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**SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**  
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**“The Digital Arts Festival was an excellent experience** that was so interesting and worthwhile. We learnt a lot and had fun!”

**“I enjoyed finding out which paths I could take in my future.** The Digital Arts Festival opened my eyes to new things.”



# WHO WE ARE

Here at the University of Essex we have a wide range of engaging, motivating and inspiring events and opportunities for all year groups to encourage talented students to consider and apply for Higher Education.

Our diverse Outreach, Student Recruitment and Arts education teams bring a range of academic and teaching experience to support students and their teachers, as well as providing opportunities that promise to engage and inspire the talented undergraduates of the future.

## OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach team co-ordinate multiple activities and events throughout the year including our flagship Big Bang Science fair, Digital Arts Festival and Free Teacher CPD Week. Using teacher feedback, we design our events to increase attainment, raise aspirations and help young people make informed decisions about study routes and career progression. We predominantly work with students from underrepresented groups, including those who are the first in their family to enter Higher Education, those from particular socioeconomic backgrounds, and those from certain ethnic and racial minority groups.

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

[outreach@essex.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@essex.ac.uk)

## RECRUITMENT TEAM

The University of Essex Student Recruitment team work with schools and colleges across the UK and around the world. The team focus resources to support schools in enabling post-16 students to make informed higher-education decisions. The team coordinate our Essex Open Days, Applicant Days and UCAS exhibition, in addition to bespoke on-campus activity and delivering sessions in-schools and colleges.

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

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## ARTS EDUCATION

The Arts Education team know all about exploring, questioning and creating powerful ideas. Our Colchester Campus hosts ESCALA, a world-renowned Latin American art collection, an on campus gallery, Art Exchange, and Lakeside Theatre. All this, alongside the endless supply of fascinating teaching and research of our academics forms the basis of our program. Now part funded by the Royal Opera House Bridge, they ignite imaginations and challenge expectations through ground-breaking projects for primary, secondary, college students as-well as teaching the University students through a specialist module.

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

[artsed@essex.ac.uk](mailto:artsed@essex.ac.uk)



# SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP

The Schools Membership scheme was launched in April 2015 to create a network of schools and colleges from Essex, Suffolk, East London and Norfolk, and has enabled us to transform the way we communicate with them.

Through this single channel of information, our members are kept fully updated with our news and events, as well as current issues in higher education. We tailor our provision for each school/college, enabling access to our wide range of opportunities and resources - all of which are designed to help students make informed decisions and to encourage as many as possible to go on to university.

Our Schools Membership scheme currently has two levels: Schools Membership Plus and Schools Membership Pre-16. Schools/colleges are awarded membership status in recognition of our ongoing positive relationship with them.

Upon joining the scheme, schools/colleges receive a comprehensive introductory pack outlining everything they need to know about the scheme, including our exclusive benefits for members. These include (but are not limited to): priority booking for our events, a travel bursary to put towards on-campus activity, free teacher CPD, monthly newsletters and a 25% discount for teachers on University of Essex Masters degrees.

Schools selected for our Schools Membership scheme have already been contacted. However, we are hoping to expand the project in the near future, so watch this space! For more details, please email: [smpius@essex.ac.uk](mailto:smpius@essex.ac.uk).

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR



| PRIMARY                     | YEAR 7               | YEAR 8 | YEAR 9       | YEAR 10               | YEAR 11 | YEAR 12               | YEAR 13 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| Essex Children's University |                      |        |              |                       |         |                       |         |
|                             |                      |        |              |                       |         | UCAS Exhibition       |         |
| Open Days Invite            |                      |        |              |                       |         |                       |         |
|                             | Pre-16 Campus Visits |        |              |                       |         | Post-16 Campus Visits |         |
|                             |                      |        | Aspire       |                       |         |                       |         |
|                             |                      |        |              |                       |         | Aspire Higher         |         |
|                             |                      |        | The Big Bang | Digital Arts Festival |         |                       |         |
|                             |                      |        |              |                       |         | EPQ Support           |         |
|                             |                      |        |              |                       |         | Summer School         |         |
|                             |                      |        |              |                       |         | Insight Day           |         |
|                             |                      |        |              | Taster Events         |         |                       |         |
| Arts Education Programme    |                      |        |              |                       |         |                       |         |

# PRIMARY

## DISCOVER IN A DAY

Discover in a Day guides students through an exciting day full of hands-on workshops, captivating games, and opportunities to create their own pieces of art.

