



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

YEAR 10

YOUR FUTURE –
YOUR CHOICE!

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL 2018



Want to explore your options for the future?
Join the Routes to My Future Summer School!

Want to find out more about becoming a doctor,
nurse, dentist, pharmacist or physiotherapist?
Join the Health Sciences Summer School!

OPTION ONE, 15–17 OR 18–20 JULY

HEALTH SCIENCES STREAM

Thinking of a career as a health professional? If you think you might like to become a doctor, nurse, physiotherapist, pharmacist or dentist, then this summer school is the place to come and find out more! The Health Sciences Residential will be a busy and fun-packed three days offering a taste of academic and social activities that will be open to you as a university student. You will take part in a series of sessions and find out a lot more about the health sciences professions. You will attend lectures and seminars in health-related subjects. There will also be advice on making a successful application to the course that interests you.



THE SUMMER SCHOOL TIMELINE

DAY ONE

You arrive at The Vale Halls of Residence, where you will be welcomed by our fantastic Student Ambassadors who will show you to your room, so you can drop off your bags. This is where you'll begin your exciting three-day, two night Summer School experience at the University of Birmingham.

The Residential Coordinators, Ester and Alice introduce themselves, along with all the Student Ambassadors.

You'll take part in some fun games and teambuilding activities to get to know the other Year 10 students and make some new mates!

We'll all go out for a meal later in the evening, before we have a huge multi-themed quiz and other exciting games, run by our Student Ambassadors! After all the evening entertainment you will head back to your room, to get plenty of sleep for the next day of workshops and other fun-filled activities.

DAY TWO

In the morning, after breakfast, you'll head to the central campus with our Student Ambassadors. There's plenty of choice at breakfast, so make sure you take advantage of the free food, as you'll need lots of energy for the day ahead.

You will then get into your streams for the workshops. This will either be Health stream or the Routes stream. You will have about four or five academic work shops throughout the day, on a variety of different subjects.

'THE MOST AWESOME PARTY'



University life isn't just about studying – there will be a fun-filled social programme for the evenings too! You will be looked after by our Student Ambassadors, who are all current students at the University of Birmingham. They will be on hand to guide you around campus, making sure that you're all settled in and most importantly, ensure you get the most out of this event and answer all your questions on university life.

By coming to the Your Future–Your Choice Summer Residential, you will gain insight into student life, independent learning and have all your questions answered about all things university. You may even discover what you want to study in the future! This opportunity is a chance to gain confidence, independence and make new friends, just like you would if you went to university! We hope this experience will inspire you to consider University as an option in your future.

OPTION TWO, 15–17 JULY

ROUTES TO MY FUTURE STREAM

Considering university, but not sure what you want to study? The Routes to My Future stream will explore a range of subjects for those who are still undecided on which career path to take. The Routes stream will cover subjects such as Business, Law, Engineering, Languages, Social Policy, Biological Sciences and many more!

A degree can open up many doors into a range of fantastic careers and well-paid professions. Studying at university could lead you into careers in finance, the civil service, the public sector, management and business. During your three days with us, you will participate in fun, informative and interactive workshops in a range of subjects the University has to offer!



DAY THREE

During the day we will all get lunch on campus, to make sure you're fully fuelled and ready to find out about some of the different university subjects on offer.

After all the academic sessions we head back to The Vale where you can chill out with friends or play a competitive game of dodgeball with the Student Ambassadors. After dodgeball, you will meet the rest of the group and get ready for the evening's BBQ and disco, where you can party the evening away!

We're up bright and early for breakfast before starting your workshops. You'll get back into your stream (Health or Routes) for another opportunity to explore some subjects that you may not have tried before. We have lunch again at midday.

You will get a Student Life talk from our Student Ambassadors, who will talk to you about what it's really like to be a uni student!

We all come together one last time to look back at the awesome experience including all the great memories and friends we've made. We may even have a couple more surprises for you! We then take you back to The Vale Halls of Residence where we say 'goodbye' and you return home.



Hi, I'm Matt and I attended the Year 10 Summer School 'Your Future-Your Choice' back in 2010. I'm now a student at the University studying Chemical and Energy Engineering.

I never had any intention of going to uni. I wanted to do an apprenticeship like most of my school mates and earn money straight away. No one in my immediate family had gone to university, so I had no one pushing me to go. Most of my mates weren't going to Summer School, but I decided to give it a go and find out about it myself. We stayed in Halls and it was the first time I was away from home – the best thing was we got our own bathroom! During the day I learnt about different subjects you can do at uni and in the evenings we went

out for a meal, had an amazing quiz night, but best of all was BBQ and party!

It opened my mind to another level I thought I wasn't capable of reaching, and from those short three days I spent on the Summer School, I knew that university was for me! It inspired me to work hard at school and after doing some research, I found out about Chemical and Energy Engineering. It was a lot of hard work to get my grades, but I was determined and now it's totally worth it. I'm currently studying at the University of Birmingham! I'm now in my fourth and final year, and applying for graduate jobs as a Chemical Engineer – with a starting salary of around £30,000!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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.

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.

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.

How can I find out more about the Summer School?

You can discover more about the event and download additional application forms at www.birmingham.ac.uk/y10summerschool



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Residential

This is a residential programme, and all participants will be expected to stay overnight in the University halls of residence. There is NO opportunity to attend as a day student. Each student will have their own en-suite bedroom within a single-sex flat.

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.



PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND ON THE DATES YOU ARE APPLYING FOR.



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