

PROGRAMME OFFER 2026/27

UNIVENTURE

WHAT IS UNIVENTURE?

Univenture is an aspiration-raising programme designed for fifteen 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.

Celebration and connection is at the heart of the programme, which is why at the end of each day young people will be recognised and rewarded for their achievements and contributions.

Please read the second page of this brochure for more information about the activities young people will be involved in.

Programme Structure:

The programme will consist of four full-day on-campus sessions across January and March 2027.

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



Dates of the programme:

Session 1: Wednesday 13th January 2027
Session Focus: Connect

Session 2: Wednesday 3rd February 2027
Session Focus: Explore

Session 3: Wednesday 3rd March 2027
Session Focus: Accessing pathways

Session 4: Wednesday 24th March 2027
Session Focus: Resilience, Reflection & 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 13th January 2027



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
- Exploring identities Lego session
- Scavenger campus tour
- Postcard reflection session

Session 2

Wednesday 3rd February 2027



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 university talk
- Engineering taster session
- 'Keys to campus life' session – an introduction to managing budgets as a student living at university

Session 3

Wednesday 3rd March 2027



Focus: Accessing pathways

The aim of this day is to give young people information, advice and guidance about how to access their aspirational pathways, whilst exploring how to build a community at university and other environments.

Activities:

- Propel into Education and Work workshop by Become Charity
- Mock Fresher's Fair scavenger challenge
- 'The Apprentice' style create your own university society group challenge



Session 4

Wednesday 24th March 2027

Focus: Resilience, Reflection & 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 to you by your Virtual School.



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