

University of
South Wales
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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES SUMMER TERM PROGRAMME 2023



WELCOME

The University of South Wales's award-winning team of experts works with schools and colleges around the UK delivering interactive workshops designed to inform students about higher education, and supports them with the transition to university.

Our higher education awareness sessions are:

- Free of charge
- Available in Welsh and English
- Delivered in person or online
- Tailored to meet your students' needs

Our programme of activities, resources and events can support your school or college in delivering the Gatsby Benchmarks. For more information on the eight Gatsby Benchmarks on good career advice, please click [here](#).



Treforest Campus

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

With a variety of interactive sessions to choose from across a range of areas, our subject-specific events and activities will give your students the opportunity to gain a real insight into studying a particular subject at university. We offer sessions in the following subject areas:

- Art and Design
- Biology and Forensics
- Business
- Chemistry
- Chiropractic
- Childcare, Education and Teaching
- Criminology
- Design Technology
- Drama
- Engineering
- English
- Film and Media
- Environmental Science and Natural History
- Health and Social Care
- History
- ICT
- Law
- Music
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Photography
- Psychology
- Psychotherapy and Counselling
- Public Services and Policing
- Sociology
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism
- Youth and Community Work

You can find out more about our [subject-specific activities on our website](#) as well as view [our specific STEM activities here](#).

RECENT FEEDBACK

"Thank you for providing 1:1 support to our students on their personal statements. I personally loved how from the moment you both arrived, as we had people waiting at the door, you both leapt into action, and in the short time with each student, you gave them great and constructive feedback."

Liz Lewis
Careers Coach
Cardiff and Vale College

HIGHER EDUCATION AWARENESS SESSIONS

Why Higher Education?

This session answers three basic questions: Is university worthwhile? Is it achievable? Is it affordable?

This session also highlights the different approaches to researching and discovering the right university and course.

The UCAS Process

From registration and course choice, through to results day and clearing, this session guides students through the full UCAS process and highlights how students can make the most of their application.

Student Finance

This session highlights the type and amount of financial support that is available as well as address any financial concerns students may have.

Study Skills

This workshop will outline some of the skills that are essential for level 3 study and beyond. Students will consider a wide range of study skills, including effective reading and writing, revision techniques, referencing, plagiarism and time management.

UCAS Apply Online Workshop

During this workshop, our team will guide your students through the UCAS online application process.

Writing a Personal Statement

This session will help students understand what universities are looking for, how to present themselves in the best light and how to find the motivation to 'get it done'.

Preparing for Future Careers

The future of employment is changing. This session offers an insight into how the world of work is evolving, and how higher education will help prepare students for the jobs of the future.

Well-being and Resilience

This workshop equips learners with strategies to ensure a positive well-being with a focus on how to maximise their study opportunities.

Prepare to Care

This session will help your students to prepare an application for nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions. They can find out what universities look for in a personal statement and how to impress at interviews.

Impressing at Interviews

Through real-life examples, this session aims to prepare students to impress at their university and job interviews.

HE within the FE Sector

With over 60 courses franchised to our local partner colleges across South Wales, we can advise students on the benefits of studying a USW qualification at their local FE college.

Prepare to Fair

With UCAS fairs just around the corner, how can students make the most of the opportunity to meet university staff and to help them make informed choices? This session will guide students through a pre-event checklist around deciding which stands to visit, and which questions to ask, as well as outline what to expect on the day, so that they make the most of the experience and come away from the fair with more than just a free pen!

One-to-one support

Our team is available to provide one-to-one support for your students throughout the UCAS cycle. Book a personal statement drop-in session for individual application guidance, or an applicant drop-in session for students who have applied to USW and who have questions about what happens next after the UCAS deadlines and their studies.

SUBJECT FOCUS: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

We have a package of support available to enable your students to strengthen their university applications to our health and social care courses, making them the best they can be.

