

**Sheffield
Hallam
University**

School and college engagement programme





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My Sheffield Hallam contact is:

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Welcome

Sheffield Hallam University is at the heart of the city and its region – geographically, historically, educationally. At the core of our mission is a commitment to working with others to raise aspiration, drive achievement and realise potential. Doing this depends on genuine partnerships with schools and colleges – in Sheffield, across the region and beyond. Our commitment is to work in partnership with schools and colleges. We want to give students, parents and carers the very best information; we want to enthuse them about the possibilities of higher education; we want to help them shape the very best choices they can make. The work of the School and College Engagement Team is founded on this ethos. It offers you a dedicated team committed to activity and support you, and your students, can use productively.

Professor Chris Husbands
Vice-Chancellor



Welcome to our Schools & Colleges Engagement Programme

This booklet tells you how we can work with you to support your students in their journey to higher education.

How we can work with you

- Provide you with a dedicated contact at Sheffield Hallam to work with you throughout the year to build a tailored programme of engagement for your students.
- Support your students through our Uni4U Programme of activities and events.
- Organise school and college visits to the university.
- Offer your students access to a variety of support schemes.
- Provide a programme of activity to support you in your role.
- Give you access to our facilities and links to our partners.



Uni4U Programme

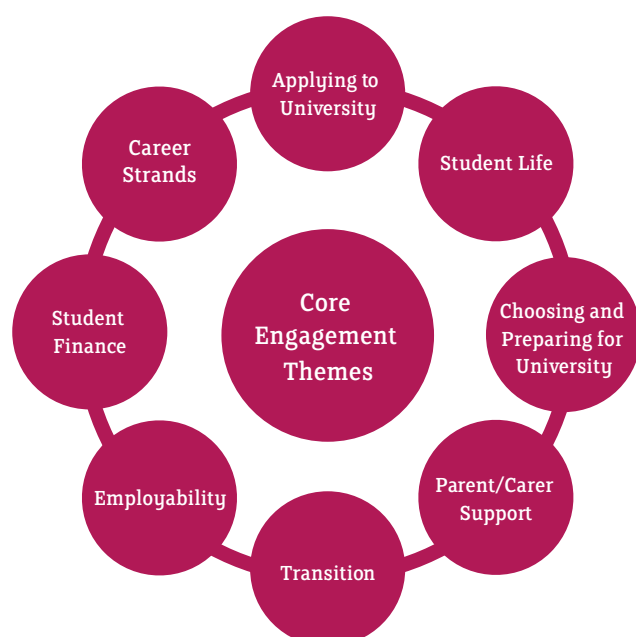
Inspiring activities, events and workshops for years 9–13

Uni4U activities are all about what's best for your students. All sessions are delivered under one of our core themes.

- Applying to university
- Student life
- Choosing and preparing for university
- Parent/carer support
- Transition
- Employability
- Student finance
- Career strands

We can deliver them in your school or college or on one of our two university campuses. The sessions range from 30 minutes to a full day.

You can plan your sessions with your contact from our schools and colleges engagement team and personalise your programme according to your students' needs and requirements.



Explore our career strands

We want to highlight why your students may be interested in studying a particular course area and the careers it can lead to – not just the careers you would expect, but exploring how transferable skills from our courses can cross over into different areas. We can work with your students to change their perceptions and make them realise how a degree can prepare them for many jobs in different industries and sectors.

You can choose from the following list of career strands.

- Built and natural environment
- Business, finance and law
- Creative industries
- Engineering and maths
- Food, tourism and hospitality
- Health and social care
- Science and technology
- Social science and humanities
- Sport and wellbeing
- Working with children and young people

Pre-16 engagement

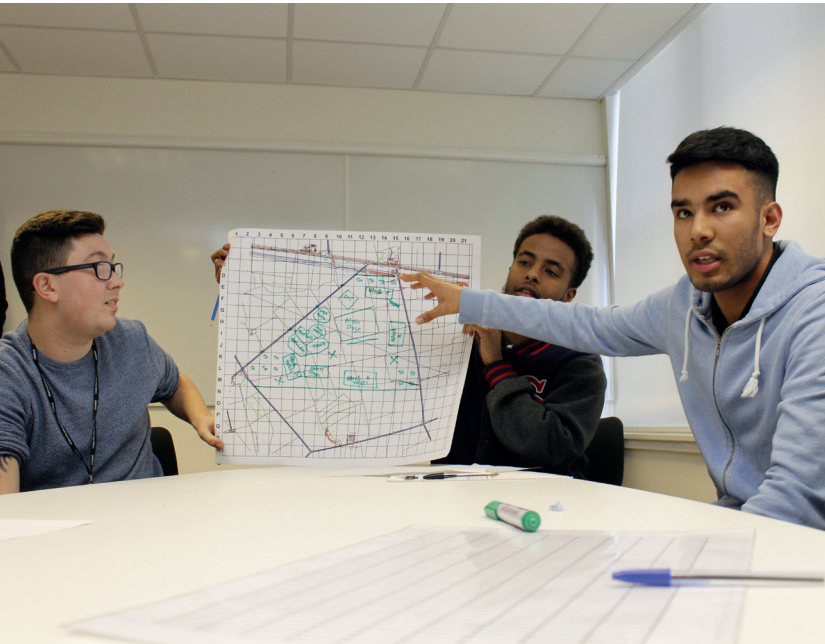
We also offer a variety of sessions specifically designed for this age group, exploring the benefits of higher education and dispelling any myths. We have developed interactive and engaging higher education roadshows for Y8, Y9 and Y10 students, plus support at careers events, option evenings and parents' events. All activities can be delivered in your school or college, around lesson times, or at Sheffield Hallam.

