

Insight into University Residential



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 2025

Maths at Lancaster

Mechanical Engineering at UCL

Materials Science at Oxford

Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton

Astronomy and Physics at Surrey

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Find out more and apply on our website here.

What our students say

"I loved it! The course was one of the best things I've ever done and it was so much more than I expected. I learnt loads and some of the stuff was quite challenging."

"All those involved in the organisation of the event went above and beyond, and encouraged us to remain engaged after the experience. I thought the course was a great experience to get an introduction to a subject that I am considering doing at uni. As well as this it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and improve my communication skills."



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96%

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

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