

# Year 12 Residential Summer School 2012

## Information for Students

### Welcome to the Year 12 Residential Summer School!

You've been given this information by your teacher/tutor because he/she thinks that you have what it takes to go on to higher education, and that you're eligible to apply for the Year 12 Residential Summer School.

The Summer School is available to Year 12 (or equivalent) students from selected schools and colleges in the South West of England, who may be wondering about whether to apply to university, or aren't clear what higher education involves, or might be thinking that it's not an option for them.

The Summer School is a fun, interactive event designed to give students a taste of university life by providing the opportunity to spend five days and four nights living on a university campus as a student. It will enable you to experience university style teaching and social life in order to help you make an informed decision about your future in education.

**The Summer School is totally free** and includes all travel, accommodation, food/drink and social activities.

### When and where will the Summer School be held?

The Summer School will take place between Monday 18 and Friday 22 June 2011 (a total of five days and four nights). It will be based on the Frenchay Campus of the University of the West of England ('UWE') in Bristol, giving you the opportunity to experience many of UWE's amenities such as teaching facilities, cafés, shops, sports centre and student accommodation.

### What will I get out of the Summer School?

By participating in the Summer School you get free and fully inclusive time away, with the chance to meet lots of new people, try out different activities and discover whether university is for you. Getting a taste of university could open up all kinds of ideas on what you could do in the future. What's more, you'll have fun in the process!

### What will I do at the Summer School?

- The Summer School will begin with fun, informal activities and ice breakers giving you the opportunity to meet the other Year 12 students taking part, and the Student Ambassadors and UWE staff team who will be sharing the week with you.
- You will take part in subject taster sessions where you'll experience university teaching and develop valuable skills such as team-work, problem solving and communication skills. There will be a range of subjects to choose from such as Art, Media and Design, Law, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and the Sciences to name a few. The sessions are designed to be hands on and informative, and to give you a good idea of what university course content is like.

- You will get to stay in one of UWE's student flats to get a real taste of living on campus, and you'll take part in fun social events. In the past, activities such as outdoor pursuits, barbeques, karaoke and many more have been enjoyed.
- You will receive up-to-date information from university staff and existing students. Previous Summer Schools have included advice and guidance on student finance, careers, personal statements and study skills.

You will meet lots of new people considering their future in higher education and **you'll have lots of fun!!**

**Take a look at the Summer School website to get a better idea of what the Summer School is really like**

### **How will I get to the Summer School?**

Students travel by coach, taxi, mini-bus or train, with all transport costs paid for by UWE. All travel arrangements are organised by UWE and sent to you once you've been offered and accepted a place.

### **Who will be there with me?**

There will be about 50 other students on the Summer School from lots of different schools and colleges in the South West. Student Ambassadors who are current UWE students will spend the week with you, helping you to have a great time and being on hand if you have any problems. There will also be a team of UWE staff supporting you throughout the week.

### **Will I have to share a room?**

No. You'll be given your own en-suite room in the student village on Frenchay Campus. Each flat has six en-suite bedrooms plus a shared kitchen and living space. You'll share the flat with five other Year 12 students (of the same gender) from different schools or colleges, and a Student Ambassador (also of the same gender).

### **What do I need to take with me?**

Further details will be provided once you've been offered and accepted a place.

### **What if I have a disability, special educational need or medical condition?**

The Summer School welcomes an application, from students who may have special educational needs or a disability, whose teachers believe they have what it takes to go on to higher education.

The Summer School is committed to supporting all students whatever their needs and disabilities, and to include everyone who might want to attend. UWE has facilities and specialised staff to help everyone irrespective of their individual needs. They will make sure you get any support you need so that you can get the most out of the Summer School. This means that your accommodation will be appropriate, taught sessions will take your circumstances into account and the social programme will be accessible and enjoyable for all. The application form asks for information on any special educational needs, disabilities

or medical conditions so that the Summer School Team can make sure that suitable accommodation, teaching, learning and trips are there for you. Please feel free to discuss any issues or concerns that you have with the Summer School Team.

### **Can I leave the Summer School if I don't like it?**

Yes, of course. We don't want anyone to be unhappy but we would ask that you give the Summer School a chance. There will be lots of people you can talk to if you have a problem and if we can, we'll try to resolve that problem as quickly as possible so that you can have a great time.

### **I'm really interested. What should I do now?**

Firstly, you need to **make sure you that you're available** to attend the Summer School from Monday 18 to Friday 22 June 2012 if you're offered a place.

The Summer School is a five day event, which includes four nights in university accommodation. If you're interested, please make sure that all your usual commitments such as work and social commitments are re-arranged for this period.

**Next you should complete the online application form by following this link:**

Once you have completed your online application form you will then need to ask your teacher/tutor:

1. To give you a **Parental/Carer Consent Form** which must be completed and signed by your parent/carers and returned to your teacher/tutor
2. To complete and submit the on-line **Teacher/Tutor Statement** to support your application

**The closing date for receipt of applications is: Friday .**

Please be aware that applying does not automatically guarantee you a place. The selection process will be based on your personal statement followed by the date the application is received by UWE.

**If you have any questions at all please ask your contact teacher/tutor or contact the UWE Summer School Team by email or phone.**

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