



UK SUMMER SCHOOLS



Introduction to Sutton Trust Summer Schools

This presentation is designed to inform people about the UK Summer Schools run by the Sutton Trust, who are a leading UK social mobility charity

This is a prestigious programme which will:

- provide an insight into higher education options
- allow students to try out university subjects and accommodation before applying
- be a great addition to UCAS applications

What are Sutton trust Summer Schools

This is an opportunity to experience university life first-hand

Summer schools are:

- residential programmes (varying from a few days to a week)
- Mostly run during July and August (although check each university for specific dates)
- held at 13 top universities across the UK, courses cover Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering, Science and Medicine
- free to attend – all travel, food, accommodation and food costs are covered

What will I gain?

Summer schools support students to make informed decisions about their future

They help you to:

- Choose the right university
- Choose the right course
- Choose the right accommodation
- Write your personal statement and UCAS application
- Access funding
- Help you to stand out on your application!

In addition to helping participants make decisions regarding university, there are numerous other benefits:

- Past participants have made life-long friends, some of which they go on to university with
- They're an opportunity to try activities you would never have considered
- You can develop your confidence, social skills, and academic abilities (including critical thinking skills, analysis, and communication and presentation skills)

What will I be doing during Summer School?

- 1) Attend academic sessions – Get an insight into courses you are thinking of applying for and learn more about other progression routes.
Experience first year university-level teaching Find out what current undergrads at the university think of the courses
- 2) Experience university life in the evenings, there are a range of social activities to choose from – these differ at each university.

These activities are fun, allow you to try new things and develop new skills, whilst meeting the other participants.

- 3) Receive additional support UCAS applications
 - Receive assistance with applications to university Finance
 - Get your questions answered about university finance and hear how current undergraduates manage their budgets Careers
 - Careers sessions will help you think about the going long term and how your university experience will get you to the end goal

Subjects

- There are over 40 subjects to choose from range on Sutton Trust Summer Schools 2019 (website shows the full list of courses)
- The subject you apply to will be the one you study throughout the week
- Subjects are sometimes combined together so that you can try out similar subjects (eg. Sociology may include sessions on Theology and Ethics)
- Some courses will be completely new to you so the programmes are a chance to try something new!

Partner Universities

The Summer Schools are proudly run with 13 partner universities across the UK. Students from anywhere in the country can apply to any university, so choose one which offers the course you're most interested in.

Key points to mention:

- Dates and subject strands vary by university, so be sure to check the website or brochure for all the details
- You can only apply for one course at one university

Benefit from free ongoing support

The programme doesn't stop after your residential.

You will also gain access to free ongoing support throughout Year 13, which may include:

- A mentor who is currently studying at university
- Revision classes to help you get your grades
- Bursaries (Free money once you are at university to help with living/university costs)
- Application support

The support package will vary at each university so be sure to check for information

The Alumni Platform

Accessing the Sutton Trust's alumni community is another benefit you get after your programme finishes.

Thousands of past students have signed up to suttontrustalumni.com - an online community you gain access to once you complete your programme.

You get free careers support, events, the chance to connect with other Sutton Trust alumni, and the opportunity to get more involved with the work of the Sutton Trust, spanning research, programmes and policy.

Summer school entry requirements

Sutton Trust Summer Schools are competitive.

To apply you must be in Year 12 (or equivalent) and have always attended a state-funded school

Priority will then be given to students who meet additional criteria, including:

- Family background e.g. if your parents didn't go to university
- School performance

You can find a full list of additional criteria on the summer school website (this includes grades achieved, school performance, etc)

How to Apply

Visit the website: summerschools.suttontrust.com You'll find all the information and FAQs on the page

Choose your university and subject strand then fill in your application form at apply.suttontrust.com

You will need a teacher at your school to verify your details (this is usually the UCAS coordinator)