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UNIVERSITY
CENTRE
WESTON

SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES
**OUTREACH
PROGRAMME**

Introduction

University Centre Weston (UCW) is committed to providing an outstanding higher education experience, enabling success and inspiring ambition.

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

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

The UCW outreach programme for schools and colleges has been designed to raise the aspirations of children and young people in our region.

The activities we offer include subject tasters, careers guidance, guest lectures, mentoring and so much more.

Please get in touch with UCW's Outreach Team on outreach@ucw.ac.uk or **01934 411 720** to discuss the needs of your pupils.

We look forward to working with you.

Anthony Murray
Vice Principal: Higher Education
University Centre Weston



SUPPORTING PUPILS TO SUCCEED

GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The government's latest careers strategy saw the introduction of Gatsby benchmarks for careers advice and guidance in schools. All of the UCW outreach activities are mapped to the benchmarks below. Please go to www.gatsby.org.uk find out more about the benchmarks.

- 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

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

UCW is also an approved member of the national Children's University initiative. The Children's University is all about developing a love of learning in children through engaging them with fun educational activities. The pupils are given a Passport to Learning to log each activity they do, and are given a certificate during a mock graduation ceremony at UCW to reward their participation. We offer this initiative to selected schools. Please get in touch to check eligibility.



Key Stage 1

READING PARTNERS ☆

Children with above average reading skills are more likely to have good mental wellbeing than those whose skills are below average. UCW's reading partners are students who work with Key Stage 1 pupils to enhance these key reading skills.

What's involved?

- Six weekly sessions with a handful of pupils in year 1 or 2.
- One-to-one sessions of 20 minutes per pupil.

Group size

Individual pupils or groups from selected schools. Please contact us to check eligibility.

Aims

- To promote a love of literacy and encourage reading for pleasure.
- To engage parents with their children's reading practice.
- To enhance reading levels.

Venue Delivered in school

Dates Flexible

Timings Typically one morning or afternoon per week



“The children really enjoyed having time to read with the reading partners, and some of them have even started bringing in books from home to share with the class.”

Assistant head at a partner primary school.

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 may follow to achieve their goals.

What's involved?

- An exploration of pupils' learning journeys.
- The chance to interview current students and sample their chosen university subject.
- A campus tour of our university facilities.
- A mock graduation ceremony to celebrate participation in the Adventure.

Group size

Classes of up to 30 pupils. Please contact us to check availability and eligibility.

Aims

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

Venue University Centre Weston

Dates June and July

Timings 09:30 - 14:30



“It has encouraged me to want to go to college and university even more.”

Year 6 pupil.



Key Stage 3

PLAN YOUR FUTURE ☆☆☆

This day of interactive activities and subject tasters provides year 8 pupils with the chance to explore the educational pathways to achieving their dream jobs.

What's involved?

- Interactive workshops exploring higher education courses.
- A choice of subject tasters with UCW student ambassadors.
- A campus tour of our university facilities.

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 how higher education can lead to a range of great careers.

Venue University Centre Weston

Dates October and November

Timings 09:30 – 15:00



“I have learnt about life at university from the students and it has made me realise what I want to do when I’m older.”

Year 8 pupil.

Key Stage 4

ASSEMBLIES ☆☆☆

As well as attending school progression activities such as careers fairs, we are able to deliver assemblies on topics including:

- How to make informed post-16 choices.
- Higher education options.
- Student life at university.



Post 16

GUEST LECTURES AND SUBJECT TASTERS ☆☆☆☆

Book a UCW lecturer to deliver a guest lecture or taster session in your school or college on any of the following subjects:

- Art and Design
- Business and Management
- Computing and Digital Technologies
- Dance
- Education and Early Years
- Film and Photography
- Games and Animation
- Hair, Make-up and
- Prosthetics for Production
- Law
- Music Performance and Production
- Performing Arts and Musical Theatre
- Sciences
- Sport Studies
- Uniformed and Public Services

INFORMATION TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

We can deliver interactive talks and workshops to large or small audiences on an array of higher education topics. These can be delivered in school settings or as part of a campus visit. Talks typically last around 30 minutes each but can be adapted to fit your needs. Subjects include:

- Degree information
- UCAS personal statement support
- Student finance explained
- Student life

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION ACTIVITIES

Our Outreach Team can also support your students' development by attending mock interviews, parent's evenings and careers fairs. We can also provide prospectuses and other UCW promotional materials. Please get in touch to find out more.

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