

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

127,000

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.

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 Hub Manager.

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





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 to 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.

Capacity for campus visits ranges from small school groups to up to 90 learners.

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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 higher education options and student finance, a campus tour, and the opportunity to meet current students.

Stay Local, Go Further Y9 - 11

Gatsby 7

This campus visit introduces learners to studying higher education in a further education institution. The content is tailored to demonstrate the benefits of an alternative study experience, which may suit individual needs. It includes a workshop, 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.

Your Pathway to HE Y9 - 11

Gatsby 7

This session explores the variety of Level 3 options available and the different pathways that lead to higher education. It also touches on the benefits of higher education and the range of courses on offer.

Student Life Y9 – 11

Gatsby 7

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

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.

Managing Student Finance

Y9 – 13

Gatsby 7

This interactive workshop helps learners understand the financial aspects of college and university life, including student finance, living costs and loan repayments. Through discussions and practical activities, learners will build the money management skills for student life.

Content is tailored to the age group of learners.

The Alternative Route

Y10 – 13

Gatsby 7

This workshop is designed for learners who aren’t pursuing, or do not plan to pursue, A-level qualifications. It explores the diverse pathways available, focusing on T-levels and other alternatives to traditional undergraduate degrees such as degree apprenticeships, higher technical qualifications (HTQs), and higher education in further education (HE in FE) courses. The goal of this workshop is to help learners find the educational journey that best suits their aspirations and needs.

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.

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.

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.

HE is for Everyone: Student Life as a Disabled Person Y9 – 13

Gatsby 3 7

This bespoke workshop explores the support available to students with disabilities or mental health conditions, alongside the experiences of studying with a disability at college and university.

Future Career Pathways Y9 – 11

Gatsby 2 7

This interactive workshop helps learners use labour market information to make informed decisions about their future. Learners will explore growing industries in Greater Manchester, emerging opportunities and the qualifications linked to exciting careers.

The Transition to HE Y12 – 13

Gatsby 7

The session is designed to prepare learners for the transition to higher education and student life, including teaching and learning, the variety of support available to them, and useful tips for when they start university.

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.

Introduction to HE Y12 – 13

Gatsby 7

This workshop provides an overview of all higher education routes available at age 18+. We'll discuss the benefits of higher education, what to consider when choosing a course and university, and how 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 and Industry Insights.

Our subject and industry offer aims to strategically address the labour market needs of Greater Manchester. By concentrating on the region's leading sectors, we help to highlight the roles and specialised skills employers need both now and in the future. We have activities associated to the following key economies:

- Creative, culture & sport
- Construction & the Green Economy
- Health & social care
- Business, finance & professional services
- Engineering & manufacturing
- Education & Early Years
- Digital & Technology

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 are usually delivered in-school, and are 1-2 hours in length.

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

UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS Y9 – 13

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We recognise that certain groups of learners need more personalised support to guide them in their journey to higher education. We therefore have specific presentations, 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 aim to empower parents and carers by providing them with the knowledge they need to guide their young person when navigating higher education. We'll cover topics around:

- Pathways to higher education.
- Supporting GCSE choices.
- Options after Y11.
- Student finance and Disabled Students' Allowance.
- Supporting your child's higher education journey.
- Accessing support in higher education.

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 tailored CPD sessions for teaching and support staff across Greater Manchester on request. Topics include:

- Pathways into higher education.
- Student finance.
- Support services available in higher education.
- Supporting under-represented groups, including disabled learners, young carers and care-experienced young people.

Sessions can be adapted to meet the needs and priorities of individual schools and colleges.

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Enquiries and Eligibility

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

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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.





