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## Activities and events

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## Introduction to the team

### Activities and events for schools and colleges

De Montfort University (DMU) is committed to supporting teachers, careers advisers, students and parents through the Higher Education (HE) process.

We have a team of Schools and Colleges Liaison Officers who specialise in helping students by providing up-to-date information on all aspects of university life – from making the first decision to go to university, through to how to apply, how to impress admissions tutors and how to find their way around the many financial packages on offer. We also have a team of current DMU students who work with us, many of them from schools and colleges in your area, who will talk to students and parents about what student life at university is really like.

We can come to your place, or you can come to ours. We will happily accommodate anything from early morning assemblies to evening events. We can work with any number of year 12 or 13 students – whether you have a group of 10 or 210 – we can adjust our sessions to suit your needs.

We also have a comprehensive guide for supporting students available electronically via our website. The Teachers' Toolkit provides information, PowerPoint presentations and student workshops for every aspect of the HE application process and can be downloaded for free to complement your existing activities.

### HOW TO BOOK

This guide is to tell you more about our services and explore how we can help you and your students choose the right subject at the right university and succeed in their applications. If you would like to find out more information about any of the talks, activities or events that we offer, or would like to discuss how we can support the HE programme you may already have in place, please contact us on the details below.

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# Who is DMU?



We believe in teaching and learning that directly relates to the world of work.

We are one of the UK's top universities for National Teaching Fellowships, with 12 of our staff having received these top awards in recognition of their excellence in university teaching.

## DMU OFFERS VARIOUS UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

In the following areas:

- Art and Design
- Business and Law
- Health and Life Sciences
- Technology

## CULTURAL LINKS AND COMMUNITY

Every student at DMU is given the chance to enhance their CV by getting involved in our community initiative – the Mile<sup>2</sup> project – which offers internships, project management experience and a range of volunteering opportunities.

GRADUATES GO ONTO  
**GREAT THINGS**  
AND **AMAZING**  
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We are enormously proud of our graduates' achievements.

## DMU CREATIVITY

DMU has been named one of the most creative universities in the UK by the *Which? University Guide*.

**27,000**  
students  
**100+** different  
nationalities  
study in DMU's award  
winning facilities

**1,850**  
**WORK**  
**PLACEMENTS**  
for DMU students

## LIFE CHANGING RESEARCH

DMU was one of just a handful of UK universities shortlisted for Research Project of the Year at the Times Higher Education Awards (THE) 2012.

# We can come to you

We can deliver a number of inspiring talks and activities on site at your school or college.

The activities below give you a flavour of what we can offer, but feel free to ask if you need something bespoke. All of our talks are flexible in content and duration, and can be tailored to fit in with your timetable and careers curriculum.

## 1) WHY HIGHER EDUCATION AND MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE

This presentation explores some of the common reasons why students choose to move on to Higher Education and provides advice about what to consider when short listing course and university choices for the UCAS application.

✓ Duration: 30 – 40 minutes

## 2) STUDENT LIFE

This talk, delivered by a current DMU Student Ambassador, looks at all aspects of university life from a student's perspective. This session provides students with an ideal opportunity to get a genuine insight into what life is like beyond sixth form or college.

✓ Duration: 40 minutes

## 3) APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY: AN OVERVIEW

Providing students with a chronological overview of the UCAS process and the key deadlines which students need to be aware of, this talk offers tips on how best to complete the application and make a positive first impression. The talk also includes clarification of the different types of offer students may receive and how to reply to these.

✓ Duration: 30 minutes

## 4) WRITING AN EFFECTIVE PERSONAL STATEMENT

This presentation provides information and advice on how to write a positive personal statement. It includes an overview of what the personal statement is, why it is important and what admissions tutors are looking for. It also provides guidance on what a good structure looks like, how to form effective sentences and includes some top tips using examples from past personal statements.

✓ Duration: 30 – 40 minutes

## 5) SUCCEEDING AT UNIVERSITY INTERVIEWS

Many students who are invited to attend an interview as part of the university application process are unaware of what to expect. This talk aims to equip students with knowledge of what happens, what admissions tutors are looking for and provide hints and tips on how to prepare before the day.

✓ Duration: 30 minutes

## 6) A GUIDE TO STUDENT FINANCE

Student finance and funding is an increasingly important consideration for students. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the current student finance and funding arrangements. The talk also includes top tips on how to budget as a student to make funding stretch even further!

✓ Duration: 30 – 40 minutes

## 7) STUDENT FINANCE: HOW TO APPLY

This presentation is suitable for students who already understand the student finance system. It explains what the finance application form looks like, what information is needed, what parents/sponsors need to do and what happens between submitting the application and starting university.

✓ Duration: 20 – 25 minutes

## 8) DON'T BLOW THE BUDGET

A hands-on activity designed to let students have a go at budgeting! Students are allocated a set amount of funding and have to decide how best to spend their money, with decisions to be made as to which items are essential, and which are luxuries. Students will learn how to budget effectively and will discover how much a typical student spends on university accommodation, food, transport etc.

