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Outreach Activities
for Schools



Who are we?

The Higher York Network for Collaborative Outreach (HYNCO) is a partnership between Askham Bryan College, Craven College, the University of York, York College and York St John University.

We are a central point of contact for education practitioners and students to access outreach and widening participation activities and resources, aimed at raising students' aspirations and encouraging them to progress to Higher Education (HE).

Most of our activities are aimed at students in Key Stages 3 and 4 (pre-16). However, we do offer some additional ad-hoc sessions aimed at teachers or parents, as well as some activities aimed at year 12 pupils and at primary schools.

For more information please visit: www.higheryork.org/schools

What we can offer

We offer a wide range of sessions which can be delivered by both HE university and college outreach teams and by student ambassadors. Many of these can be delivered in school; others involve on-site visits to our partner universities and colleges.

We can also arrange bespoke visits or programmes of activity for individual schools on request. Such activities could focus on specific year groups or particular groups of pupils.

A review is also available to schools to assess their involvement in and access to HE outreach projects, which can lead to the development of a planned programme of activity which meets your needs.

All partners offer activities to support particular groups of students such as: Looked After Children; those with additional needs and/or disabilities; young carers; and others.

Activities can be targeted for students who are interested in specific routes into HE, for example vocational programmes or apprenticeships. There are



also activities set to encourage progression of students into non-traditional areas, such as women into science and engineering careers.

Call us to discuss activities for your school. **01904 876 350**

Activities in schools

Student ambassadors

Student ambassadors are current students who champion higher education. They are from a range of backgrounds and cultures, courses, ages and institutions.

Ambassadors can visit schools as well as accompany groups on campus visits. They can participate in lessons, set up an information point or provide support at careers or options days. They are trained to work with students of all ages, levels and backgrounds and are DBS checked.

Introducing higher education

What's it like to be an HE student? Which subjects can be studied? Students will learn the differences between studying at HE level and studying at school/college, how to apply and the benefits of having an HE qualification.

An introduction to a partner institution

Find out more about one of our partner HE institutions. This covers the courses on offer, facilities, student support, accommodation and student life on and off campus.

Choosing the right course and institution

Some people already know what they want to do, but for many choosing what and where to study can be a bit overwhelming. Our partners can offer tips on what to consider when making HE choices and how to narrow down the options.

Student funding and living on a budget

This is often a main concern of potential students and their parents/carers, this session will cover: tuition fees, student loans,



tips for budgeting and managing money. It includes practical advice on ways in which students can budget their money effectively but also explains and simplifies the facts and figures. Our partners can also deliver this session to parents/carers.

Student life

This session covers the differences between school and HE, settling in, Students' Unions, clubs and societies, volunteering opportunities and student support.

Careers events/Options evenings

We are happy to attend events that you may organise such as parents' evenings, careers events or options evenings. We can talk to students and parents about opportunities at a specific institution as well as higher education in general. We can also help your students prepare for these events with a brief 'how to prepare' session.



Visiting our partner universities

Campus visits

Campus visits can cover a series of activities from sampling courses, and speaking with academic staff to exploring an HE institution and its facilities. Visits can be customised to suit your requirements. Campus visits are aimed at Key Stages 3 and 4, especially for those considering GCSE and post 16 options. Parents can accompany students on visits if desired by the school.

Visits can also be tailored to specific groups, for example Looked After Children.

Open days

Our partner universities and colleges run a range of open days for students and schools to find out more about the courses available. Open days are an opportunity to find out more about the institution generally and see the campus.

Taster days

Taster days are designed to give students some in-depth knowledge about a subject area to help them make their higher education decisions. There is potential to meet staff, look at facilities and chat to current students.



Want to find out about HE courses in York?

visit www.higheryork.org

Meet our student ambassadors



Gabrielle *English Language and Linguistics*

“I thoroughly enjoy being a student ambassador; I think it is brilliant that we are encouraging school children to think about university”.

Isaac *History*

“I get to share not only my experience of studying at York but also share my passion for the whole university experience itself”.



Nick *Agriculture with Land Management*

“I get the chance to provide guidance to young people who may not know what they could achieve”.

Gavin *Animal Management*

“I enjoy being a student ambassador because it allows me to encourage potential students to enter the world of HE”.



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