Students will complete their own log book, where they draw or write about their experiences and what they might like to do in the future. Each child receives an Arts Award Discover certificate (entry level award in the arts), setting them off on their journey through Arts Award.

 **What a fantastic day. The children loved all the workshops and have been inspired (so have the staff!). Very well organised.**  Teacher

- 20 June 2018
- 28 March 2018
- 6 June 2018
- Other dates available upon request

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/primary/arts-education.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/primary/arts-education.aspx)

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## MINIBEASTS APRIL – JULY 2018

This year we've designed a special project for Key Stage 1 learners to bring the world of minibeasts to life through the arts.

From making and painting to dancing and moving, the children will enhance their understanding of intriguing insects.

### FIND OUT MORE

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## INVITE TO OPEN DAYS

Here at Essex, we know that it's great to get involved whatever your age. Research suggests getting a feel for universities at a young age can be really inspiring for children and we would like to welcome children and parents of any age to come along to our open days each year. Head to our website for more information, but there's no need to book a place if students are under 16.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days](http://www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days)

## ESSEX CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

We are proud to be a validated Learning Destination for Essex Children's University, which celebrates and rewards achievements in learning.

Essex Children's University is one of a growing number of children's universities around the country, each working to provide children aged 7-14 years (and 5-6 year olds with their families) with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside of the normal school day.

There are lots of activities you can do, from art and drama in our gallery and theatre, to junior lectures where you can study just like a university student. We have fun days around Essex that you can come and take part in with your family. We also host graduation ceremonies for the Essex Children's University.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/primary/childrens-university.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/primary/childrens-university.aspx)

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# SECONDARY

## PRE-16 CAMPUS VISITS

Our campus visits aren't your average campus experience. Our aim is to give students a first-hand experience of what it's like to be an undergraduate student.

We offer large-scale, tailored campus visits for students in Key Stages 3 and 4 throughout the academic year. Schools can bring up to 40 students, who will get a taste of what it's really like to be a student at Essex! Dates available on our website.

🗨️ Our students were keen to participate and ask questions. 🗨️

🗨️ It was a joy to listen to the conversations between the students and the ambassadors and hear how their views changed. 🗨️

### FIND OUT MORE

▶ [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/campus-visits.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/campus-visits.aspx)

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## THE BIG BANG 27 MARCH 2018

The national Big Bang programme is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. It was established by Engineering UK (EUK) in 2009.

We have delivered The Big Bang @The University of Essex since 2013, hosting schools from across Essex, Suffolk and East London.

To register your interest in joining us for The Big Bang @ Essex 2018, then please email: [bbschools@essex.ac.uk](mailto:bbschools@essex.ac.uk).

### FIND OUT MORE

▶ [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/big-bang.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/big-bang.aspx)

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

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## ASPIRE

This year will see the introduction of our Aspire programme, which aims to encourage Year 9 -11 students from traditionally under-represented backgrounds across the eastern region, to work towards applying to, and succeeding at, top universities.

The programme is split into three years.

- Year 9 will discover how their GCSEs relate to Higher Education
- Year 10 will explore the benefits of Higher Education
- Year 11 will highlight the key differences between studying in school and in Higher Education.

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## ROYAL INSTITUTION MASTER CLASSES

Working in collaboration with Essex County Council and the Royal Institution, we run Masterclasses with Year 9 students from the local area.

These Saturday morning Masterclasses involve interactive workshops on topics such as the Evolution of Robotics and Bouncing Radio Waves off of Satellites.

Students also get the opportunity to visit the Royal Institution.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND CAREERS FAIRS

We offer a range of talks about all aspects of Higher Education. From 'Why Go?' to 'How to Apply', from 'Student Finance' to 'Personal Statements', we can cover everything your students need to know.

A team member can visit your school or college to deliver our talks and workshops, including parents evenings, or we can even integrate them into a campus visit. We are also available to attend Higher Education and Careers Fairs to give your students the knowledge they need to make informed decisions.

