Help your students reach their potential

2016/17 ACTIVITIES GUIDE
UCL Widening Participation Office
Eligibility /
UCL’s widening participation activity aims to increase the numbers of students from under-represented groups in higher education. As such, students must meet our eligibility criteria to participate in our events.
Students must be attending a non-selective state school in the UK, 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
// are in, or have lived under local authority care
// have parents from non-professional occupations
// have been eligible for free school meals within the past five years
// are from an ethnic group which is currently under-represented at UCL
// face particular barriers to accessing higher education opportunities (e.g. young carers, estranged students, refugees).

For post-16 events, please also consider the following academic criteria:

// Applicants must have achieved at least five A*-B grades at GCSE.
// Applicants must be 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).
// Applicants must be taking at least two subjects from UCL’s list of preferred A levels. Details of these can be found online: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-requirements

Introduction /
I am delighted to introduce UCL’s 2016/17 Widening Participation Activity Guide. The activities outlined here are part of UCL’s commitment to widening participation in higher education.
UCL has been running outreach activities with schools and colleges for over 30 years. We offer a wide range of activities to support students from primary through to year 13. We also offer programmes and events for mature students returning to education, teachers, parents and education professionals.
All of our activities draw upon UCL’s world-leading research and teaching. We hope to broaden and inspire minds as well as foster a genuine interest in university life and study. We are passionate that all students with the potential to achieve in higher education are given the best and most appropriate help and advice to accomplish this.

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 this year.

Katy Reffern
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 11,000 staff and more than 38,300 students. Over 150 nationalities are represented among UCL students with overseas students making up more than one 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 all children and young people involved in its activities. As part of this commitment, UCL ensures that everyone who takes part in activities, as staff or participants, understands the boundaries of appropriate behaviour. As such, child protection is an essential part of the training programme for UCL staff and 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 also undergo the appropriate level of Disclosure and Barring Service checks before they begin.

All activities 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 required. 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.

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.

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 to come and speak to your young people about studying at UCL or on a higher education topic.

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 (see eligibility on page three). UCL’s widening participation activities are funded through our Access Agreement commitments. We also receive generous additional support from the following donors: Sutton Trust, Peter Cruddas Foundation, Wolfson Foundation, and Lloyds Scholars.

UCL Term Dates 2016/17 /

Autumn Term
Monday, 26 September 2016 – Friday, 16 December 2016

Spring Term
Monday, 9 January 2017 – Friday, 24 March 2017

Summer Term
Monday, 24 April 2017 – Friday, 9 June 2017
Our wide range of events makes connecting your students to university easy.

UCL’s widening participation office runs a variety of events throughout the year for students in a variety of year levels who meet our eligibility criteria (see page three). Primarily, this activity is divided between groups who are:

- Pre-16
- Post-16
- Adults and mature learners.

We also provide resources and support for teachers and education professionals, who are seeking to encourage their students into university study.

Opportunities to visit UCL and attend department-specific activities also occur throughout the year.

See right-hand page for an overview of our activities. More detail is also available on each event on the page listed. Purple icons ( ) throughout the booklet indicate the applicable year levels for each event and red icons ( ) indicate who you can contact to book or find out more.

### Activities at a glance

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Our pre-16 programmes are designed to be engaging and interactive.

We encourage students to explore a wide range of future degree and career options in STEM and humanities subjects, and to understand the impact that GCSE and A level choices can have on their future plans. Our workshops develop confidence and skills in independent research, academic writing, group work and public speaking. Our activities offer students an opportunity to keep in touch throughout their secondary school career and to progress to other UCL programmes.

For more information, dates and details on applications please visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/activities

Bring Your Family to University Saturdays /  
Bring Your Family to University Saturdays are an informal and enjoyable introduction to higher education. Learn more about education choices, how degree subjects link to careers, and student finance. You will attend sample lectures and hear from current UCL students. Our partners at Birbeck, University of London also offer talks for adults interested in accessing higher education as mature students. Any adults supporting a young person, including older siblings, relatives, parents and guardians, are very welcome to attend.

