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Welcome to Surrey Scholars

The University of Surrey's Widening Participation & Outreach Team are delighted to introduce Surrey Scholars, a sustained extracurricular programme of outreach for students in Years 10 to 13.

As a Surrey Scholar, you will receive continued support with GCSE and Post 16 study in addition to advice and guidance towards your progression into higher education and beyond. You will enjoy priority status to attend our renowned flagship programmes as well as receive exclusive access to online and on campus events each year, enabling you the opportunity to explore your interests and map your future under the guidance of current University of Surrey students and academics.

This guide introduces you to the programme, what you can expect as a Surrey Scholar, our eligibility criteria and how to apply.

What can Surrey Scholars expect?

- A welcome pack
- A personalised account to the University of Surrey Outreach Portal
- Access to exclusive online resources and content
- Access to University of Surrey staff and student mentors
- Resource packs
- Travel bursaries for campus events
- Free parking for campus events
- Free catering for campus events

Eligibility

To be eligible for Surrey Scholars, you will be in **Year 10, 11, 12 or 13** and meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- You live in an area of higher deprivation as measured by postcode (IMD Deciles 1 or 2).*
- You live in an area of low progression into higher education (POLAR4 Q1).**
- You have received Free School Meals within the last 6 years.
- You receive a 16-19 bursary.
- You are a young carer - you care for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without your support.
- You are care experienced, - you have spent time in local authority care, in a residential children's home, have been looked after at home by a supervision order or have lived with relatives under kinship care.
- You are a forced migrant – a refugee or an asylum seeking young person.
- You are from a Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showperson or Boater community.

* Indices of Multiple Deprivation are commonly used datasets within the UK to classify the relative deprivation within smaller areas. You can find an IMD look up tool on our website. To be eligible, you must live in an IMD Decile 1 or 2 postcode.

**POLAR4 classifies the progression rate of young people in higher education within local areas across the UK. You can find a POLAR4 look up tool on our website. To be eligible, you must live in a POLAR4 Quintile 1 postcode.

How to Apply

If you meet one of our eligibility criteria, applying to become a Surrey Scholar is easy. To request an application form you can either:

1. Scan the QR code and complete our online application form.
2. Contact our team at wp@surrey.ac.uk for a link to our online form.
3. Ask your nominating teacher for one of our printed forms and postage instructions.



Once your application has been received, you can expect to hear from the University of Surrey's Widening Participation & Outreach Team within 14 days before receiving your welcome pack.

Year 10

Year 10 not only prepares you for your GCSEs but broadens your employability skills through work experience opportunities and extra-curricular initiatives such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Surrey Scholars complements this focus by providing you with additional support towards your study and work experience through our Saturday programme and campus experience days.



Y10 Programme: Realise Your Potential

When: January to March *How:* On Campus and Online

What: Our annual Saturday programme aims to raise attainment with English, Maths and Science through a blend of subject taster workshops, revision masterclasses, career webinars and a group research project. Following a hybrid model, you will be invited to visit campus and tune into online content on alternate weeks.

Taking place across January to March, learn more about university degree subjects such as Law, Health Sciences, Engineering and Veterinary Medicine, whilst receiving professional support and advice towards preparing for your GCSEs and identifying possible education and career pathways into well known careers.

Surrey Scholars Campus Experience Days

When: School holidays *How:* On Campus

What: Throughout the academic year, you will be invited to attend exclusive campus experience days during the school holidays. These single or multiday events will enable you to access campus facilities that are not available during weekends, along with tours and demonstrations from University of Surrey staff and students. These are fantastic opportunities to continue to network and to get practical with your learning.

Year 11

Your priority in Year 11 is your GCSEs. To support you in achieving your potential, Surrey Scholars have access to GCSE revision masterclasses along with campus experience days to keep you on course and motivated for your next steps.



Y11 GCSE Revision Masterclasses

When: Autumn series: November to December | Spring series: March to April

How: Online

What: Join us on our Autumn and/or Spring series where our team of educational consultants will be delivering GCSE Revision Masterclasses after school.

These online events will talk through common misconceptions within English, Maths and Science whilst sharing top tips and techniques that apply to all exam boards.

Attend and participate in as many of our online events as you feel beneficial and become further confident in your own exam preparation.

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Year 12

The beginning of Year 12 marks a transition, settling into your new courses and possibly new education setting. Towards the end of the year, you will begin to map your post 18 study route, considering preferred subjects, qualification pathways and destination.

To support with this process, Surrey Scholars are invited onto our annual summer schools and subject taster events with online and on campus opportunities available.

Summer Schools

When: June - August **How:** On Campus and Online

What: Surrey Scholars will enjoy priority access onto our annual Summer Schools, enjoying a multiday experience involving university level lectures, webinars and research. Our on campus residentials provide you with university accommodation and catering, enabling you to soak up the experience of student living throughout the week whilst our online offer connects you with fellow participants through interactive workshops and projects. All summer schools are subject specific whilst our evening timetables encourage networking and socialising through planned group activity.

Subject Taster Days

When: Advertised dates (subject to change each year) **How:** On Campus and Online

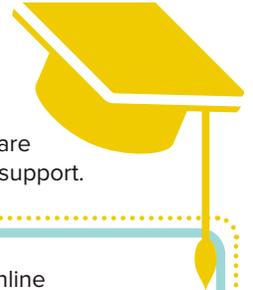
What: Take part in a one-day taster activity that showcases specific subjects and courses available to study at the University of Surrey. These events invite you to attend workshops, lectures, and seminars with academic staff in addition to learning more about student experiences and the facilities available. These are great opportunities to ask questions that will help to inform your own choices and decision making. The scheduling of subjects is dependent on the availability of staff and resources and are subject to change each year.



Year 13

In Year 13 you make key decisions about your future. Whether you are applying to university through UCAS or weighing up your study or employment options, receiving trusted and reliable advice is important.

As a Surrey Scholar, we are committed to ensuring that your questions are answered through 1-1 mentoring and continued online and face to face support.



AIM4University **When:** September to November **How:** Online

What: AIM4University offers advice, information and mentoring that is impartial and tailored to your queries. This programme allows you to select and connect with a current University of Surrey student who has similar or shared experiences to you. This can be similarities between course of study, hobbies, or culture. You will also be invited to exclusive webinars with topics including 'Tips for Personal Statement Writing', 'Applying for UK Student Finance' and 'Living at University'. In addition, all Surrey Scholars will be invited to book an appointment with our Student Success Team, either online or as part of a scheduled visit onto campus, to discuss personal circumstances and to available provision to maximise your university experience.

In2Surrey: Transition Scheme

When: June to September
How: Online

What: If you apply to study at the University of Surrey, you will be invited to a series of transition events as led by members of our Student Experience division. The objective is to raise your awareness of the support services available, whether pastoral or academic, which you can access to maximise your experience during the first semester and beyond. Surrey Scholars can also benefit from contextualised admissions, receiving a reduced entry requirement prior to confirmation. This scheme is only open to students eligible for Home Fee status.