### FIND OUT MORE

▶ [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/talks-fairs.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/talks-fairs.aspx)

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## DIGITAL ARTS FESTIVAL 28 JUNE 2018

Our Digital Arts Festival is a celebration of the creative and digital arts in the East. Established in 2017 at the University of Essex, it showcases the career opportunities and research that are taking place in these exciting industries.

If you are interested in joining us for next year's Festival, please email: [DCCFest@essex.ac.uk](mailto:DCCFest@essex.ac.uk)

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/digital-arts-festival.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/digital-arts-festival.aspx)

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

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## GCSE/ A-LEVEL DRAMA SUPPORT DECEMBER 2017- FEBRUARY 2018

We offer the opportunity for our undergraduate students to support your learners as they prepare for their GCSE and A-level exams, helping them to devise and rehearse final pieces.

Our students can also offer inspirational insight into university life during this important time.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/arts-education.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary/arts-education.aspx)

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# POST-16 SIXTH FORM/COLLEGES

## POST-16 CAMPUS VISITS

Our campus visits aim to give students a first-hand experience of what university life is like.

Our tailored programmes for post-16 campus visit days offer students the chance to experience taster sessions or learn study skills at HE level. We have a large-scale event and a limited number of ad-hoc dates throughout the year.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/campus-visits.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/activities/campus-visits.aspx)

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

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## ASPIRE HIGHER

This year will see the introduction of our Aspire Higher programme, which aims to help Year 12-13 students from traditionally under-represented backgrounds across the South East, to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a successful transition from school or college to university.

The programme is split into two years. Year 12 will identify potential challenges they might face in Higher Education and discover how to overcome them.

Year 13 will focus on how to make informed decisions and write a successful university application.

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## HIGHER EDUCATION TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND CAREERS FAIRS

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## INSIGHT DAY 19 APRIL 2018

Back by popular demand, the University of Essex's Insight Day is designed to give your students a taste of what it's like to study at undergraduate level.

Over the duration of the day, students take part in two workshop activities, either HE application or subject focused.

Bring your students along for the day to help them as they start to make important decisions about applying to university and choosing what to study.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/insight-day.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/insight-day.aspx)

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## SUMMER SCHOOL 8-12 JULY 2018

Our summer residential experience offers students the chance to live, study and socialise like university students for **FREE!** A dynamic programme of academic and social activities allows students to develop a university mind-set, increase their confidence and enhance their university applications. Students will pick up the knowledge and skills they need for university life by living and learning like an undergraduate student.

☞ Summer school was amazing. I really enjoyed every single day I spent there as I got to meet new people and make new friends. I have also learned how to improve my academic writing which will help me progress through my A levels and beyond. ☞

☞ I definitely owe Essex a debt of gratitude for this summer school. Thank you everyone for making it so amazing and I'll definitely be putting Essex as my number 1! ☞

☞ I loved the experience and it made me realise two things; that I can live without my parents to do everything for me and that I am going to be fine making friends when I attend university. ☞

☞ Overall, an excellent programme that I wish I could do all over again! ☞

2017 Summer School students

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/summer-schools.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/summer-schools.aspx)

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# POST-16 SIXTH FORM/COLLEGES

## EPQ SUPPORT

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a valuable qualification for students to undertake in preparation for university study.

We have three booklets designed to introduce students to the key skills needed for writing their first research project, all of which can be downloaded from our **Global Teachers' Hub**. In addition, we also have **Essex101**, which is a fully interactive online course.

For Schools Membership Plus schools/colleges our fully trained PhD Tutors are also available to provide workshops covering the key skills required to complete the EPQ. These can be delivered either in school/college or at one of our campuses, and include:

- Developing Your Title/Research Question
- Research Skills
- Critical Thinking and Argument Skills
- Academic Writing
- Referencing

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/epq.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/epq.aspx)



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## STEAM DAY 13 JULY 2018

Working in collaboration with the University's academic departments, Year 12 students will explore the similarities across the seemingly disparate STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths).

The day will offer the students the opportunity to hear from our leading academics and take part in interactive arts workshops.

 The art history/maths lecture...gave the students a taste of what uni will be like. The workshops encouraged our pupils to challenge themselves and think outside of the box.  Teacher

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx)

### KEY TEAM CONTACT

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## TASTER SESSIONS

Our fully trained PhD Tutors are available to provide one-off taster sessions in school/college or on campus for our Schools Membership Plus partners.

