

PATHWAYS GUIDE

FOR STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND
CARERS



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CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING A PLACE ON ONE OF THE PATHWAYS PROGRAMMES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK. THIS PACK SHOULD PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ABOUT THE PATHWAYS PROGRAMME. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO THE UNIVERSITY AND SUPPORTING YOU OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.



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MEET THE TEAM



LAURA HARRIS **WIDENING PARTICIPATION OFFICER**

Hello, my name is Laura and I am the lead for the Pathways programmes. My responsibilities involve developing programme content, liaising with programme partners and delivering the programme. I am keen to ensure that students are equipped with the knowledge and experience in their chosen areas of study and potential career to enable them to make an informed choice about their next steps. Previous to this, I worked as the Pathways Coordinator, supporting both Pathways programmes.



PAUL BEAUFOY **PATHWAYS TO THE PROFESSIONS COORDINATOR**

Hi, my name is Paul and I'm the Pathways Coordinator supporting Laura with all Pathways programmes. I joined the University of Warwick in April 2010. Whilst working in the Widening Participation team, I completed a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies at the University of Warwick part time. I have also worked in the admissions team at the University of Warwick, supporting the postgraduate team process applications. I also spent a brief time supporting the NCOP programme for a year before moving back to the Widening Participation team. My responsibilities involve supporting the coordination and delivery of the Pathways to Banking and Pathways to Law programmes through recruitment, engagement and retention of a Year 12 and 13 cohort as well as supporting the development and delivery of pre-16 activity.

PATHWAYS TO LAW



The Pathways to Law programme offers students the opportunity to find out more about studying a law degree, university life and to find out more about a career in the legal profession. This programme is offered at 13 different universities across the country, including the University of Warwick. Throughout Year 12 and Year 13, there are a range of events to give you a real flavour of studying law and what it is like to work in the legal profession.

EVENTS MAY INCLUDE

- ▶ **Programme Launch** This is a chance for you to meet us virtually, find out about the programme and meet the other students on the programme.
- ▶ **Sector Day & Work Experience Preparation Event** This is a chance for you to find out more about work experience placements, what to expect and how to make the most of the opportunity. You will also have the opportunity to hear from practicing Solicitors and Barristers.
- ▶ **Academic Taster Day** This is a chance for you to learn about different areas of law with lectures and seminars from Warwick's world leading Law School.
- ▶ **Work Experience Placement** For those who have demonstrated good attendance, we will offer work experience placements at top law firms.
- ▶ **Other University Events (optional)** You will also have the option to attend events at other Pathways to Law universities.
- ▶ **Optional external trips** Optional external trips including a event to the Inner Temple in London.
- ▶ **Personal Statement and LNAT Event** This is your chance to have tailored support for writing your personal statement and advice on how to complete the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) which some universities require.
- ▶ **Pathways to Law National Conference** A four day residential summer school living on university campus to give you a real taster of university life.

Please note that due to the ongoing pandemic the programme will have a blended approach this year with events both online and hopefully face to face when it is safe to do so.

A full timetable of events will be given out to students at the programme launch.

PATHWAYS TO BANKING & FINANCE



The Pathways to Banking & Finance programme, offers students the opportunity to find out more about studying a business or economics degree, university life and to find out more about a career in the financial profession. This programme is offered at 2 universities across the country, the University of Warwick and London School of Economics. Throughout Year 12 and Year 13, the programme will support students to explore a range of careers in the banking and financial sectors, including accountancy, investment banking, tax and asset management.

EVENTS MAY INCLUDE

- ▶ **Programme Launch** This is a chance for you to meet us virtually, find out about the programme and meet the other students on the programme.
- ▶ **Sector Day** This is a chance for you to hear about different career pathways into the financial sector and hear from financial professionals.
- ▶ **Academic Taster Day** This is a chance for you to learn about different areas of business and economics with lectures and seminars from Warwick University academics.
- ▶ **Work Experience Preparation Event** This is a chance for you to hear from professionals on how to prepare and make the most of work experience placements in the financial sector.
- ▶ **Work Experience Placements** You will have the opportunity to apply for work experience placements with top financial organisations.
- ▶ **Personal Statement Event** This is your chance to have tailored support for writing your personal statement.
- ▶ **Pathways to Banking & Finance National Conference** A three day residential summer school living on university campus to give you a real taster of university life.

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PATHWAYS TO ENGINEERING



Pathways to Engineering provides academic and sector-specific support for students who are interested in pursuing a career in Engineering. This year we are launching an exciting new Pathways to Engineering programme to help you decide whether you would like to study Engineering or whether you'd like a career in this profession. The programme aims to help students find out more about studying Engineering at University or a route into the professions through a Degree Apprenticeship.

