

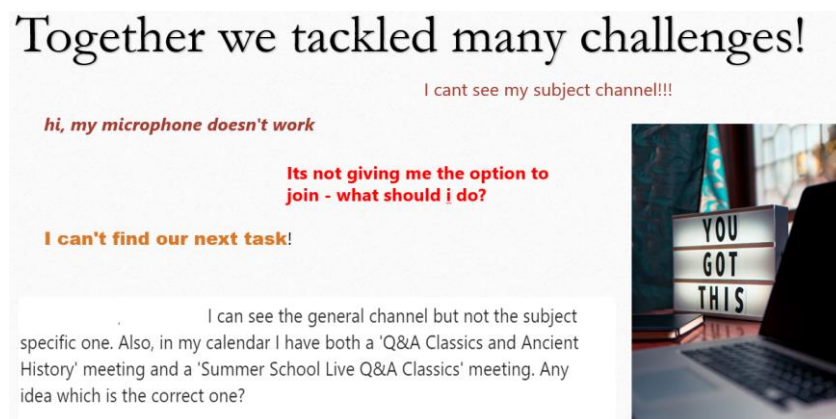
## Inside the 2020 Warwick Sutton Trust Online Summer School

Each year, the University runs a summer school for approximately 120 students from under-represented group in higher education. The participants are from all over the UK and stay on our campus for 5 days to experience what being a student at Warwick is like. They attend taster lectures in a subject of their choice and learn about the UCAS process. They meet our students and take part in a variety of fun activities including *It's a Knockout* afternoon and society tasters.



This year, due to the lockdown and social distancing rules, we made the difficult decision to move this event online and so on the last week of July we welcomed 284 participants and staff on the [Sutton Trust Online Platform](#).

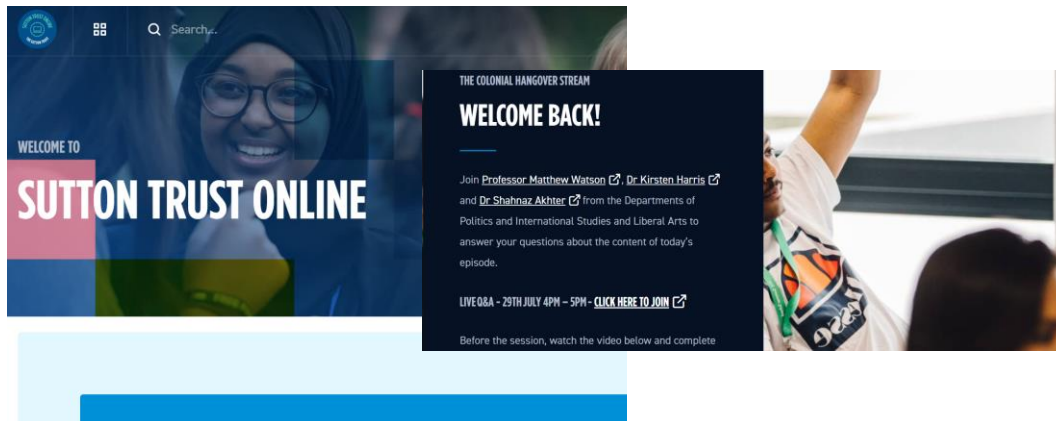
For the Year 12 students arriving on Warwick campus, the challenge is usually to avoid delayed or cancelled trains from London or Newcastle and meeting new people whilst settling down in their accommodation. Our first virtual online day was somewhat different. The ITS team helped us ensure that all the young people were able to use their Warwick logins to get safely online. A big shout out to **Alan, Kiran and David** who spent many days leading to the summer school and that first day rescuing those who were lost, unable to find their way in the labyrinth of Microsoft and the world wide web.



Eventually, most of them made it onto MS Teams and were able to meet their subject group. This year, we ran six streams:

- Biology of Healthcare with Warwick Medical School, Life Sciences and Warwick Manufacturing Group
- Classics and Ancient History, TV & Film and History of Art
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Liberal Arts, Politics and International Studies
- Law
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics

The participants could access their subject stream via the Sutton Trust Online platform where our academics had set up for them pre-recorded lectures, self-guided exercises and online quizzes.



A big thank you in particular to Leda Mirbahai (WMS), Moffat Kevin (Life Sciences), Farhan Noordali (WMS), Mohannad Alajlani (WMG), Paul Grigsby (Classics), Matthew Denny (Film & TV), Sarah Walford (History of Art), Claire Rocks (Computer Science), Thomas Popham (School of Engineering), Becca Kirk (Law), Maggie O'Brien (Law), James Harrison (Law), Lorie Barile (Economics), Kirk Surgener (PPE), Barney Walker (Philosophy), Harris Kirsten (Liberal Arts), Matthew Watson (Politics) and Shanaz Akhter (Politics) and all their helpers for making this possible.

The young people attended live Q&A and seminars in which we all learnt a lot, staff included!

*I really enjoyed taking part in the summer school as a whole, especially having the opportunity to learn about new areas of Law that I haven't studied at A-Level. One of the most useful sessions was the Q&A with the ambassadors and getting to familiarise ourselves with the website to learn more about what life at university is like and what the application process entails. **AMICE, participant***

*It's been challenging adapting to online when we are so used to face to face delivery, however it has been a great learning opportunity for us and something we will certainly take forward into other online outreach activities and teaching next year! **Becca Kirk, Law School***

**We also had a lot of fun with our fifteen Warwick Student ambassadors from the Warwick Welcome Service organised socials which helped the young people get to know each other and get to know us**

## Day 3 Socials!!!

Social Activities - We hope you enjoyed Brew & Banter and our art chillout yesterday!!! We have some other fab socials lined up today!!!

**@11am Poetry Class** - Join our poetry class with AMBASSADOR, OLIVIA (Alumni)! A great opportunity to have a break and get your creativity flowing!!!

**@11.30am Brew & Banter** - Join AMBASSADOR, RYAN (UG) AMBASSADOR, HANNAH (UG) and AMBASSADOR, ANTHONY (UG) for Brew & Banter. Grab a hot drink and come and have a chat!!!

**The Quiz night was so much fun!**

**I love the social events! Despite the clear drawbacks of being in lockdown - I still found them incredibly enjoyable. ABIGAIL**

I have enjoyed the social events, in particular, the game of wolf as it was interesting to see how people would change to try and best others psychologically. **SHAHIB**