✓ Duration: 40 – 45 minutes

## 9) PREPARING FOR RESULTS DAY

Results day can often be a bewildering time for students. This talk helps students understand the processes surrounding the day and explains the actions which students will need to take both if they secure their place at university and if they don't.

✓ Duration: 25 minutes

## 10) PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY

Ideally delivered when students are starting to think about making the transition from school/college to university, this talk includes advice and guidance about what to prepare before you go, what to do once you arrive and how to make the most of the first few weeks.

✓ Duration: 25 – 30 minutes

## 11) WHY DMU?

This informative talk will give students an insight into De Montfort University with an overview of what's on offer - both academically and as part of the wider student experience. The talk is highly flexible and can be tailored to focus on a particular Faculty or subject area to fit with your students' studies.

✓ Duration: 25 – 30 minutes

## 12) TALKS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

We also offer a range of talks specifically designed to address the concerns of parents/carers supporting a student through the university application process. Popular talks include Student Finance for Parents and Why HE? and How to Apply, however we can tailor any of our talks to suit an audience of parents/carers.

✓ Duration: flexible

## 13) HE INFORMATION STAND

We are able to attend any university or careers fairs you may be holding in school/college to give students the opportunity to collect literature and ask questions about Higher Education and De Montfort University.

✓ Duration: flexible

## 14) LECTURE PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

We have a number of academics who are able to come out to visit your students and deliver a taster academic lecture. Lectures are available in a variety of subject areas and are designed to expand your students' subject knowledge, challenge their abilities and provide them with that all-important insight into what it's like to study at undergraduate level.

✓ Duration: typically around 50 minutes

# You can come to us

## Bespoke university experience days

Sessions to inform and inspire about Higher Education.

### 1) YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS

Our bespoke University Experience Days include a variety of sessions to inform and inspire about Higher Education. You can pick a number of activities from our suite of talks and include a campus tour, HE Quiz and Student Ambassador Q&A Panel to create an interactive day. The day is supported by Student Ambassadors who are all current DMU students, which offers your Year 12s a fantastic opportunity to have their questions answered by those who are currently experiencing university life.

✓ Duration: one day

### 2) FESTIVALS

One day subject Festivals will take place in late June 2014 and will offer students from Years 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to take part in a range of taster lectures and seminars from different courses and subject areas. In 2013, we successfully ran two Festivals 'It's all about ME' Media and English Festival and 'Time to take Part' Performance Arts Festival, and we are looking to increase the number of festivals for 2014 to include different subject areas. Festivals are free to attend and more information will be sent out to schools in early 2014.

✓ Duration: one day

### 3) RESIDENTIALS

Each July we run residential summer schools for Year 12 students to give students the experience of studying, socialising and living at university! Places on the residential are free of charge, but numbers are limited so we recommend an early application to secure a space. Dates are yet to be finalised, but please put July 2014 in the diary and await further information during the year.

✓ Duration: three days, two nights

### 4) OPEN DAYS

Coming to visit us at an Open Day is a great way to find out about what it's like to be a student at DMU. From taking a tour of the campus, to getting the chance to speak to our lecturers and students, DMU Open Days really do give visitors the chance to see it all! University-wide Open Days take place on selected Saturdays through June to November. If you would like to bring a group of students and/or parents to one of our Open Days please get in touch with the team who will be able to facilitate a group booking for you.

### 5) DEGREE SHOWS

Throughout the year our Faculties of Art, Design and Humanities and Technology open their doors to the public to showcase the skills and work of our final year students. Prospective students are very welcome to come and view the creative and innovative displays to discover more about what the course involves and to speak to our students. School groups are particularly welcome to visit our Degree Shows, and students often leave motivated and inspired to achieve. To find out more please contact the team.

## Support for Teachers/Advisers

Conferences to enable you and your colleagues to keep up-to-date with the latest developments in Higher Education.

### TEACHERS' AND ADVISERS' CONFERENCES

During 2014, De Montfort University will host two Teachers' and Advisers' Conferences to enable you and your colleagues to keep up to date with the latest developments in Higher Education. In January, our conference around the theme of 'Why Higher Education?' will include a range of engaging lectures and seminars looking at the changing face of HE and the role of a university education in the employment market. In the spring we will also host the annual HELOA Teachers' and Advisers' Conference. With a wide range of input and support from our partner institutions within the HELOA Midlands region, this event will offer you the chance to meet the universities and take part in seminars on a range of key HE topics. To register your interest in attending a conference please contact the team.

### GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR STAFF

The Outreach Team and University Admissions Tutors are available to deliver in-house training sessions for school and college staff around the topics of reference writing and personal statements. Sessions are arranged on an ad-hoc basis and can be tailored to meet your school's specific requirements.