- ▶ **Programme Launch** This is a chance for you to meet us virtually, find out about the programme and meet the other students on the programme.
- ▶ **Sector Day** This is a chance for you to hear about different career pathways into the engineering sector and hear from engineering professionals.
- ▶ **Academic Taster Day** This is a chance for you to learn about different areas of engineering with lectures and seminars from Warwick University academics.
- ▶ **Personal Statement Event** This is your chance to have tailored support for writing your personal statement.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

By accepting your place on the Pathways programme, you agree to attend all timetabled activities that are arranged by the university. Unless otherwise specified, all events throughout Year 12 and Year 13 are compulsory to attend.

Whilst we understand that sometimes situations arise at last minute which mean you are unable to attend events, all pathways students have received the timetable in this pack and any absence without good reason will raise questions of your commitment to taking part in this programme. Your attendance and engagement with the programme will be continually assessed. All events delivered through the Pathways programmes are designed to offer you a different range of experience and no two events are the same.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

By accepting your place to take part in this programme, you agree to do the following:

- 1.** You **MUST** confirm your attendance for each event. We will send you confirmation of the details of each event around 2-4 weeks prior to each scheduled event. You must respond to our email to confirm your attendance in order to be able to attend.
- 2.** If you are unable to attend an event, you **MUST** provide a good reason and we require you to provide as much notice as possible. This must be no later than 2 days before the event unless it is an emergency.
- 3.** In addition, if you miss 2 events (after providing a reason) then you will be put on **NOTICE** of being removed from the programme.
- 4.** If you miss an event without prior explanation of why you are unable to attend, you will be removed from the programme. Therefore it is your responsibility to let us know if you are unable to attend, prior to the event.
- 5.** We do communicate with other universities across the country, therefore you will be unable to say you completed the Pathways programme at the University of Warwick if you are removed from the programme before the end of Year 13.

The 2020 – 2022 programme will initially take place virtually until we are able to deliver face-to-face programming safely. At this point we will transition to a mixed delivery format where in person events run alongside the resources on Sutton Trust Online. You can still look forward to academic sessions, opportunities to hear from employers within the sector and support with writing personal statements. Digital events will be marked in the same way as face to face events in terms of attendance.

FAQ'S – STUDENTS

1. Who do I contact if I have any questions about the events?

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call us on the Pathways mobile phone on: **07876 218 144** or email us on: **pathways@warwick.ac.uk**

2. How do you know I'm attending each event?

You need to confirm your attendance to each event by replying to our emails with this information, within the deadline provided.

3. How many sessions do I have to attend?

By taking a place on this programme, you agree to attend all the timetabled events across the two years. Occasionally we inform you of events which are optional to attend. If we have not specified the event is optional, then it is compulsory.

4. When will events take place?

The 2020 – 2022 programme will initially take place virtually until we are able to deliver face-to-face programming safely. We feel it's important you miss as little as school as possible, we are aiming to hold most of the events in the evening after school. Some events may take place at weekends or during school holiday.

5. Where will each event be held?

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6. How do I travel to each event?

Unless otherwise specified, you will be expected to make your own way to each event.

Train: The nearest train station is Coventry train station. For most events, we will provide a minibus from Coventry train station to take you to the University of Warwick campus. If you plan on using the minibus, you must let us know for each event so we can ensure there is a space allocated for everyone.

Bus: If you will be getting the bus to events, there are bus stops across campus and a bus interchange – refer to the interactive map for precise locations.

Car: If you are driving to an event, there are pay and display car parks across campus. Please refer to the interactive map for precise locations.

7. Can you reimburse me for my travel expenses?

Yes, we are able to reimburse you for your travel to each event. We can book your train tickets in advance for you. To do this, please respond to our emails confirming your attendance within the deadline and let us know you would like us to book your travel for you, confirming which train station you will be departing from.

Alternatively, at the end of each event we will have expenses forms available. If you have paid for your own travel, please complete this form to be reimbursed. Please note – you will need to keep hold of all receipts in order for your claim to be approved.

8. Will there be food at event?

At Pathways events we may offer refreshments, lunch or snacks. We will let you know whether we will be providing food via email before the event.

9. What should I bring with me to events?

Please bring your Pathways notepad and pen with you to each event so you can make notes on the day.

10. What should I wear to each event?

The dress code for our events is smart/casual unless stated otherwise on the email.



FAQ'S – PARENTS/CARERS

1. How much does the programme cost?

The programme is free. Travel expenses to and from Pathways events for participants are paid (subject to receipts being submitted). If your child is travelling by train we recommend that they let us know where they will be travelling from so that we can book their train tickets for them. This saves the time of making a retrospective travel expenses claim. If mileage is claimed this shall be paid at a rate of 25p per mile for the first 50 miles, then 20p per mile for between 50-100 miles.

2. What if my child can't attend an event?

If your child cannot attend an event, we have asked that they contact us as soon as possible, no later than 2 days before the event, stating a good reason. If you would prefer to be sent the same communication about events as your child, please let us know by emailing us on pathways@warwick.ac.uk.

3. How can I be more involved with the programme?

If you would like to be kept up to date with your child's progress throughout the programme, you can sign up to receive our termly newsletter. Please email pathways@warwick.ac.uk to be added to the mailing list.

