

THE SEREN NETWORK

Students'
Programme for the
National Conference 2018
ABOVE AND BEYOND

Morning Sessions 09:00 - 13:15

09:00 • Registration • • University Stalls • • Finance Drop-In •

10:00 • Opening Address • • Keynote •

10:45 Select your session
• Natural Sciences • • IT, Computer Sciences • • Standing Out from the Crowd •
• Life/Medical Sciences • • Maths and Further Maths • • Communicating your Skillset •
• Engineering and Physics • • Foreign Languages •

11:45 • University Stalls • • Finance Drop-In •

12:15 Select your session
• Politics, Philosophy and Economics • • Social Sciences • • Explore •
• Life/Medical Sciences • • Humanities • • Standing Out from the Crowd •
• Literature and Culture • • Communicating your Skillset •

Lunch 13:15 - 13:45 • University Stalls • • Finance Drop-In •

Afternoon Sessions 13:45 - 16:00

13:45 Select your session
• Effective Study Skills • • Managing the UCAS Timeline • • Applying for Creative Industries •
• Applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary • • Getting Career Ready at Uni • • Adjusting to University Life •
• Studying in the UK vs Overseas •

14:45 • Transition •

14:55 Select your session
• Beyond Seren : Engaging with Employers • • Oxbridge Admissions • • Maximising your Bilingualism •
• Managing the UCAS Timeline • • Getting Career Ready at Uni • • Adjusting to University Life •
• Studying in the US •

15:55 • Feedback/End •

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Morning Sessions

Academic Sessions

The academic taster sessions are designed to give students an insight into studying a subject within a broader discipline. Each session will be delivered by academics working and studying at universities from across the UK. Using that academic's specific area of research as a case study, each session will introduce students to the questions asked in their subject area in order to solve problems and understand the world.

By looking at one specific area of research in-depth, students will gain an understanding of what it is like to study within that subject discipline at university. Please see the table below for the session titles and guidance on what subjects each session will be relevant for.

Communicating your Skillset

How do you sell yourself in interviews and applications? How do you identify and talk about your skillset? This session will help you answer both of these questions, so you can confidently communicate your skillset.

Oxpire

What's your big question? Join the Oxpire team from the University of Oxford for an interactive workshop where you'll be tasked with creating and answering a Big Question. This will give you an opportunity to explore how different academic disciplines can tackle complex questions in different ways. Suitable for all those who want to do something inter-disciplinary.

Standing Out from the Crowd

Thinking ahead to your university application process this session is all about the business of YOU. Consider your own personal brand, what does 'you' look and feel like? Tips and tactics to develop your own personal USP (unique selling point) and Elevator Pitch.

Sessions are suitable to students interested in studying the following subjects

Engineering and Physics

Astronomy, Engineering, Physics

Foreign Languages

Latin, Greek, Modern Foreign Languages

Humanities

Classical Studies, History, Human Geography, Theology, Mediaeval Studies, Philosophy

IT, Computer Sciences

Computer Science, IT

Life/Medical Sciences

Biology, Biochemistry, Dentistry, Ecology, Medicine, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Veterinary Medicine

Literature and Culture

Art History, Comparative Literature, Classical Studies, English Literature, English Language, Film Studies

Maths and Further Maths

Economics, Maths, Statistics

Natural Sciences

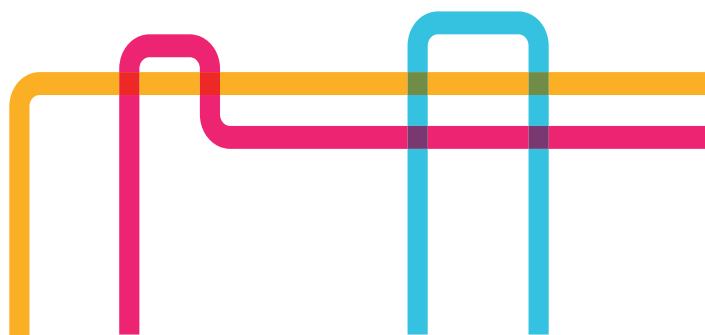
Chemistry, Natural Sciences, Material Sciences, Physical Geography

Politics, Philosophy and Economics

International Relations, Economics, Finance, Philosophy, Politics, PPE

Social Sciences

Criminology, Human Geography, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Policy



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Afternoon Sessions

Information, Advice and Guidance

Adjusting to University Life: Settling In, Finance and Well Being

How do you transition from Year 13 to university successfully? How do you manage student finance, buy books and make sure you have enough money to enjoy your free time? What are the best things about going to university? This panel discussion will bring together current undergraduates and university representatives to give students the opportunity to ask any questions they have about adjusting to university life.

Applying for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary

This session will focus on the specific application process for medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Covering how the application process differs to most undergraduate courses, this session will give students an understanding of how to navigate the process from start to finish.

Applying for the Creative Industries

This session is aimed at students that wish to apply for creative industries at university, such as fine art, dance, graphic design and drama. Students will receive advice on putting together an application, what an excellent application looks like and where to turn to for advice during the process.

Beyond Seren – Engaging with Employers

What can you do with a degree? What opportunities exist for graduates? How do you decide what it is the right career for you? This panel discussion will bring together representatives from a range of sectors to share their advice and insights with students.

Effective Study Skills

Studying at university is different to studying at school or college. Undergraduates are expected to be more independent than Year 12 and 13 students and have workloads and timetables that can look very different. Effective study skills will share some insight and tips on how to study as an undergraduate and how to start practising these skills while completing A-levels.

Getting Career Ready at University

What happens after university? How can you get career ready while at university? This session will bring together recent graduates from a range of sectors to share their insights in to how Seren students can make the most of their experiences on the programme and while at university to set themselves up for a career after university.

Managing the UCAS Timeline

What can you do to make the most of the time between the Year 12 and A-level results day? This session from the University of Bristol will look at the UCAS timeline and what to do on results day.

Maximising your Bilingualism

How can students make the most of their ability to speak Welsh when applying to university? How can students best prepare for applications to English-medium courses? This session will look at how students can maximise their bilingualism in a university application.

Oxbridge Admissions

Early applications, interviews and admissions tests. The Oxbridge application process can seem daunting. This session will walk students interested in applying to Oxford or Cambridge through the application process with tips and advice on how to strengthen an application.

Studying in the UK v Overseas

There are lots of opportunities to study at universities outside of the UK. Studying abroad can mean attending a university system that is set up in a different way to the UK's and the opportunity to experience living in another culture. But is studying overseas the right thing for you? This session will give students the chance to explore whether applying to a university outside the UK is the right option for them.

Studying in the US

This session will look specifically at the benefits of studying in the USA, how to make an application and how to meet the costs. Representatives and undergraduates from US universities and from Fulbright will give students attending this session an understanding of what studying in the USA looks like and what the benefits of doing so are.