I am delighted to introduce the activities that UCL has on offer for schools and colleges in 2014/15. The activities outlined in this guide are part of UCL's commitment to widening participation in higher education. UCL has been running outreach initiatives with local schools and colleges for over 30 years. Through these initiatives we aim to help students discover more about the opportunities available to them and encourage them to consider ways to fulfil their potential and reach their goals.

We hope this guide offers schools and colleges an exciting and comprehensive programme of activities. Our aim is to harness the knowledge and expertise established at UCL in order to provide a top-quality service for under-represented groups in university education. We hope to broaden and inspire minds as well as to foster a genuine interest in university life and study.

We are passionate that all students with the potential to achieve in higher education should be given the best and most appropriate help and advice to accomplish this. This booklet provides an overview of UCL's outreach activities for 2014/15. If you would like to participate in these activities please contact the project manager responsible.

We look forward to working with you and your students.

Katy Redfern
Head of Access

Further information is available at www.ucl.ac.uk/wp
Based near Euston in the Bloomsbury area of London, UCL is one of the world’s leading universities. Just 190 years ago, the benefits of a university education in England were restricted to men who were members of the Church of England; UCL was founded in 1826 to challenge that discrimination. UCL was the first university to be established in England after Oxford and Cambridge, providing a progressive alternative to those institutions’ social exclusivity, religious restrictions and academic constraints.

Today, UCL still holds equality of opportunity at its core and is London’s leading multidisciplinary university, with 8,000 staff and 28,000 students. Over 150 nationalities are represented among UCL students with overseas students making up nearly a third of the student body. Focused on the translation of research into solutions to the world’s major problems, UCL works across the disciplines and with partners all over the world. Current activities include leading the search for an HIV vaccine and developing the clinical use of stem cells in heart disease, blindness and spinal cord repair.
Child Protection

UCL is committed to safeguarding children and young people involved in UCL activities. As part of this commitment, UCL wishes to ensure that everyone who takes part in activities, as staff or participants, understands the boundaries of appropriate behaviour.

As such, child protection is part of the training programme for UCL students who work with children and young people. This training is reviewed on a regular basis and all UCL staff and students are given a copy of UCL’s child protection policy and procedures before they start work. UCL staff and students who work with children and young people undergo the appropriate level of Disclosure and Barring Service checks before they begin.

UCL staff and students who work with children and young people on our long-term engagement projects undergo the appropriate level of Disclosure and Barring Service checks before they begin.

All activities that are held at UCL undergo a risk assessment before they take place. We are able to provide schools and colleges with a copy of the risk assessment for their visit, if they’re requested. Copies of UCL’s child protection policy are also available.

Looked after children (LAC)

UCL recognises that when applying and entering higher education children in care can face particular difficulties that their peers are less likely to experience.

As such, in 2009 UCL was awarded the Buttle UK Quality Mark. The Quality Mark was set up to recognise higher education institutions which demonstrate best practice in the provision of support to students who have been in care. We encourage virtual heads and teachers, LAC care teams and charitable organisations to contact us if they have a group of students who they think would benefit from participating in any of our activities.

Also, please contact us if you’d like to arrange a visit for a group of young people in care and/or care leavers or alternatively would like a member of staff come and speak to your young people about studying at UCL or on a higher education topic.
UCL preferred A level subjects

UCL accepts a wide range of A level subjects for undergraduate study as well as many other qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate and BTEC. Students applying with A levels are required to offer three full A levels and an AS level in a fourth subject. Of the three A levels we normally require a minimum of two A levels from our published list of preferred A levels. Details can be found online at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-requirements](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-requirements)

Costs

All activities in this booklet are free of charge for UK non-selective state schools and students who meet our academic and demographic selection criteria. UCL’s Widening Participation activities are funded by the Office for Fair Access. We receive additional generous support from the following donors:

Sutton Trust, Peter Cruddas Foundation, Wolfson Foundation, Lloyds Scholars

**UCL Term Dates 2014/15**

**Autumn term**
Monday 22 September – Friday 12 December 2014

**Spring term**
Monday 12 January – Friday 27 March 2015

**Summer term**
Monday 27 April – Friday 12 June 2015
Visits to UCL

We offer half-day visits to UCL for groups of 25 – 35 students. Visits are designed to give students a greater insight into undergraduate study at UCL.

