

Warwick Sutton Scholars

A guide for applicants and their families



What is the Warwick Sutton Scholars programme?

Warwick Sutton Scholars is a two year programme for highly academically able Year 8 and 9 students from state schools across the West Midlands. The programme is managed by Laura Fisher in the Widening Participation and Outreach Team at the University of Warwick in partnership with the Sutton Trust, and supported by the Wolfson Foundation. The programme is designed to stretch and challenge students academically and inspire them to consider university in the future. You can watch our video about the programme at www.warwick.ac.uk/suttonscholars



What can students expect in Year 8?

Over the course of six months there will be five full day (10.00am – 3.00pm) sessions at the University held on a Saturday. Students will be assigned a project at the beginning of the programme and will be expected to work in small non-school groups to complete the task. Students will explore the theme of the project through taster lectures, workshops, debates and guest speakers. Students will have the opportunity to make lots of new friends and experience new things. Our aim is to support our students as they progress through years 8-9, helping to build upon their curiosity for learning and to develop the skills required for them to succeed at school and university.

What can students expect in Year 9?

The programme continues in Year 9 and sessions will continue on Saturdays at the University. Each session will cover a variety of subjects that will feed into a new project. The Year 9 programme has a strong focus on developing core academic skills, including writing, independent research, critical thinking and public speaking. The programme will end with a two night residential in the Easter holidays that will complement the work students have completed over the whole programme and they will be directed as to how to continue their academic journey.

Testimonials

"Thank you for providing this opportunity for my daughter"- Sutton Scholar parent

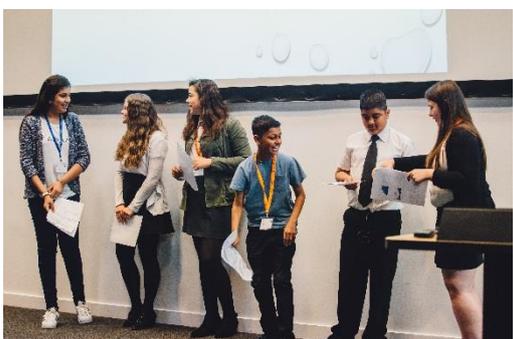
"Absolutely loved it!" - Year 8 Student

"You are all doing a brilliant job, expanding our young people's minds and pushing them to think outside the box."- Sutton Scholar parent

"An amazing opportunity to meet new people and build up my confidence, can't wait for next year!"- Year 8 Student

"Outstanding! Thank you for providing our children with a unique opportunity"- Sutton Scholar parent

"Unbelievable achievements for people of this age"- Sutton Scholar teacher



Student Mentors

Every student will be assigned a current Warwick student as a mentor who will support them through the programme in their assigned groups as well as on a 1:1 basis. At the end of each on campus event students will be asked to complete a short written assignment of approximately 500 words, for example a short piece of creative writing or an essay about a topic from the day. Students will receive feedback on their written assignments from their mentors to help develop writing skills, and prizes will be awarded for the best homework assignments.

What can you expect as a parent/carer of a Sutton Scholar?

Parents and carers are a vital part of the Warwick Sutton Scholars programme which aims to support not only your young people but you too. It is important for the team who deliver the programme to build positive relationships with Parents and Carers; we enjoy getting to know you. Myself or a member of the team aim to be available via the phone, email or at the end of each event to discuss any aspect of the programme with you or answer any questions you may have. Parents will be invited to spend time with us on campus for the launch event and celebration event and we welcome you to take part in the activities provided.

Provisional dates for Year 8's

These are current provisional dates for Year 8 activities in 2016/2017. *Please note these are subject to change.*

October 2016 - Applications open

November 2016 - Applications close

December 2016 - Students notified if they have a place on the programme

Saturday 7th January 2017 - Launch Event (Parents invited)

Saturday 11th February 2017 - On campus session

Saturday 18th March 2017 - On campus session

Saturday 29th April 2017 - On campus session

Saturday 13th May 2017 - On campus session

Saturday 17th June 2017 - Celebration Event (Parents and Teachers invited)

Applying

You will have been given this form as your teacher has identified you as being eligible for a place on the programme

Students must meet several criteria, details of these can be found at www.warwick.ac.uk/suttonscholars

Students applying for the programme are required to complete parts A and B of the application form. Part C is for a parent/carer to complete and sign.

If you have any questions about applying for the Warwick Sutton Scholars programme, please email suttonscholars@warwick.ac.uk or call **Laura Fisher** on 02476 151947