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Welcome to Teachers Together 2020 Scottish Schools Update



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A photograph of two hands forming a heart shape against a sunset over the ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and sky. In the distance, a city skyline is visible across the water. The foreground shows dark rocks on a beach.

Removing Barriers to Higher Education

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Financial Barriers - wide range of needs-based Scholarships

- Funded by both the University and by donations from alumni and friends of the University of St Andrews, charitable trusts and other organisations and companies including Robertson Trust
- Range from £500 to £4,000 either for one year or more often for each year of study
- Paid as monthly maintenance or can be offset against accommodation costs
- **Entrant Bursary - guaranteed £1500 pa for those with income of less than £34,000**

Full Range of Projects

P7

- First Chances Foundation (P7 to S3)
- First Chances Senior Phase (S4 to S6)
- Reach (S4 to S6)
- ARC (S4 to S6, flexible)
- Sutton Trust Summer School (end of S5)
- Gateway Programmes
- FE-HE Pathways: Adult Returners

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First Chances Fife

- Pipeline programme: **Foundation** (*P7 to S3*), and **Senior Phase** (*S4 to S6*)
- Raise aspirations and attainment, reduce barriers and contributes to national framework
- Contextual criteria listed on nomination forms



First Chances Fife

- Engaging with 17 High Schools and 6 cluster groups of primary schools
- Partnership with The Robertson Trust, Fife College and Fife Council
- Transitional support into College and University



ARC

Access to Rural Communities

- SFC supported project launched in 2013 to recognise barriers to HE unique to rural areas.
- S4 – S6 Pupils across Argyll & Bute, Highland, Western Isles, Shetland and Orkney.
- Now fully embedded in our Recruitment and Admissions Cycle.
- Offering tailored support and resources to these areas to encourage pupils to consider Higher Education
- Research Development project



REACH

- Nationwide SFC funded project
- St Andrews, Dundee, Edinburgh, Aberdeen & Glasgow
- Focusing on Access to High Demand Professions
- Provides support and guidance from S4 – S6
- Practical Workshops
- Assisting in securing work placements
- Pupils commit to activities out with school curriculum



REACH

St Andrews Programme

- Working with 14 secondary schools across Fife, enhancing the First Chances provision.
- For 2019 entry we saw an increase in applications to St Andrews from SIMD20 applicants attending Reach Schools.



Sutton Trust Summer School

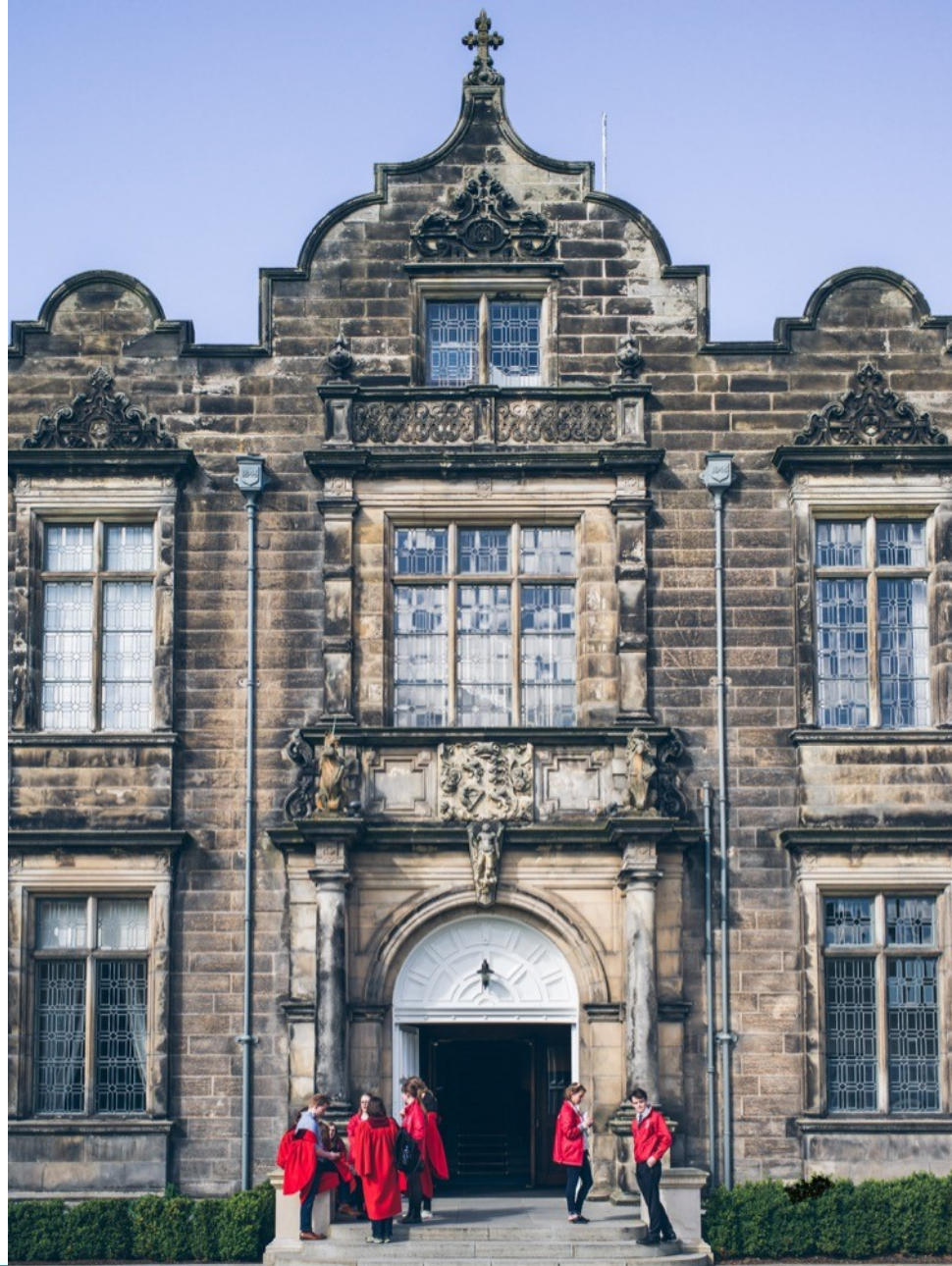
- Residential University taster summer programme
- Nationwide: 13 Institutions
- Partnership with Sutton Trust
- Aimed specifically at pupils who meet WP criteria
- No cost to pupils



