and send it off. **Don't forget to make a note of dates of your selected events, and keep them free!**

We will send you a postcard confirming that we have received your application, and contact you if there is any information missing or if you have any additional support needs.

2. RESULT

(APRIL 2018)

If you are offered a place you will receive communication in April. This will tell you which of your choices you are going to, and give you the contact details of the university staff planning your experience. Make sure you tell your parents/carers and your teacher straight away so that they do not plan anything that clashes with your FutureFest experience!

If your application is not successful we will write to you with the reasons and give you a telephone number you can ring for more feedback.



3. GET READY

(APRIL TO JUNE 2018)

Your host university will be in touch with further information about the event, and to ask if you need any special arrangements to ensure you are supported during your stay. They will tell you more about travel arrangements, meeting points, and give you the contact details of people you can talk to if you have any queries in the run up to your FutureFest experience.

4. GO!

(JUNE / JULY 2018)

FutureFest goes live, with events taking place from late June all the way through to July.



ASTON UNIVERSITY

Y12 UNIVERSITY TEST RUN



LOCATION

Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7ET

DATES

Tuesday 17th July to
Thursday 19th July 2018
3 days 2 nights residential

WHAT WILL I DO?

Moving to University is stressful, and can be the first time away from home for many students. This summer camp provides a pastoral background to the life of a university student. This is a comprehensive residential around everyday difficulties and tasks that students come across which may not seem as challenging to some, but is to others. The aim of the camp is to provide a stepping stone for individuals who may have any reservations about the practicality and logistics of student life outside of lectures and how this might fit in with

their everyday life. It provides a platform to explore these and provides answers directly from current students, helping to reduce anxiety around studying at university.

Over 3 days students will get a whole university experience, from attending taster lectures and seminars, to taking part in extracurricular activities. They will be staying in university accommodation and have the opportunity to cook their own meals as a flat.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The University Test Run Experience will allow students to develop the independence and confidence to make a positive transition to university. Students will gain a wider knowledge of the support systems in place at university and how to get the most out of their university experience.

HOW WILL I GET THERE?

All travel arrangements will be organised on an individual basis and students will be supported in their travel to university.

The cost of travel to and from the event will be covered by the university.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If you are interested in this event your application will need to be supported by a teacher. Once we receive your application we will send a nomination form to your teacher in support of your application. If you would like to take part please talk to your Head of Year/APA/Form tutor before applying.

BIRMINGHAM CITY UNIVERSITY

Y12 INSIGHTS INTO CRIME AND JUSTICE



LOCATION

Birmingham City University, City Centre Campus, Curzon Street, Birmingham B4 7XG

DATES

Tuesday 10th July to
Thursday 12th July 2018
3 days 2 nights residential

WHAT WILL I DO?

Are you interested in crime and justice? Not sure if you could see yourself studying it at university?

This summer school will give you an insight into these questions and more, from what is happening inside somebody's mind when they commit a crime to how cases are tried in court. You will have the opportunity to explore the academic areas across the justice sector, such as criminology, psychology and law.

From attending academic sessions, to staying in halls of residence, you will experience life as a university student. As you'll find out, university life isn't just

about studying, so there will be plenty of opportunity to meet new people and socialise with a fun-filled evening schedule.

You will be looked after by our student ambassadors while you are with us who will be able to give you a first-hand insight into life at university.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will gain an insight into the academic study of criminology, psychology and law as well as key skills such as teamwork, communication and problem solving. You will have a greater understanding of life at university and this experience will give you concrete examples to discuss in your CV or future university applications.

HOW WILL I GET THERE?

You will need to make your own way to the University. You may choose to travel independently to the University and meet us on campus or if you are travelling by public transport, our Student Ambassadors will be on hand

at Birmingham New Street train station and key locations in the city centre to meet you. All reasonable transport costs will be reimbursed with proof of receipt. During FutureFest all transport arrangements for activities will be organised and paid for by the University.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An interest in the subject area is the most important thing, but you will also need to be studying level 3 courses and be likely to achieve 112 UCAS points (the current entry requirements for the relevant courses).



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BIRMINGHAM

Y12 ENTREPRENEURS

FOR THE FUTURE



LOCATION

University College Birmingham,
McIntyre House,
Holland Street B3 1PW

DATES

Wednesday 18th July to
Friday 20th July 2018
3 days 2 nights residential

WHAT WILL I DO?

In the increasingly competitive business environment, there is high demand for creativity, innovation and uniqueness - and a growing demand for businesses to be enterprising.

Our **Entrepreneurs for the Future Challenge** is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students to experience what it might be like to study a business related course at university and also will allow them take on a number of workshops to bring to life their very own business prototype.

The residential gives you the opportunity to explore the basis

of entrepreneurial activity and will develop your essential business and management skills so you can identify and respond to any type of business opportunity. Students will also receive valuable information relating to UCAS applications, careers and academic writing, giving them the motivation to succeed and excel in Year 13.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will:

- Experience life as a student for three days and two nights
- See what it is like to live in student accommodation
- Try out taster sessions to experience what it might be like to study a Business related course at university
- Take on a number of business roles and bring to market your very own business prototype

- Learn how to pitch your idea to investors
- Learn how to remain competitive in an ever changing business environment

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All students should have a passion or interest in the business / enterprise sector or start up studies.



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Y12 EXPLORE UNI



LOCATION

University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston Birmingham B15 2TT

DATES

Tuesday 26th June to
Wednesday 27th June 2018
Please note: this is a 2 day non-residential event

WHAT WILL I DO?

