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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 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
- An annual Surrey Scholars Magazine
- Free merchandise
- 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 you 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. Contact our team at wp@surrey.ac.uk for an online form.
2. 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

Your Year 10 year 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, campus experience days and online content.

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.

Employability and Careers: An Introduction to Work Experience

When: All year *How:* Online

What: As a Surrey Scholar, you will receive exclusive access to our series of webinars tailored to support you with planning your work experience placement. These live and recorded sessions will be available online all year round through your personalised account and are ideal for your household to engage with together. 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 Post 16 study guidance to keep you on course and motivated for your next steps.



Y11 GCSE Revision Masterclasses

When: November to December *How:* Online

What: From November to December, 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.

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Post 16: What are my study options beyond GCSEs?

When: All year *How:* Online

What: As a Surrey Scholar, you will receive exclusive access to our series of webinars tailored to support you with planning your next steps beyond GCSEs.

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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 in addition to online and Open Day initiatives.

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 residential 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.

Open Day Befriender Scheme

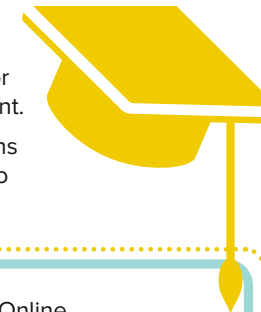
When: Advertised dates (subject to change each year) *How:* On Campus

What: Our befriender scheme is available to help you to navigate your way around our Open Days. Be matched with a current student who will guide you across campus and help you to plan your timetable to ensure that you maximise your experience on the day. This service is available on set dates only, advertised each academic year. All Surrey Scholars are eligible to receive a travel bursary when attending Open Day events.

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:* November to December *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 Advisors, either online or as part of a scheduled visit onto campus.

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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.

