

Year 10 Your Future – Your Choice!



- ➔ **Want to learn how a degree in politics or philosophy could open up doors into the 'Professions'?**
- ➔ **Want to find out more about becoming a doctor/ dentist/nurse/physio...?**

Then come to the Your Future – Your Choice residential at the University of Birmingham!

Health Sciences Stream

12–14 July 2015

15–17 July 2015

The Health Sciences Residential will be a busy and fun-packed three days offering a taste of the academic and social activities that will be open to you as a university student. You will take part in a series of sessions and receive support and advice on admission to university.

If you think you might like a career as a health professional, for example, as a doctor,

physiotherapist, pharmacist or dentist, then Birmingham is the place to come to find out more! You will attend lectures and seminars in health-related subjects such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and physiotherapy just like university students. There will also be talks on healthcare careers and advice about making a successful application to the course that interests you.



Routes to the Professions Stream

12–14 July 2015

What is politics or international relations? What is it like to actually study Law at university level? What do philosophers get up to every day? And what exactly IS sociology? At the 'Routes to the Professions' residential, you may well get to find out the answers to all of these questions – and more!

During your three days with us, you will participate in fun, informative and interactive lectures or seminars led by our academics within the field of 'humanities' (eg, subjects like law, languages or philosophy) and 'social sciences' (eg, subjects like politics or sociology). Studying subjects such as these could lead you into careers in finance, the media, the civil service, management or business. How? Come along and find out!

'It was very informative, fun and I learned a lot about myself.'

Year 10 student



Fun-filled three days!

'I've had such an amazing time here and I can't wait to apply for uni in the future, the past few days have been some of the best days of this year and I've made some new friends that I hope to stay in contact with.'

Year 10 student

Of course, university life isn't just about studying – there will be a fun-filled social programme for the evenings too!

While you are with us, you will be looked after by our student ambassadors, who are all current students here at Birmingham. They will be on hand to guide you around campus, make sure you settle in and, most importantly, answer any questions you may have on life at university.

Through coming on the Your Future – Your Choice Summer Residential, you will gain an insight into student life, independent learning and will have your questions answered about all things 'university' – you may even decide on a subject you'd like to study!

Summer residentials offer a fantastic opportunity for you to gain in confidence, independence and to make new friends. We also hope the experience will inspire you to consider higher education, and specifically these subject areas, in the future.



Frequently asked questions

Who is this for?

If you are thinking you would like to go to university in the future, but need some extra help to develop your skills, build your confidence, improve your grades and make the right choice, then this residential is for you!

What should I wear?

Casual clothes are fine – you may want to bring something smarter for the evening activities.

What will I eat?

All meals (and snacks!) are catered for; please let us know of any dietary requirements you have. However, we are not able to accommodate participants who would normally observe the fast during Ramadan – please see the important information on the next page.

'Everything I did here has pushed me closer to my dreams of attending uni!'

Year 10 student

Where will I stay?

You will be staying in a flat with up to four other people, in your own bedroom with an en suite bathroom!

How will I get there?

We ask that you make your own way to the University. Some of our current students will be on hand to meet you at the railway station or at the designated drop-off point.

Can I be in a group with my friends?

One of the great things about a residential event is how many friends you will make! You will have plenty of opportunity to catch up with friends from school during the evenings, but do not expect to be in the same group for the sessions.



Important information

Ramadan 2015

We are aware that Your Future – Your Choice is taking place during the Holy Month. Participants on the residential will be able to use their bedrooms for morning and evening prayers and have access to the prayer room on campus during the lunch break. Our event will involve three busy days of physical, academic and social activity when the weather may be hot and our first priority is to make sure you are healthy and safe. We will expect any participant who would normally be fasting to not fast during the residential and make penance with extra fast days later.

Residential

This is a residential programme, and all participants will be expected to stay overnight in the University halls of residence.

Marketing

During events, photographs and/or video footage of the participants may be taken, to give them a reminder of their experience. We may use images, with no names attached, to encourage other young people to take part in future events. If you do not want your image to be used your parent/guardian/carer can tell us on the application form.



Frequently Asked Questions – parents/guardians/carers

Why do you need to know about my education and work background?

The University of Birmingham is paying for students to attend the Summer Residential so that young people from certain backgrounds can find out more about higher education. People from families where no one has been to university are much less likely to progress into higher education and the professions. We need to find out about your education and background so we can make sure we offer places to young people who need extra opportunities to decide if university is right for them.

Who will be supervising the participants?

Participants will be supervised at all times by responsible adults who have been police checked. Sessions are run by University staff who are experienced tutors with relevant qualifications. There will also be trained student ambassadors with the groups at all times, who have also been police checked.

How will you protect our personal data?

The data on your application form will need to be shared with Aimhigher universities so that we can administer the events, and with the Department for Education (DfE) and the University and Colleges Application Service (UCAS) so we can see if young people attending the Summer Residential apply to university. If you do not consent to this we will not be able to offer the participant a place. Any information we publish will not make reference to you or the participant individually.

Under the Data Protection Act 1998 you have the right to a copy of the data we hold on you, for a small fee. If you have any concerns or would like a copy of the data you have supplied, please contact Aimhigher on 0121 414 2510.

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