Student and parent ambassadors

Student Ambassadors assist and support across our work with schools and colleges, and as such are an invaluable part of the work we do. They are trained to lead on a variety of activities, including student life talks and campus tours. These students are excellent examples of the success stories of our student cohort, and their involvement is aimed at inspiring young learners.

Parent Ambassadors are a crucial part of our parental engagement, which is aimed at dispelling a variety of myths about accessing higher education. As parents of students who have been through this process, they have unique perspectives on the challenges and rewards of supporting a child through university, and in the process raise the aspirations of prospective students and parents

Find out more by speaking to your Sheffield Hallam contact or email sclo@shu.ac.uk



Subject specific activity

Taster subject activities for years 9–13

We offer a vast programme of subject-specific activities including masterclasses and taster days. In each of our four faculties we have a senior schools and colleges engagement officer who can work with you and your academic colleagues on providing subject-specific support and activities.

Some sessions have specific dates, while others are available throughout the year on request and can be included in your personalised Uni4U visit programme.

Masterclasses

These one-to-two-hour academic led sessions are designed to give students a flavour of a specific subject area through practical, interactive sessions. We have a set programme of masterclasses throughout the year, and bespoke sessions may also be available to suit a particular subject area or curriculum need.

Taster days

Our taster days provide students with an opportunity to discover the breadth of a particular subject area and career pathways. Through interactive sessions students will explore the subject areas and have a chance to find out more about university life.

Course talks

Delivered either at the university or in your school or college, these talks provide an insight into specific courses at Sheffield Hallam including entry requirements, course content and employability.

Lectures, tours and competitions

These may include

- tours of our industry standard facilities and modern learning spaces
- competitions
- inspirational lectures delivered by our academic experts
- portfolio guidance workshops for our art and design and media arts courses

Find out more by speaking to your Sheffield Hallam contact or email sclo@shu.ac.uk





Our support schemes

Support for your students



Disabled student support team

We can

- offer advice and guidance to pre-entry university applicants and current students about the support available
- provide information and support for students with specific disabilities
- provide specialist induction events at the beginning of each academic year
- offer support with applications for Disabled Students' Allowances and carry out needs assessments at the Sheffield Regional Assessment Centre
- offer individual packages of support for each student according to their disability
- assist in the organisation of specific exam, teaching and learning requirements
- provide information and training on IT and Assistive technology for disabled students

Find out more at shu.ac.uk/disabledsupport

Looked after children (LAC) and care leavers

We recognise the additional barriers faced by young people in care when progressing to university, and we are committed to supporting these students to maximise their potential.

Our support includes

- specific outreach activities to raise aspirations among looked after children and young carers (years 10–12) along with an annual CPD event for looked after children professionals.
- a dedicated contact for support and advice during the application process
- entry onto the Compact scheme
- access to careers guidance
- support with arranging 365 day accommodation
- the opportunity to attend exclusive visits at the university
- the opportunity to apply for the Care Leaver Bursary and UNITE Bursary

To find out more contact our care leaver co-ordinator on 0114 225 4777 or visit shu.ac.uk/careleavers



The Compact Scheme

The Compact Scheme gives extra support to students that face barriers in going to university due to their circumstances. It provides support during the application process and beyond.

Students are eligible if they

- are a care leaver
- are estranged or have no contact with their parents
- are a carer for a family member or close friend
- have a disability
- have experienced circumstances which have affected or interrupted their studies
- are experiencing financial difficulty or hardship
- can't move away from their home area to go to university
- are a mature student
- are homeless or at risk of homelessness

When your students apply to Sheffield Hallam you can submit additional information about their personal circumstances which will enable them to access additional support.

