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Introducing Pathways to Birmingham...a new and exciting scheme to support Year 12 and 13 students in their progression to university and beyond.

Each Pathways to Birmingham programme has a distinctive offering but they all provide students with an insight into university study and graduate employability, support with the university application process and enable successful transition to higher education.

Upon successfully completing a Pathways to Birmingham programme, students will be eligible for an alternative offer (up to two grades below the standard offer) and the scholarship and bursary.

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ROUTES TO THE PROFESSIONS

What is Routes to the Professions?

The Routes to Professions programme offers a unique opportunity for Year 12 students to gain a real insight into university study. It focuses on specific vocational courses and provides students with tailored support through the university application process.

How will Routes to the Professions help you?

Students join the programme in Year 12 and receive a range of support through to Year 13.

The support includes:

- Interview preparation
- Work placements
- Mentoring from current students
- The opportunity to shadow a student for a day

Who should apply?

Students who are looking for a career in:

- Accounting and Finance
- Engineering
- Law
- Dentistry
- Medicine

Student applying to Routes to the Professions must be predicted to meet the academic criteria for each route.

For more information, visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/routes or contact us on r2p@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Applications for Routes to the Professions are accepted from 1 October to 30 November 2018.

“WITHOUT ROUTES TO THE PROFESSIONS I WOULDN'T HAVE GOT INTO UNIVERSITY TO STUDY MEDICINE. THE SUPPORT FROM MY MENTORS AND THE EVENTS THE PROGRAMME PROVIDED PREPARED ME FOR EVERYTHING FROM INTERVIEWS TO PERSONAL STATEMENTS.”

YEAR 12

INSPIRED@ BIRMINGHAM

What is Inspired@Birmingham?

Inspired@Birmingham supports students with the decision making process during Year 12 – whether this is choosing a university course or looking at long-term career pathways.

How will Inspired@Birmingham help you?

The programme will inspire and motivate students as they learn from supportive student mentors, successful graduates and outstanding academics. Throughout their Inspired@Birmingham journey, students will receive support through:

- Subject insight sessions
- Talks from recent graduates about their career journey
- Academic skills sessions
- Careers sessions
- Personal statement and application workshops

Who should apply?

Students either looking to study non-vocational courses at university or who are still unsure which courses to apply for.

For more information, visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/inspired or contact us on inspired@contacts.bham.ac.uk

Applications for Inspired@Birmingham are accepted from 1 October to 30 November 2018.

**BIRMINGHAM IS THE
2ND MOST TARGETED
UNIVERSITY BY TOP
EMPLOYERS IN 2017-18**
(THE GRADUATE MARKET IN 2018,
WWW.HIGHFLIERS.CO.UK)

YEAR 12



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

What is Academic Enrichment Programme?

The Academic Enrichment Programme is an immersive five day residential that gives students an insight into the full university experience, including taster lectures from a range of academic subjects, living in accommodation and new social experiences.

How will the Academic Enrichment Programme help you?

Students will benefit from the following:

- First-hand experience of academic learning at a research-led institution
- Support with raising students' academic grades through two study skills sessions in Year 13
- Experience of living in university accommodation and socialising with like-minded students
- Support from current undergraduates via e-mentoring
- Support with their decision making process
- An invitation to attend a celebration event that recognises the hard work of all the participants on the programme

Who should apply?

Students who want first-hand experience of studying and living at university and live within the Greater West Midlands. Students must be available to attend the residential on 26–30 August 2019.

For more information, visit
www.birmingham.ac.uk/aep or
contact us on **aep@contacts.bham.ac.uk**

Register your interest from 1 October 2018. Applications are accepted from January 2019.

“THE BEST PART
OF MY WHOLE
SUMMER!”

YEAR 12



NATIONAL ACCESS SUMMER SCHOOL

**This program is only for students who live outside the Greater West Midlands.*

What is the National Access Summer School?

The National Access Summer School is a five day residential, designed to introduce Year 12 students, from across England, to university life and higher education.

How will the National Access Summer School help you?

Students who attend the National Access Summer School will benefit from:

- Taster lectures from a range of academic disciplines
- First-hand experience of living in university accommodation and socialising with like-minded students
- Impartial advice and guidance regarding their higher education decision making
- Support with their university applications
- Support from current undergraduates via e-mentoring in Year 13

Who should apply?

