

SCHOOLS & COLLEGES 2018/19 PROGRAMME

**Next Steps
South West**



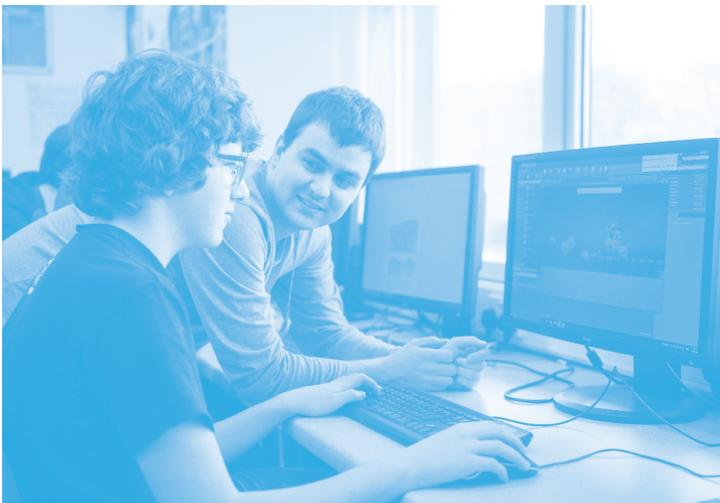
Part of the
**National Collaborative
Outreach Programme**

Over 3000 target students engaged...

About us

We are Next Steps South West (NSSW), a collaboration of fourteen partner universities and colleges funded by the Office for Students (OfS). Throughout Cornwall, Devon and Somerset we offer support to target students in years 9 to 13 who are currently underrepresented in higher education.

Working with target schools we run events and activities to raise aspirations, and awareness of higher education (HE) opportunities, including apprenticeships. Working together we can create positive interventions to empower young people and help them make well-informed decisions about their future.



"We believe that NSSW is actively bridging the gap of what our target students feel they can achieve as opposed to the potential they have, and also widening their vision of future career, education and employment opportunities."

**— M Cahill and R Ramage,
Principal and Deputy Principal,
Plymouth Studio School**

What do we offer

We organise a broad range of activities that develop students' soft skills and knowledge of educational pathways. Students are eligible to work with us if they are medium to high attainers and live in a postcode where HE participation is low. More information on how we identify target students can be found at officeforstudents.org.uk.

Our core offer activities detailed on the next page are available to eligible institutions. We also create a variety of bespoke events that complement and enhance this provision. Please contact our team if you would like to discuss an idea or find out more.



ACTIVITY	WHO?	DESCRIPTION	DURATION	OUTCOME	YEAR GROUP
Careerpilot	Whole year group	An interactive workshop exploring job sectors and employability skills, via the UK's award winning online platform Careerpilot.	1 hour	Rich information on multiple careers, including alternative pathways.	9 & 12
Articulary	13 eligible students per cohort	An award winning programme of literacy workshops, focusing on transferable skills and confidence building.	5 days *flexible options available	Students will gain an English Speaking Board qualification, as well as develop the following skills presentation, communication, problem solving and revision techniques. Schools will also receive a detailed report of the students who took part.	9
E-Me	All eligible students.	Online mentoring charity Brightside connect pupils with mentors on a safe web-platform and face-to-face. Also available to year 12 students who would enjoy access to fascinating resources, and HE advice from an experienced industry volunteer.	1 hour	Access to fun and fascinating resources, and HE advice from an experienced volunteer	10 & 12
Why Would You?	Dependent on venue capacity	The Barbican Theatre presents a thought-provoking in-school stage production exploring post-18 choices. After the performance, there is a 1-hour follow-up workshop for 30 eligible students. The students will discuss each character and the different pathways while interrogating their own next steps.	1 hour performance, followed by 1 hour workshop	Facilitates conversation and support ahead of post-18 decision making.	10
Choosing the Right Level 3 Options	Whole year group	A series of assemblies or a single workshop covering: Technical Qualifications, A Levels, IB and Apprenticeships.	3 assemblies or 1 workshop	Increased knowledge of post-16 options, and the pros and cons of each.	11
1:1 Career Guidance	All eligible students	An impartial 1-1 careers interview with an IAG level 6 professional provider of your choice, resulting in a clear action plan for each individual.	45 minutes per student	Students develop an action plan that includes targets to aid progression and increase drive.	11
Progression into HE	All eligible students	A choice of workshops to fit your students' needs. Choose from HE Skills Mapping, Personal Statement Support, How to Choose a HE Course, Student Life & Student Finance, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.	A 'UCAS day' or 2-3 workshops that fit within your timetable.	An all-encompassing programme to support and equip students for post-18 options.	KS5
Travel Card Funding Support	All eligible students	Broaden horizons with a £40 travel card contribution towards the cost of attending HE Open Days, interviews or Applicant Days.	Offsite activity	Break down economic barriers to assist with making an HE Institution choice.	KS5
Parents & Carers Evening	All eligible students and their parents or carers	An in-school event which will provide impartial information to key influencers to further support NSSW eligible students. Information on progression to HE, understanding student finance and the applicant journey. There will also be information available on HE options for parents and carers.	An evening flexible to your requirements	Parents and carers will come away from the evening with a greater understanding about the NSSW project and progression routes into HE. Key influencers have a large role to play in the success of students.	Students and Parents / Carers

Working together

Working with NSSW can support your evidence of fostering a culture of 'outstanding' personal development, behaviour and welfare. We've also made funding available to each of our target schools or colleges, to employ an In School Coordinator.

Developing activities with Ofsted, Statutory Careers Guidance and the Gatsby Benchmarks in mind, we pride ourselves on delivering transformative interventions, that support your students' future.



Gatsby benchmarks of good career guidance

1. A stable careers programme
 2. Learning from career and labour market information
 3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
 4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
 5. Encounters with employers and employees
 6. Experiences of workplaces
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7. **Encounters with further and higher education**
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8. Personal guidance

Student voice

We believe in real conversation, and nobody can communicate the experience of HE better than the students themselves. Our enthusiastic and dedicated team of student ambassadors are DBS checked and trained to work within schools and further education colleges.

Hearing a role model's experience of the applicant and student journey is vital to help young pupils open up and discuss their areas of concern. Wherever possible, we match ambassadors with activities that are linked to their subject-specialisms and interests, so you can be confident each session will inspire.



Our partners



Get in touch



Do you have a question or would you like to share an idea with our outreach team? Contact us via email:

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