### TEACHERS' TOOLKIT

Our online Teachers' Toolkit provides teachers and advisers with a wide range of information, advice and guidance resources to use in school or college to help guide students through the university application process. Visit [www.dmu.ac.uk/uniadvice](http://www.dmu.ac.uk/uniadvice) to find presentations and handouts which can be downloaded for use in the classroom.

### VISIT LOGISTICS

We realise that taking your students out of school or college can require a lot of organisation and we're here to help ensure that everything goes as smoothly as possible:

- All of our on-campus activities are fully risk assessed and a copy of our Risk Assessment is available on request
- We employ trained Student Ambassadors to work on our events to ensure appropriate ratios at all times
- The Outreach Team are First Aid trained and First Aid provision is always available on events
- We are able to support visitors with disabilities and additional needs
- Off site coach parking is available by arrangement

All our activities and events are free of charge.

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## Activity Planner

Use this year planner to help plan your HE activities and IAG programme.

We have included suggested activities appropriate to the time of year and important dates to remember. Once you have booked in any activities with us, you can record them on the planner.

TIME OF YEAR	September October	November December	January February	March April	May June	July August
ACTIVITIES						
Year 12 suggested activities				Talk Why HE?	Talk How to choose a course and university	Talk Applying to university
					UCAS fairs	Talk Writing an effective personal statement
Year 13 suggested activities	Talk Writing an effective personal statement	Talk Succeeding at university interviews	Talks and activities Student finance	Talk Student life	Talk Preparing for results day	
What's happening at DMU?	Open Days 28 September and 19 October	Open Day 16 November	Conference DMU Teachers' and Advisers'		Conference HELOA Teachers' and Advisers'	Residentials
			National Student Money Week		Festivals Media and English, Business and Law and Technology	Open Day Summer
Dates to remember	UCAS deadline for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science 15 October		Main UCAS deadline 15 January	Deadline for some Art and Design courses	Main deadline for replying to offers 7 May	Last day to apply through UCAS Extra 2 July
			UCAS Extra begins 25 February			A-Level results day 14 August
Agreed dates and activities						

# Testimonials

## Teachers

*"Wonderful talk. Thanks very much for coming and delivering such a real expression of the start of Uni life"*

*"Lots of information clearly delivered in a way the Year 13 students could connect with"*

*"Staff and students always enjoy this day. After our visit my students are always fired up about University which starts them thinking and acting positively with their UCAS applications"*



*"The presenter related to the students and invited their comments and questions. They also stayed behind to discuss things more privately which meant those students who were less confident were able to gain information"*



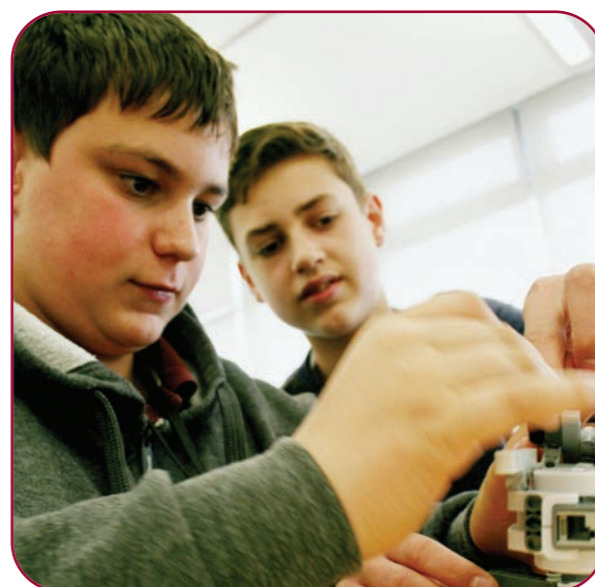
*"Very informative and up-to-date with current issues"*

*"As always, the team were more than happy to go out of their way to accommodate the timings of our event"*

*"Time was spent finding out the needs of the parents and then meeting those needs in an effective way – this was audience led and this made it very useful"*

***"Just a note to say thank you to you and all your team for our day at De Montfort University. It was a very enjoyable and informative event for the students and a lovely atmosphere. It will have made a real difference to the young folks' motivation and planning"***

*"Built a good rapport with the students. The workshop was relevant, well structured with clear instructions"*



## Students

*"At first I wanted to attend college and wasn't sure about University. Now I know I definitely want to do Art at University"*

*"It has an excellent atmosphere – relaxed but also encouraging"*

*"(The Taster Session) made me consider my future career options"*

*"Brilliant courses, great campus, really friendly"*

***"I loved it. It was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again and it really has helped me to choose a course I am more comfortable with"***

*"Great! We were so well looked after! Thank you!!"*



*"My overall impression is that the University is a great place and I would like to study here"*

*"Fun, friendly and helpful environment"*

*"It is a good University with a great variety of facilities"*

*"Loved it! Staff very welcoming and good advice"*



*"I really like DMU and its atmosphere, and I hope to be able to study here"*



*"Everyone at the University is friendly and encourages everyone to look at the positive side. It's a friendly vibrant uni with lots of nice people"*