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OF WARWICK**

WARWICK ARTS CENTRE

UNITRACKS WARWICK

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Every young person has the potential to go to university - including you

The UNITRACKS programme has been designed for students like you, to help you decide what you might like to do in the future and to learn more about university.

By being a part of UNITRACKS, you will have the chance to:

- Take part in taster sessions and interactive activities, whilst exploring Arts subjects such as Film, English, History and many more
- Discover hidden creative talents through projects and challenges
- Develop the skills that colleges, universities and future employers look for, such as teamwork and communication
- Begin to think critically about the world around you
- Make new friends and have a lot of fun!

UNITRACKS is here to stretch and challenge you academically and inspire you to consider university in the future. As you go through the programme you will get to meet other creative thinkers, including current undergraduates, who will be able to give you an insight into what university life is like.

By the end of your time with us, we hope you will have grown in confidence in your own abilities; developed key skills; be more knowledgeable about what university has to offer you and be well on your way to achieving your true potential!

WHAT CAN UNITRACKS DO FOR YOU

Each year of UNITRACKS has a different theme, designed to help you think about your next steps and to help you explore different options for your future.

Year 8: Explore

What is university life really like?

This year will help you understand what university is and what it's like to be a university student! From shadowing a current Warwick student to working on group projects, you will start to learn the skills needed to do well academically.

Year 9: Develop

What are Arts subjects at university?

You will have the opportunity to take part in a more creative project, using the theme of 'Developing our Identity'. You will take part in sessions from different academic departments, getting to learn more about Arts subjects at university.



Don't just take our word for it. Opposite are some testimonies from current and former UNITRACKS programme students.



Year 9 participant

Being part of the programme has helped me to find out what I'd like to do as a career and helped me to see what university life would be like. The most enjoyable part has been the people – the mentors and everyone else were really encouraging and supportive; they really pushed us to be more confident and to express our opinions.

Year 8 participant

This event encouraged me to work with a team effectively, and it also helped me understand more about universities.

Year 9 participant

The most useful part has been developing new skills like communication skills. The experience felt very real, and it is quite exciting.





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SKILLS BUILDER



The **UNITRACKS** Team have partnered with **Skills Builder**, an organisation working to build personal development and the growth of essential skills.

Essential skills unlock learning in the classroom, boosting academic outcomes, perseverance and self-belief. They halve the likelihood of being out of work, and increase earnings across a lifetime. They even boost wellbeing and life satisfaction.

Skills Builder focuses on the development of eight essential skills, as defined in the [Universal Framework](#). The Framework breaks each of the essential skills down into a sequence of steps, taking individuals from being an absolute beginner through to mastery. It takes soft skills and puts rigour behind them.

Using the Skills Builder Universal Framework, **UNITRACKS** looks at developing the specific skills of Problem Solving, Planning and Teamwork and models activities around the steps needed to master those skills. Using self-reflection and evaluation, students are able to track how their skills grow over time and what they can do to develop even further. Skills Builder allows both students and staff to see the impact and growth of the **UNITRACKS** Programme.



Information for parents/ guardians/carers

Why has my child been selected?

Your child has been selected to be a part of **UNITRACKS** because we feel that they will benefit greatly from the opportunities available. All the young people involved have the ability and potential to gain a place at one of the UK's leading universities. Participants will be encouraged to choose the best university course for their interests and abilities.

We recognise, however, that university might not be the right option for your child. By working with them, we hope that we will have given them the confidence in themselves and all the information possible to make the right decision for their future.

What does this mean for me?

We ask that you support your child's participation in the various opportunities open to them as a member of **UNITRACKS**. This could include attending the initial launch event, encouraging your child to get involved with activities, and talking with your child about their decisions for the future.

Logistics for events is coordinated by the **UNITRACKS** team and sometimes your child's school – if you have any questions, please email unitracks@warwick.ac.uk.

What does the programme involve and how often will my child have to go to Warwick?

We hold our main events on Saturdays or sometimes during school holidays in order that the participants are not missing out on school.

Your child can expect to come onto campus three to five times each academic year.

What are the costs involved with this programme?

There are no costs involved to participating in this programme. We will reimburse parents/guardians/carers for costs relating to bringing your child to any of our events.

Will they have to wear school uniform when attending events?

Most **UNITRACKS** events have a casual dress-code so no uniform necessary!

Is transport to and from the University of Warwick provided? What about other resources and food?

Transport should never be a barrier to a participant attending a **UNITRACKS** event. We will offer support either through reimbursing mileage or public transport costs, or by arranging travel with a coach or minibus.

Regarding resources, unless specified otherwise, we would provide these for the participants. However, there are no specific resources required to be a participant in **UNITRACKS**.

All **UNITRACKS** events are catered and we can arrange for dietary requirements, provided we know in advance.

Who will be supervising my child at the events?

Events are supervised by staff from the Widening Participation & Social Mobility Team and academic departments, and current undergraduates who work as Student Ambassadors. All staff and students who will be working with the **UNITRACKS** participants in an unsupervised capacity undergo a DBS check in line with current regulations.