Abi Robertson 020 3108 7680 a.robertson@ucl.ac.uk

Careers Days /  
We offer four Careers Days for highly able year 10 and 11 students attending non-selective state schools. Each day focuses on a different career sector to help students explore their future options and consider their post-16 and UCAS choices carefully. Students hear from UCL careers advisors, current students, recent UCL graduates and employers who will share their experiences and answer any questions.

James King 020 3108 7641 james.king@ucl.ac.uk

Explore UCL Summer School /  
Explore UCL is a four-day residential summer school, providing students with a real taste of life as a university student at UCL. The programme consists of a mixture of lectures, workshops and tutorials covering a wide range of academic subjects offered at UCL. Students work in groups to complete a project across the week and are supported by current UCL student ambassadors. The summer school will be offered to 100 participants attending schools across the UK – it is a great opportunity for students to meet new people and make new friends. As this is a residential summer school, all students will be provided with accommodation at UCL Halls of Residence for the duration of the programme.

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Museums Summer School /  
Get hands-on with some of our amazing objects and specimens in UCL’s museums, and find out what university life is like.

Celine West 020 3108 8921 celine.west@ucl.ac.uk

Parent Information Evenings /  
UCL staff and students share their expertise and answer your questions. Any adults supporting a young person, including older siblings, relatives, parents and guardians, are more than welcome to attend.

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Subject Specialists /  
This three-day programme is for highly able year 8 and 9 students attending non-selective state schools, during the Easter holidays. Each day focuses on a different subject area and is designed to help prepare students for high achievement in their GCSEs.

Vij Zorba 020 3108 8275 v.zorba@ucl.ac.uk

Target Medicine Summer School /  
A week-long, non-residential summer school, designed to help students find out what life is like as a medical student and doctor. For more information visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/target-medicine

UCL Visits You /  
We offer out visits for years 6 to 11 to non-selective state schools in Greater London and surrounding counties who meet our widening participation criteria. UCL widening participation staff and student ambassadors can deliver talks on the university application process, student finance and student life for careers days and school assemblies. We also offer subject specific taster sessions delivered by trained UCL PhD students, a great way to stretch highly able students.

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UCL Horizons /  
Two-year academic enrichment and support programme for 125 highly able GCSE students attending non-selective state schools in Greater London, and who meet our selection criteria. The programme includes year 10 and 11 Saturday Schools, and summer activities. Students receive detailed IAG about education choices, degree options and future careers, and develop academic skills to support high attainment at GCSE. We recruit new students in September of year 10.

020 3108 7641 or 07852 312221 horizonsgcse@ucl.ac.uk

UCL Sutton Scholars /  
Two-year academic enrichment and support programme for 100 highly able year 8 and 9 students attending non-selective state schools in Greater London, and who meet our selection criteria. The programme includes a series of interdisciplinary Discovery Days, which expose students to a wide range of subjects. Students also receive detailed information and advice about education choices, degree options and future careers. Recruiting starts in October of year 8, and the programme launches in February half-term.

020 3108 7646 or 07469 118172 scholars@ucl.ac.uk

Visit UCL Days /  
We offer pre-16 school visits to UCL for years 6 to 11, on fixed Wednesdays for specific year groups. University Challenge Visit Days are open to non-selective state schools across the country, and we prioritise schools who meet our widening participation criteria. A school can bring up to 15 students for a visit (your students will be attending with groups from other schools on the same day).

Vij Zorba 020 3108 8275 v.zorba@ucl.ac.uk

Young Researchers /  
This programme gives students the opportunity to attend an academic course over four weeks (one two-hour session, per week) throughout the summer. Students from schools across London and the South East, are split into research groups of 15 students, and each academic tutorial will be led by a current UCL PhD student. This gives students the experience of studying a subject in depth, whilst developing independent research and academic writing skills. The programme culminates with students writing an academic research piece, which could be used to support their application to university.

James King 020 3108 7641 james.king@ucl.ac.uk
It is hoped by participating in our activities students will:

- be stretched beyond their A-level studies
- gain knowledge in their chosen subject area
- have a greater understanding of how to make a successful application
- have an awareness of the skills required to study successfully at degree level.

For more information, dates and details on applications please visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/activities
Working with teachers and education professionals to widen participation in university study.

The merger between UCL and the Institute of Education (IOE) means we can now greatly increase the work we do to support staff in schools and colleges. This is important because teachers and other influencers at every stage of the education continuum have a crucial role to play in facilitating fair access to opportunities and helping to improve social mobility.