Parents/carers are invited to attend the programme launch to hear more information about the programme and will also be invited to a celebration event at the end of the programme in year 13.

4. Who can I call if I have a concern?

You can call the Pathways team on mobile **07876 218 144**.





WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



PATHWAYS TO LAW:

"I enjoyed having the chance to express my own opinion on how justice and morality should be equal and fair on all."

"The 'what is studying law at university' session gave a very interesting overview of what law can include. Very expressive and intelligent speaker allowed for great interest"

"I have learned a lot of information about university life and this has helped me decide whether I want to study law."

"Pathways to Law has given me knowledge on the different routes in to law, helped me understand what law would be like at university and aided me in understanding the UCAS and personal statement process".

"Pathways to Law has been great. I have been able to go on so many opportunities and experiences that have helped prepare me for Law. I have gained a great insight in to Law as a field and the skills and requirements needed. Out of all the experiences the work experience has been the best and has really shaped and increased my passion for law."

PATHWAYS TO BANKING & FINANCE:

The professional speakers are really interesting and have given me more of an insight in to a career in finance".

"I enjoyed the group presentation because it was a timed and proper assessment therefore allowed me to work with a group under pressure".

"I found the session about how to complete application forms the most useful as well as learning about the insight programme".

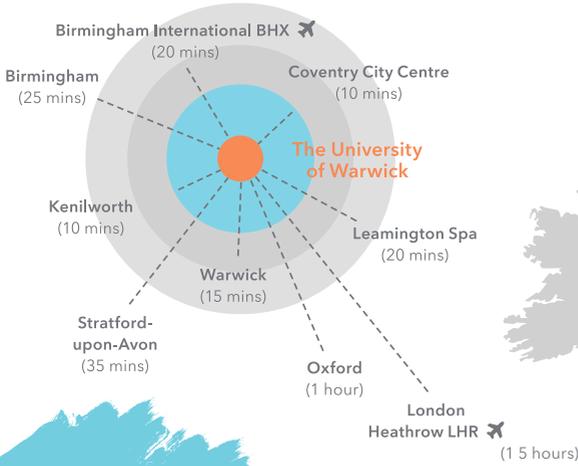
"The overview of work placement opportunities was really helpful as I learnt about what organisations do and work experience opportunities."

"I found the psychometric testing useful as I haven't really had an insight in to them".

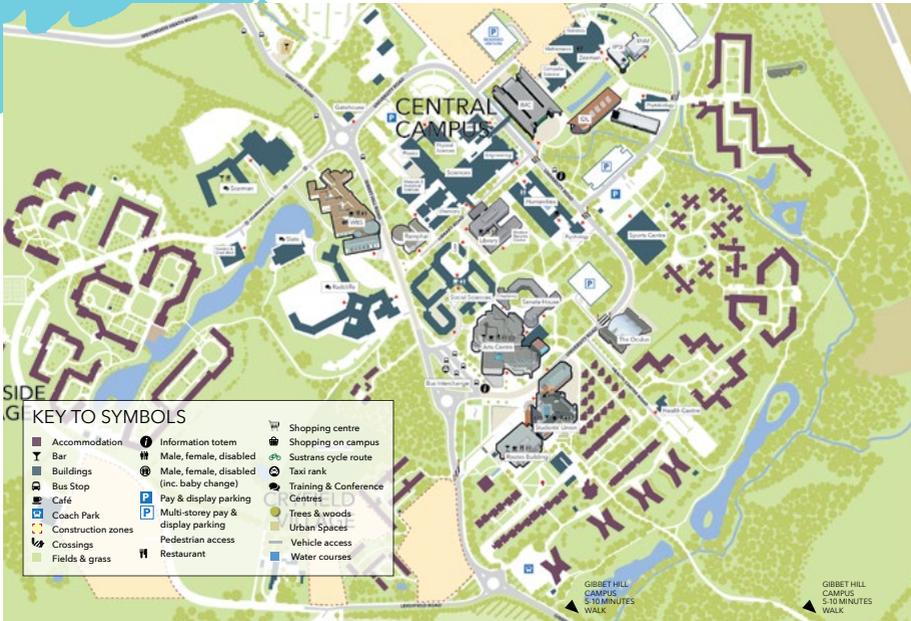
"I now have a better insight in to the business world".

GETTING TO WARWICK

TIME TAKEN TO DRIVE BETWEEN LOCATIONS BY CAR



GETTING AROUND ON CAMPUS





“ I feel like without Pathways to Law, I would have no idea about what law as a subject entails or what practicing law involves. This programme has really helped me have wider knowledge about studying law, careers into law and law in society. ”

YEAR 13 PATHWAYS TO LAW STUDENT 2019

“ The programme is priceless in terms of the opportunities, exposure and experience offered in a sector which is really difficult to enter. It's also great for knowing more about university life and the breadth and depth of the financial sector. ”

YEAR 13 PATHWAYS TO BANKING & FINANCE STUDENT 2019

CONTACT



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