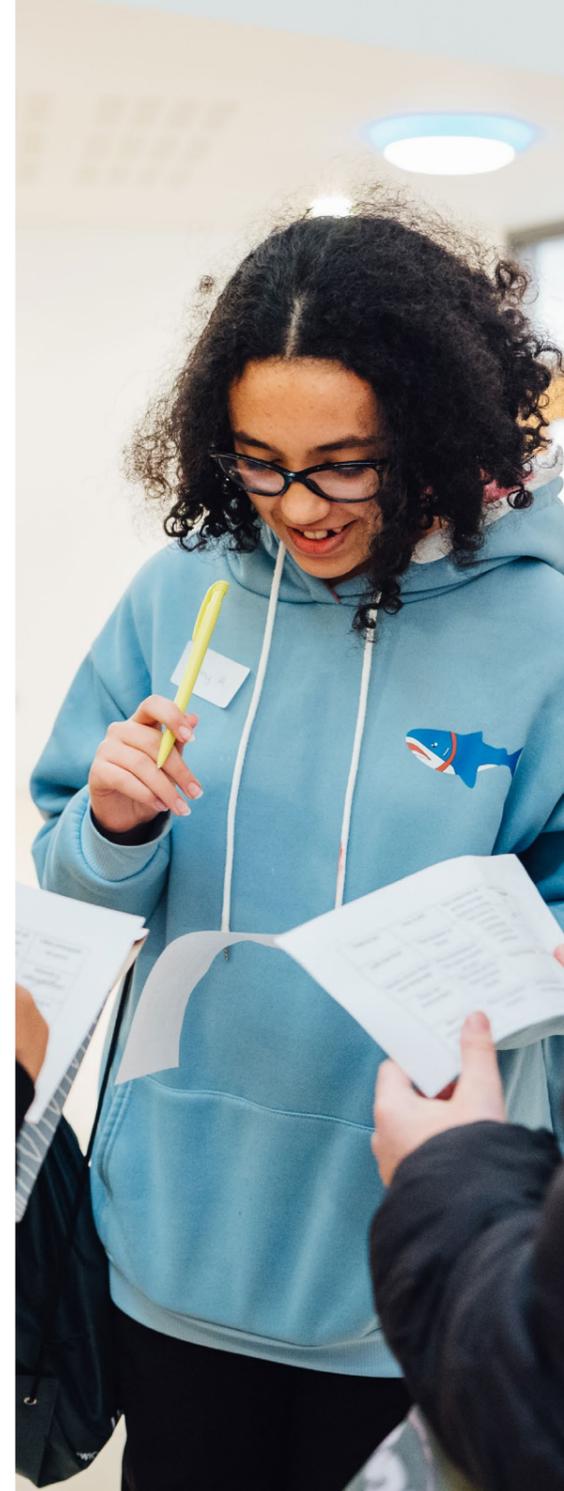
The UNITRACKS programme has helped my child to grow and be interested in his own future.

My child has found UNITRACKS very enjoyable and has loved learning new skills.

This is a fabulous initiative. My daughter is autistic and the events that she has completed have given her confidence beyond the classroom. Thank you to the staff and mentor teams!



Parent/guardian/carer feedback



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE UNITRACKS TEAM

 unitracks@warwick.ac.uk  **07876 218090 or 07876 217825**

HOW TO APPLY

The application form is online – once you have been referred a place on the programme by a teacher, you will be sent a link to the form.

There are two parts to the application:

Teacher + Participant

When completing the application form, you will need to have a current email address for your parent or carer.



The University of Warwick is a world-leading campus university, renowned for its excellent teaching and world-leading research. Ever since we welcomed our first students to our Coventry-based campus in 1965, we have remained forward thinking. Today, our three Faculties – Arts, Social Sciences, and Science, Engineering and Medicine – continue to pioneer and excel. We encourage unbounded learning, motivating our students to pursue modules outside of their main department. More so than ever, a flexible approach to teaching is crucially important, and positive student feedback on our approach to teaching during the Covid-19 pandemic was influential in Warwick being named University of the Year for Teaching Quality by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2022.

With more than 300 clubs and societies, life outside study provides many opportunities to try new things, and build new friendships. Our 720-acre campus provides a hub for much of this activity, with developments and facilities that help you enjoy the best possible student experience. If you enjoy the Arts, you can enjoy the theatre, visual arts, cinema, music and comedy on offer at our newly redeveloped Warwick Arts Centre. For those who want to get active, our Sports and Wellness Hub provides amazing facilities including a climbing wall, combat studios, glass-backed squash courts, and a large gym packed with advanced cardio and strength equipment and technology. Your wellbeing is hugely important to us, so support is always readily available, helping you to make the most of every opportunity and achieve your potential.

All this means that, by choosing Warwick, you'll be joining a safe, supportive community, where you can grow, connect, excel, and thrive.



In the UK Warwick is ranked

8th

The Guardian 2025 league table

In the world Warwick is ranked

74th

QS World University Rankings 2026

4th

in the UK by the UK's top 100 graduate employers.

The Graduate Market in 2025, High Fliers Research Ltd.

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