



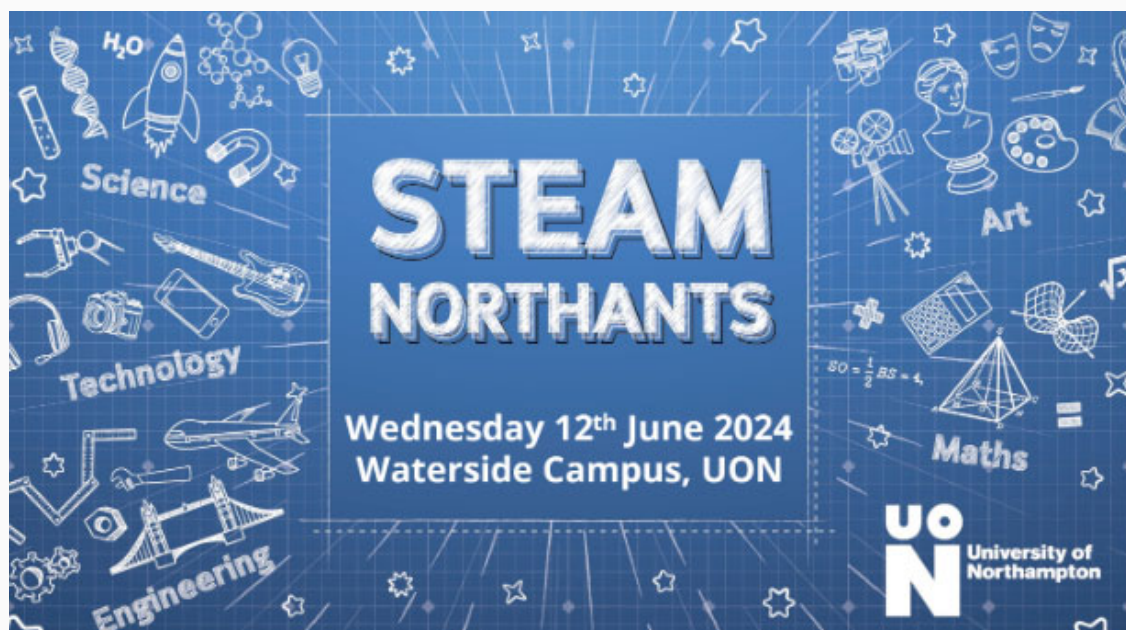
## HUB NEWSLETTER

17th January 2024

Hi there,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope you had an enjoyable winter break and we wish you a happy new year! We have some exciting offers for schools and students to get involved with.

If you have any questions about the work we do please get in touch via [aspirehigher@beds.ac.uk](mailto:aspirehigher@beds.ac.uk)



**STEAM Northants 2024**

## Wednesday 12th June 2024 from 9.30am to 3pm on Waterside Campus, University of Northampton.

STEAM Northants is a FREE careers event for Y6's to Y13's, to inspire and enthuse around all things science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths. See [last year's event here!](#)

Visit the many different areas of the university – have a go in our engineering labs, explore the photography studios, see what equipment students use on our Radio & TV degrees, have a go with prosthetics, find out what Sociology is, explore the brain with the Psychology team and explore our 'mock' up ambulance in our paramedic training area...

Explore our exhibition areas – taking over the University of Northampton, explore many of the local, national, and international companies that offer careers and opportunities in STEAM Careers. Have a go with interactive activities, meet apprentices, and ask lots of questions to help you decide what career would interest you.

There is also a £350 bus bursary available to all Northants schools. For further information or to register your interest, email [aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:aspirehigher@northampton.ac.uk)

[Register Interest](#)

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## NC Connect: University Level Courses

As sixth form students gear up for their university applications, Northampton College is excited to offer an array of Level 4 and Level 5 courses – equivalent to the first two years of a degree.

Why choose NC's University Level courses? No heavy university debts! Practical assignments, not just exams! Industry-specific skills for your future career! The courses are affordable, preparing you for both higher education and the workplace.

You can apply directly on their [website](#) until October 2024.

Ready to take the next step? Email [universitylevel@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:universitylevel@northamptoncollege.ac.uk) for any questions or more info!

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## STARLIGHT STEM Raising Attainment Project

Introducing our new STEM Raising Attainment Project, a collaboration between the University of Bedfordshire, STEM providers, and employers; designed to engage STEM teachers, classroom support staff, and technicians. This program is entirely free and open to all school staff interested in STEM subjects. No commitment to all sessions is necessary; you can sign up for sessions of specific interest.

The program offers 9-12 sessions across the year, including:

- Online after-school 30-45 minute sessions focused on specific STEM areas.
- Hands-on face-to-face sessions lasting less than an hour, likely held at the Luton Campus STEM Centre lab space.
- Informal face-to-face networking sessions for cross-school relationship building and idea sharing.

Express your interest by emailing [access@beds.ac.uk](mailto:access@beds.ac.uk). Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

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## Sustainability Teachers Conference

**14th February 2024 at the University of Bedfordshire, Bedford Campus**

Open to Primary, Secondary Schools and Further Education. In collaboration with the University of Bedfordshire and The Science Learning Partnership.

By 2025, all schools must have a nominated sustainability lead and have put a climate action plan in place. The DfE have a sustainability strategy and more details can be found [here](#).

We are hoping that this conference will help to support teachers and schools towards achieving this. To book click [here](#).

[Register Interest](#)

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## Parents and Careers Webinars

Please promote to parents and carers. If you're interested in attending any of these webinars please book your place [here](#).

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**WEBINARS**  
**PARENTS & CARERS**

Thursday  
**23** February  
**Student Finance**  
Everything parents and carers need to know about loans and funding.

Thursday  
**30** March  
**Next steps after GCSE**  
How to navigate student choices post-16.

Tuesday  
**23** May  
**University Applications**  
Everything parents and carers need to know about UCAS.

All sessions run 6:00 - 7:00pm

[Sign Up](#)

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## Heritage Education Fair

Thursday 1st February 2024 (1:30 PM - 5:00 PM) hosted at Corby Sixth Form Centre, Queens Square, NN17 1QN

Calling all Primary and Secondary teachers! Are you truly aware of the wealth of heritage resources available to enrich your curriculum?

Join us at the Heritage Education Fair hosted by the Heritage Skills Hub! Discover an array of exciting opportunities for schools and connect with Heritage Education professionals.

Book now via Eventbrite [here](#). Uncover new avenues to inspire and support your teaching! Don't miss out!

[Book here](#)

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