



HEON
HIGHER EDUCATION
OUTREACH NETWORK

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About HEON

Our Work

This booklet has been designed to show you the amazing opportunities available to your school/college and your students.

We deliver a wide range of up-to-date and high quality outreach activities, informed by evaluation & evidence.

We can also be flexible in our delivery - if there's something we can support with - get in touch!



Our Partners

HEON is a partnership of higher education providers in Surrey and North East Hampshire, working together since 2016 to support students, schools, colleges and communities in the region.

Our Mission

Our mission is to support underrepresented* learners to make informed choices about their future education and to fulfil their academic potential.



Get in touch:
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*HEON prioritise our activities to underrepresented groups including; free school meals (FSM), young carers, care experienced, military families, refugee and asylum seekers, GRT, students with a disability, or from low pregression postcodes.



Our Workshops



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ACTIVITY	WHAT IS THIS?	ACTIVITY	WHAT IS THIS?
STUDENT LIFE	Our Student Life workshop encompasses a well-rounded view of what student life is like. Our student ambassadors are key to the delivery of this workshop and offer their views and experiences on higher education and university life in particular.	INTRO TO APPRENTICESHIPS	This workshop will give students an insight and understanding of higher & degree apprenticeships, how to search for them and where to apply. Students will be given the opportunity to compare apprenticeships with degrees and given a greater understanding of the benefits of both.
AN INTRO TO FURTHER EDUCATION	This workshop gives students the opportunity to gain an insight into a variety of further education options as well as IAG on the decision making process. Students will also learn about life within FE and what to expect while studying.	CRITICAL THINKING	This workshop gives students the opportunity to look at scenarios and situations objectively and asks them to take a step back, develop information, their own beliefs, generating and processing skills and their ability to use those skills to help them guide their own and others behaviour.
STUDENT FINANCE	This workshop will give students an understanding of a variety of topics such as 'What is Student Finance?', 'Understanding Finance & Debt' and 'Is University Affordable?'	REVISION PLANNING	This workshop prepares students for their exams by helping them to create an effective revision timetable and equipping them with useful tools to manage their time during exam season.
AN INTRO TO HIGHER EDUCATION	This workshop will give students the opportunity to gain an insight into different HE options as well as pathways to get there. Students will also learn about life within HE and what to expect while studying.	PERSONAL STATEMENTS	This workshop has been developed to give students the opportunity to understand what makes a strong personal statement. We provide the chance for students to start writing their own personal statement in preparation for college, university, apprenticeship and job applications.
REVISION WORKSHOP	This workshop provides students with a number of different revision techniques to help them manage and develop their own revision practice. They will have the opportunity to look at a variety of techniques from 'chunking' to 'mnemonics'. Students will also get the opportunity to test their memories with a number of challenges.	EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOP	This workshop gives students the opportunity to work on themselves. Identifying their USP's and giving them the tools to collate a credible CV. We also give students the opportunity to reflect on what employers value and how to capitalise on these attributes.



Delivery Format: In-School or College

Year Group: Flexible- content can be adjusted

Workshop Duration: 1 hour (Flexibility to adjust duration)

No. of Students: 30 for workshops & unlimited for assemblies (*some workshops cannot be delivered in assembly format - please check*)



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Our HE Taster Days

As part of our offer, we invite groups of Year 9-11 students for a day on one of our Partner Institutions to give them a taste of University life and what it is like to study at Higher Education.

Throughout the day, students will take part in subject taster sessions and a campus tour, learning about the courses and opportunities available within higher education. They will also get to meet student ambassadors, current university students who can share their first-hand insights into their experience of university.

These taster days are free with lunch provided, and we are able to provide transport if required. Maximum group sizes may vary and can be discussed at time of booking. We will be running our HE Taster Days at different times and institutions throughout the academic year.

- 📍 University of Surrey
- 📍 Royal Holloway, University of London
- 📍 University for the Creative Arts



For more information and to register your school's interest please visit heon.org.uk/he-taster-days/



UCA Saturday Clubs

UCA is hosting 3 Creative Arts Saturday Clubs this November on their Farnham campus. These clubs are led by experienced creative practitioners and give you a chance to develop a portfolio of work. The programmes are designed to equip you with new skills to help build your confidence, as well as the ability to express your ideas and hone your creative practice. This year's sessions are **Digital Art** (Years 9-11), **Animation** (Years 9-11) and **Art & Design** (Years 7-9).

For more information and for students to sign-up please visit uca.ac.uk/study-at-uca/outreach/saturday-clubs/

**Saturdays
from 1st Nov
- 22nd Nov
2025**



Our Residentials

HEON runs two residential events for 60 students each year: One in the Spring at Royal Holloway in Egham, and one in the Summer holiday at the University of Surrey in Guildford.