Sutton Trust Summer School

Application Criteria

- S5 or equivalent
- Attend State School
- Home UK Fee Status
- Meet contextual eligibility criteria





Sutton Trust Summer School

- 2020 Virtual Summer School – 18th year!
- 140 Places – 100 Scots/40 Rest of UK
- 2019 Summer School: 140 attendees.
- Over 90% of successful applicants meet 4 or more access criteria.



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Supported Entry Pathways

Key Programmes

- Gateway to Medicine
- Gateway to Physics and Astronomy
- Gateway to Arts
- Gateway to Science
- FE-HE Pathways





Gateway to Medicine

- **Who can apply:** Only applicants who have just completed S5 at a State Funded School will be considered
- **Entrance Grades:** BBBB at Higher. Must include Chemistry and Biology, Maths or Physics
- **Structure:** It is a one year programme taught in the Faculty of Science but with contributions from staff in Medicine.
- **Progression onto Medicine:** Entrants to the 'Gateway' who pass the Year at an appropriate level and meet the other requirements for progression will transfer into the Medicine 6 year degree programme.

Gateway to Medicine

- Designated support person within Access Team
- Designated Advisor of Studies for year one
- Gateway Scholarships
- Extra Peer Led Tutorials in Biology and Chemistry throughout first year





Gateway to Physics and Astronomy

Who can apply:

- Typically Scottish domiciled students
- Meet some or all of the University's WP criteria

Entrance Grades:

- ABBB at Higher
- Must include Maths & Physics
- Can be over two sittings

Structure: Year One: Physics + Maths + Gateway-only modules.

Progression: After successful completion of year one students will progress to year two of BSc or MPhys

Gateway to Physics

- 30 hours of contact time per week
- Studying the core 1st year modules with all students
- Designated Gateway Tutor
- Wide range of progression options
- Entrance bursaries available.





Gateway to Arts and Science

Who can apply: under 21's who meet WP criteria to include:

- live in Scotland in an area of deprivation as defined by the Scottish Government as SIMD20
- attend a low progression school
- are care experienced as defined by the local authority
- are a registered young carer.

Entrance Grades: Typically BBBB at Higher. Can be over two sittings or combination of Highers/Advanced Highers depending on applicants. Interview process.

Structure: Gateway to Arts MA (General) or Gateway to Science BSc (General) - 2 year programme. Study a range of modules.

Progression: After successful completion of year one and two, students will progress directly into year three of their chosen honours degree.

Gateway to Arts and Science

- Designated Advisor of Studies.
- Dedicated point of contact within Admissions.
- Peer-led tutorials in main subject throughout year one.





FE-HE Pathway

Who can apply: Applicants over 21 who have been out of education for 3 years and wish to study for their first degree. Priority will be given to those who meet additional WP Criteria

Entrance Grades: Depending on applicant. Typically AAA SWAP Profile, B in HNC/D or combination of qualifications from FE college. Interviews are guaranteed for those at local colleges.

Structure: Two years full time. Study a range of modules, one (or two) of which will be their intended final degree

Progression: After successfully completion of years one and two, students will progress directly into year three of their chosen honours degree.

FE-HE Pathway

- Designated Academic Advisor of Studies
- Dedicated contact in Admissions
- Pre-arrival induction programme
- Support for commuting students
- Peer mentoring



How Can We Support Your School?

- Personal Statement Workshops
- Finance Sessions
- Future Options
- Why University
- Anything else that would be beneficial to your school

Questions?
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