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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 <u>here</u>.



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.

Impressing at Interviews

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

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.

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'.

UCAS Apply Online Workshop

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

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 wellbeing with a focus on how to maximise their study opportunities.

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.



USW LIVE WEBINARS

Choosing to go to university can be a stressful and confusing experience for students and parents, but our award-winning team is here to help.

Encourage your students to tune in for live webinar sessions throughout the year, which will guide them through this process. From the UCAS application to student health and wellbeing, we've got it covered.

Upcoming Webinars

Date	Time	Session
1 February	6-6.30 pm	Navigating Offers: Q&A for Parents and Carers
15 February	6-6.30 pm	Well-being and Resilience
1 March	6-6.30 pm	Why HE?
15 March	6-6.30 pm	Applying for Accommodation: Q&A for Parents and Carers
29 March	6-6.30 pm	Study Skills

HOW TO BOOK

Students and parents can find out more information and book their place <u>here</u>.

Student in the Clinical Simulation Centre at Glyntaff Campus

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SUBJECT-SPECIFIC EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

With a variety of interactive sessions to choose from across all of our Faculties, 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
- Geography, Geology and Natural History
- Health and Social Care
- History
- ICT

- Law
- Mathematics
- Music
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Photography
- Psychology
- Psychotherapy and Counselling
- Public Services and Policing
- Sociology
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism
- Youth and Community Work

CONTACT US

We are able to deliver our subjectspecific events and activities inperson and virtually via Microsoft Teams or a platform of your choice. <u>Contact us</u> to find out more and discuss your requirements.

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 <u>team of</u> <u>staff</u> 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 in their lives
- Students from disadvantaged postcode areas identified through POLAR and TUNDRA systems

HOW WE CAN HELP

We provide information and support to teachers and careers advisers to help prepare underrepresented students for higher education. If you think you and / or your students could benefit from our support, please <u>contact us</u>.



Student in a classroom at Treforest Campus



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, including hosting an annual Teachers' and Advisers' Conference and 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 <u>email us</u>. If you would like to be added to our key contacts database, please complete this <u>form</u>.

Please note, all of our CPD sessions have been adapted for online delivery, and can be delivered live at a time that suits you.

For more information about our teacher CPD sessions and activities, please visit our <u>website</u>.

GET IN TOUCH

<u>Email</u> the Student Recruitment Team to book a CPD session.

OPEN DAYS

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.

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.

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.

OUR UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Saturday 5 March (On-campus) Saturday 2 April (On-campus)

Support your students to plan their tomorrow, today.

We believe in creating better tomorrows, which is why we're starting to cut back on 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 <u>www.prospectus.southwales.ac.uk</u>.





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