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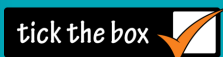
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QUEEN'S SENIOR ACADEMY

2016



THE PROGRAMME

The Senior Academy supports students in non-selective schools and further education colleges to develop their potential to progress to Higher Education. Fifty students from across Northern Ireland will be nominated by their teachers or tutors to participate in a programme of activities and events between April 2016 and May 2017.

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

- Develop a range of academic skills, such as essay writing, note taking, revision techniques and critical thinking.
- Enhance self-confidence by developing personal skills in organisation and communication.
- 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 non-selective school or further education college in Northern Ireland.

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 **two or more** 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 is care experienced.
- ⇒ Is the main carer for a family member or dependant .

***please see Essential Reading for further details.**



NOMINATION AND SELECTION

1. School/teacher nomination.
2. Pupils complete applications and personal statements.
3. School/teacher submit student references.
4. Students meet the Queen's Senior Academy team.
5. Offers made /accepted.
6. Induction Day.

WHAT CAN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS EXPECT

- A welcome event at Queen's University on **15th April 2016**.
- Orientation event on **8th July 2016**.
- The opportunity to participate in a residential, hosted in Elms Village between **24-26th August 2016**.
- Master classes, workshops and training to develop skills, as well as opportunities to meet like-minded pupils from other schools.
- 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 a summer residential activity.

INTERESTED?

Talk to your Head of 6th Form, careers tutor, or Principal about becoming a participant in the Queen's Senior Academy Programme.