

SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES
OUTREACH
PROGRAMME
2018/19



UNIVERSITY
CENTRE
WESTON



45+
COURSE
OPTIONS

95% IN
EMPLOYMENT
OR FURTHER
STUDY WITHIN
SIX MONTHS OF
GRADUATING

3
CAMPUSES

27%
ACHIEVE
FIRST CLASS
HONOURS
DEGREES

850
STUDENTS

Introduction

University Centre Weston (UCW) is committed to providing an outstanding higher education experience, enabling success and inspiring ambition. Every year, increasing numbers of students choose to study degree-level programmes at UCW. We now offer more than 45 Honours Degrees, Master's Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Honours Top-ups, Apprenticeships, and Higher National Certificates and Diplomas.

We have made significant investments in all of our facilities, with University Centres across our three campuses, including the new Winter Gardens facility which opened in September 2017.

Our students achieve excellent results, with 27% of our Honours students achieving First Class Degrees in 2017, which is above the national average. Plus, 95% of our graduates find employment or progress to further study within six months of graduating.

We are also committed to recruiting students from a broad and diverse community who have the potential to succeed and benefit from higher education.

Our experienced Outreach Team is therefore dedicated to working with state schools and colleges to raise aspirations and widen participation in higher education.

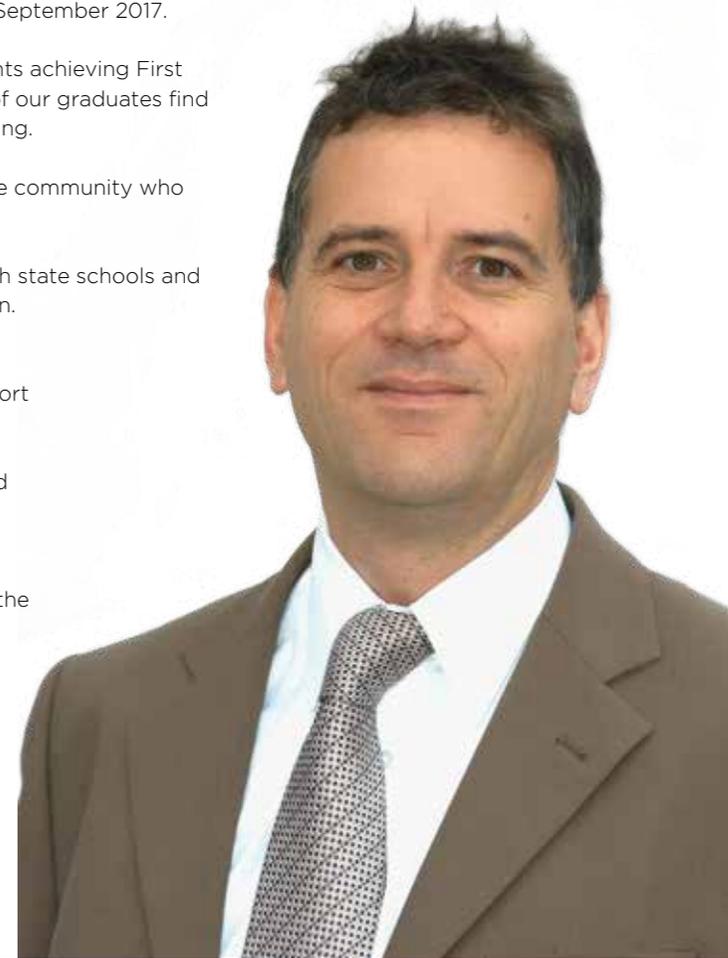
We provide impartial information and guidance to GCSE and further education pupils, and can also work with parents and teachers to support them in advising young people.

We also offer carefully designed activities, including subject tasters and sessions on university life, in our fantastic facilities.

Everything we offer is free and bespoke, so please do not hesitate to contact my team on outreach@ucw.ac.uk or **01934 411720** to discuss the needs of your pupils.

We look forward to working with you,

Anthony Murray
Vice Principal: Higher Education
University Centre Weston



Key Stage 2

Professor Fluffy's Education Adventure



Professor Fluffy's Education Adventure introduces further and higher education to year 5 and 6 pupils. The interactive activities allow pupils to explore different career paths and the learning journey they might follow to achieve their goals. Our innovative Campus Quest encourages pupils to explore UCW's new state-of-the-art university facilities and the afternoon session includes subject-specific workshops developed and led by our Student Ambassadors. The day concludes with a university-style Graduation ceremony where pupils wear gowns and mortarboards and are presented with a certificate for taking part in the day.

What's involved?

- An exploration of pupils' learning journeys.
- The chance to interview current students and sample university subjects.
- A Campus Quest exploring our university facilities.
- A mock Graduation ceremony.

