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Insight into University Residential Experience (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/S5-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

Courses running in summer 2024

Maths at Lancaster
Mechanical Engineering at UCL
Materials Science at Oxford
Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield
Materials Science at Cambridge
Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool
Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton

Find out more and apply on our website here.

Statistics from 2023



of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

96%

of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.

What our students say

"A wonderful experience which a few years ago I wouldn't have dreamed of going on. The staff were so supportive and everything was fascinating. Thank you all so much for this chance, it was something I'll remember and reap the benefits of for the rest of my life!"

"I greatly enjoyed it. This course has given me the opportunity to demystify university life for myself and also interact with those just as enthusiastic as myself. It was a great chance to experience life independent of my family for the first time. I now know how university life will be, and so I feel more comfortable pursuing it."

"I enjoyed the course so much that I didn't want to leave! Meeting students with the same interests from all over the UK was such an incredible experience and I have made friends that I will keep forever. I also found the lectures, practical courses and industrial visit fascinating getting to talk one on one with academics was a unique experience."

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