★ ★ ★ Spring Uni



“ After attending university I feel the experience has positively impacted me and has made me realise that in future years I do see myself attending university, this experience has changed my viewpoint on attending!

DISCOVER UNI ATTENDEE ”

★ ★ ★ What is it?

- ★ MEET CURRENT STUDENTS
- ★ EXPLORE UNI LIFE
- ★ STAY IN UNI ACCOMODATION
- ★ MEET NEW PEOPLE
- ★ SUBJECT TASTERS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
- ★ TOTALLY FREE!

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★ ★ ★ 2026 Dates

Spring Uni: 21st - 23rd April 2026
(Applications to open late-2025)

Discover Uni: 27th - 30th July 2026
(Application to open early-2026)

★ ★ ★ Discover Uni



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Festival of Industries

Launching this academic year, HEON are excited to be hosting our own Festival of Industries for Year 10 students, in collaboration with Surrey and Hampshire Careers Hubs.

Hampshire
CAREERS HUB

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COMPANY

Surrey
CAREERS HUB

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Why should your students attend?

By attending, students will leave with an increased knowledge of local employment opportunities, as well as an increased confidence in essential skills valued by employers. Furthermore, this experience aligns with **Gatsby Benchmarks 4, 5 and 7.**



With the Festival of Industries being held on university campuses, we will further support their progression into higher education with an enriched understanding as to how higher education can support their career goals.

For more information and to register your school's interest, please visit heon.org.uk/festival-of-industries/



Thrive Creative Conference

The Thrive Creative Conference is aimed at students in Years 8 and 9 with an interest in creative subjects as they choose or start their GCSE options. Students will take part in workshops led by practicing artists, see state-of-the-art facilities and network with creative sector practitioners and business owners. This is a fantastic opportunity for students and teachers alike to broaden their understanding of creative pathways, from GCSE to post-16 and beyond.



**1st - 2nd July
2026**
UCA
Farnham

For more information and to register your school's interest, please visit uca.ac.uk/events/outreach/heon-thrive-creative-conference/



Our Impact



Since
2016

1169

Activities Delivered

188

Schools & Colleges
Engaged

60,195

Learners Taken
Part



Testimonials

“ It helped me understand more about the importance of higher education, the opportunities it would give me in life.

LEARNER, SPRING RESIDENTIAL



Any visit to a university and facility it important. It gets them (the students) in the physical space and gets them understanding what is available. I think the revision sessions are all particularly good and i think the ones that are organised at the university with a specialist subject lead really focussed their minds.

SCHOOL LEAD, BOHUNT FARNBOROUGH ”

KS4 Attainment - A8

48.31



HEON Participants

43.45



School Average

38.60



FSM, HEON
Participants

31.03

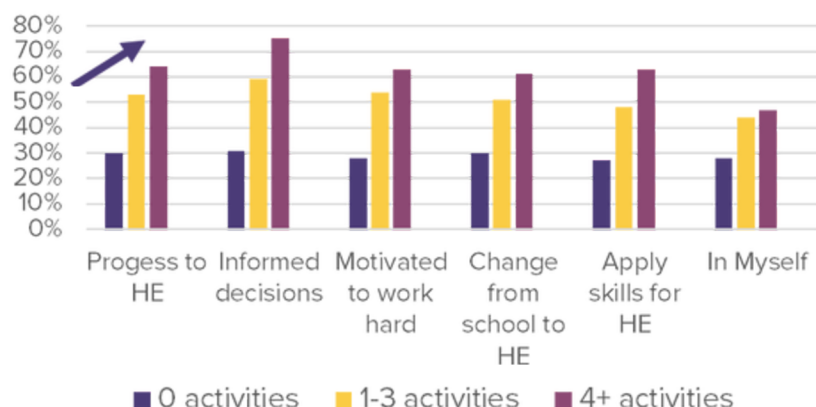


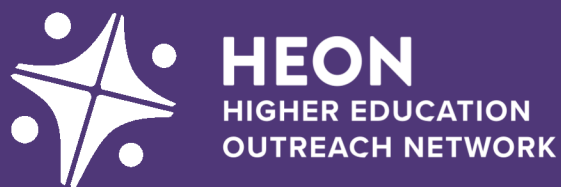
FSM School
Average

Students who take part in HEON activity demonstrate higher attainment than their peers. This is more pronounced for disadvantaged learners.

More Confidence

The more HEON activities a student takes part in, the more they know about HE and the more confidence they demonstrate





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