Application advice and guidance:

- An online six step guide to applying to university.
- Our downloadable 'Prepare to Care' pocket guide, helping students decide which path to take.
- The opportunity to book a mock interview to give students a feel for what to expect as part of their interview day at the University of South Wales. Email: schoolsandcolleges@southwales.ac.uk to find out more.



FEES AND FUNDING

Do you need support to advise your students on fees and funding for health and social care courses? Visit our website for a helpful guide.

EVENTS & TASTER DAYS

We are hosting a number of school and college events and taster days on our campuses throughout the summer term. If you'd like to discuss arranging a taster day for your Year 12 or Year 13 students, please [get in touch](#).

For all our STEM focused activities, [please see our programme of events for 2022/23](#).

Date & Session	Time	Campus	Session
7 June: Design Taster Day and Gradfest Visit	10.00am – 2.00pm	Cardiff	Your students will be able to experience our graduate showcase, network with current students and graduates and attend a series of subject specific mini workshops.
12 June: Policing and Criminology Taster Day	10.00am – 2.00pm	Treforest	A series of lectures and workshops which will enhance understanding of Policing and Criminology.
14 June: Games Taster Day and Gradfest Visit	10.00am – 2.00pm	Cardiff	Your students will be able to experience our graduate showcase, network with current students and graduates and attend a series of subject specific mini workshops.
16 June - 22nd June: USW Photography Graduate Exhibition	Various	Cardiff	Photography at USW are thrilled to invite school and college groups to visit their graduate exhibition which will be in place from Friday June 16th to Thursday 22nd. For further information and to book, please email schoolsandcolleges@southwales.ac.uk and quote 'Photography exhibition visit' in the subject bar.
6 July: Psychology Taster Day	10.00am – 2.00pm	Treforest	Students can take part in interactive sessions and discussions, from a broad range of topics, speak to current students and have a tour of our facilities.
10 July - 13 July: Welsh Medium Creative Industries Taster Sessions	Lunchtimes	Virtual	Join the Creative Industries at USW for a series of Welsh Medium Lunch time virtual lectures celebrating the run up to Tafwyl 2023. These sessions will be available live over a lunch hour, and then available recorded post event. To register your interest in attending live, or receiving the recorded content post event, please email schoolsandcolleges@southwales.ac.uk with 'Welsh Medium Week July' in the subject bar.
July 14: Welsh Medium Taster Day	10.00am – 2.00pm	Cardiff	Join Welsh speaking academics and support colleagues on Cardiff Campus for a range of subject specific workshops and information, advice and guidance on Welsh Medium provision and the array of opportunities to utilise Welsh language skills at USW.
July 19: Immersive Law and Justice Day	10.00am – 2.00pm	Treforest	Join academics from Law at USW for an immersive day of interactive, simulated activities in our Hydra Suite and Moot Court.

WIDENING PARTICIPATION

The University of South Wales is committed to supporting underrepresented groups of any age, background or ethnic group and ensuring they are given a fair and equal opportunity to study in a supported manner.

Within the UK Student Recruitment Team, there is a [team of staff](#) who support and deliver a range of activities for students who are currently underrepresented in higher education. This includes:

- Young carers and their families
- Service children and their families
- Students with additional learning needs
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students
- Adults 21 +
- Students who are either currently in care, or have been in care at some point
- Students from disadvantaged postcode areas identified through WIMD, POLAR and TUNDRA systems

[Contact us](#) if you'd like to discuss a bespoke visit or support for groups or individuals underrepresented in HE.



USW SUMMER SCHOOL

The USW and Reaching Wider Summer School returns this July with a programme of exciting activities to give students a taste of life as an undergraduate student.

Taking place on the 12th and 13th July our Summer School will provide students with an authentic experience of university life. Along with a night's accommodation in our residential halls and series of social activities, students will have the chance to participate in subject-specific and HE information, advice and guidance sessions.

Places will be allocated to Year 12 and Level 3 (Year 1) school and college students, however numbers are limited and priority will be given to students from groups currently under-represented in higher education.

