GETTING COVENTRY’S YOUNG LEARNERS INTO UNIVERSITY

We’ve teamed up with national educational charity IntoUniversity, which aims to inspire children and young people to set their sights high and achieve their potential.

The IntoUniversity Coventry centre, based in the St Peter’s Centre on Charles Street, Hillfields, is run by the charity in partnership with the University of Warwick. The centre opened in October 2018, and our Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart Croft, met many young learners in March to hear about some of the great things the initiative has already achieved.

The Coventry centre is already working with three primary schools, two secondary schools and a sixth form college in the area. Over 100 students have signed up to receive after-school support, access to university student mentors, workshops and an insight into university life.

Through the IntoUniversity centre, children and young people will be able to make the most of their talents and improve their chances of gaining a place at university. The Coventry centre and partnership with IntoUniversity adds to the University’s existing programmes and projects designed to help people from under-represented groups in higher education to realise their potential. This includes making informed decisions about their future, and making higher education more accessible for everyone who would like to study at university, regardless of their background.

Paul Blagburn, Head of Widening Participation and Outreach at the University of Warwick, said: “The University of Warwick is immensely excited about our new partnership with IntoUniversity and the opening of our centre in Coventry.

“It will create a lasting legacy that will provide unique opportunities for thousands of young people in the city to fulfil their potential. The University is committed to ongoing fundraising for this important community resource.”

WARWICK FAMILY DAY: FROM HERE... TO THERE

Sunday 16 June 2019, 10am - 5pm
FREE ENTRY

This summer we invite you to twirl, stretch, jump and shake it all about at our next Family Day.

The day is inspired by all things movement, so bring along your scooters, bikes and roller skates and explore a range of free art, craft, sports and ‘science-y’ activities across our growing Family Day event.

Keep energy levels topped-up with tasty treats from our food market and cafés, or bring a packed lunch to enjoy in our picnic areas.

We’re crossing our fingers and toes for sunshine, so don’t forget the sunscreen and hats, but we’ve plenty of fun spaces to shelter if we get rain.

We can’t wait to see you!
Find out more at warwick.ac.uk/familydays
MAKING NEW FRIENDS

Children from our University Nursery and residents of Herald Lodge Care Home in Canley have been bridging the age gap and feeling all the better for it.

Recent research suggests that it can be beneficial for both the old and young when children and our elderly population play and interact with each other over a period of time. We’ve been putting that to the test at the University Nursery, where we’re already seeing benefits including brushing up social skills, promoting physical development in motor skills, language improvement and – perhaps most importantly – all round wellbeing.

Pre-school aged children from our Nursery were invited by Herald Lodge Care Home in Canley to visit the home on a fortnightly basis from October 2018.

After a shy start on both sides, residents and children quickly began to get used to each other and started to form friendships. The children still visit the care home, but the residents now get out and about to visit the Nursery too. Strong friendships have blossomed, and the children are always excited to visit their friends at Herald Lodge.

There are lots of activities the children and residents take part in, which include things like singing and music, crafts and play dough activities, storytelling and jigsaws.

In December the children and residents held a ‘Christmas sing-a-long’, and invited parents of the children and residents’ families to join them at the care home. It even included an extra-special visit from Father Christmas that the home had organised for the children.

As the spring and summer months approach there’ll be lots more activities to look forward to for both children and the residents.

Following such success, we’ve now reached out to a second residential care home (this time in Kenilworth), involving younger children aged 2 to 3 years as well as pre-schoolers. Although still in the early stages, this is already looking promising too.

LIFELONG LEARNING FOR ALL

The Centre for Lifelong Learning is delighted to launch its new Lifelong Centre for All programme. We’re running three new courses this summer which give learners the opportunity to develop new skills, new ideas and new educational possibilities.