Visits include:

- Welcome presentation
- Workshop covering a higher education related topic such as ‘How to write a personal statement’ or an interactive academic lecture meeting UCL student ambassadors

Tour of UCL

Our visits are funded by UCL’s Access Agreement and Widening Participation funds. They are aimed at gifted and talented students from under-represented backgrounds. Visits are open to all state schools but priority will be given to the state schools who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- non selective
- students attending the visit meet UCL’s academic requirements and demographic criteria.

Sample timetable for visits to UCL

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We also offer a shorter visit to UCL for larger groups, and can accommodate up to 50 students for these visits. Visits for post-16 groups take place throughout the school year depending on availability and take place in either morning or afternoon sessions.
Talks and activities at your school or college (Year 12)

We can speak to students at your school or college about studying at UCL and a number of higher education topics, including guiding them through the application process and academic skills that are needed for university study and learning. We can offer presentations and activities on the following themes for Year 12 students:

- **introduction to UCL** – a presentation about UCL including information about our degree programmes, facilities and student life

- **applying to university** – providing guidance and advice on the UCAS process, particularly personal statement writing. This session will mainly focus on applying to UCL

- **student life** – student ambassadors are available to visit your college to talk about their student experience at UCL

- **choosing your degree** – what to consider when deciding on what degree programme to study at university

- **critical and analytical thinking**

- **organising your study** (time management, study skills, academic writing).
Year 12 Events and Activities

It is hoped by participating in our activities students will

• be stretched beyond their A level studies
• gain a breadth and depth of knowledge in their subject level
• have a greater awareness of how to make a successful application
• have an awareness of the skills required to study successfully at degree level.

Our post 16 activities are delivered by UCL academic staff and PhD students. Due to the rigorous academic nature of our activities we ask that students meet the following academic criteria when applying for an activity:

• have achieved at least five A/A*s at GCSE are likely to achieve a minimum of ABB at A level or at least 34 points at IB (please note that for subject specific activity students must be on track to meet the degree programme’s minimum entry requirements)
• are taking at least two subjects from UCL’s list of preferred A levels (please see page 3).

Our post-16 activities are funded by UCL’s Access Agreement and Widening Participation funds and are aimed at gifted and talented students from under-represented backgrounds who might not otherwise apply to UCL. Students must be attending a state school and priority will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

• will be the first generation in their family to attend university
• come from neighbourhoods with low overall progression rates to higher education
• in local authority care
• parents from non-professional occupations
• have been eligible for free meals.

Careers in the City’ Autumn School sponsored by Lloyds Bank

UCL offers a three day Autumn School for Year 12 students interested in pursuing a career in the financial sector. The Autumn School is a non-residential programme. It will provide participants with the opportunity to attend a number of careers workshops showcasing alternative routes into finance, develop their study skills by undertaking a mini research project, and find out what studying at UCL is really like by participating in a number of academic sessions.

The Autumn School will show students that graduates from arts, humanities and social and historical sciences degrees can have a career in the financial sector and we would encourage students who are planning to study these subjects at university to apply.

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Extended Project Qualification Workshops

UCL offers support to students completing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) during Year 12 or 13. We offer a two-hour introductory EPQ workshop for students at the start of their projects, and a more advanced development workshop for students who have made a substantial start on their project and need more detailed guidance to refine their work. The majority of our EPQ workshops will run during June 2015, but we may be able to provide workshops at other dates during the academic year.

Gateways Year 12 Conference

UCL will host a series of one-day interdisciplinary themed conferences during the Summer term for Year 12 students at UCL. Students are able to attend lectures and seminars given by leading UCL academics and PhD students from a number of our departments. In addition, there will be sessions on applying to competitive universities such as UCL. Previous conferences covered themes such as language and culture and global health.

Pathways to Law

Pathways to Law is an innovative programme which runs in 12 universities across the UK, offering a wealth of opportunities to school and college students wishing to go into the legal profession. The London programme is jointly recruited by UCL and LSE and students will be allocated to one of the universities who will provide on-going support to students in Years 12 and 13 through a structured series of information, advice and guidance sessions, including work placements, field trips and a residential conference.

In order to be eligible for the programme students must:

- Attend a state school/college in or live in one of the 32 London boroughs
- Have at least 5 As or A*s at GCSE
- Be either the first generation in their family to attend university OR be or have been eligible for free school meals.

