

# Future Pathways: Berkshire 2023/24

## What is Study Higher and why do we work with care experienced young people?

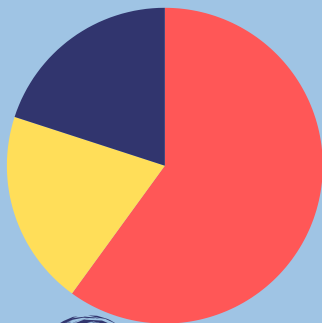
Study Higher is part of a national widening participation partnership called Uni Connect. We deliver impartial outreach programmes to young people who are underrepresented in higher education; 14% of care leavers under 19 progress on to higher education, compared to 47% of all other children [[read more here](#)]. Future Pathways is our programme for care experienced young people aged 13-18, supporting them to understand their options, raise aspirations, and develop their own plans for the future. We deliver the programme across Swindon, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire in partnership with Oxford Brookes University, Oxford University, Buckinghamshire New University, Reading University and Royal Agricultural University.

12 young people

## Who has engaged with Future Pathways in Berkshire? (by virtual school)

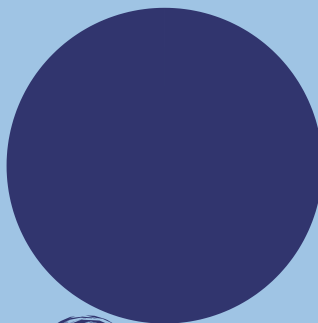
50% attended 5+ events

2-3 events 4-5 events 6+ events



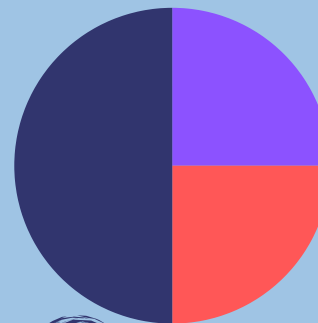
5 Reading students

6+ events



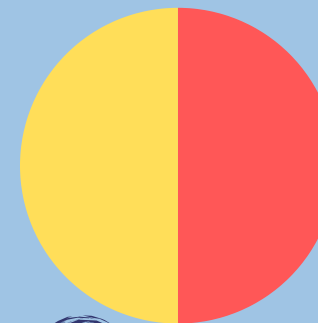
1 Wokingham student

1 event 2-3 events 6+ events



4 Bracknell Forest students

2-3 events 4-5 events



2 Oxfordshire students

## Activities 2023-24

Launch event and talk from care experienced speaker, Junior Saunders.

Visit to Oxford Brookes University, including subject tasters and bursary info.

Road trip of Further Education Colleges, including Activate Reading, Berkshire College of Agriculture, and Henley College.

Tour and track rides at Mercedes-Benz World.

Higher education and apprenticeships workshops at University of Reading.

A three day, two night residential at Oxford Brookes University.

Christmas Meal.

End of year celebration and museum workshop at University of Reading.

# Future Pathways: Study Higher's impact in 2023/24



University of  
Reading



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## Education & Career pathways

### What options they have post-16 and post-18

*"This programme has helped open my choices to other careers and allowed me to explore my opportunities. I found the trips and programmes very helpful and informative as to post 16 options and other topics."*

Young person

*"Finding out more about universities and apprenticeships was really useful, seeing what's out there."*

Foster carer

*"I learnt about colleges and university."*

Young person

## Confidence and motivation

### Academically & socially

*"I have seen confidence increase - being able to answer questions in front of a group and leadership skills emerge."*

Virtual School staff

*"[Young person is] more confident [and] out going."*

Foster carer

*"She also loved the university weekend away as it proved that people in care can do great things."*

Home Manager



## Developing own plans for the future

*"I feel that it has given those who attended an opportunity to experience environments that provide further/higher education and help them to feel what settings might be best for them in the future."*

Virtual School staff

*"She is more open to the idea of going to university."*

Home Manager

*"It has made the young person from our Virtual School committed to going onto FE and then HE."*

Virtual School staff

For details of the 2024/25 programme, including how to sign a young person up, please visit:

<https://www.studyhigher.ac.uk/future-pathways-berkshire/>