These are designed to introduce students to university-level study in a fun and stimulating way. Our interactive taster sessions cover topics such as Psychology, History, Criminology and Maths, and can be delivered for both pre-16 and post-16 students.

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## MASTERS EXHIBITION

We offer bespoke visits to Art Exchange where students will experience a broad range of contemporary art.

During the spring term, the gallery hosts an exhibition curated by MA students who gather pieces from across the world in response to a theme. It's a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about our Curatorial Studies course and feel inspired to make the transition into HE themselves.

- 22 May 2018
- 30 May 2018
- 6 June 2018
- Other dates available upon request

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx)

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## YOUNG REVIEWERS

'Young Reviewers' is an independent project designed for KS5 students interested in performance and journalism.

Armed with a free ticket to a production/screening at the Lakeside Theatre, students write a review, submit their work and will receive individual feedback from the university. We've designed a handy resource to help them understand the key points to look out for during a performance, and will showcase the best reviews on our Lakeside Theatre's website.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/secondary-college/arts-education.aspx)

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## ESSEX HIGHER EDUCATION EXHIBITION 20-21 JUNE 2018

UCAS exhibitions are a unique opportunity for students – and anyone supporting them – to explore the wide range of opportunities available after school or college, all in one setting. Whether they're interested in applying to university or are looking at alternative options, they're sure to find something that appeals to them!

### FIND OUT MORE

► <https://www.ucas.com/events/essex-higher-education-exhibition-308256>

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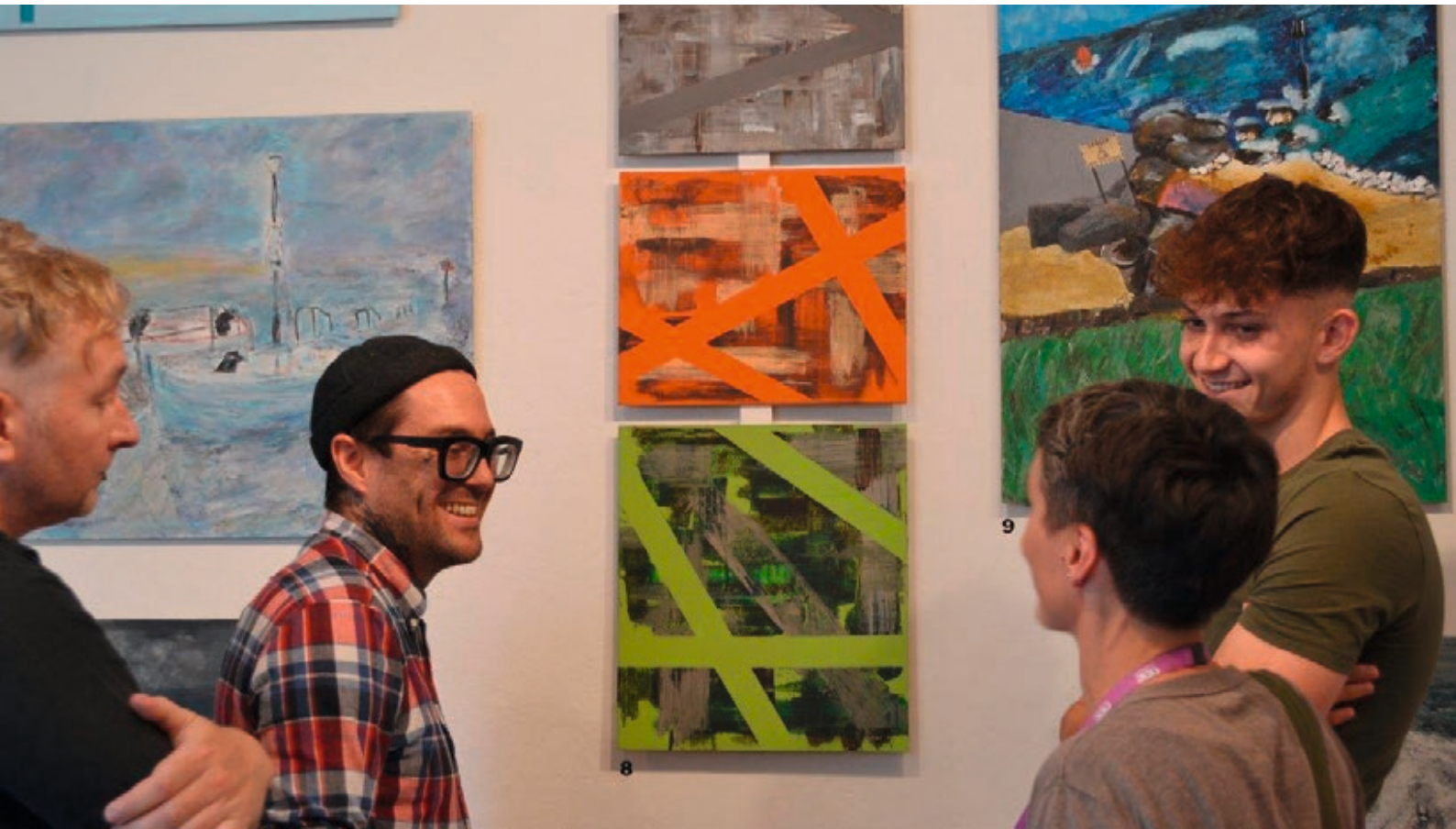
## UOE OPEN DAYS

