

Year 10 Reading Scholars Programme

Five of our Year 10 students have been part of a 'Reading Scholars Programme' for the last year. This enabled the students to visit the University of Reading four times and take part in a variety of workshops and activities, giving them an insight into what it is like to be at university.

Many students are unsure whether or not to go to university; firstly, what do you study? What qualifications do you need to get there? Will you enjoy student life? What can you get out of it? The purpose of the programme is to address all these questions and help the students make informed decisions when they are ready.

A big part of the programme was working with the student mentor team who worked individually with our students at every event and acted as a support when necessary.

The programme has included the following activities:

- Looking at goals and aspirations
- Learning about student life
- Discovering university options
- Taking part in a subject taster session
- Preparing for and delivering a debate
- Attending a study skills session to develop revision skills

Some feedback from the students:

'If you are considering university, it is really helpful to see what it is like to study there. I feel much more informed about this as a possible route. I found the revision techniques session really good.'

'I have really enjoyed the programme and found it so useful to hear about different career paths. I loved the session when we used Ipad to research different courses.'

'This experience has made me want to go to university even more and I enjoyed meeting with the mentors.'

'It has been a fantastic experience and has really helped me in making decisions about my future. The revision techniques session was extremely valuable.'

The five Scholars are now considering ways in which they can share some of the revision techniques they have learnt, with the rest of the school.

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