Extra support includes

- a personal contact to help during the application process and answer any queries you have
- regular emails about Sheffield Hallam student life
- exclusive visits to the University
- the possibility of special consideration during the admissions process
- access to a workshop to help you prepare for an interview (applicants for health and social care, nursing, social work or QTS education courses)

Find out more at shu.ac.uk/compactscheme

Hallam in the community

Community activities for young people and families



Community engagement

The Sheffield Hallam outreach and widening participation team runs free, fun, interactive activities and events in the local community for young people and their families. This award-winning project is specifically aimed at engaging with children outside of school hours, on weekends and in school holidays to inspire them and raise their aspirations.

Children's University

We are proud to be the main partner of Sheffield's Children's University. Alongside being an accredited learning destination where young people can collect credits, we host their award ceremonies. By inviting families into the university to celebrate their successes we are able to further promote the benefits of extracurricular activity.

To find out more speak to your Sheffield Hallam contact or email sclo@shu.ac.uk

Visit us

Opportunities for you and your students to visit us



University open days

At our open days you can find out about all our full-time undergraduate courses, speak to staff and students from across the University, our parent ambassadors and tour our campuses, accommodation and the city.

Students can book their place at shu.ac.uk/open. If you are interested in bringing a group of students into the university please get in touch with your contact here at Sheffield Hallam to discuss the options.

Course open days

Your students may be invited to a course open day if they have been made an offer to study here. Like our general open days, they can attend talks on our undergraduate courses and tour our campuses.

Student-led tours

Every week, our students lead tours for people interested in Sheffield Hallam. They show you around our campuses and an example of accommodation and tell you about their experience here.

Campus tours are every **Wednesday at 11am and 2pm**

Accommodation tours are every **Wednesday at 12.30pm**

Selection events

Some of our courses, such as nursing, require students to attend a selection process as part of the application process. We will send information to help them prepare, as well as details of the date, time and location.

Find out more at shu.ac.uk/visit-us

How can we support you?

Information, advice and guidance for teachers and advisors

Summer conference

Our annual summer conference provides information and guidance to help you support your students on their journey to higher education. The day provides practical advice that is both relevant and directly applicable to your roles along with a taster of activities we deliver to students and plenty of opportunities for networking with colleagues from other institutions and our staff here at Sheffield Hallam.

Breakfast clubs and conference on the road sessions

These sessions are provided throughout the year both at Sheffield Hallam and at your institution to provide advice and guidance on changes or updates in the higher education sector.

Faculty events and activities

We can support you with subject-specific information, advice and guidance throughout the year. This support ranges from subject partnership group meetings to subject conferences here at Sheffield Hallam to provide information and tours of our facilities

Keep in touch with us

We encourage you to have regular keep in touch meetings with your dedicated contact so we can help create a tailored programme of activities for you and your students.

Look out for our newsletter

Sent from your contact here at Sheffield Hallam, our newsletter keeps you up to date on the latest events and activities for you and your students.

To find our more speak to your Sheffield Hallam contact or email sclo@shu.ac.uk



Our partnerships

Our key partners across the university

The Higher Education Progression Partnership for the Sheffield city region

The HEPP is a partnership between Sheffield Hallam University, the University of Sheffield, colleges, schools, local authorities and employers within the Sheffield city region.

Following in the footsteps of other regional initiatives such as Aimhigher and Higher Futures, the purpose of the HEPP is to raise aspirations and encourage the progression into higher education of young people, adults and work-based learners, with a particular emphasis on widening participation from disadvantaged groups.

Partners in the HEPP are working together to offer a regional perspective on higher education, and a broadly based and impartial range of services for young people and adults, their teachers and advisers.

HEPP activities include promoting a general understanding of changes in student finance, the value of university and graduate employability, updating advisers on subject requirements for higher education, and offering information for learners and their parents on options choices. These activities may be offered in schools, at HEPP meetings and conferences, or linked to other events in the region.

Find out more at extra.shu.ac.uk/hepp

Venture Matrix

This award-winning scheme develops our students' employability and enterprise skills as part of their degree. The scheme works across the University with a range of diverse subjects and disciplines.

The scheme enables our students to work on real-life projects, giving them valuable work experience in a safe and secure environment.

How schools can benefit

Our eager students can motivate and inspire your pupils through delivering projects – either in your school or at the University.

The Venture Matrix is a great way for you to

- get free support from students with specialist subject knowledge from a range of disciplines
- enrol role models for your pupils
- give your pupils an insight into university life
- build lasting partnerships and relationships with the University

An experienced project officer and her team will support both the teacher and students throughout the project.

Find out more at shu.ac.uk/venturematrix

The Directorate of Education & Employer Partnerships

The Directorate of Education & Employer Partnerships (DEEP) provides central coordination and oversight of how the University expands, develops and manages its partnerships with other education providers and employers. Working across the University, the Directorates work includes establishing high quality partnerships to facilitate the delivery of foundation and top-up degrees, and more recently, securing high quality Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.

To find out more email deep-edp@shu.ac.uk

We look forward to working with you

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