The aim of **Autumn School** is to increase students’ confidence levels and provide them with the skills they need to achieve a C on their chosen GCSE subject. By bringing them on-campus and having them use University facilities, as well as engage with student ambassadors, we also hope to raise their aspirations with regard to higher education.

**Participating schools:**

- Adeyfield School
- Astley Cooper School
- Bushey Academy
- Cheshunt School
- Francis Combe Academy
- Kings Langley School
- St Marys CE High School

**Sessions**

1. Intense Maths & English workshops
2. Game-orientated sessions
3. Campus tour & social breaks

**Aims**

1. To boost skill levels to GCSE C grade
2. To foster independent learning
3. To inspire pupils to aim for university

**Outcomes**

1. Increase in confidence
2. Ability to work independently
3. Improved subject knowledge & skills
4. Aspirations to attend university

**UH staff:** Lindsey Rigby & Cobi Campbell

**51 Year 11 students from 7 local schools**

**Boosting attainment for GCSE C/D borderline students**

**Maths & English workshops**

**Workshops delivered by expert practitioners**

**Three day non-residential**
82% more confident in achieving a C grade in Maths/English

"I really enjoyed this course. It has changed me [...] and has made me more confident."
Autumn School English participant

88% more motivated to get least a C grade in Maths/English

"I'm going to maintain the motivation they have provided"
Autumn School Maths participant

92% have the necessary skills to improve their grades

"I am going to use the techniques I've learnt to plan my writing in the future"
Autumn School English participant

"I am going to plan my work with the GAP SPLITT plan"
Autumn School English participant

88% know how to go about improving their skills

"[I will] keep revising off my notes and sheets given and use methods they have taught me"
Autumn School Maths participant

"By using these skills and applying [them] to some past example papers"
Autumn School English participant
Where are students likely to be headed once they finish school...

- University: 56%
- Other Education: 25%
- Don't know: 19%

100% agree their practitioner was engaging
83% agree practitioners explained what was needed to get a C grade
92% agree staff & ambassadors helped during sessions
96% agree staff & ambassadors were welcoming
96% agree their practitioner explained ideas & concepts clearly

"I enjoyed our teacher. I never knew work was so fun." Autumn School English participant

96% satisfaction rating

"Amazing! What a good university!" Autumn School English participant
"It was such an experience" Autumn School Maths participant