Students who want first-hand experience of studying and living at university and live outside the Greater West Midlands.

Students must be available to attend the residential on 19–23 August 2019.

For more information, visit **www.birmingham.ac.uk/nass** or contact us on **nass@contacts.bham.ac.uk**

Register your interest from 1 October 2018. Applications are accepted from January 2019.

YEAR 12

ACCESS TO BIRMINGHAM

‘WITHOUT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE A2B PROGRAMME I WOULD NEVER HAVE APPLIED TO BIRMINGHAM.’

What is Access to Birmingham?

The A2B programme supports applicants to University of Birmingham, who have little or no experience of higher education, discover what studying at university involves.

For more information, visit
www.birmingham.ac.uk/a2b or
contact us on a2b@contacts.bham.ac.uk

How will Access to Birmingham help you?

As well as the alternative offer, students will also benefit from:

- An online study support module to help with academic writing
- An opportunity to experience the reality of university academia through an assignment specific to the course applied for, set and marked by university tutors
- Practice interviews for particular courses where relevant
- The opportunity for students to make new friends before they start at a special induction event.

Applications are accepted from 15 September to 15 January. Application forms are available to download off the website at www.birmingham.ac.uk/a2b

Who should apply?

Students who are in Year 13 and have applied, via UCAS, for a place at the University of Birmingham. Applications for Access to Birmingham should be completed in the same week as the UCAS application.

YEAR 13



IT'S UP TO YOU!

Our five Pathways to Birmingham programmes are all unique in their individual offerings. That said, every programme is designed to inspire, motivate and ensure students are prepared for the academic aspects of university life.

We encourage students to pick the most suitable programme for them, considering their chosen career path and motivations. The diagram should help you to decide the programme most suitable to you. If you are still unsure, you could speak to someone at your school/college.



PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM

	Routes to the Professions	Inspired@ Birmingham	Academic Enrichment Programme	National Access Summer School	Access to Birmingham
Year 12	■	■	■	■	
Year 13					■
Vocational subjects	■		■	■	■
Non-vocational subjects		■	■	■	■
Summer school			■	■	
Activity days	■	■			
Subject tasters		■	■	■	
Careers pathways	■	■			
Work experience	■				
Mentoring	■		■	■	
Skills4Uni	■	■	■	■	■
Reflective Assignment	■	■	■	■	
Academic Assignment					■
Alternative Offer upon completion	■	■	■	■	■
Eligible for bursary and scholarship	■	■	■	■	■

For more information visit, www.birmingham.ac.uk/ptb

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



To be eligible for a Pathways to Birmingham programme, students must:

- Currently attend a Pathways to Birmingham partner school and have attended a non-selective state school while completing their GCSEs

And meet at least two of the following:

- Live in a low progression area
- Be in the first generation of their immediate family to attend higher education
- Have a household income that is below the national average (below £42,875)
- Have experienced significant extenuating circumstances that has had (or is having) a detrimental impact on academic attainment
- Have a disability and be in receipt of a personal independence payment
- Be a young carer
- Be estranged from parents or guardians
- Had experience of public care

To view our full eligibility and selection criteria, visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/ptbcriteria

THE ALTERNATIVE OFFER

The alternative offer is up to two grades below the standard offer published in the University prospectus.

To be eligible for an alternative offer students must fully engage in a Pathways to Birmingham programme and successfully complete Skills4Uni and the academic or reflective assignment.

Performance on a Pathways to Birmingham programme will not affect eligibility for a standard offer. Please note that students are not guaranteed to receive an offer.

For more information please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/ptbcriteria

PATHWAYS TO BIRMINGHAM SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY

Successful engagement and completion of a Pathways to Birmingham programme can result in students receiving financial support, via the Pathways to Birmingham Scholarship and Bursary.

If students successfully complete a Pathways to Birmingham programme, achieve at least 75% in the Skills4Uni module and obtain the exam results required for their standard offer (rather than the alternative Pathways to Birmingham offer), they will be eligible for a Pathways to Birmingham Scholarship worth £1,500 for each successful year of study at the University.

If students successfully complete a Pathways to Birmingham programme module and achieve the exam results needed for their alternative offer they will be eligible for the Pathways to Birmingham Bursary worth £1,000. This is awarded in the first year of study only. It is possible to be awarded both the Pathways to Birmingham Scholarship and Bursary in addition to any other bursary or scholarship.





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