



On Wednesday 7th February eight Year 10 students visited Reading University for the second part of the 'Reading Scholars Programme' to help raise aspirations and introduce them to higher education. The students started the day with an interactive quiz. They learnt that there are over 50,000 university courses and about 130 Universities within the UK.

Following this was a presentation about e-mentoring. This is a key part of the Scholars Programme and students, who are interested, will be matched with one of the Reading Mentors who will support and assist them with any questions they might have related to higher education and student life. It will be possible for students to send messages to their mentors on a regular basis via a system called Brightside. At lunchtime, the students were given a tour of the campus. They were taken to see the Sports facilities, the accommodation, the lecture theatres and the Student Union bar and facilities.

After lunch, the groups split. One half worked through a subject taster session on Cryptology and deciphering codes, and the other half worked with Reading Ambassadors looking at the variety of courses available at different Universities.

We return in March for Day 3 when we will receive lots of information about various careers.