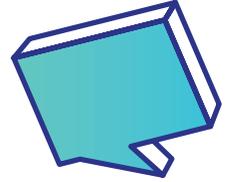




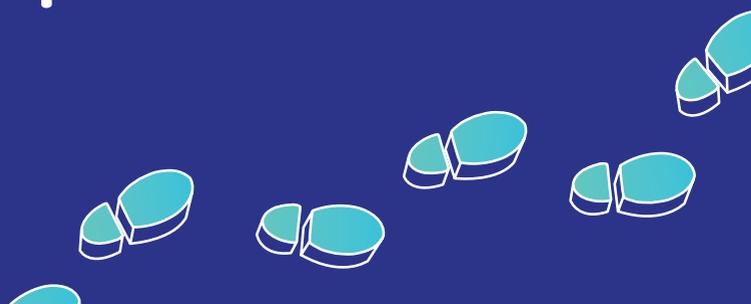
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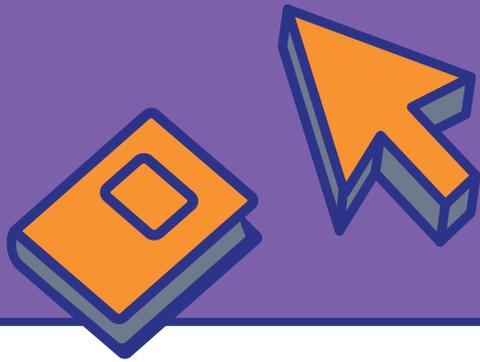


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Go Higher West Yorkshire NCOP
Participant Guidance





Welcome to the Go Higher West Yorkshire National Collaborative Outreach Programme.

We hope you enjoy your journey with us.



What is the programme?

- > NCOP stands for the National Collaborative Outreach Programme and is run by an organisation called Go Higher West Yorkshire.
- > Go Higher West Yorkshire is a partnership of 12 universities and colleges in West Yorkshire.
- > The programme is designed to help you reach your full potential and find out more about what universities and colleges can offer you.

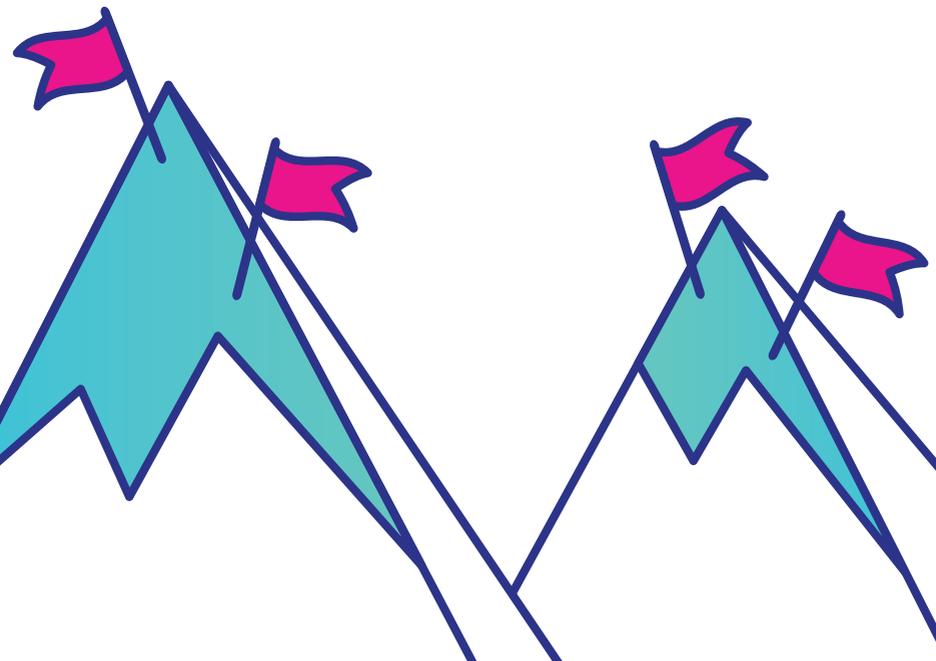


What is Higher Education?

Higher Education (HE) is study that follows further education. The table below shows the different levels of education, the kinds of qualifications that you can gain at each level and the places where you can study for them.

Level 2	Secondary Education (e.g. GCSEs)	You may study at a school or academy
Level 3	Further Education (e.g. A Levels and BTECs)	You may study at a school, sixth form college, or further education college
Level 4-6	Higher Education (e.g. HNDs or degrees, such as BA or BSc)	You may study at university, or further education college

Higher Education doesn't always mean going to university – you can also study at a college or through a degree apprenticeship. Higher Education is a fantastic opportunity for personal and career development. You can choose from a wide range of subjects and study options, and gain widely-recognised qualifications that can propel you into your dream career.



