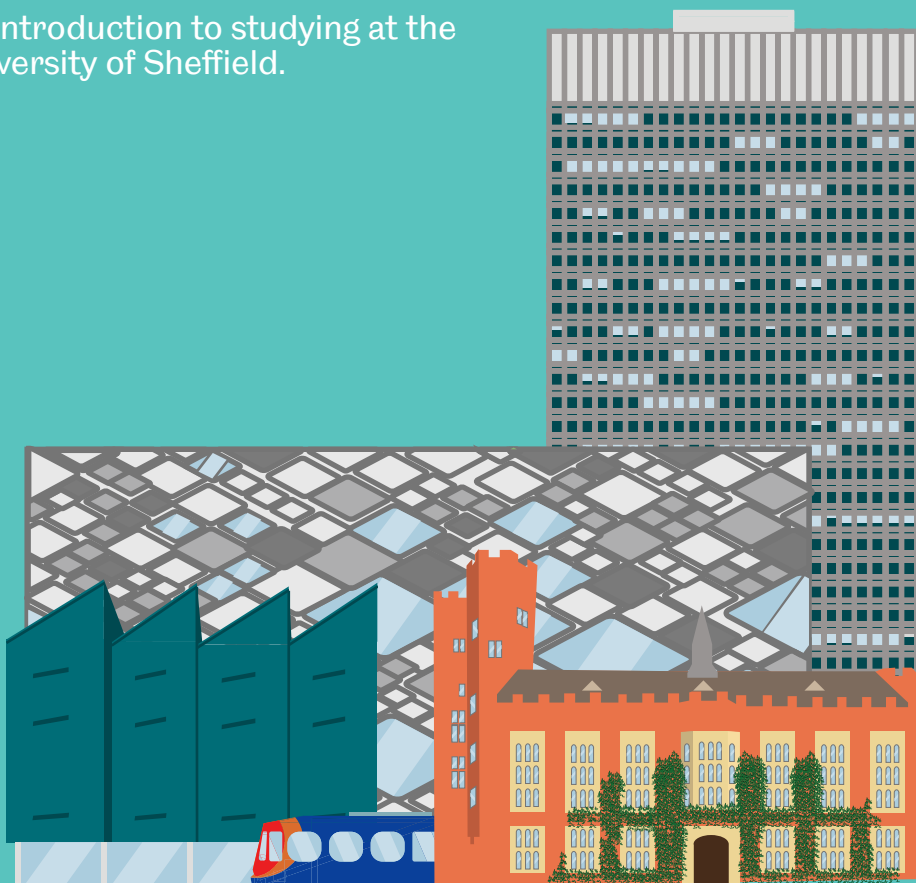




The
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Discover Sheffield

An introduction to studying at the
University of Sheffield.





The Programme

When it comes to decision making after college or sixth form, choosing which university to attend can be daunting. Our brand new Widening Participation programme, 'Discover Sheffield', will help you find out more about the University of Sheffield as the next step in your education.

If you're unsure about higher education in general, or you want to explore the opportunities provided by our university, or if you just want to try something new, Discover Sheffield could be the right option for you.

The Discover Sheffield programme begins in Year 12 and continues to the end of Year 13. Over the two years, you will have the opportunity to experience everything that the University of Sheffield has to offer and take away the knowledge to help you make the best decision for your future.



What is Discover Sheffield?

The Discover Sheffield programme has been tailor made so you can experience what it is like to be a student here at the University of Sheffield.

The programme will showcase the range of academic courses and subject pathways, our first class facilities, vibrant campus and modern student accommodation as well as an opportunity to experience student life, including sports, hobbies and activities you can engage in alongside your study.

You'll have the opportunity to meet and speak with our student ambassadors, covering topics about our university, the City of Sheffield and student life. These current university students will share their first-hand experiences of what student living is like and can answer questions about their university study, courses and career choices. We'll also provide information about the practicalities of living away from home, such as managing a student budget, making friends and settling in. We'll introduce you to the wide range of student support services available at our university.

Optional subject tasters and skills workshops will also be available throughout your engagement with Discover Sheffield and will help you to further develop your confidence, critical thinking and study skills. You will also have access to free online academic tutoring through the 'Peer Tutor' app.





What will the programme cover?

The Discover Sheffield programme will introduce you to the City, the University and what you can expect from our fantastic institution. You will have the opportunity to tailor your own experience with multiple subject specific workshops available. You'll also meet like-minded students taking part in Discover Sheffield during the course of the programme.

Workshops will be delivered throughout year 12 and 13. There will be the opportunity to explore our city and what Sheffield has to offer, including what activities, entertainment and hobbies you can engage in and why many of our students now call Sheffield home.

The programme will include a residential experience to find out what it's like to be a student, staying overnight in our student residences and taking part in a range of student life activities. You will have the opportunity to explore our main campus and engage with current students. It's a great chance to find out more about additional perks of studying in Sheffield, including our huge range of sports clubs and societies that you can get involved in.



We'll also be guiding you through the application process as well as providing key information to help inform your decision making. We'll continue to provide numerous supportive workshops for you to access over the two years.

There will be dozens of additional opportunities to engage with us throughout your enrolment on the programme. There will be numerous course related workshops that can help you make choices about your study and inform your decision making. These will be signposted based on your personal interest and desired subject pathway.

You will have access to free online tutoring via www.peertutor.com where you will be provided with 1-2-1 tutoring with current students, supporting A level revision in English Language, English Literature, History, Geography, Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths.

We'll be there every step of the way to offer support in your decision making. We're only an email or a phone call away should you have any questions or concerns along your Discover Sheffield journey.



Supporting our students

The University of Sheffield has a long history of supporting students to achieve success. We believe that people from all parts of society should be given the opportunity to fulfil their potential; regardless of their backgrounds or personal circumstances.

We work in partnership with fellow universities, colleges, schools, local authorities, and charities to help aspiring students access Higher Education.

Throughout the year our dedicated teams in Student Support and Guidance, and Disability and Dyslexia Services work alongside our central widening participation team to identify how individual participants can be best supported. This also continues throughout their degree at the University





Access Sheffield

When you have successfully completed the programme you will become eligible for an alternative offer equivalent to up to two A Level grades below the standard entry requirements for your course (providing you have met or can meet all the other requirements, for example any subject requirement, GCSE requirements, pre-entry tests and portfolio requirements).

Completion of the programme is defined as; a commitment to the programme through satisfactory attendance, behaviour and attitude.

You don't need to do anything, our academic selectors will already be aware that you've participated in the programme. This alternative offer will be subject to a commitment from you too; in order to benefit from the alternative offer when exam results are released, you'll need to have made Sheffield your Firm choice with UCAS.

sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/apply/access

Applying and Outreach Online

Application to the Discover Sheffield programme is via an online application system. Your sixth form or college will have an allocated member of staff who can give you access to this system - Outreach Online. Once you've submitted your application, your sixth form or college will verify your application ready for assessment.

If you have any questions about the application process, please email:

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You can find out more here:

sheffield.ac.uk/schools/programmes/discover-sheffield

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