Students who participate in the Summer School and enrol on a full-time 3 or 4 year undergraduate degree course in September 2024, will be eligible for the USW Summer School Bursary, worth £500 to support with technology or other course-related materials and costs.

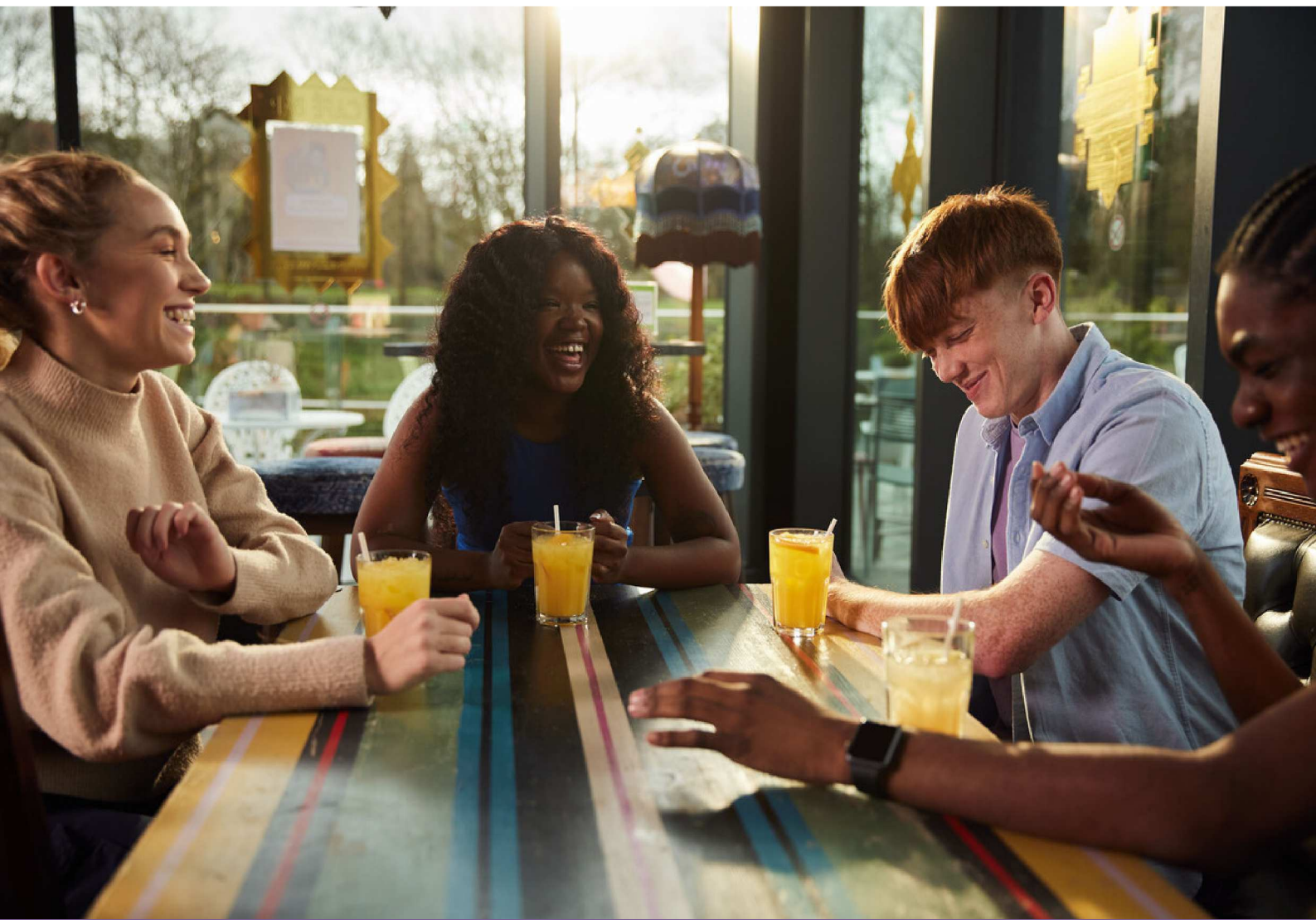
You can nominate up to 5 students to take part, or students can apply themselves.



