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QUEEN'S SENIOR ACADEMY

2015

THE PROGRAMME

The Senior Academy has been established to support students in non-selective schools and further education colleges in developing their potential to progress to Queen's University, Belfast. Fifty students from across Northern Ireland will be nominated by their teachers/ tutors to participate in a programme of activities and events between April 2015 and May 2016.

As part of the programme participants will have the opportunity to:

- develop academic skills including: essay writing, note taking, revision and critical thinking
- Develop personal skills including: team work, time management and self confidence
- Access up to 30 hours of subject specific tutoring
- Team up with an undergraduate student mentor to find out what student life is like.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Pupils from a family with little or no experience of Higher Education. *

Currently in the first year of a two year, level 3 qualification e.g. A-levels or acceptable equivalent BTEC/OCR qualification

Attending a Northern Ireland non-selective school or further education college

Have at least 5 A* - C grades at GCSE (or equivalent e.g. GNVQ, BTEC) including English and Maths*

In addition, nominees **must** also meet at least **two** of the following criteria:

- Annual household income of below £19,203
- In receipt of Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Have a disability or additional learning need
- Currently living in Care or are Care Experienced
- Is the main carer for a family member or dependant.

***please see guidance notes for further details**

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. School/teacher nomination
2. Pupils complete applications and personal statements
3. School/teacher submit student references
4. Students meet the WPU Team
5. Offers made /accepted
6. Induction Day

WHAT CAN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS EXPECT?

- A welcome event at Queen's University on **17 April 2015**
- The opportunity to participate in two residential activities on **24-26 June** and **26-28 August 2015**
- Master classes, workshops and training to develop skills. Opportunities to meet like-minded pupils.
- Assistance with individual learning plans and career development planning
- The opportunity to gain an insight into life at Queen's University, Belfast
- Access to a Queen's University mentor
- Access to a subject specific tutor.

SUCCESS IN THE ACADEMY REQUIRES

Motivation and commitment to engage in the full range of activities offered by the Academy programme. Willingness to attend workshops and take part in residential activity

INTERESTED?

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