All courses are taught on the Westwood Campus at the University, cost £100 and are open to everyone. For more information about these and all our other programmes visit warwick.ac.uk/dll

The state of the nation: exploring society today
What’s going on and how do we make sense of it all? You’ll cover topics such as power, politics, identity, inequality, globalisation and technology and examine their origins and the impact they have upon our lives and the lives of others. You’ll also be able to share your knowledge, understanding and experiences of the issues we’ll be exploring.

This course will run on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings, 7pm-9pm, starting on 5 June.

Tackling everyday maths with confidence
This course aims to help people recover their natural curiosity, make maths fun and accessible, re-build confidence and resilience…plus there’s chocolate involved! You won’t be expected to come with any expertise - any relevant maths will be taught in a fun and interesting way by supportive and understanding tutors.

This course will run on four consecutive Saturdays, 10am-2pm, starting on 8 June.

An introduction to mental health awareness
This is your opportunity to get a better understanding of what ‘mental health’ is. You’ll look at what’s meant by anxiety and depression, and help people to recognise simple things in themselves and others which will help to promote and sustain good mental health. You’ll be better prepared to help others if you’re worried about their mental health, and learn tips about looking after yourself whilst looking after others.

This course will run on four consecutive Saturdays, 10am-2.30pm, starting on 13 July.

FREE ART AND NATURE TRAIL

Birds, mini-beasts and butterflies are emerging from their winter habitats. A new field guide with beautiful illustrations by Helen Cann is available free of charge from Warwick Arts Centre as part of the Art and Nature Trail around the campus - open to everyone. Visitors can borrow backpacks with a picnic blanket, magnifying boxes and binoculars to explore the woods, lakes and open countryside of the campus.

Guides are on hand at 10am on most Saturdays in Warwick Arts Centre to give a tour. You can also pick up a free map from Warwick Arts Centre Box Office to explore on your own, following the trail of sculptures around campus. And don’t forget to visit the amazing acrobatic hares by sculptor Barry Flanagan!

For more information, visit warwickartscentre.co.uk/follow-that-hare or phone 024 7652 4524.
GOING GREEN WHEN GOING HOME

RAWKUS is a group of student and staff volunteers who work to tackle reducing waste on campus. At the end of each term when students move out, RAWKUS volunteers get together to remove the leftover food that’s still in date and edible, as well as unwanted goods from student accommodation on campus. The food and goods collected are then distributed to local charities in Coventry and Leamington, including food banks.

To help with the big move out at the end of the year the Students’ Union run a ‘Moving out - without losing out’ campaign. ‘Plan-Go-Get’ has also been set up to support and make students aware of how to plan their move and go eco-friendly.

THE BRITISH SCIENCE FESTIVAL ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Nearly 200 years after it began, Europe’s first ever science festival is coming to Coventry and Warwickshire this September: the British Science Festival!

The British Science Festival, in partnership with the University, is bringing a diverse programme of over a hundred activities, talks, debates and performances. Between Tuesday 10 and Friday 13 September 2019, you’re invited to attend events across the city of Coventry and on campus, all for free. Don’t forget the ‘Explore, Discover, Experiment’ Family Day on the Saturday too!

The programme is still top secret, but events in previous years have included algorithmic raves, tree listening, aquarium takeovers, beat-boxing, public lectures and interactive workshops. We can tell you that this year, we’ll shine a spotlight on areas such as energy, transport, healthcare and digital innovation - there really will be something for everyone.

But that's not all, the British Science Association has grants of £500 for groups or organisations based in Coventry and Warwickshire who work with audiences traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science.

The grants empower and support community groups to run their own science activities for the Festival, enabling new local audiences to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

The deadline for grant applications is 26 June, and you can apply here: bsa.sc/BSFgrants

For more information and to keep updated about the programme, go to: britishsciencefestival.org

YOUR LOCAL WORLD-CLASS SPORTS AND WELLNESS HUB IS NOW OPEN!

The Sports and Wellness Hub – a new fitness space like no other – is now open at the University of Warwick.

From a cutting-edge gym and swimming pool with woodland views to the latest and greatest classes, discover a new world of active in the heart of the community that’s open to everyone.

