

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

YEAR 9 – 13





HERE TO HELP KICKSTART THE HIGHER EDUCATION JOURNEY.



**GREATER MANCHESTER
HIGHER IS A COLLABORATIVE
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDERS
ACROSS OUR REGION.**

We work together to raise awareness of higher education and support young people to realise their future ambitions, by giving access to impartial information, advice and guidance (IAG) through our programme of outreach activities.

We deliver the Office for Students funded Uni Connect programme in Greater Manchester, which aims to support the government's social mobility goals by rapidly increasing the number of young people from under-represented groups entering higher education.

We have engaged with

90,000

learners since our launch in 2017

SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNERS TO ACCESS HIGHER EDUCATION.

WHO WE WORK WITH

We are committed to offering outreach activities to state schools in Greater Manchester.

For some activities, we may ask schools to select learners who are under-represented in higher education, such as those who are the first in their family to progress to higher education, are in receipt of free school meals, who have been in local authority care, who have a disability, learning difficulty or have caring responsibilities.

For Years 11-13 we prioritise learners with a Uni Connect postcode who have previously engaged in our activities – in addition to Pupil Premium learners and those from under-represented groups.


Some schools will be proactively supported by Greater Manchester Higher in accessing these activities based upon priority criteria.

To find out about the support your school is eligible for, please contact your local area Hub Manager.

Visit our website to explore the full range of activities offered by our partner universities and colleges:
gmhigher.ac.uk

All of our events are free for our target schools and colleges to participate in.





MEETING YOUR GATSBY BENCHMARKS

We've mapped the content and learning outcomes from our activities to Gatsby Benchmarks, this means they contribute towards your school's Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) strategy.

- 1 A stable careers programme
- 2 Learning from career and labour market information
- 3 Addressing the needs of each pupil
- 4 Linking curriculum learning to careers
- 5 Encounters with employers and employees
- 6 Experiences of workplaces
- 7 Encounters with further and higher education
- 8 Personal guidance

OUTCOME-LED PROGRAMME

Our activities are evidence based and carefully designed to meet a range of learning outcomes.

We follow a set of key principles to respond to the needs of your learners at each step in their education journey:

Intention – Increasing the intention of young people to progress to higher education.

Knowledge – Providing the information, advice and guidance (IAG) needed to make informed decisions and understand the benefits of higher education.

Attitude – Improving confidence and enhancing motivation towards learning.

Skills – Developing the academic and personal skills needed to succeed.

Sense of belonging – Seeing higher education as a valid option.

Together we can support your learners achieve their future goals and potential.

You can find out more on our website:

gmhigher.ac.uk/teachers

CAMPUS VISITS

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On request

Campus visits are hosted at a university or college in Greater Manchester. It's a great opportunity for learners to get a taste for what higher education is like.

These events are suitable for learners who want to find out more about higher education and who have the potential to achieve at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above.

These activities are not suitable for whole year groups.

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I ENJOYED LOOKING AROUND THE CAMPUS AND SEEING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WHEN I'M OLDER.”

Choices Day Y9

Gatsby 7

This campus visit encourages learners to think about the decisions they may make during their education and to consider how their GCSE choices could affect their future. It includes a workshop, a campus tour and the opportunity to speak with current students.

Destination HE Y10

Gatsby 7

This campus visit provides learners with the opportunity to gain an insight into higher education. The visit includes a workshop, a practical activity, information about HE options and student finance, a campus tour, and the opportunity to meet current students.





IN SCHOOL

YEAR 9 – 13

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On request

We have a range of workshops available to support your learners and help them make informed decisions about their future.



45-60 minute workshops to fit around lesson times.

HE Uncovered Y9

Gatsby 7

This session introduces learners to the variety of education options following school and highlights the importance of GCSE subject choices and attainment as a gateway to success.

Why HE? Y9 – 11

Gatsby 7

This workshop explores the different Level 3 options available and links these choices to HE, while touching on the benefits of higher education.

Public Speaking: An Audience with a Magician Y9 – 11

Gatsby 7

This engaging and innovative workshop will enthuse your learners to cultivate their public speaking skills. A professional magician will share their insider tips and tricks on public speaking and building confidence and resilience, from the perspective of a performer.

Student Life Y9 – 13

Gatsby 7

Led by current higher education students, this workshop offers a realistic insight into student life. Topics include student finance, student support, academic study and extra curricular activities.

Content is tailored to the age group of learners.

Interview Skills Y9 – 13

Gatsby 7

This session provides learners with ‘top tips’ around preparing for college, university, apprenticeships and higher education interviews.

Content is tailored to the age group of learners.

Budgeting Skills Y9 – 13

Gatsby 7

This session will help learners understand more about university finance, day-to-day living costs and how to develop money management skills to support independent living.

Content is tailored to age group of learners.

The Alternative Route Y10 – 11

Gatsby 7

A new workshop that explores some of the emerging alternatives to A-levels leading to full-time university study. It takes a closer look at T-level provision in the region before exploring routes to a degree via an apprenticeship, distance-learning or college-based course.

