

Widening Participation Newsletter

Aimhigher funding allocated to Writtle

May 05

The Young People into Higher Education (YPiHE) scheme has been changing over the last couple of months, with the lead co-ordinator leaving for a new job the Widening Participation Officers met to take advantage of the situation and change the YPiHE scheme for the better.

'Young People into Higher Education' offers a five-year rolling programme of outreach activity across the region, with all students who participate in the annual three-day events in year 9 being tracked over successive years of schooling. Demonstrating a continuing commitment, the students are also been offered an opportunity to expand upon their initial work and skills, in 'follow up sessions' held two / three times a year over the subsequent school years.

Formally colleges in the local area would be in control of running the event, however some of the follow on events were not happening even though funding was still being given. The Widening Participation Officers from Writtle College, APU and Essex University decided to remove the year 12 and 13 events from their funding and put on one big event.

The Schools Liaison department at Writtle College already run a 'Higher Options' event annually. This is an opportunity for us to expand the event and really be able to target years 12 and 13 students with the support of additional funding.

This is a positive change in the system for Writtle College as it enables us to provide relevant information to sixth form students who were not necessarily being given it before. We intend to provide these students with practical information about higher education in a HE Institution. The funding received will be used to give students an insight into HE, our specialist equipment and practical activities and run practical activities.

Groundbreakers



'Next Step' Career Tent

Thank you to all staff that have volunteered to hold a talk in the 'Next Step' Careers tent on the 1st July.

We still have to slots to fill.
12.00 Design
12.20 Mechanisation.

If you would like to give a 15 minute subject talk on one of these subjects then can you please contact Lisa.

Summer School Update

Application forms received so far for Summer Schools:
Year 10 - Sport - Full 56 Students
Year 11 - 'In a Nutshell' - 30 Students
Year 12 - Design - 19 Students



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New objectives

With the summer fast approaching we are about to start planning our WP objectives for 2005-2006.

If you have any suggestions or ideas please contact Lisa.

Summer School Buddies



Summer School Buddies have been selected for this year and they are:

James Edgson
Laura Ullmer
Paul Birley
Raphael Simmons

Carly Duffett
Valerie Dalglish
Konstantinos Agiotis

Thank you for all that applied, we had an overwhelming number of responses.

For more information please contact
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