

# UNIVENTURE

## WHAT IS UNIVENTURE?

**Univenture** is an aspiration-raising programme designed for twenty Year 8 young people in care.

Hosted at the University of Warwick and delivered by ThinkHigher, Univenture's interactive programme of activities aims to build a sense of belonging and community for young people in care, introduce young people to inspiring role models with lived experiences similar to their own, and provide young people with first-hand insight into what studying at a university is really like.

From hands-on engineering sessions at the University of Warwick's highly acclaimed Degree Apprenticeship Centre, to interactive university myth busting activities and resilience building workshops, young people will develop a range of soft skills, such as communication, networking, teamworking and problem solving to support their future success in education and beyond.

At the end of each day, dedicated reflection time will grant young people the time and space to set achievable goals for the future, whilst being championed by ThinkHigher staff and our inspirational university student ambassadors in a safe and positive environment.

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### Programme Structure :

The programme will consist of three full-day on-campus sessions across May and June 2026 .

By taking part on the programme, young people will be committing to attending all three sessions.



### Dates of the programme:

**Session 1:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Session Focus:** Connect

**Session 2:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
**Session Focus:** Explore

**Session 3:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
**Session Focus:** Build and Celebration



**Location:** The University of Warwick  
**Timings:** 9:45-14:30

### What's included:

- ✓ Lunch and refreshments across all 3 days
- ✓ Take home resources and prizes
- ✓ Fun and interactive experience throughout



### Session 1

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026



#### Focus: Connect

The aim of this day is to create and establish strong relationships between participants and ThinkHigher staff, as well as establishing connection amongst the participants themselves.

#### Activities:

- Introduction to the programme
- Creating a group agreement
- Connection workshop
- Scavenger campus tour
- Postcard reflection session

### Session 2

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026



#### Focus: Explore

The aim of this day is to encourage young people to reflect on their aspirations and discover new possibilities of potentially studying at university if it is for them.

#### Activities:

- University myth busting workshop
- Student Ambassador talk
- Engineering taster session
- 'Keys to campus life' session – an introduction to managing budgets as a student living at university

### Session 3

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026



#### Focus: Build and Celebration

The aim of this day is to discover strategies to help build resilience. The last day will also be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of each participant.

#### Activities:

- Resilience building workshop
- Guest speaker session
- Awards ceremony

If you would like your young person to participate in Univenture, please follow the instructions sent by your Virtual School.