Be College Ready Y11

Gatsby 7

An informative and interactive workshop which helps learners get the information they need so they are fully prepared for life after school. The friendly format eases any anxieties learners may have in making a successful transition to college.

*Exam Workshops 1-3 are designed to be delivered as a package for Year 11 learners. However they can be delivered as stand-alone events.

Exam Workshop 1*: Revision Skills Y11

Gatsby 7

This session is designed to help learners achieve their potential during the exam season, covering tips around creating an effective revision environment and revision hacks.

The content of this session can also be delivered to Y9/10 learners as a one-off session.

Exam Workshop 2*: Exam Success Y11

Gatsby 7

This informative workshop helps learners to approach exams in the best way possible. Learners take part in activities so they know how to fully prepare for exams. They will apply the growth and fixed mindset, understand how to manage time in exams, and design a revision timetable.

Exam Workshop 3*: Maintaining Motivation for Exams Y11

Gatsby 7

This motivational workshop helps learners stay positive in the lead-up to exams, empowering them to fulfil their potential. They will identify stresses that pull them down and practises that drive them forward; learning to use good stress as a driver to stimulate determination, and creating a motivation plan to take away.

HE Support for Specific Groups Y11 – 13

Gatsby 3 7

This presentation covers the extra support available to specific groups when considering and transitioning to higher education. This includes advice on accessing support and how it differs to school and college.

Content of this session can be tailored to disabled learners, young carers and care experienced learners.

Degree or Apprenticeship Y12 – 13

Gatsby 7

Increasingly, this is becoming a key decision for many post-16 learners. Higher and Degree Apprenticeships are 'fee free', but they remain very competitive to secure. This session helps learners look at the 'pros and cons' of apprenticeship pathways, and how to source opportunities and make a competitive application.

Preparing for HE Y12 – 13

Gatsby 7

This workshop provides an overview of all higher education routes available at age 18+. We introduce impartial sources of IAG and discuss what is needed to make a successful application.

SUBJECT AND INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES

Gatsby **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8**

We offer a range of Subject Masterclasses, Subject Tasters, Industry Insights and Curriculum Connections.

By focusing on the following areas, we're taking a strategic approach to addressing the skills gaps for Greater Manchester:

- The Green Economy
- Digital skills
- The creative industries
- Occupational skills gaps (including healthcare, teaching, engineering, accounting, finance and law)

Our subject and industry activities aim to provide learners with the knowledge to:

- Recognise the options available to them after school/college.
- Understand the subject and/or career pathways available to them.
- Feel more confident in making informed decisions about their future.

Subject Masterclasses and Industry Insights are typically delivered on-campus as a half or full-day activity.

Subject Tasters and Curriculum Connection talks are usually delivered in-school, and are 1-2 hours in length.

Curriculum Connection activities enhance existing national curriculum areas and prioritise subjects such as Maths, English Language and STEM.

For more information visit:
gmhigher.ac.uk/events

UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS Y9 – 13

Gatsby **3** **7**

We recognise that certain groups of learners need more personalised support to guide them in their journey to HE. We therefore have specific programmes and activities for pupils from under-represented groups such as care experienced learners, learners with disabilities, or those with caring responsibilities.

For more information visit:
gmhigher.ac.uk/under-represented

PARENT AND CARER ENGAGEMENT

Parents and carers can have a significant influence on their child's decision-making; yet we know it can be difficult to support them to make the right choices.

Our range of talks and presentations aim to empower parents and carers by providing them with the knowledge they need to guide their young person:

- Supporting Your Young Person and Their GCSE Choices (ideal for those supporting Y9 learners).
- Life after Year 11 (ideal for those supporting Y10/11 learners).
- Understanding and Preparing for Higher Education (ideal for those supporting Y12 learners).
- Get Set for Uni (ideal for those supporting Y13 learners).

For activities and resources visit:
gmhigher.ac.uk/parents-and-carers

ONLINE RESOURCES

We have a suite of virtual resources covering topics such as budgeting, apprenticeships, and preparing for higher education, in addition to tailored resources for those from under-represented groups.

For more information visit:
gmhigher.ac.uk/resources

CPD

We offer a range of CPD for teaching and support staff across Greater Manchester, ideal for twilight sessions or inset days:

- General presentations covering pathways to HE; student finance and the support available.
- Bespoke sessions on the support available for under-represented groups such as disabled learners, young carers and those with experience of care.
- A practical workshop on the use of new and engaging resources for Maths learning.

For more information visit:
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Enquiries and Eligibility

To enquire about our activities and find out what your school is eligible for, please contact the Hub Manager for your area.

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BRINGS TOGETHER UNIVERSITIES,
COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
ACROSS OUR REGION WITH THE
SHARED GOAL OF EMPOWERING
LEARNERS TO SUCCEED.**

Working in partnership enables us to offer an engaging and impartial programme of events and outreach activities, inspiring young people to explore routes into higher education, overcome educational barriers, and make informed choices about their future.

