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Free CPD

The University of Manchester National Teacher and Adviser Conference



Equipping teachers and advisers with information and advice to prepare students for entry to higher education.

Wednesday 20 May 2015

9.30am – 3.30pm

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This one-day conference is a free event to help equip teachers and advisers with a range of resources, information and advice relevant to progression to higher education. It will address key topics including; the UCAS tariff, admissions, graduate employability and subject-specific information.

Dr Paul Redmond, Director of Student Life at The University of Manchester will deliver the keynote speech at the conference.

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend workshops and discussion panels that will enable them to ask questions and receive information first-hand from experts.

WHOLE CONFERENCE PLENARY AND DISCUSSION PANELS INCLUDE:

Welcome address – Delivered by Mike Gibbons, Director of Student Recruitment and International Development, The University of Manchester.

Ask the expert: Admissions to The University of Manchester – Put your burning questions to our panel of admissions experts on any matter relating to admission to university.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

Study skills for university

A practical workshop introducing a range of activities for teachers to use in the classroom. These activities are aimed at helping students with their transition from level 3 studies to higher education learning. Topics will include time-management, critical thinking and referencing.

Employability – What do graduates do?

This session will challenge the belief that the career outcomes for graduates are determined by the subject studied at university. The session will aim to bust some myths relating to graduate destinations and provide the opportunity to examine The University of Manchester's response to the challenges facing students entering graduate level jobs.

Humanities made me

Following the introduction of higher level fees, the value of humanities degrees, and of the graduates they produce, has been the subject of much debate. This session will extend this debate, drawing on contributions from staff and University of Manchester alumni working in this field. The panel will reflect on skills development and employability outcomes and, with reference to their own experiences, articulate the role humanities graduates have to play in meeting the needs of current and future labour markets.

UCAS tariff This session will discuss the new UCAS tariff that is due to be launched for the 2017 admissions cycle and explore the information requirements of advisers. There will also be the opportunity to gain a University's perspective from one of the University of Manchester's Student Admissions Officers.

A University's top ten tips for teachers on supporting your student through the UCAS application process

This session is for teachers and careers advisers who offer guidance to students on writing personal statements or who are responsible for writing UCAS student references. We will share the kind of information which will really make a difference to the outcome of a student application.

Medicine and Dentistry

Admissions staff from The University of Manchester's Medical School and School of Dentistry will provide an overview of the courses, admissions policy and procedure for students wishing to study Medicine and/or Dentistry.

STEM: Not the usual suspects

Find out more about the broad range of STEM subjects that students can apply for if they have studied the core STEM A-level or level 3 qualifications. You will have the opportunity to find out more about the requirements for subjects other than the 'usual suspects' such as Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Maths, and what careers and graduate employability opportunities these can lead to.

Student Experience at The University of Manchester

In this Q&A workshop you will have the chance to meet a cohort of current students who will discuss themes which concern students new to university life. At the end of the workshop you will have a short guided tour of our campus.

Who should attend:

- Higher education advisers in schools and colleges
- Principals and vice-principals
- Heads of school/college
- Heads of sixth form (post-16 education)
- Careers advisers
- 14-19 managers
- Gifted and Talented specialists
- Local authority managers
- IAG staff

Booking: Bookings will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis. If you would like to attend the conference, please complete the online registration form which can be found here:

www.manchester.ac.uk/ntacsigup

On completion of the registration form, we will contact you to confirm you have a place reserved. If you have any questions about the conference please email

schoolsandcolleges@manchester.ac.uk or you can call **0161 275 8574**