Applications open at the end of August as students enter year 12 and will close at the end of September.
Object London Summer School

This five-day residential summer school offers Year 12 students from outside of London the opportunity to experience what it is like to study at a higher education institution in London. The multi-disciplinary programme is designed to enhance observation and analysis skills through the study of UCL’s Museums & Collections, and through making use of museums and objects in and around London.

Target Medicine (Years 12 and 13)

Target Medicine is a widening participation project delivered by medical students from UCL Medical School, with support from academic staff. The project aims to inspire students from non-selective state schools to consider a career in medicine and to mentor and support them through the process of applying to medical school.

Target Medicine is comprised of two schemes:

• **Mentoring Scheme** – The Mentoring Scheme matches teams of volunteer UCL medical students with sixth form students from London-based, non-selective state schools who want to study medicine. It aims to give Years 12 and 13 students a better understanding of what is needed to be a successful applicant to medical school and provides structured support and guidance to them during the application process. The scheme takes place on Wednesday evenings over a calendar year and students work with their mentors in various sessions and events at the main UCL campus.

• **Outreach** – We arrange once-termly sessions at the main UCL campus which aspiring medical students of any age/school are welcome to attend. This involves a talk from medical students and a short tour of parts of the university campus. Both students and teachers are welcome to the events.

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Target Medicine
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UCL Year 12 Summer Challenge

Summer Challenge is an after-school study programme for Year 12 students. It runs once a week for six weeks in June and July, on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. Students select a Summer Challenge subject that matches their interests from a range of subject areas, taught by academics or post graduate students from UCL academic departments. In week six, students hand in a 1,500 word project and deliver an oral presentation. Students are given reading access to all UCL libraries throughout the summer and are supported by their tutor to identify an independent research project.

Online application forms and the brochure for Summer Challenge 2015 will be available from the Spring term.

Uni-Link

Uni-Link is a long-term programme which supports 100 Year 12 students. Uni-Link applicants should be considering applying to UCL in Year 13.

During Year 12 students attend a series of science and humanities taster lectures taught by UCL PhD students, specially designed to develop note taking and academic discussion skills. They receive mentoring from UCL student ambassadors, and attend a series of information evenings and workshops covering the UCAS application process, revision skills and academic writing.

In the Autumn of Year 13, students are offered personal statement review clinics. These are followed by information evenings on student finance, accommodation and careers in the Spring, and the programme concludes with a graduation ceremony in March.

Recruitment packs for Uni-Link will be sent to schools in November 2014, with a January 2015 deadline for student applications and teacher references. The programme launches in February of Year 12 and concludes in March of Year 13.
Year 12 Summer Schools

UCL offers a series of subject-specific summer schools run by academic departments. Details of the programmes which will be offered in 2014/15 will be published on our website in January at: www.ucl.ac.uk/summer-schools

Examples of Year 12 Summer Schools held in 2014 include:

- ‘Exploring Law and Legal London’: Law Summer School
- ‘Making History’: History Summer School
- ‘Curve Sketching Summer School’: Maths Summer School

Year 12 Masterclasses

Masterclasses are subject-based sessions developed by leading UCL academics and PhD students. The masterclasses are engaging, hands-on academic sessions and provide Year 12 students an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the teaching and learning styles at university. Each masterclass will consist of a short lecture and will be followed by group participation and/or lecturer led demonstration. Masterclasses are usually two hours in length and will take place in the early evening in Spring and Summer terms.

Examples of previous masterclasses include:

- Environmental Law
- Electronic Engineering
- French
- Biosciences

Please note that Year 12 masterclasses are for the benefit of individual students, not whole class groups. Students book a place individually through our website: www.ucl.ac.uk/year12-masterclasses

Contact

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Year 12 Masterclasses
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Taster Courses (Year 12)
During the Spring and Summer Terms UCL provides one-day taster courses for Year 12 students as part of the programme organised by the University of London. The London Taster Course Programme provides students looking towards attending university the opportunity to experience life as a university student, usually for one day, in the subject area of their choice.

