



HUB NEWSLETTER

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Hi there,

Welcome to the Aspire Higher Hub newsletter! The Aspire Higher Hub co-ordinates and signposts outreach events, resources and useful links across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire and is part of Uni Connect.

We hope you find this content useful, and please do forward it on to colleagues in your school who might be interested in it as well.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your engagement with Aspire Higher.

As we reflect on the academic year we have enjoyed looking back on events such as STEAM Northants, Back to Your Future 1 and 2 and developments on the website such as e-learning modules to name only a few.

As the end of the academic year 2020-21 draws to a close, Aspire Higher are still here to support you in the final weeks of term. Please contact us if you would like more details of how we can do this.

Best Wishes from the Aspire Higher Team

Continuation of the Uni Connect Programme

We are pleased to share that Aspire Higher will be back for 2021-2022. Aspire Higher will receive funding which will enable us to continue to deliver the aims of the national "Uni Connect" programme.

Phase 3 of the Uni Connect Programme will run from 2021-2022 and in principle to 2024-2025.

A new approach has been outlined for 2021-2022. Aspire Higher can continue to support young people to make informed decisions about higher education, however it will expand its work to support adult learners.

Although this is exciting news, Phase 3 also includes some cuts to the overall budget for Aspire Higher. This will inevitably mean some changes to our operation next year. We will continue to provide updates through our newsletter, regional meetings and website. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk

New to the Aspire Higher Website



To celebrate World Wellbeing week on 21st June -Aspire Higher are excited to announce that we have launched a wellbeing e-learning module for schools to use with their students. The module contains 5 short activities of 20 minutes in length suitable for Years 9 to 13. These include learning objectives, animation and teachers notes that can be used in class or tutor time, or as self-directed tasks for students to complete. All modules come with accompanying lesson plans. To find out more please follow the link <https://aspire-higher.co.uk/e-learning/>



This video is part of Aspire Higher and Study Higher joint Teacher/Adviser CPD programme. It is presented by Charlie Smith from UCAS and explains the current 2021 Clearing and Adjustment procedures.

Coming to the Aspire Higher Website in September



We are excited to announce that the Uni Club e-learning project will be ready in September! The UNI Club Modules this year are virtual, stand-alone Modules that either teachers can facilitate in school or students can access from home.

The UNI Club e-learning Modules will be suitable to extend the learning for your most able students in Y9, however, being virtual, you may wish to extend the outreach of the Module to other students who may benefit from this extended work.

All we ask in return is a register of those participating (so that we can evidence participation) and strongly encourage including those that you have previously identified as your WP or Aspire Higher targeted young people.

Useful partnership

Introducing your Science Learning Partnership (SLP)

The SLP is part of the DFE funded National STEM Learning network, providing support for teachers of science across all phases and all stages of their careers.

As the DfEs chosen science CPD providers our exceptional professional development has a proven impact on participants, their school or college and, ultimately, young people.

In addition to our CPD programme, we offer bespoke Science CPD for departmental meetings, joint inset and inset days. Our expert school to school support offer includes departmental reviews, coaching, mentoring, curriculum reviews and exam analysis.

We are looking forward to being able to run face to face courses again from September.

If your school would be interested in hosting face to face CPD for local schools please do get in touch claire.ruthven@hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk

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Website and CPD Programme

Have you joined the STEM Community? Register for free and be part of the conversation <https://community.stem.org.uk/>



Student Profile

Jazmin is in the third year of the biomedical science course. The profile is an outline into the best part of the course in Jazmin's mind, advice for anyone considering University and what it felt like being the first in the family to go to University.

[View Jazmin's Profile](#)

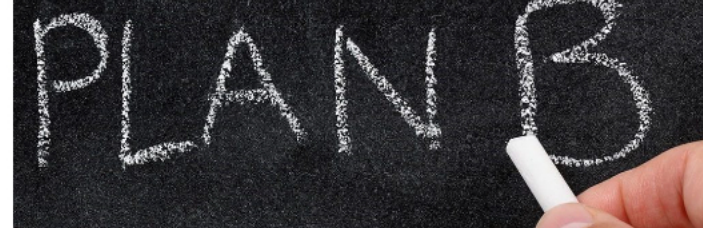


Meet the Employer

In partnership with a number of professionals across different industries, Aspire Higher have created a series of 'Meet the Employer' videos. In this video, Chloe, Associate Scientist at GSK and Governor at The Thomas Alleyne Academy, discusses what it's like to study on a degree apprenticeship and how she balances studies with her day to day work. She also covers what her current work as an Associate Scientist includes and the key skills required for success in this field.

Latest Blog Article

Please share with your students the latest articles which aim to give topical advice and guidance to students in schools and colleges.



Keep calm and look into Clearing

If you missed the UCAS deadline or didn't get the grades you needed to get into your firm or insurance choice universities, you can use Clearing to find a place at other universities which have places available. You can also use Clearing if you've simply changed your mind about what course you want to study and where.

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Exceeding expectations - a guide to Adjustment

You've probably heard of Clearing and how it can help students find a place at university if they didn't get the grades needed for their first choice. But what happens if your grades are better than you expected?

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