



Uni:4U 2019

Parent/carers guide



Your child has been invited to participate in the Greater Manchester Higher Uni:4U Summer School Programme.

What is Uni:4u?

Our Uni4:U programme offers learners an exciting range of summer schools across Greater Manchester universities and higher education institutions.

Through taking part in activities and workshops, and working alongside current students, learners will get a real taste of university life.

For events that are residential, students will stay over in university halls and take part in evening social events.


Uni:4U brings together learners, building their skills and confidence, helping them set their sights on the future and hopefully making some new friends in the process!





Who is Uni:4U for?





Uni:4U is for Y10 learners in Greater Manchester, the programme helps learners to start thinking about their future as they enter their final year of secondary education.

This has been offered to your child because their school has been working with Greater Manchester Higher to deliver a range of progression activities, which encourage young people to consider their options after they leave school.

Greater Manchester Higher are funded by the government to deliver the NCOP (National Collaborative Outreach Programme), and aim to increase the number of learners going to higher education from areas where this is lower than the national average. Our programme is targeted based upon learner postcodes. For further information please visit gmhigher.ac.uk/about or speak to your child's teacher.

When are the Uni:4U events?

The events run between 24 June and 22 July 2019 and will take place at a number of universities and higher education providers across Greater Manchester.

What are the benefits of attending?

We believe that experiencing a summer school can help raise aspirations, and strengthen aims to study at university in the future.

Uni:4U will give your child a unique insight into university life and will help them make important decisions about their future, such as what to do after Y11 and beyond.

They will take part in a number of fun, interactive 'hands-on' activities and get the chance to develop their skills and confidence.

What do the events involve?

There's something for everyone in our programme. Some of our summer schools focus on particular subject areas and others aim to give a broad insight into higher education. Some of them are residential and give your child an opportunity to experience living in student halls of residence; others are just attended during the daytime.

Generally, events will involve learners attending lectures and workshops led by university staff and Greater Manchester Higher staff and supported by our graduate advisors and student ambassadors.

Uni:4U events provide the opportunity for learners to meet other young people from different schools, take part in subject tasters, team-building activities and experience the fun social side that higher education also brings!

You can find out more about the different Uni:4U events in the Y10 programme brochure, this leaflet or on and website: gmhigher.ac.uk

How much does it cost?

All of our summer schools are completely free - all food, transport, materials and accommodation are free for both the school and the learner.

Do you provide transport?

Yes, for all of our Y10 summer schools transport is provided by the host institution, from school to the event and back again each day or at the start and end of the summer school for residential.

Higher education staff or student ambassadors will be available to supervise pick up and drop off and the learners will be accompanied during the journey.

What will my child need to bring?

Learners will not be required to wear uniform during the summer school, they should bring clothes, toiletries, any medication they are currently taking and although all food and drink is provided, they may wish to bring a small amount of money with them. Any electricals are brought at their own risk. More information about what they need to bring to their Uni:4U event will be sent out once their place has been confirmed.

How can I contact my child during the event?

Learners can have their mobile phones with them (but they will be responsible for any valuables).

Is it safe?

Yes. All staff (including student ambassadors) working on a summer school have been DBS checked and will be supervising learners at all times. Therefore, your child's teacher will not be at the event with them.

For our residential events we have 24 hour staff supervision and on call security throughout the event.

All of our activities have been risk assessed and designed with learners' safety in mind. You will have an opportunity to meet the staff involved in the event beforehand at a parents information event.

Our safeguarding policy can also be found here: gmhigher.ac.uk/about

Furthermore, all organisations expect everyone to behave responsibly and to sign a code of conduct.

Who can we contact if we have any questions?

Each Uni:4U event will have an event lead who will be contactable for the full duration of the summer school and in the run up to the event. Details will be sent out in advance to both the school, the learner and parents/carers.

Each institution will be putting on an information event prior to the summer school for students, parents and teachers where you can meet the event leaders and ask any questions you may have.

What do I need to do?

You will be required to complete the parent/carer section of the application form that your child should have brought home with this leaflet. This form will need to be returned to the link teacher at your child's school by **25th March 2019**.

Following the Easter break, we will be in touch to confirm if your child has been allocated a place or is on the waiting list.

Learners who have been offered a place will be required to complete further forms detailing their medical, access and dietary requirements.

These will be sent to the school and to you and your child directly. These forms need to be completed carefully and returned to the summer school lead by **17th May 2019**. At this point you will also receive more detailed information about the summer school and details of the information session.

If your child does not want to take up their place then please let the summer school lead know immediately - this way we can allocate places to those students on the reserve list.



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