The course dates for 2015 will be confirmed in January 2015. If you are interested in booking a place, please contact the Careers Group at the University of London: www.london.ac.uk/tasters

UCL Open Day (Year 12)
The 2015 UCL Open Days will take place on Friday 3 July, Saturday 4 July and Saturday 12 September. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the campus and attend both subject talks and general presentations about UCL. This is usually attended by Year 12 students who are researching their UCAS choices. We will be taking both individual and group bookings the July Open Days from Spring 2015. Please visit our open day website for details: www.ucl.ac.uk/openday

Mature Student Activities and Events
UCL welcomes students of all ages. In 2014/15 we are offering events and activities to advise and encourage prospective students who will be 21 years of age or above at the time of starting their degree programme.

Mature Student Information Day
Students will have the opportunity to learn about UCL degree programmes that accept Access courses and meet academics from those departments. Students will experience taster lectures, see the facilities and speak to current students as well as finding out more about student life. The Information Day will take place during the Autumn Term. Please go to our website for further details: www.ucl.ac.uk/adultlearners
Mature Student Masterclasses

UCL will run unique subject-based masterclasses developed by leading UCL academics during December 2014. Masterclasses include a lecture and group work/participation and/or lecturer led demonstrations and give students an opportunity to gain a greater insight into a subject area. These classes will take place in the early evening, usually for two hours and are specifically designed for adult learners.

In 2013/14 topics included:

- Icy worlds of the outer solar system
- Nineteenth-century poetry of suffering
- Environmental law

Students can book a place on masterclasses individually through our website: www.ucl.ac.uk/adultlearners

If you are a teacher working with adult learners and you are interested in bringing a group please contact us.

UCL Teacher Events

UCL will hold events for state school teachers during the Spring Term. These will offer teachers the opportunity to learn more about UCL’s admissions policy and to meet UCL’s academic staff.

Bring Your Parents to University

We run visits for school groups in Year 12, students and their parents. The visits explore the challenges and opportunities of higher education from parents’ perspective, as well as giving parents information regarding the support they can provide their child. Visits include a campus tour and a chance to meet UCL staff and student ambassadors. Visits usually take place in the evening and run from February to June.
Activities across UCL departments

**Inspiring Women in Science**

UCL's Inspiring Women in Science speakers programme aims to introduce girls to science and mathematics in an appealing way and to show how science directly relates to their lives. Successful academic women and PhD students from a range of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEM) subjects are willing to motivate and empower young women to recognize the endless opportunities available to them in these fields.

The aim of this speakers programme is to help shatter stereotypes by exposing students to female role models in science and to help spark both their curiosity and self-belief in disciplines where girls have traditionally been under-represented.

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**Science Centre Lectures**

The UCL Science Centre run a series of free lectures on a range of scientific subjects for Year 12 and 13 students and their teachers. The lectures are held throughout the academic year at UCL. For further details of lectures that will be held in 2014/15 please go to: [www.ucl.ac.uk/phys/outreach](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/phys/outreach)

**Citrus Saturday**

Citrus Saturday is an enterprise education toolkit created by UCL's Enterprise Division. It offers youth organisations and schools the resources needed to run enterprise skills workshops showing young people key business skills like product development, budgeting and marketing, then the chance to start their very own citrus drinks business. Citrus Saturday is hands-on enterprise skills programme and aims to:

- raise aspirations
- increase self reliance
- broaden experience
- grow confidence
- expand work options
- improve employability
- boost problem solving

The Citrus Saturday toolkit is free to schools, colleges and organisations working with young people. The free toolkit brings UCL-style enterprise education to your organisation, and includes:

- teaching workbooks and guides
- videos for teaching and planning
- professional market stall kit
- drinks recipes
- impact measurement tools
Lunch Hour Lectures

Running since 1942, UCL Lunch Hour Lectures are an opportunity for anyone to sample the exceptional research work undertaken at the university. The lectures are free and open to all, with no need to book.

Taking place between 1.15pm and 1.55pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at UCL’s Darwin Lecture Theatre at our main campus. Speakers are drawn from UCL’s wide-ranging academic departments and lectures frequently showcase new research and recent academic publications. The lectures return in October 2014 with topics including: the placebo effect, the science of fireworks, the taboo history of the toilet, archaeology on Easter Island and lots more.

Our 2014/15 programme and videos of these and previous lectures are available at: www.ucl.ac.uk/lhl
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Please note all events and activities are subject to change.
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