

Aiming Higher Together



Greater Manchester Higher

Greater Manchester Higher is a collaborative network of higher education providers in Greater Manchester who are working together to provide high quality, impartial information, advice and guidance about higher education. We aim to increase awareness and raise ambitions amongst talented learners in Greater Manchester.

Greater Manchester Higher has a track record of success. In 2015-16 academic year we delivered:

348
EVENTS

TO OVER
12,500
LEARNERS

90.5%

of those who attended
a **campus visit**
agreed they had
a better idea of
how to get to HE

Our website contains further information about our collaborative programme, including how to book and details of the full range of activity offered by our partners: www.gmhigher.ac.uk

The partners in the network are:



University Campus
Oldham



ABOUT THE NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMME (NCOP)

Greater Manchester Higher are delivering the government-funded NCOP programme in Greater Manchester. The overall aim of the NCOP programme is to work towards the government's goal of **doubling participation in HE amongst disadvantaged groups by 2020**. More information is available here: www.hefce.ac.uk/sas/ncop/

The programme is collaborative, impartial and targeted.

The programme contains several elements: on campus activities, in-school activities, CPD, mentoring, summer schools, subject-specific activity, projects and bespoke activity. The programme was developed in consultation with teachers, advisors and other stakeholders.

ADDED VALUE

All of our activities are free, and funding is available to meet transport costs for schools eligible for the NCOP programme.

Schools working with Greater Manchester Higher can meet their Ofsted objectives by supporting learners to make 'choices about the next stage of their education (...) from impartial careers advice and guidance' and are ensuring learners are 'prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment.'

They can also satisfy the following Gatsby benchmark: 'Encounters with further and higher education.'

Targeting

Our targeting is based upon learner postcodes. The government has identified electoral wards where HE participation is lower than expected based on KS4 attainment. **Our work must focus on providing intensive activities with Y9-13 learners from these wards.** Support with targeting is available from your hub manager (details on the reverse).

Schools eligible for the NCOP programme can access all of our events and activities. However, there are a limited number of Greater Manchester Higher activities for all schools across Y7-11 and these are included in this booklet.



Monitoring and evaluation

It is important that we demonstrate the success of our work. Therefore, we will need support to evaluate outcomes with learners to demonstrate our long-term impact.

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ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

These events all follow the same format and are hosted at one of the universities or colleges in the partnership.

Year 8-9 Choices Days

This one-day event introduces Y8-9 learners to the decisions that they will make throughout their education and encourages them to reflect on how their GCSE choices could impact their future. The event includes a workshop, campus quest and the opportunity to speak with current students from across the partnership. The learners will also see a drama performance as part of the day.

This event is only suitable for pupils who have not yet made their GCSE choices.

Year 10 Student Experience Visit

These visits provide learners with the opportunity to visit a university or college campus and gain an insight into student life. The visit will consist of a classroom-based workshop and a practical activity, which will explore the range of options available, introduce learners to the social aspect of HE provide age-appropriate information about student finance. Students will also go on a campus tour. Learners will work closely with current students from across the partnership to obtain first-hand information about studying at a higher level.

Dates and booking will be available
on our website from September:
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IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Presentations and Workshops

Delivered in your school, these sessions offer an insight in to various aspects of HE. Workshops (including Star Student Board Game) last 45 minutes – 1 hour and are suitable for groups of up to 30. Workshops cover the same content as presentations and offer an opportunity to explore the subject matter further through interactive activities.

Support for IAG events

Greater Manchester Higher will attend IAG events to promote higher education to Y7-11 learners in Greater Manchester. A member of staff or a student ambassador will attend your event with a stand and literature, offering general advice on progression routes and answering questions related to HE. Examples of events we might attend in your school include careers fairs, options evenings and post-16 information evenings.