You don't know open days until you've experienced an Essex Open Day. Think unconventional. Think meeting world-class academics and like-minded students. Think family. Think home. Think taster lectures. Think art. Think tea and cake. Think all of this plus lots of free goodies, plenty of entertainment and much more! Think you know open days? Think again.

### FIND OUT MORE

► [www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days](http://www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/open-days)

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# TEACHERS/ADVISORS

To help guide you and your students through the university application process, we have created a number of resources that might be handy:

Reference writing

Fees and funding

Personal statement writing guide

Decision making guide

Revision guide

Clearing day survival guide



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## FREE CPD WEEK

**9-13 JULY 2018**

We recognise that teachers/advisors play an important role in preparing students for undergraduate study, which is why we're committed to investing in continuing professional development wherever we can.

As part of this, we run a free annual CPD Week, where we host a variety of external and internal guest speakers to run exciting and thought-provoking workshop opportunities.

**FIND OUT MORE**

► [www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/resources/cpd.aspx](http://www1.essex.ac.uk/outreach/resources/cpd.aspx)

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## OTHER CAMPUS ACTIVITY

### INDIVIDUAL CAMPUS TOURS

We understand that choosing a university is a new experience, so why not get to grips with our campus and accommodation by taking a tour with a current student? Campus tours are available at our **Open Days**, or you can book one separately - we run them throughout the year.

**FIND OUT MORE**

► [www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/campus-tours](http://www.essex.ac.uk/visit-us/campus-tours)

# OUR PARTNERS



## ROYAL OPERA HOUSE BRIDGE

Royal Opera House Bridge (ROHB) works to 'connect children and young people with great art and culture'. Through a large-scale co-investment programme with ROHB, we have significantly increased the University's creative outreach in schools and colleges across Essex. We work first-hand with university students, training them as cultural leaders and giving them invaluable experiences to work with schools.

We also work with a broad selection of other partners ranging from National Portfolio Organisations to freelance artists, and can signpost your school towards further cultural offers to enhance the arts provision in your school.



## MAKE HAPPEN

Make Happen is the name for the Essex Consortia. They represent a group of educational providers and interested parties brought together with a common aim to widen participation and help young people – Make Happen.

Based at The University of Essex, the Make Happen team lead on the development and implementation of outreach activity and the marketing and promotion of a range of events, activities and initiatives. Everything they do aims to inspire young people, raise their aspirations and promote interest in Higher Education as a path to achieving their ambitions.

Make Happen are part of the **National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP)** which aims to:

- Double the proportion of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds in Higher Education (HE) by 2020.
- Increase the number of students in HE from ethnic minority groups by 20%.
- Address the under-representation of young men from disadvantaged backgrounds in HE.

To find out more about Make Happen or to see if your school/college is one of their targets, please contact: [makehappen@essex.ac.uk](mailto:makehappen@essex.ac.uk)

