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Outreach Opportunities

**REALISING
OPPORTUNITIES**
Working Together | Supporting Talent



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Outreach Programmes

ADOPT:

Access to Dental occupations:
Practice & Tutoring

STEM:

Discover Science Technology
Engineering & Maths

DISCOVER Arts &
Humanities

SOAMS:

Sheffield's Outreach & Access
to Medicine Scheme

DISCOVER Law

DISCOVER Social Sciences

**UNIVERSITY OR SHEFFIELD:
DISCOVER PROGRAMME**

What is the objective of these schemes?

- improve opportunities, especially for students from groups currently under-represented in Higher Education
- promote social mobility
- enable high-achieving students from any background to achieve their potential in Higher Education
- help young people make considered and informed choices

What do these schemes offer?

- chance to explore university and career options
- experience student life at a world leading university
- support in making and informed choice about Higher Education
- opportunity to qualify for an adjusted grade offer at the University of Sheffield

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/outreach/post16>

Who can apply?

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CRITERIA: PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Attend a state school
- Be in the first generation of your family to enter Higher Education
- Other criteria can support your application

ACADEMIC CRITERIA:

- Particular A Level subjects for some schemes
- GCSE performance: minimum 5 (9-6) grades
- At least GCSE grade 4 in English, Maths & Science (some schemes want 6)
- Specific GCSE achievement for some schemes

How to apply?

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1. Explore the website and see if you could be eligible.

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/outreach/post16>

2. See Mrs Smith to express interest and collect an application form.

OR email Mrs Smith on:

esmith@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk

- Applications must be submitted to Mrs Smith by 6th October.
- Submission online by Friday, 2nd November

- **Key Dates for Discover Post 16 Schemes**

- Applications Open Monday 17th September

- Applications Closed Friday 2nd November – all student applications with school supporting statements **MUST** be on the system by this date.

- Teachers and students notified of outcome Before Christmas



REALISING OPPORTUNITIES

Realising Opportunities (RO) is a two year programme over Year 12 and 13. The structured and interactive Realising Opportunities (RO) Programme will help you develop your academic skills, improve your awareness of Higher Education and knowledge of how to apply to university. It will also give you increased access to the RO universities through events and activities.

Benefits of the programme



Alternative offers

from the RO universities which can be up to two grades lower than the typical offer.†



A local launch event

at their host university to celebrate their place on the RO programme, get them started, and meet university representatives.



Experiences and support

to help them make an informed choice about higher education and research intensive universities.



A chance to develop their skills

in analysis, critical thinking, evaluation and research through taking either the Extended Project Qualification (if offered at your school/college) or the RO Academic Assignment (RO AA).



Online support

through which students can get answers to their questions from both current university students who have been in their shoes and staff from the RO universities.



A National Student Conference

where students have the chance to meet others from across the country taking part in RO and representatives from all of the RO universities.



skills4uni

An online study skills module and multiple choice test which will help them develop their planning and independent research skills.



Additional consideration

when students make an application to an RO university through UCAS.



A wide range of events and activities

at the RO universities. Support for travel costs may be available with prior arrangement.

Sutton Trust: Pathways to Law/STEM

- Pathways to Law: University of Leicester
University of Nottingham + Nottingham Trent universities
- Pathways to STEM: University of Nottingham

APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW!

WHO CAN APPLY

Students applying to Pathways to Law/Pathways to STEM must meet the following criteria:

- Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non fee-paying school/college
- Be in Year 12 at the start of the programme (for post 16 2year programme)**
- Be in year 11 (for pre 16 activities)**
- Have achieved 5 A* – B grades at GCSE (with a minimum of 2 A* or A grades), including grades 9 – 6 in Mathematics and English**
- Live within a reasonable commuting distance of the university to which they are applying**

In addition, we are looking for students who:

- Would be the first generation in their family to attend university
- Have been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at secondary school
- Have attended schools with a lower than average progression to higher education, or a higher than average proportion of students who qualify for Free School Meals
- Have parent(s)/guardian(s) who qualify for means-tested benefits
- Have been looked after or in care

***The more of these criteria you meet, the more likely it is that you will be offered a place on the programme**