Session	Content	Audience
Y8-9 HE Uncovered presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Helps learners understand how GCSEs can affect their futureIncludes an overview of HE and progression routes to FE, HE and employmentInforms decision-makingRaises aspirations and awareness in relation to HE	Y8-9 learners
Y10-11 HE Uncovered presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Encourages learners to think about future decision makingIncludes advice on post-16 options and HE courses and appropriate student finance informationReiterates the importance of GCSEsInforms decision-makingRaises aspirations and awareness in relation to HE	Y10-11 learners
Student Life presentation or workshop	Find out what student life is really like from a current student, including academic study, extra-curricular activities, accommodation, pastoral support and different types of HE providers.	Y10-11 learners
Interview Skills presentation or workshop	Supports learners in preparing for college, HE and employment interviews. Due to the large volume of requests, we are unable support with mock interviews.	Y8-11 learners
Revision Skills presentation or workshop	Helps learners to achieve their potential through exploring effective revision techniques, understanding different learning styles and developing time-management skills.	Y8-11 learners
Star Student Board Game	Introduces KS3 learners to HE through an exciting team activity. Human counters move around the large board as each team answers a series of questions. Answers are given through mime, drawing, multiple-choice questions and spelling.	Y7-9 learners
Support for parental events	We provide talks for parents and carers to provide an overview of HE options, including student finance and post-16 decision-making. Parents will have the opportunity to chat informally with a member of the team following the talk. Due to the large volume of requests, we are unable to provide a stand at parents' evenings.	Parents of Y8-11

To book please email gmhigher@mmu.ac.uk with further details.



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Teacher and Advisor CPD

Greater Manchester Higher provide relevant CPD sessions for teachers and advisers across Greater Manchester who work with pre-16 learners advising them about their options for the future in relation to HE.

Available upon request, please email gmhigher@mmu.ac.uk to discuss your requirements in more detail.

Y10 GO FURTHER MENTORING PROJECT

Mentoring is proven to work due to the level of intensity, personalisation and relationship development involved. Our Go Further mentoring programme was developed in consultation with learners. It is informed by the DOTS decision-making methodology.

A current HE student will come into your school to deliver a structured mentoring programme. The programme is delivered to a group of 8-10 learners over a 6-10 week period. Each session lasts 45 minutes – 1 hour, and ideally needs to take place in a quiet space with a whiteboard.

The programme can be adapted to suit the needs of your learners. The 6 core sessions cover the following topics:

- Building relationships and setting the scene
- Life after Y11
- Intro to HE
- Decision making
- How to be an ace student
- Reflection and next steps

The additional 4 sessions cover the following topics:

- Self-awareness
- Post-16 options
- Student Finance and Student Life
- Well-being

Mentoring will be delivered across three cohorts:

Term	Earliest start date	Latest end date
Autumn term	w/c 2nd October 2017	w/c 11th December 2017
Spring term	w/c 8th January 2018	w/c 19th March 2018
Summer term	w/c 23rd April 2018	w/c 2nd July 2018

Celebration events will be held at a local level at the end of the cohort/ academic year.

Further information about our mentoring programme is available upon request. If you are interested, please contact gmhigher@mmu.ac.uk with an indication of which cohort you would like to be involved in.

Y10 SUMMER SCHOOLS

Summer schools are a programme of activity delivered over the course of a few days. They enable your learners to gain a further insight into HE through taking part in a number of experiential activities and getting to work with HE students and learners from other schools. Some of our summer schools have a residential element to them, where learners will get to stay in halls of residence. Learners who take part in summer schools have stated that their confidence has grown and it has positively influenced their decision-making.

Food and transport is provided for all summer schools (either every day for non-residential events, or on the first day and last day for non-residential activities). Bookings will be made by schools on behalf of individual learners.

All summer schools will take place between w/c 25th June 2018 and w/c 23rd July 2018. Details of our summer school programme will be released in the spring term. Reunion events will take place in the Autumn term of Y11.

Y9-11 SUBJECT-SPECIFIC ACTIVITY

Our partners will be delivering a number of subject and industry focussed campus visits and in-school workshops to enable learners to explore different areas of study and career paths.

Further details will be available on our website from September: www.gmhigher.ac.uk

Y9-11 PROJECTS

Our partners and external organisations we contract will deliver projects that are innovative, engaging and designed to inspire and support learners in making decisions about their future.

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BESPOKE ACTIVITY

We recognise that not all learners require the same help and support to enable them to make informed decisions about their future. Therefore, we can work with you to develop bespoke activity to fit the needs of learners.

Interested schools should speak to their hub manager in the first instance.



KEY CONTACTS

Our hub managers are your single point of contact for engagement with the Greater Manchester Higher Programme. They can support you to build a coherent and progressive programme of activity for your target learners.

Bury, Bolton, Rochdale	Elin Stewart	elin.stewart@boltoncc.ac.uk
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Our graduate advisors can support your school to engage with the NCOP programme. This includes organising transport, assisting with visits and working intensively with learners to support their aspirations. Please speak to your hub manager for more information about the support available.



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