Over two days, take part in a range of exciting activities to get a true understanding of what being a university student is really like – the fun as well as the study! Working closely with some of our current students, you will find out what a typical week of a student entails, go to a lecture of your choice (either Arts or Science related), tour our campus, see student accommodation and sample some of our catering facilities. You will find out all about the UCAS process, student finance and take part in a workshop to motivate you for the challenges of Year 13. You will also take part in a range of fun team activities to give you an insight into student life!

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

You will learn about:

- What being a university student is really like
- How to apply to university
- What money you will receive as a student and how to make it last
- The challenges that await you in Year 13 and how to deal with them

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PARENTS/ CARERS

WHY SHOULD MY SON OR DAUGHTER ATTEND?

FutureFest gives your son or daughter a great chance to find out what university is all about, so that they can make informed decisions about their future.

WILL MY SON OR DAUGHTER BE SAFE?

YES - Universities have a duty of care towards young people that starts from the moment they are handed over to us. Your host university will give you details of hand-over points and travel support arrangements at the start and end of each event. **It is important you read and understand this information, so that we can keep everyone safe, especially at the start and end of events.**

All activities are risk assessed and supervised by staff and students who are checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) DBS approved staff and students stay overnight to supervise things.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

FutureFest is FREE. If you have to pay for travel the university will send you details of how to claim money back.

WHY DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY EDUCATION AND WORK BACKGROUND?

Young people from families where no one has been to university are much less likely to go into higher education and the professions. We need to find out about your background so we can offer places to young people who need extra support to decide if university is right for them.

HOW WILL YOU PROTECT OUR PERSONAL DATA?

To take part in FutureFest we need to share information about you and your son or daughter with Aimhigher universities so they can run the programme. The forms you will be sent if you are offered a place are important, and we will not be able to accommodate anyone who does not complete them in full and return them on time. The application form also asks your permission to use data to help us see if young people attending FutureFest apply for

university. Any information we publish will not make reference to you or your child individually. Full details are on the application form.

WHAT IF MY SON OR DAUGHTER BECOMES ILL?

We will contact you, using the details you have provided on the application/consent form. It is important that you tell us if these change before the event.

HOW CAN I CONTACT MY SON OR DAUGHTER?

You will be given emergency contact details for the university in the run up to the event. Young people can take mobile phones but do so at their own risk.

WHAT WILL MY SON OR DAUGHTER NEED TO BRING?

The universities will give you details of the type and amount of clothing and other personal belongings they will need.

YOUNG PEOPLE

WILL I HAVE TO DO REAL WORK?

FutureFest is your chance to see what being a student is all about... so **YES** you will be expected to take part in all planned sessions.

WILL I BE WITH MY FRIENDS?

Often friends from the same Sixth Form /College go to the same event, but a big part of FutureFest is meeting new people and making new friends.

WHAT SORT OF CLOTHES SHOULD I WEAR?

Casual clothes are appropriate most of the time. You may want to take sportswear and something a little smarter for evening activities. If you need any special clothing we will let you know before the event.

WHERE AND WHAT WILL I EAT?

All your meals will be provided, and we will cater for any special dietary needs.

WILL I NEED TO BRING ANY MONEY?

You can bring a small amount of money for snacks/drinks but you will be responsible for it at all times.

SCHOOL STAFF

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST MY SCHOOL?

FutureFest is free of charge.

HOW DOES ATTENDING HELP YOUNG PEOPLE?

The Sutton Trust has evaluated summer schools as a high impact intervention as part of their Pupil premium toolkit. Attending can raise aspirations, improve attainment and contribute to your duty to provide impartial careers education and guidance.

WHICH LEARNERS SHOULD APPLY?

FutureFest is a programme of residential activity for students who live in Aimhigher Plus NCOP wards. NCOP is a national initiative aiming to reduce the gap between students who achieve at level 2 and then for many

reasons do not go on to level 4 qualifications or above.

You can find out more about NCOP here www.hefce.ac.uk/sas/ncop

To find out if a student is eligible please speak to your school/college NCOP coordinator or the central Aimhigher team **0121 415 8310** email aimhigher@contacts.bham.ac.uk

WILL WE NEED TO ATTEND EVENTS TO SUPERVISE OUR STUDENTS?

You do not need to supervise young people on FutureFest events. Full details of the safeguarding arrangements for FutureFest are on our website.

I'M INTERESTED BUT NEED TO KNOW MORE

Visit www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk or call **0121 415 8176** for more information.



ABOUT AIMHIGHER

Aimhigher West Midlands is a partnership of universities, schools and colleges who work together to help young people to:

- **Become motivated and confident about their learning and career progression**
- **Explore the world of higher education and what it might mean for them**
- **Make informed decisions about their future.**

Higher education changes the life chances of students, strengthens our economy and enriches our society. We want to ensure that everyone with the potential to benefit from higher education has the opportunity to do so.

Please note FutureFest is funded by the universities, and is free to sixth forms/colleges, young people and their parents/carers. However, FutureFest is expensive, and if an applicant who has been offered and accepts a place, drops out or does not attend we reserve the right to charge their college/sixth form a cancellation fee. More information on the cancellation policy can be found on the Aimhigher Website.

If you require more information go to www.aimhigherwm.ac.uk or contact Aimhigher on **0121 415 8310**

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All information correct at time of printing (January 2018). FutureFest events require a minimum number of applicants in order to run. Aimhigher will make every effort to inform applicants, their families and schools of any changes to the programme as published.