What will NCOP involve?

NCOP is a programme of varied and interesting activities, events and support, such as mentoring, summer schools, university and college open days, careers information, work experience projects, and much more. The programme is offered by different organisations including universities and colleges in West Yorkshire. It can help you in lots of different ways including:

- Finding out about the benefits of studying Higher Education at university or college and all the courses on offer.
- Helping you develop the skills and confidence you need to go to university or college.
- Finding out about the wide variety of careers that Higher Education can lead to.
- Helping you achieve the grades you need to study a Higher Education qualification.



Our activities....

We offer a range of activities both inside and outside of school or college. The activities you are invited to take part in will depend on your Year Group, and which school or college you attend. This is because we work with your school or college to make sure we offer you the kinds of activities that will benefit you the most.

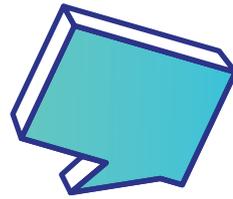
Some of the activities you are invited to take part in are provided directly by us - Go Higher

West Yorkshire and our Higher Education partners (the universities and colleges on the back of this booklet). However, we also work with other selected supplier organisations who provide activities to support you on your educational journey, and help you make the right choices for you after school or college.

You can read more about the kinds of activities we offer below.



Go Higher West Yorkshire special projects



Castleford Housing Project

This is an exciting project delivered by Go Higher West Yorkshire and the housebuilding company Keepmoat Homes. The students complete a series of tasks relating to the housebuilding industry including choosing a company name, working out the costings of a housing development, and designing a room in the show home. The students also visit a 'live' working construction site



Progression Module Plus

Progression Module Plus is a programme of activities, which provide the opportunity for Year 12 students to explore the education and employment options open to them after they leave school or college. It provides help to research courses and careers, and with making applications. Students who successfully complete the module are awarded 12 UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) points, which can be used for entry into 11 of our 12 Higher Education partners listed on the back of this booklet.



where new houses are being built. They enjoy looking around the show home for ideas to incorporate into their show home designs back at school. The project ends with a presentation evening at the University Centre in Wakefield College where students present their project ideas to their families. This project is great opportunity for students learn more about careers and university/college opportunities in the construction industry, and to get first-hand experience of the work employers like Keepmoat Homes have to do every day.



Go Higher West Yorkshire Collaborative Summer School

The residential summer school brings together Year 10 learners from schools and colleges across West Yorkshire for a three day experience that provides them with the information they need to make the right choices for them after school or college. Participants stay in university halls of residence and take part in activities across and range of different college and university campuses. From exploring courses and institutions at our UCAS Fair, trying out exciting new subjects in our taster workshops, to a big night out at Red Hot Buffet and the Hollywood Bowl they get a real taste of student life.





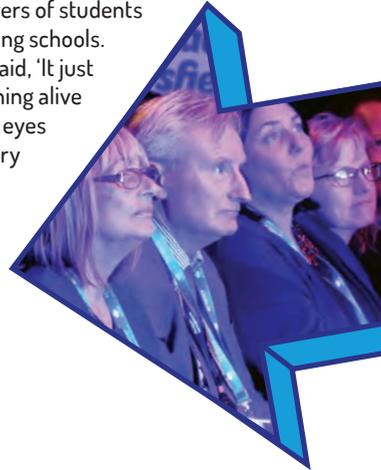
Working with parents and carers

As well as working with young people, we also work with parents and carers to provide information about your options for work and study after you leave school or college. We have developed an information booklet aimed directly at parent and carers, which is on our website: www.gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk/parentsandcarers/

We also invite parents and carers to take part in activities and to attend many of our events. For example, Access All Areas was an inspiring evening hosted at Production Park in South Kirkby, which showcased

courses and careers in the live entertainment industry. The event attracted an audience of over two hundred, including the parents and carers of students from participating schools.

As one parent said, 'It just brought something alive and opened my eyes completely. Every child and every parent must have been awoken in there'.



Our resources

As well as offering activities, we have developed a range of resources to provide you with the information, advice and guidance you need to make an informed choice about your future. Many of these resources can be accessed via our website: www.gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk. You can also read blogs and case studies about more of our activities on the website, and watch informative videos such as our Focus on Finance films, where real life students talk about how they manage life on a student budget and offer some top tips.

