



CHAMPIONING

our region

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**YOUR TIME.
YOUR PLACE.**

“As a University, we want to do more to raise aspirations by removing barriers and obstacles to higher education, especially for those who live in our region.”



REGIONAL ACCESS

policy to HE

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SUPPORTING OUR REGION

- A civic university that is passionate about supporting our city.
- Committed to raising students' expectations and removing barriers to HE.
- Keen to strengthen progression to HE in our region and retain the talent the region needs.

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SUPPORTING OUR REGION

- Investing in skills and opportunities for our local economy, e.g. Medical School, degree apprenticeships.
- Engaging our community with Higher Education, e.g. literacy hubs, stargazing event.
- Retaining talent in our region, e.g. 20% alumni discount for PG courses



SUPPORTING THE RIGHT STUDENTS

- We carefully consider students' circumstances when they apply
- We provide contextual offers to students who are from backgrounds where progression to HE is low, identified using established widening participation data.
- Students will receive an adjusted offer, which will be lower than the typical course offer.
- In addition to this, we also provide adjusted offers to students who live in our region, to better support progression to HE across our region.



OUR CREATIVE COURSES

- For our creative courses, we want applicants to demonstrate talent and passion for their subject.
- We look beyond grades and assess students on their potential and the quality of their work through creative portfolios and interviews.
- Students that demonstrate passion, creative talent and the potential to success at HE are likely to receive an unconditional place (subject to meeting GCSE requirements).



CONNECTED DEGREES

- Committed to improving employability across our region.
- We're the only UK University offering a 3 year course with a 4th year placement.
- Students can choose when they take their placement:
 - Support transition to graduate employment
 - Allow more time to explore placement options
 - Stay with their friends throughout their study.
- Offer a self employed placement for budding entrepreneurs





THE UP FOR UNI PROGRAMME

Our partner school outreach programme

Sustained, progressive series of activities – years 7-11

Multiple touch-points with pupils

Activity for each decision making milestone

On campus, in school and online

Baseline surveys, evaluation & focus groups

Track changes in knowledge and attitudes to HE

Targeted schools in area of deprivation where the HE progression rate is the lowest.



WIDER OUTREACH FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- HE workshops and talks
- Digital resources for the classroom
- Online school leavers hub for year 11 students
- Subject specific discover HE days on campus
- University representation at career/HE days
- HE boxes for primary schools



SUPPORTING UNDERREPRESENTING GROUPS

- **Service children** - we lead the Southern Hub for the Service Child Progression Alliance
- **Underachieving boys** - community of practice for school leaders
- **Care experienced and estranged students** - as part of our care leaver covenant.
- **Refugees, forced migrants and asylum seekers** - collaborative programmes with the LA and local HEI's.



POST 16 SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

- HE talks, workshops and webinars
- Representation at career/HE fairs
- On campus HE visit days
- School/college groups at Open Days
- Subject specific talks, webinars and taster days on campus
- Personal statement checking service

UK University and Apprenticeship Search Event at UoP on Wednesday 19th June



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PARENTS & TEACHERS

- Supportive emails and webinars for parents
- CPD Hub for teachers and advisers
- HE annual conference for HE leads
- HE webinars for HE leads
- Subject tutor visit days



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