Group size

Classes of up to 30 pupils. There is limited availability for this project, so please contact us to check availability and find out if you are one of our eligible schools.

"It was fantastic. The children were given interesting activities throughout the day and came away very enthusiastic about the future."

Year 6 teacher.



Aims

- To raise aspirations, motivation and achievement.
- To explain the importance of learning and attainment.
- To promote the benefits of further and higher education.

Venue UCW Winter Gardens.

Dates June and July 2019.

Timings Whole day session 9.30am - 2.30pm

Key Stage 3

Plan your future

This day of interactive workshops and subject taster activities provides year 8 pupils with the chance to explore the educational pathways to achieving their dream jobs. We also look at the different university courses on offer and play aspiration-raising games to prompt pupils to think about what they could study as a degree. Pupils also have the chance to meet current higher education students and take a look around our facilities.

What's involved?

- Interactive workshops exploring higher education courses.
- Campus tour and meeting Student Ambassadors.
- Taster sessions led by university lecturers.

Group size

Up to 80 pupils per school.



Aims

- To raise the aspirations and ambitions of secondary school pupils.
- To provide careers information, advice and guidance to Key Stage 3 pupils.
- To provide information about possible careers which can be achieved through higher education.
- To highlight the range of subjects and types of courses on offer in higher education.

Venue Weston College Conference Centre.

Dates November 2018.

Timings 9.30am - 3pm

"Today I have learnt about life at university from the students, and the skills you need to get jobs you want. It's made me realise what I want to do when I'm older."

Year 8 pupil.

Post-16

Subject taster workshops and guest lectures

UCW lecturers are able to offer students an authentic university experience by delivering guest lectures in your school or college. Alternatively, they can teach subject taster workshops here at UCW. All of our highly qualified lecturers have been employed in the sectors they teach in. They are able to deliver talks across the following subject areas:

- Animal Management
- Computing and Digital Technologies
- Counselling and Healthcare
- Education and Early Years
- Film, Photography and Games
- Graphic Design and Art
- Music
- Performance and Production Arts
- Science
- Sport
- Uniformed and Public Services



Aims

- To develop subject-specific knowledge.
- To provide advice and guidance to pupils who are considering higher education.
- To raise aspirations of progressing to higher education.

Venue Guest lectures are delivered in a school or college setting. Subject taster workshops are held in either our Knightstone or Loxton campuses, depending on the subject.

Dates All year round.

Timings Up to one hour per lecture or workshop.



Information sessions

We can deliver interactive workshops or talks to large or small audiences on a variety of higher education topics. Please email outreach@ucw.ac.uk to discuss your requirements.

Foundation Degree information

At UCW we specialise in the provision of Foundation Degrees. Foundation Degrees combine academic study with work-based learning to provide students with the experiences, skills and knowledge they will need for their chosen career. A Foundation Degree is a Level 5 qualification in its own right and can be topped up to a full Honours Degree.

Personal statement workshops

Writing a personal statement as part of a UCAS application is often a daunting prospect for students who are aiming to enter higher education. We can provide your school with some guides to writing a personal statement and deliver interactive sessions at your school to support students in creating their own statement.

Explaining student finance

Higher education funding is ever-changing, so rely on our expertise to deliver a presentation or an informal information session for students, parents or teachers. We'll provide information on all aspects of student funding and costs, including tuition fees, maintenance loans, scholarships, bursaries and budgeting.

Student life experience

UCW's enthusiastic and friendly Student Ambassadors are vital to the success of our widening participation and outreach activities as their backgrounds often reflect those of the young people we work with. Their Student Life Experience sessions provide pupils with a great insight into student life and cover topics such as budgeting and coping with university workloads.

Aims

- To provide all the necessary information for students considering higher education.
- To explain the higher education application process.
- Provide advice and guidance to those supporting the transition to higher education.

Other events

Our knowledgeable and experienced Outreach Team are also able to support your pupils' progression by attending mock interviews, parents' evenings, careers fairs and open events. We are also able to send your school or college promotional materials and prospectuses for your pupils. Please don't hesitate to get in touch to find out more...

Group size

No limit.

Venue Can be delivered in school or college settings or as part of a campus visit.

Dates All year round.

Timings Talks typically last around 30 mins each but can be adapted to fit the needs of the audience.



Knightstone Campus

Knightstone Road
Weston-super-Mare
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01934 411 411

Loxton Campus

Loxton Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 4QU
01934 411 600

South West Skills Campus

Locking Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS22 8NL
01934 411 594

Winter Gardens

South Parade
Weston-super-Mare
BS23 1AJ
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OPEN DAYS

Saturday 13 October 2018

Saturday 24 November 2018
as part of the UCW community event

02 March 2019

15 June 2019

