



# EVENTS 2023/24

Taking part in Aimhigher Plus activities will support your school or college to:

- Improve progression for KS4 and KS5 learners
- Meet your responsibilities of providing careers guidance
- Improve the Progress 8 and Attainment 8 outcomes of learners facing barriers to HE






**EXPLORE  
OUR FREE  
ACTIVITIES**











# GENERAL ACTIVITIES






## YEAR 11

-  Campus visits
-  Exam Stress & Study Skills
-  Next Steps:  
Exploring Post-16 options
-  Why Higher Education?
-  Motivation & Goal Setting

## YEAR 12

-  Campus visits
-  Choosing a Course or University
-  Student Finance & Budgeting
-  Student Life
-  Personal Statement support
-  UCAS Application support

## YEAR 13

-  Interview preparation
-  Personal Statement support
-  UCAS Application support
-  Clearing Guidance
-  Transition to Higher Education



-  Visit
-  Talk

-  Workshop

# BESPOKE ACTIVITIES

## OCTOBER 2023

### **VIS-FX CAMP**

Date: w/c 18th October 2023  
Year group: 12-13  
Activity type: Virtual programme  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## NOVEMBER 2023

### **EXPLORE: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHY**

Date: 15th November 2023  
Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## DECEMBER 2023

### **EXPLORE: OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONER**

Date: 6th December 2023  
Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## JANUARY 2024

### **EXPLORE: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHY**

Date: 24th January 2024  
Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

### **CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE DAY**

Date: 25th January 2024  
Year group: 11-12  
Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

## FEBRUARY 2024

### **ACCESS APPRENTICESHIPS**

Date: 8th February 2024  
Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

### **CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE DAY**

Date: 27th February 2024  
Year group: 11-12  
Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

### **EXPLORE: VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS & PHOTOGRAPHY**

Date: 28th February 2024  
Year group: 12-13  
Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## MARCH 2024

### **ENGINEERING FOCUS**

Date: 12th March 2024  
Year group: 11  
Activity type: Workshop & Campus Tour  
Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

### **EXPLORE: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC RADIOGRAPHY**

Date: 20th March 2024  
Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk



## APRIL 2024

### EXPLORE: JEWELLERY, GEMMOLOGY AND HOROLOGY

Date: 20th April 2024  
 Year group: 11-13  
 Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
 Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

### ACCESS APPRENTICESHIPS

Date: 25th April 2024  
 Year group: 11-13  
 Activity type: Workshops (full day)  
 Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

## MAY 2024

### CULTURAL CAPITAL DAY - LONDON

Date: 8th May 2024  
 Year group: 12  
 Activity type: Off-site trip  
 Contact: s.mitchell@aston.ac.uk

### FOOTBALL VS. STEM

Date: TBC 23rd May 2024  
 Year group: 12  
 Activity type: Off-site trip  
 Contact: s.mitchell@aston.ac.uk

### INNOVATION FEST 2024

Date: TBC May 2024  
 Year group: 12  
 Activity type: Campus visit  
 (week-long event)  
 Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## JUNE 2024

### INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY CODING WORKSHOPS

Date: 6th, 14th & 21st June 2024  
 Year group: 12  
 Activity type: Workshop  
 Contact: s.mitchell@aston.ac.uk

## PGL RESIDENTIAL

Date: 7th - 9th June 2024  
 Year group: 12  
 Activity type: Residential  
 Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

## STEP INTO SPORT

Date: 13th & 18th June 2024  
 Year group: 11-12  
 Activity type: Workshop  
 Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk

## JULY 2024

### CULTURAL CAPITAL DAY - BOURNEMOUTH

Date: TBC July 2024  
 Year group: 12-13  
 Activity type: Off-site trip  
 Contact: m.mcnally@newman.ac.uk

## GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK

### PHOTOMICROGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Date: Any Wednesday  
 Year group: 11-13  
 Activity type: Workshop  
 Contact: aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk

### STEP INTO THE ARTS

Date: TBC  
 Year group: 12-13  
 Activity type: Workshop  
 Contact: m.mcnally@newman.ac.uk