[FIND OUT MORE](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to support your students with the costs associated with their studies. Visit southwales.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges to download materials to promote scholarships and bursaries to your students.



STUDENT FINANCE

If you would like us to deliver a Student Finance session in your school or college which will guide your students (and/or their parents and carers) through the process, please contact us.

Glyntaff Campus, Pontypridd





TEACHER AND ADVISER CPD

Throughout the year, the Student Recruitment Team works with over 2,000 teachers and advisers to ensure that they are up-to-date with higher education information, supporting them in their day-to-day teaching and advisory roles.

If you have a request for a specific activity or would like direct support with shaping your students' pathways to higher education programmes, please [email us](#). If you would like to be added to our key contacts database, please complete this [form](#).

Please note, all of our CPD sessions have been adapted for online delivery. We're also able to deliver teacher and adviser CPD in person on one of our campuses or at your school/college.

For more information about our teacher CPD sessions and activities, please visit our [website](#).

FOUNDATION DEGREE: LEARNING SUPPORT FOR FURTHER, ADULT AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Our foundation degree provides a flexible part-time route, over three years, for those wishing to embark on a career in further education and training.

For more information, or to book on an Open Day, visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/teaching or contact us: schoolsandcolleges@southwales.ac.uk

GET IN TOUCH

[Email](#) the Student Recruitment Team to book a CPD session.

OPEN DAYS

30th September

Kick-start your students' HE research at our Open Day. Taking place on Saturday 30 September, this event is a great way for your students to find out about the variety of courses available at USW. We may also be able to assist with transport costs should you wish to bring a group from your school/college.

BOOK NOW

NEWPORT CAMPUS



APPLICANT DAYS

Students holding an offer from the University of South Wales are invited to an applicant day. Visiting an applicant day is the best way for students to get to know their lecturers, find out more about their chosen course through a taster session and tour our facilities. Please do encourage your students to attend.

TRAVEL BURSARY

We can cover the cost of reasonable expenses associated with visiting the University of South Wales to attend an undergraduate open day, interview or an applicant day. [Find out more about eligibility and how to apply on our website.](#)

CARDIFF CAMPUS



We run an exciting programme of open days and online events throughout the year, so your students can find out more about USW.

On-campus

Your students will have the chance to explore our campuses at Cardiff, Newport, or Pontypridd, meet academic staff and current students, learn about life at USW and student money, and take part in interactive activities related to their course.