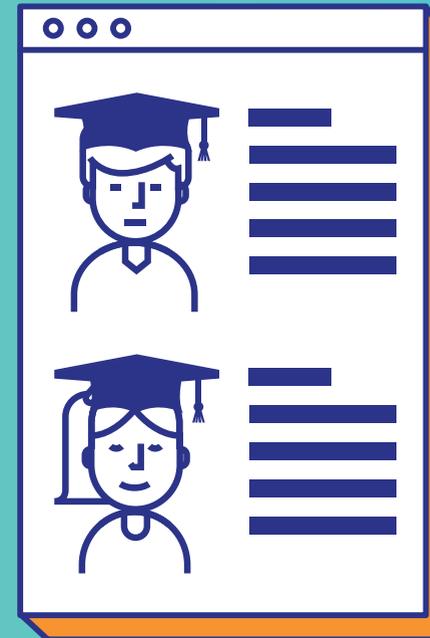
This includes information about Higher Level and Degree Apprenticeships because these are growing across West Yorkshire – and nationally – and represent an alternative pathway combining learning, training and work. We have produced a Higher Level and

Degree Apprenticeship multi-media resource – HeadStart: <http://ghwyheadstart.co.uk> Presented by real Apprentices and their Employers, HeadStart is focussed on informing young people and their teachers, parents and carers all about these newer additions to the Apprenticeship range.



Our suppliers

We work with selected partner organisations who are specialists in delivering whole range of activities aimed at supporting young people to make the right choices for them and to achieve their future goals. They offer careers information and guidance, advice about Higher Education, work experience projects, enterprise challenges, tutoring, mentoring, help with decision-making, confidence-building and aspiration-raising.



Data collection and evaluation

As part of this programme, we would like to find out whether you progress onto university or higher level study at college, and if so, which university/college and course you choose. We would also like to find out if you carry on studying or get a job after school, college or university. We would like to use your personal data to track your progression into Further or Higher Education using a national database called the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT). We want to use your data to evaluate the programme to see if the work we are doing is making a difference.

The Go Higher West Yorkshire Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) evaluation information sheet attached to this booklet provides more details about how we will securely store your personal data, how we will use it, and your rights (including your right to withdraw consent at any time). Please read this information carefully to make sure you understand it, before signing the form.

The evaluation agreement asks for your permission (and that of your parent/carer) to use your data in this way.

And finally...

make the most of these opportunities and have fun!



How do I get involved?

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Read and understand this booklet.



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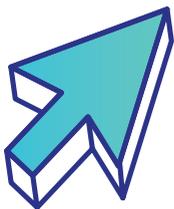
Ask your Higher Education Progression Officer, or other representative at your school, college, or academy to answer any questions you have. It is important you understand what you may do with us and how we will evaluate our work with you.



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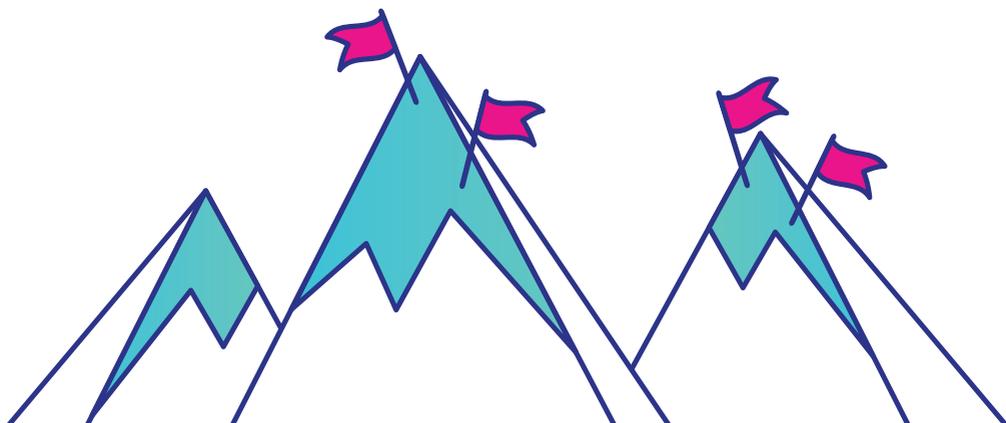
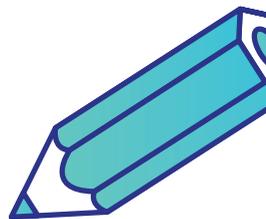
You and your parent/carer will need to read and sign the Evaluation Agreement attached. This gives permission for us to evaluate your participation in Go Higher West Yorkshire and NCOP activities. **You do not have to take part in the evaluation to be part of NCOP, but it will help us to know if the activities you take part in help you.**





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