

Charity overview

IntoUniversity runs a network of education centres across the UK offering an innovative programme that supports children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to attain either a **university place or another chosen aspiration**. The Rigby Foundation are currently partnered with the **IntoUniversity Birmingham East centre** (The Pump, Kitt's Rd).

School offer and delivery (all **FREE** to schools)

IntoUniversity work with 3 schools on the *Inspiring Futures* programme, delivering to a selected cohort of 30 students in each year group:

- John Henry Newman Catholic College
- Grace Academy Solihull
- King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy



To these schools, we offer the Secondary FOCUS programme: a **menu of workshops** (2 per year group) designed to support students at each stage of their Secondary school journey, including building **key skills** and knowledge of **future pathways**. These workshops take place in-school, during school hours.

Students can also benefit from **trips** to our **corporate and university partners** and our **Leadership Development** programme, as well as **tailored support** at our **after-school Academic Support** sessions and access to holiday programmes, **work experience**, **paid internships** and university outreach opportunities, including Oxbridge.

Key outcomes

In 2024/25, among our alumni, **60% progressed to higher education**, compared to 28% of students from similar backgrounds and 37% of all students nationally.

For **IntoUniversity Birmingham** specifically, our offer aims to be impactful in improving students' **knowledge of higher education and career options**, as well as their skills, attainment, and self-belief.

90% of IntoUniversity Birmingham East students reported that they were more likely to achieve their career goals as a result of the **Careers in FOCUS** programme.

78% of IntoUniversity Birmingham East students reported that they knew more about university as a result of the **Buddy** programme.



"One of our students is now planning their best route to neuro-surgery and **IntoUniversity** has inspired them to begin preparing for their Higher Education journey"

– Quote from a teacher, KESH

Eligible students

IntoUniversity use a set of referral criteria to ensure that we are working with those students who most need our help. We select partner schools that have a relatively high **FSM percentage** (typically 30% +).

For individual students:

A young person who meets one or more of the following:

- ☐ A young person eligible for Free School Meals
- ☐ A young person eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant
- ☐ A young person who is Care Experienced
- ☐ A young person living in social housing (i.e. his/her main carer lives in local authority owned housing or receives housing benefit or local housing allowance)
- ☐ A young person in receipt of Post-16 Bursary Support

OR a young person who does not fit into any of the above, but meets two or more of the following:

- ☐ A young person who will be of the first generation in his/her family to go to university in the UK
- ☐ A young person who is a refugee or asylum seeker
- ☐ A young person who speaks English as an additional language
- ☐ A young person who has Special Educational Needs
- ☐ A young person who displays challenging behaviour at school and is at risk of or has previously been permanently excluded from school
- ☐ A young person who is a young carer

Resource needed

From partner schools we need:

- A named key contact
- Cohort lists
- Rooms for workshops
- Students to know when and where workshops are
- Staff member present during workshops/trips
- Support to complete all off-site trip paper work in good time (e.g. parental permissions).
- A signed partnership & data sharing agreement

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