Enteging adults and mature learners in university study.

In 2016/17 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 Masterclass and Information Evenings /
A programme of subject-based masterclasses, developed by UCL academics and PhD students, during the Autumn Term. These sessions will be part of a broader information evening which will also provide sessions on how to apply to competitive universities, and the opportunity to meet current students. Students can apply for a place on masterclasses individually through our website at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/adult-learners
If you are a teacher working with adult learners and you are interested in bringing a group please contact us.
 widen.participation@ucl.ac.uk

Enabling Social Mobility through Education (ESME) /
A free, online programme of professional development equipping schools to facilitate student progression and enable social mobility. ESME provides professionals with an in-depth understanding of the social mobility and fair access agenda, as well as setting out evidence-based practical steps that schools can take to support students to raise attainment, access appropriate opportunities in higher education and ultimately fulfil their true potential in life. For further details visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/esme

Professional Learning Network (PLN) /
The UCL WP Professional Learning Network will bring together teachers, researchers and academics to explore pedagogies and tools that aim to close the attainment, opportunity and aspiration gap between those from the most and least disadvantaged social groups. Members of the PLN will be invited to attend events including 'Teacher Takeaway' twilight CPD sessions, teacher conferences and also collaborate online. The PLN is free to join and aimed at teachers working in state-maintained schools and colleges. For further details visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/teachers

Carly Sandy
carly.sandy@ucl.ac.uk

Sutton Trust Teacher Summer School /
The Sutton Trust Teacher Summer School expands on our work with the Sutton Trust on the Sutton Scholars programme and our Student Summer School. It will concentrate on how widening participation and fair access to higher education fits into the social mobility agenda. Teachers will have the opportunity to engage with academics from UCL and gain an insight into teaching and learning across academic departments. For further details, visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/teacher-summer-school

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www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/esme

Professional Learning Network (PLN) /
The UCL WP Professional Learning Network will bring together teachers, researchers and academics to explore pedagogies and tools that aim to close the attainment, opportunity and aspiration gap between those from the most and least disadvantaged social groups. Members of the PLN will be invited to attend events including 'Teacher Takeaway' twilight CPD sessions, teacher conferences and also collaborate online. The PLN is free to join and aimed at teachers working in state-maintained schools and colleges. For further details visit:
www.ucl.ac.uk/wp/teachers

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Sutton Trust Teacher Summer School /
The Sutton Trust Teacher Summer School expands on our work with the Sutton Trust on the Sutton Scholars programme and our Student Summer School. It will concentrate on how widening participation and fair access to higher education fits into the social mobility agenda. Teachers will have the opportunity to engage with academics from UCL and gain an insight into teaching and learning across academic departments. For further details, visit:
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UCL opens its doors to prospective students, parents, and guardians in a variety of ways throughout the year. School groups can visit the campus, or we can visit your school to deliver sessions and workshops tailored to your needs. Our departments also run more specific sessions including lectures and more.

Science Centre Lectures /
A series of free lectures of a range of scientific subjects for students in years 11, 12 and 13 and their teachers. For further details on the 2016/17 lecture series please visit www.ucl.ac.uk/phys/outreach

UCL Museums /
UCL Museums run curriculum-linked school visits to our museums and outreach sessions in schools and colleges. Our sessions use object-based learning as a method to engage students with their topics. These activities are available for years 7–13 and cover a range of topics in science, history and citizenship. For details, visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/museums/learning-resources/secondary-schools

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Inspiring Women in Science /
A programme of speakers in schools, aiming to shatter stereotypes by introducing students to female role models in science, sparking their curiosity and self-belief in disciplines where girls have traditionally been under-represented.

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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. For details of the programme and videos of previous lectures, please visit: www.ucl.ac.uk/lhl

UCL Open Days /
The 2017 UCL Open Days will take place on Friday, 30 June, Saturday, 1 July, and Saturday, 9 September. Visitors have the opportunity to visit the campus and attend both subject and information talks, as well as tours and activities taking place on the day. Please visit our open day website for details:

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Bus routes /  
10, 14, 24, 73, 134, 390 stop outside Gower Street southbound and Goodge Street/Warren Street station northbound.