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**THE ACADEMY AT  
QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY**

**STUDENT APPLICATION  
GUIDELINES**



## THE PROGRAMME

The Academy has been established to support Year 13 pupils in developing their potential to progress to Queen's University, Belfast. Fifty pupils from across Northern Ireland will be nominated by their schools to participate in a programme of activities and events between April and August 2014. The Academy aims to support attainment in examinations via delivery of a range of university campus-based activities and online resources. As part of the programme participants will have the opportunity to:

- develop personal and academic skills – to build academic and personal confidence
- develop career management skills – to widen career choices
- access tailored support to raise academic attainment

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Pupils who:

- are currently attending a school eligible to participate in the Academy
  - are in Year 13 completing a minimum of three AS-levels or acceptable equivalent BTEC/ OCR Level 3 qualifications
  - intend to progress to A2 study or acceptable equivalent study in 2014/15
  - are considered to have the potential of attaining a minimum of BBC at AS-level or acceptable equivalent and be able to satisfy specific subject and course requirements as contained in the online prospectus / entry profile in year of entry
  - are interested in finding out more about third-level education
  - meet one or more of the following Access Criteria:
    - o first in their family to attend Higher Education
    - o family income is below £19,203
    - o in receipt of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
    - o have experience of care
    - o considered to have a disability
- NB: full Access Criteria are outlined in Schools Guidance Notes



## SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

Eligible schools will be invited to nominate up to five pupils for participation in the programme. Nominated pupils will then complete a short online application form including a brief personal statement. Nominating teachers will also be asked to complete a school reference for each nominee.

## WHAT CAN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS EXPECT?

- welcome event at Queen's on 17 April 2014
- the opportunity to participate in two residential activities on 25-27 June and 26-28 August 2014
- access to master classes and workshops to develop skills
- an opportunity to meet like-minded pupils
- assistance with individual learning plans and career development planning
- the chance to participate in fun educational activities
- the opportunity to gain an insight into life at Queen's University, Belfast
- access to a Queen's University 'buddy'
- information for parents/guardians
- ongoing support in Year 14

## SUCCESS IN THE ACADEMY REQUIRES

- motivation to attend and engage in school activities, willingness to attend workshops at Queen's University, Belfast and take part in residential activity

## INTERESTED?

Talk to the Head of 6th Form or school Principal about becoming a nominee.