



NORTH EAST
RAISING ASPIRATION
PARTNERSHIP

Showcasing Supported Entry Routes

North East Raising Aspiration Partnership

Newcastle University and Northumbria University



Welcome

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Supported Entry Schemes

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Supported Entry Schemes: Aims & Objectives



Sustained relationship and support over 1 or 2 years



Exposure to the university before enrolment to ease transition



Focus on knowledge and skills students need to make a successful transition into higher education



Provide equivalent UCAS points use at Northumbria to ease pressure on grades

Supported Entry Schemes

NU Entry

2 year programme
Y12 or equivalent
16 NU Entry points

Destination Northumbria

1 year programme
Y13 or equivalent
8 Destination Northumbria
points

Access NU

1 year programme
Students who will be 21+
16 Access NU points

Application Process

Online application form

- Personal details
- Current studies
- Teacher reference details

Teacher Reference

- Confirm student meets the eligibility criteria
- Agree student would benefit from the programme
- Point of contact throughout the programme

Eligibility Criteria

- Care experienced (priority)
- Estranged (priority)
- Young Adult Carer (priority)
- Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (priority)
- Refugee (priority)
- Asylum Seeker or someone who has been granted limited leave to remain or discretionary leave to remain (priority)
- Live in a neighbourhood with a low progression rate to Higher Education.
- First generation to go to university
- Entitled to or in receipt of free school meals and/or discretionary payments and/or 16-19 bursary at any point during the last six years.
- Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showmen or Boater
- Disability, dyslexic or specific learning difficulty
- LGBTQ+
- Service child

Programme Content

On Campus Events

Opportunity to explore campus, meet support teams and current students

Webinars

Live and pre-recorded content to support transition to university and monitor engagement on the programme

E-Mentoring

Online mentoring with current Northumbria students matched by course interests

Podcasts

Informal conversations with current students, recent graduates and support services

Programme Completion

- Students notified of successful competition
- Supported entry points linked to Northumbria UCAS application
- Final Q&A with Graduate Ambassadors
- Students passed over to relevant student support teams if required
- Contact details provided to support results day and clearing queries

Student feedback

'Also I would just like to say thank you for being an amazing mentor, you have taught me so many new things and have calmed my nerves down for going into university a lot, so thank you so much !' (NU Entry)

'I just want to say honestly you've been such an amazing help and I can't thank you enough you've answered all my questions and been extremely helpful and really calmed my nerves down honestly thank you so much it's very much appreciated!!!' (Destination Northumbria)



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Any Questions?

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**Dawn Dowling, Student Recruitment Manager
(PARTNERS)**

Introduction

- Member of the Russell Group
- Longstanding commitment to widening participation
- In house programme and collaborative working
- Evolving to meet students needs



Alternative Routes to Newcastle

- Four alternative routes available:
- Sector leading supported entry route – PARTNERS
- Contextual Admissions
- Lead institution for the Realising Opportunities programme
- Sutton Trust Pathways to Law and Medicine



What is the PARTNERS Programme?

- A **supported entry** route to Newcastle University
- **Nationally recognised** Programme
- Has been running **since 2000**
- **Over 8,000 students** have entered the University via PARTNERS
- **1224** students took part in 2022



What is the PARTNERS Programme?

- Receive a **lower offer of up to 3 grades** from Newcastle University
 - e.g AAA = BBB plus successful completion of the PARTNERS Academic Summer School
- Offer includes successful completion of a free **Summer School**
- **Extra help & support** while applying and once at the University



Home Student Status

Not hold a Higher
Education
Qualification

UCAS Deadlines

Resident in the UK

Predicted grades

Eligibility Criteria – One (or more) Required

Home Postcode	Additional Financial Support	Your School or College	Disability	Parent/Carer Experience
Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnic Groups	Gypsy, Roma or Traveller Communities	Military Families	Refugees, Asylum Seekers or Humanitarian Protection	Engineering, Maths or Physics applicant
Estranged Students	Experience of Local Authority Care	Young Carer	Student Parent	Personal Extenuating Circumstances

Realising Opportunities (RO)

- Lead institution for RO
- Year 12 programme. We work with a select group of target schools - 19
- Eligibility
 - State school only
 - GCSE requirements
 - Must meet 2 eligibility criteria or 1 if care experienced, young carer and/or estranged
 - More criteria met = more chance of a place
- 2 grades lower plus successful completion of ROP
- Students can apply to any institution in the programme and receive a lower offer from all



Sutton Trust

- Two year 12 programmes ran in conjunction with The Sutton Trust
- **Eligibility**
 - Local state school students
 - 5 criteria, must meet 1 or more
 - Particularly interested in high achieving GCSE students
 - More criteria met = more chance of a place
- **Pathways to Law**
 - 2 grades lower
- **Pathways to Medicine**
 - 3 grades lower



High Performance Athletes

- Looking for athletes competing at regional, national or international level.
- Must show a commitment to continue improving in chosen sport and representing the University.
- Must demonstrate previous and current sporting achievements when applying.
- 2 grades lower and/or
- Extra consideration at Confirmation



Contextual Offer

- Assessed using data on UCAS application
- Home postcode
 - POLAR 4 quintile 1 or 2
 - Automatic WP flag
- Care experienced students
 - Automatic flag
- Free school meals (new for 2023)
 - Automatic flag
- 2 grades lower
- Extra consideration at Confirmation



Questions?

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THANK YOU

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