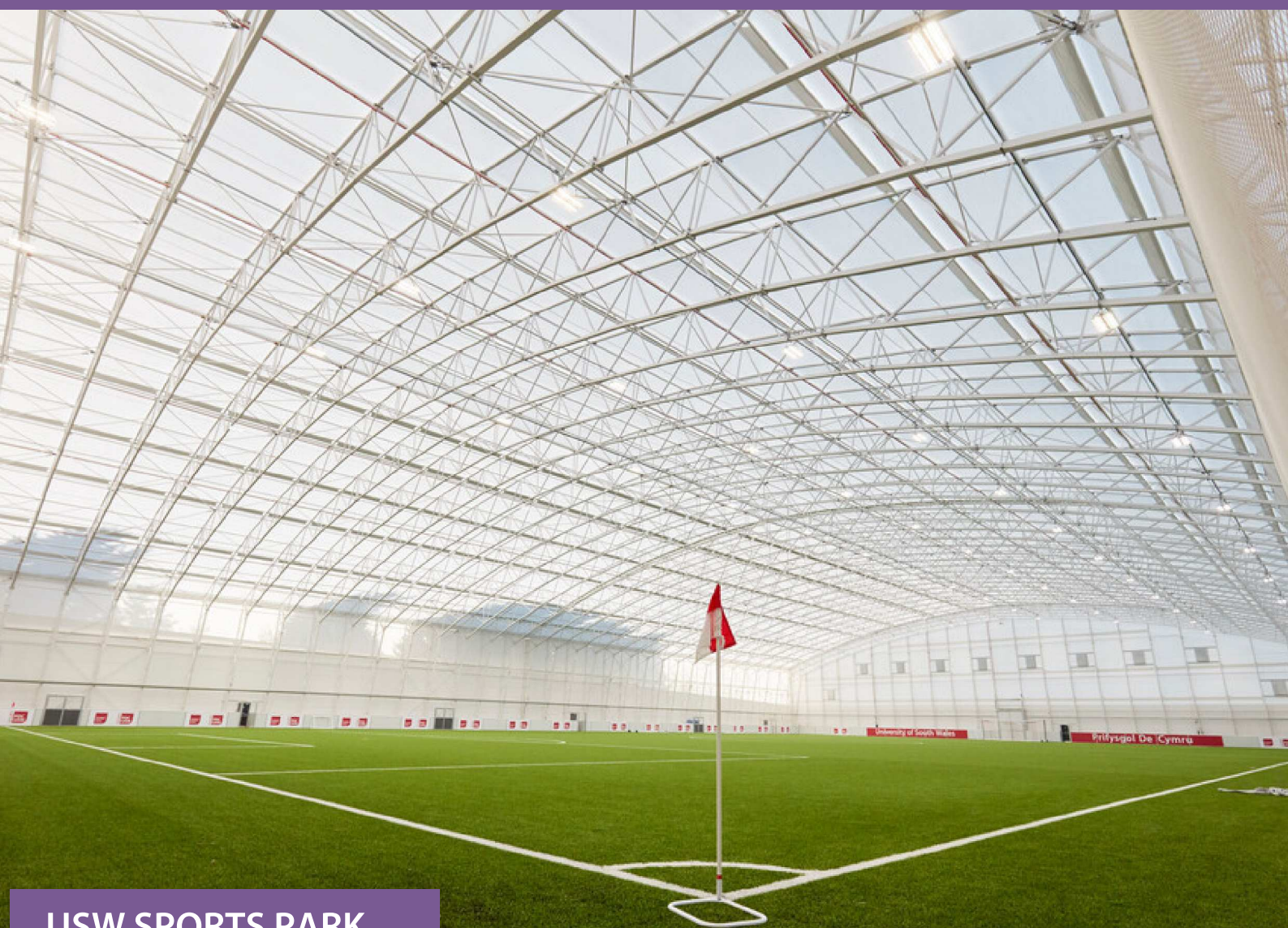
On-demand

Your students can access our on-demand open day at any time to discover our courses, virtually explore our campus, and chat with staff and students through Unibuddy.

Online

We run online open days throughout the year. Here your students can watch live presentations from our teaching and support staff, chat live with staff and students and ask questions in Q&A sessions. These are a great option if your students can't make it to campus or want to learn more after an on-campus event.

BOOK NOW

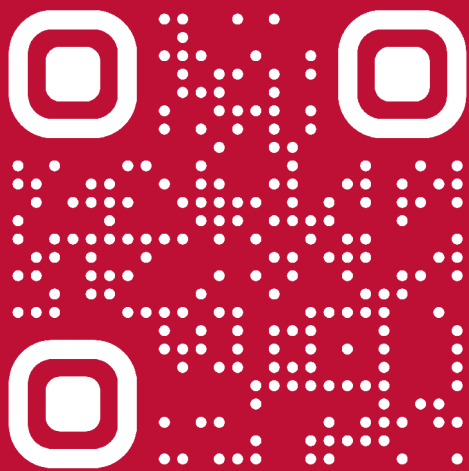


USW SPORTS PARK

Support your students to plan their tomorrow, today.

We believe in creating better tomorrows, which is why we're starting to reduce our use of printed materials wherever possible.

Our new digital prospectus has all the information your students need about USW in one place. Scan the QR code below or visit www.prospectus.southwales.ac.uk.



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