



Introduction to Sutton Trust Summer Schools

The Sutton Trust are a leading UK social mobility charity. This presentation is designed to inform people about the Sutton Trust Summer Schools.

This is a prestigious programme which will:

- Provide an insight into higher education and apprenticeship options.
- Allow students to try out university subjects and accommodation before applying.
- Allow students to find out more about higher and degree-level apprenticeships.
- Be a great addition to UCAS applications.

What are the UK Summer Schools?

This is an opportunity to experience university life first-hand. UK 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 be doing during a UK 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 with 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 sessions will help you think about the going long term and how your university experience will get you to the end goal.

Partner Universities for UK Summer Schools

The UK Summer Schools are proudly run with 13 leading universities across the UK. Students from anywhere in the country can apply to any university, so you should 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.

What is the Apprenticeship Summer School?

This is an opportunity for you to explore higher and degree-level apprenticeships.

The Apprenticeship Summer School is:

- A three-day residential programme delivered by the Sutton Trust and leading employers.
- Run between Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th July 2022. You must be able to attend these dates.
- Held at the University of Warwick.
- Free to attend – all travel, food, accommodation and food costs are covered.

What will I gain?

The Apprenticeship Summer School supports students to make informed decisions about their future.

You will:

- Gain a deep understanding of apprenticeships.
- Experience networking opportunities.
- Gain the skills and confidence to navigate the complex apprenticeship system.

Benefit from free ongoing support

The programme doesn't stop after your residential.

You will also gain access to Sutton Trust Online, a digital platform created to empower students with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to achieve their goals.

Over this 18-month programme, participants will:

- Attend exclusive webinars and events.
- Ask current undergraduates and Sutton Trust alumni about university life.
- Receive tailored support with their personal statement.
- Get help with admissions tests or interviews.

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

- Past participants have made life-long friends, some of which they go on to university with.
- Have 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).

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.

Sutton Trust 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 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)

All students that apply to a university or apprentice Summer School that meet our grades threshold and another of our criteria will be offered a place on the Sutton Trust Online Core programme delivered on Sutton Trust Online.

How to Apply

Visit the website for UK Summer Schools: summerschools.suttontrust.com

Visit the website for the Apprenticeship Summer School: suttontrust.com/our-programmes/

You'll find all the information, FAQs and how to apply on the page.