Outstanding facilities include:
- 230 station gym with dedicated cardio, functional, Olympic lifting and strength zones
- Over 100 weekly classes including Les Mills
- 25m, 12-lane pool with family changing and numerous water access options
- Climbing centre with climbing walls, auto belays, bouldering and speed walls
- Six glass back squash courts with moveable side wall to increase court size for doubles
- Physiotherapy and personal training

…and much more!

With something for everyone, join today with memberships from as little as £34 a month. Find out more at www.warwick.ac.uk/sport

WARWICK STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Our students have been as committed as ever towards dedicaing their time and resources to local communities throughout Spring term, through volunteering, training, fundraising or teaching.

Below is a snapshot of just some of the great things our students are doing in the local community.

Members of Warwick Ladies Hockey Club have not only volunteered their time coaching Leamington Hockey Club Juniors, but also volunteering for local charities and causes. They took part in a Canal Clean Up and held a very successful can drive for a local homeless shelter.

Warwick Taekwondo have been raising money for LWS Night Shelter this year, through pub quizzes and a raffle. They are also looking to run a sponsored 12 hour Taekwondo session later this year.

Hip Hop to Help is a non-profit social enterprise, started by Warwick student Amber Pocklington, which provides free dance classes for all, while also raising money and awareness for various charities. So far they’ve raised over £400 for LWS Night Shelter through dance classes, and are now looking to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis Society as their charity of the month. Look out for dance classes and workshops on campus and in the local area in the Summer term! All local residents are welcome to come along and try the classes.
‘EXOPLANETS AND LIFE: ARE WE ALONE?’
PUBLIC SCIENCE EVENING

Join us at the School of Life Sciences for our final public science evening of the 2018/19 academic year!

**Tuesday 18 June 2019 6pm-8pm**

This will focus on the possibility of life throughout the universe, and explore the requirements necessary for life to exist. Talks will discuss habitable zones, exoplanets, the chemistry of life and more!

This is sure to be a popular event so please register in advance at warwick.ac.uk/lifesci/outreach/publicscievents

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BIG SCREEN EVENTS

**Open Opera**

Join us for BP Big Screens 2019 with some of the world’s most popular operas and ballets broadcast live from the Royal Opera House to our Piazza.

Bring your friends and a picnic and soak up free culture on your doorstep, and get there early for the exclusive pre-performance content 30 minutes before curtain-up.

**Free to attend. Open to everyone.**

**Romeo and Juliet**
The Royal Ballet | 1 June at 7.30pm | pre-screening starts at 7pm

Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers encounter passion and tragedy in Kenneth MacMillan’s 20th-century ballet masterpiece.

**Carmen**
The Royal Opera | 2 July at 7pm | pre-screening starts at 6.30pm

Bizet’s greatest opera tells the story of the enigmatic and seductive Carmen and the dangerous passion she arouses in Don José.

**The Marriage of Figaro**
The Royal Opera | 9 July at 7pm | pre-screening starts at 6.30pm

Revolution is in the air in The Royal Opera’s beautiful production of Mozart’s great comic opera. Colourful characters mix with intrigue, misunderstanding and forgiveness in a multitude of dramatic twists.

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**UEFA Nations League Finals – Live on the Piazza Big Screen**

The UEFA Nations League Finals takes place in June 2019, involving the four group winners of the top-ranked League A: Portugal (who will host the event), England, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

**Semi-Final 1**

Wed 5th June - 7.45pm

Portugal VS Switzerland

**Semi-Final 2**

Thur 6th June - 7.45pm

Netherlands VS England

**Third Place**

Sun 9th June - 2pm

Loser Semi-Final 1 VS Loser Semi-Final 2

**Final**

Sun 9th June - 7.45pm

Winner Semi-Final 1 VS Winner Semi-Final 2

Please note: Crowd management provisions will be in place for some games, based on expected numbers in attendance. More information to follow. Please check before attending: www.warwick.ac.uk/bigscreen

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Comments welcome

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