### EXPERIENCE THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Date: TBC  
 Year group: 11-13  
 Activity type: Workshop  
 Contact: k.jones@ucb.ac.uk





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### GEMMOLOGY DETECTIVES WORKSHOP

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: [aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk)

### HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMME

Year group: 12  
Activity type: Virtual programme  
Contact: [aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:aimhigherplus@bcu.ac.uk)

### BE THE CHANGE

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Talk  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### DECISION MAKING

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### DRAMA & PERFORMANCE

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### LEARN, EARN & SERVE

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Pre-recorded talk  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Talk  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### HOW TO ENHANCE YOUR APPLICATION

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Talk  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

### WHERE DOES CONFIDENCE COME FROM?

Year group: 11-13  
Activity type: Workshop  
Contact: [ofsucp@worc.ac.uk](mailto:ofsucp@worc.ac.uk)

**WANT AN ACTIVITY YOU DON'T SEE HERE? GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE BESPOKE ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR 7-13, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES FOR LEARNERS WITH SEND**

# SUPPORTING ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT

This year, we are excited to offer bespoke programmes to support learners' numeracy, literacy, oracy and revision skills to enhance their in-school learning.

Through this offer, we aim to support academic attainment while motivating learners to reach their full potential in these specific areas.

## LEVEL-UP LITERACY

Offered to Years 7-9, Level-Up Literacy is a computer-based literacy programme using the platform Lexia. The programme focuses on three main areas: word study, grammar and comprehension. The programme is tailored to each learner: firstly, targeting whatever learners struggle with most to a greater extent, secondly, using a step-by-step style to ensure it is

engaging, but not frustrating for them. Lexia has been shown to be an impactful programme and is recommended by the Education Endowment Foundation.

We invite learners who meet widening participation criteria\*, who are also currently achieving a borderline 3 / 4 grade in GCSE English, to engage in this programme.

## SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE

Offered to Year 10, this programme will be delivered in collaboration with Speakers Trust via full-day workshops. The workshops are designed to support young people to improve their oracy skills, developing their ability to express themselves confidently and clearly. They will include oracy exercises, such as public speaking and persuasion tasks, with a focus on improving students ability to express themselves confidently

and clearly. By taking part, students will understand the importance of speaking and listening skills, including the behaviours and language necessary to become a strong, effective communicator.

We invite learners who meet widening participation criteria\*, who are also currently achieving a borderline 3 / 4 grade in GCSE English Language, to engage in this programme.



# MYTUTOR

Offered to Year 11, MyTutor is an online tutoring programme, where learners are matched with undergraduate students from UK universities. The undergraduate students are experts in their subject and as a fellow young person who is excelling in the same courses learners are studying for, the undergraduates become a role model for Year 11 learners. By looking at previous MyTutor programmes, we can see that learners who

attend 10 to 12 tutoring sessions with MyTutor increase a whole grade from mock to final grade on average, making this a highly impactful programme.

We invite learners who meet widening participation criteria\*, who are also currently achieving a borderline 3 / 4 grade in GCSE English or Maths, to engage in this programme.

## FUTURE FEST: YEAR 11 RESIDENTIAL

Future Fest is a Year 11 residential focusing heavily on revision and aims to support learners' transition to Post-16 education. Research continues to show the positive effects of immersive residential experiences when connecting with learners who may have low aspirations or are less engaged with their studies. Throughout the programme, we will offer talks and workshops on core subjects, revision techniques, coping with exam stress, as well as general advice and guidance when considering post-16 options. Dates to be confirmed soon.

We invite learners who meet widening participation criteria\* to engage in this programme.



**INTERESTED? EMAIL US**  
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\*Widening participation criteria includes: learners in care, eligible for FSM, young carers, refugees, military service children, those with a disability and/or learning difficulty, no parental experience of HE or disadvantaged home postcode. For details on postcodes, please contact us.





If you would like to express your interest in any of the activities listed in the brochure, please contact your link university or the general hub:

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