

Transforming Access

A COMIC FOR THE
ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION
PLAN

UNIVERSITY ISN'T
THE RIGHT PATH FOR
EVERYONE, AND
THAT'S OKAY.

BUT EVERYONE
DESERVES THE CHANCE TO
BE SUPPORTED, AND TO MAKE
AN INFORMED CHOICE ABOUT
THEIR FUTURE.

WE WANT TO
SUPPORT THEIR JOURNEY SO
FAR, AND ENCOURAGE THEIR
HOPES AND AMBITIONS.

FOR SOME STUDENTS,
THE JOURNEY TO HIGHER EDUCATION
ISN'T OBVIOUS OR STRAIGHTFORWARD.



WHAT IS UNIVERSITY
LIFE LIKE?

WHAT DO I NEED TO
DO TO GET THERE?
I'M THE FIRST IN MY
FAMILY TO ATTEND...
WOULD UNIVERSITY
EVEN BENEFIT ME?

THEY MAY FIND
THEMSELVES WONDERING...



THEY MAY SEE UNIVERSITY
AS SOMETHING THAT OTHER PEOPLE GET
TO DO, BUT NOT THEM.

WELL, IS UNIVERSITY
SOMETHING I SHOULD EVEN
ASPIRE FOR IN THE
FIRST PLACE?

WE BELIEVE
THAT THE ANSWER
IS YES!

AND WE'RE HERE TO
SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE
ON THE ROAD TO THEIR
UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

WE GIVE KEY INFORMATION, ADVICE
AND GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN
SEEING THE VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
AND BUILDING THEIR CONFIDENCE.



WE ALSO SUPPORT
WITH REVISION SKILLS WORKSHOPS,
WHICH UPLIFT STUDENTS IN DEVELOPING
THEIR ACADEMIC SKILLS.



WE HELP THEM TO PREPARE
FOR EXAMINATIONS, APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY AND
THRIVE IN A UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENT.

BUT UNIVERSITY ISN'T ALL ABOUT THE STUDYING.

SO TO MAKE IT FEEL LIKE A LESS DAUNTING EXPERIENCE, WE ALSO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB!

WITHIN THIS PROGRAMME, STUDENTS MEET DIFFERENT PUPILS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE REGION, ATTEND WORKSHOPS HOSTED IN REAL UNIVERSITY STUDIOS, AND SHOWCASE THEIR WORK IN LONDON!

Composition

(THIS INCLUDES OUR VERY OWN COMIC ARTS STUDIO!)

WE ALSO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULARS (JUST LIKE SOCIETIES AT UNIVERSITY), LINKING STUDENTS TO NEW ACTIVITIES.

WE THEN HOST A 'GRADUATION' TO CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS!

THESE PROGRAMMES HAVE SEEN SOME REAL SUCCESS OVER THE YEARS WE'VE BEEN RUNNING THEM, AND AIM TO GIVE STUDENTS THE INFORMATION AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURES.

WE'VE HAD NOTABLE SUCCESS IN MAKING STUDENTS AWARE OF THEIR PATHWAYS, WITH THE NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB BEING PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR INFORMING THEM ABOUT CREATIVE FIELDS.

WE'VE ALSO SURVEYED THAT STUDENTS ARE A LOT MORE CONFIDENT IN THEMSELVES, BOTH PERSONALLY AND ACADEMICALLY!

BUT MOST IMPORTANLY, THEY'VE ALLOWED STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE CONSIDERED UNIVERSITY BEFORE TO SEE HIGHER EDUCATION AS SOMETHING THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO THEM.

ACCESS IS ABOUT ENABLING AND EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURES.

PEOPLE WHO NOW JOIN OUR THRIVING COMMUNITY, AND MAKE IT BETTER THAN EVER!