



## HUB NEWSLETTER

10th July 2024

**Hi there,**

**Welcome to our latest newsletter!**

Across each university, at Aspire Higher we enjoyed a busy year supporting schools to offer tailored support to their students. Here are some of our events Climate Change Conference, Teachers' Sustainability Conference, Autism Conference, STEAM Northants, Media Higher Education Day, Wayfinder Day, Joy of Reading and much more!

Below we would like to highlight a small sample of our large events on campus as well as 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)

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**Event Highlight: Powering Transformation Week at the Bedford Campus from 29th April to 3rd May 2024**



The Aspire Higher team at University of Bedfordshire enjoyed a brilliant Powering Transformations week with local schools. This is our fourth year collaborating with The Talent Foundry and Dell to spark the creativity and technological innovation in KS3 students. We enjoyed welcoming the following schools on campus: All Saints Academy Dunstable, Mark Rutherford School Bedford, Chiltern Academy Luton, Biddenham International School Bedford and Queensbury Academy Dunstable.

Teachers were asked what they would say to another teacher thinking of booking their students onto this programme:

*"Great opportunity and it is lovely to watch the students grow throughout the day"*

*"Great way to get students to improve their creative problem solving and presentation skills. Great way to show students that imagination is valued in STEM!"*

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## Event Highlight: STEAM Northants on 12th June 2024



An incredible event at the University of Northampton's Waterside Campus! UON brought together a massive range of FREE activities, workshops, drop-in areas, and exciting shows to inspire and enthuse children and young people in all areas of STEAM! It attracted an astonishing 3,000 visitors from year 6 to year 13, 50 different schools and colleges, with over 80 exhibitors and companies. Save the date for STEAM Northants 2025 on the 11th June!

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## Event Highlight: Wayfinder Days 2024



At the beginning of the academic year the University of Hertfordshire welcomed over 950 year 12 students onto campus for an enriching day of exploration with the opportunity to tour campus, chat with current university students and learn more about student finance, support and wider higher education options.

A teacher said, *“Thank you so much for a really informative day yesterday, the students enjoyed it and learnt so much about the process as a whole.”*

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## Event Highlight: Maths Enrichment Event at University of Bedfordshire on 1st July 2024

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Another exciting collaborative event for the Aspire Higher team at the University of Bedfordshire. We worked with the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme to welcome students on campus from 10 schools across Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Lincolnshire as part of our Take Maths Further Year 10 Enrichment Day.

Year 10 students had a taste of Maths beyond GCSE to explore potential careers and courses post-16 while having fun learning about new areas of Maths. Seeing students enjoying the day at our Bedford Campus was so great!

Teachers gave the following feedback:

*“I thought the sessions were hugely thought provoking and allowed pupils to engage with higher mathematical content which they may not usually have seen. The leaders of sessions were clear and passionate.”*

*“Students were intrigued by the maths displayed and the choices on offer. They thoroughly enjoyed the topics, especially the bridges one & the dragon quiz. They liked the competitive aspect of the quiz & were part of the winning teams!”*

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## Event Highlight: Art&Design Saturday Club pieces exhibited at University of Northampton’s Degree Show 2024

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The University of Northampton's Degree Show 2024 showcased the incredible work of our undergraduate students from across all creative subjects! As part of the show, there were amazing pieces from UON's Art&Design Saturday Club featured! The students from the last 2 years of the Club worked so hard on these pieces, and we're so proud to see them on display for everyone to enjoy.

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## Event Highlight: Pathfinder Days 2024



We were thrilled to welcome Year 9 students from over 21 schools to the University of Hertfordshire for our interactive "Pathfinder Days".

The students participated in engaging activities and games, led by our university student team leaders. This day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about higher education and start contemplating their future educational paths. We are delighted to have sown the seeds of higher education and look forward to supporting their journey.

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## Upcoming Events and Activities

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### The Living Room Lectures: Explore Student Support Services at UON – Residential Life



When: 16th July 2024, 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Are you interested in studying at UON? Or are you a parent or carer of someone who is? Moving into student halls of residence? Join our Residential Life team who will give you an overview of the support they can give to students to make the transition of living on campus a bit easier. They'll be able to give some useful tips and you'll also be able to ask any questions you may have.

[Book here](#)

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## National Saturday Clubs 2024/2025



Young people across the country are spending Saturday mornings at their local university, college or museum discovering subjects they love. Saturday Clubs are open to 13–16-year-olds of all abilities and are free to attend.

Next academic year the University of Northampton are offering Art&Design and Film&Screen Clubs! Each club offers interactive workshops based on its specific topic, along with a masterclass, two trips to London, a "Take One Picture" exhibition in 2025, a Degree Show 2025 viewing, and a mini end-of-club celebration.

[Find your local Club](#)

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