



HEON
HIGHER EDUCATION
OUTREACH NETWORK

HEON OFFER



26-27

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.



Working with HEON

As part of our offer, we are able to deliver and support with a variety of your in-school or college activity. This includes delivering assemblies, attending your careers fairs and supporting mock interview days. Please contact heon@surrey.ac.uk for further details.

Assemblies

- ★ Any year group (7-13)
- ★ Choose from a variety of topics (see next page)
- ★ Timings flexible to suit your usual assembly schedule

Careers Fairs

- ★ Any year group (7-13)
- ★ Attended by HEON Staff or Student Ambassadors
- ★ Providing impartial advice on both FE and HE pathways

Mock Interviews

- ★ Any year group (7-13)
- ★ Attended by HEON Staff
- ★ Supporting your students prepare for college, university or job interviews

Our HE Taster Days

Across the year, we invite groups of Year 9-11 students for a day on one of our Partner Institutions, giving them a taste of what it is like to study at a Higher Education institution. Lunch is provided and transport can be provided if required.

A typical taster day includes:

Intro to HE session

Subject Taster session

Campus Tour

Lunch



Our Workshops



ACTIVITY	WHAT IS THIS?
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.
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 support on the decision making process. Students will also learn about life within FE and what to expect while studying.
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.
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.
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 & TECHNIQUES	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. We also provide students with a number of different revision techniques to help them manage and develop their own revision practice.
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.

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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Festival of Industries

We are excited to continue to host our own Festival of Industries for Year 10 students, in collaboration with Surrey and Hampshire Careers Hubs.

Why should your students attend?

Students will gain 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 please visit heon.org.uk/festival-of-industries/



Our Summer Residential

Our residential this year will be held at **Royal Holloway, University of London** from 21st - 23rd June! Students will enjoy 3 days and 2 nights on campus, taking part in a range of subject tasters, evening socials and staying in university accommodation. This opportunity is **free**, with all meals provided.

★ EXPLORE UNI
LIFE

★ MEET CURRENT
STUDENTS

★ STAY IN UNI
ACCOMODATION

★ MEET NEW
PEOPLE

★ SUBJECT TASTERS AND
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Applications
to open
Winter
26/27

Our Work with Underrepresented Groups

Alongside all the activities in this booklet that support all students or that prioritise students from WP backgrounds, we run programmes designed to specifically support students who meet certain criteria. These programmes are run in collaboration with local and national partners and designed to provide tailored support to these students as they consider their next steps. Below are some of our key target groups, key partners we collaborate with and key statistics from our programmes and events:

Young Carers

- ★ Action for Carers
- ★ 67 Young Carers supported in 25/26 across a variety of programmes and bespoke workshops

Students from Black Heritage

- ★ BMW
- ★ 83% felt more confident to make decisions about future careers

Mature Learners

- ★ University of Surrey Health Sciences
- ★ 100% attendees gained better understanding of studying nursing

Refugee and Asylum Seekers

- ★ Big Leaf
- ★ 95% of attendees gained a better understanding of studying at uni

Students from Military Families

- ★ Forces Employment, SCiP Alliance, Aldershot Garrison
- ★ 80% of attendees felt more confident that they could progress to HE in the future

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If you're interested in finding out more about this work, or if you have a group you'd like HEON to work with, get in touch!



Our Impact

Since
2017

1433

Activities Delivered

189

Schools & Colleges
Engaged

74,168

Learners Taken
Part



Testimonials

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[The programme has had] great impact as they have a better understanding of what they are capable of.

TEACHER, KINGS INTERNATIONAL

I have organised many trips and have never had so many pupils be so positive about it the next day. We've had amazing feedback! The first person I met the next day, told me he'd gone home and told his mum that he was going to go to university. It was a pp student who had never even considered it as an option before, so that was a great result.

TEACHER, FROGMORE SCHOOL

I think learning about the A-levels and B-techs, like, that was actually quite useful because I don't really understand the differences and stuff and the impacts that an A level and a BTEC have. And so just to see the different types of courses was helpful.

LEARNER, FOCUS

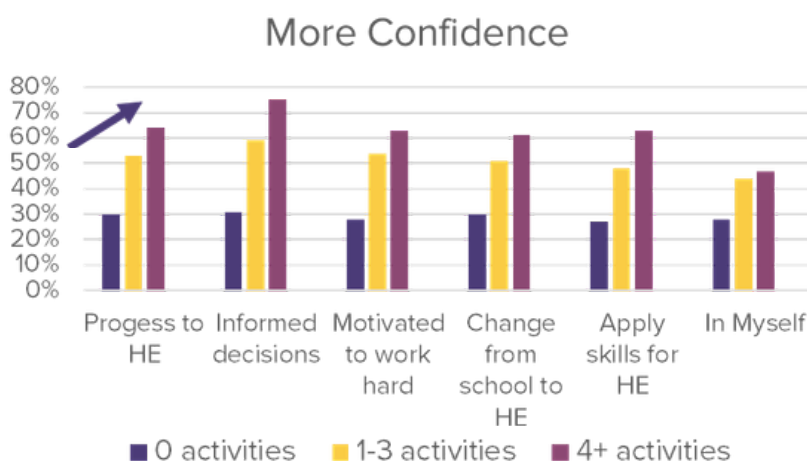


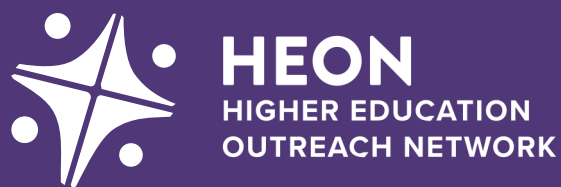
He had fun and it has sowed some seeds that we hope will keep growing over the next couple of years.

PARENT, RESIDENTIAL 2026

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**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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