

IntoUniversity 

**IntoUniversity
NEON BTEC Students Working Group**

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Our mission and history



IntoUniversity is an education access charity that began in 2002 in West London.

Our mission is to bring a university education within reach of students from the most disadvantaged homes, thereby opening up a world of new life possibilities.

From 2007, the charity launched a growth plan and in ten years has become the largest Higher Education access organisation in the sector.

We operate 30 centres and extension projects in the heart of some of the UK's most disadvantaged local communities.

Last year we supported over 35,000 students, and we have recently supported our 100,000th student.

Who we serve

We target our services very carefully to ensure we are working with young people least likely to progress to university.

Using national datasets we identify communities with a high density of students in need of our services.

Typically, these young people are receiving Free School Meals (their annual household income is less than £16,190). They are also likely to be living in overcrowded homes and have no experience within their family of further study or training.



Our Innovative Programme

We provide the support and motivation that is commonplace in better-off homes through our three-stranded programme:

Academic Support

Weekly after-school sessions with trained tutors to develop independent and successful learners

7-18 years



FOCUS programme

A variety of workshops to support young people's journey to university or another ambition

7-18 years

Associate Network Scheme

Supporting our alumni with 1:1 pastoral support, career guidance and enrichment opportunities.

18+ years

Mentoring

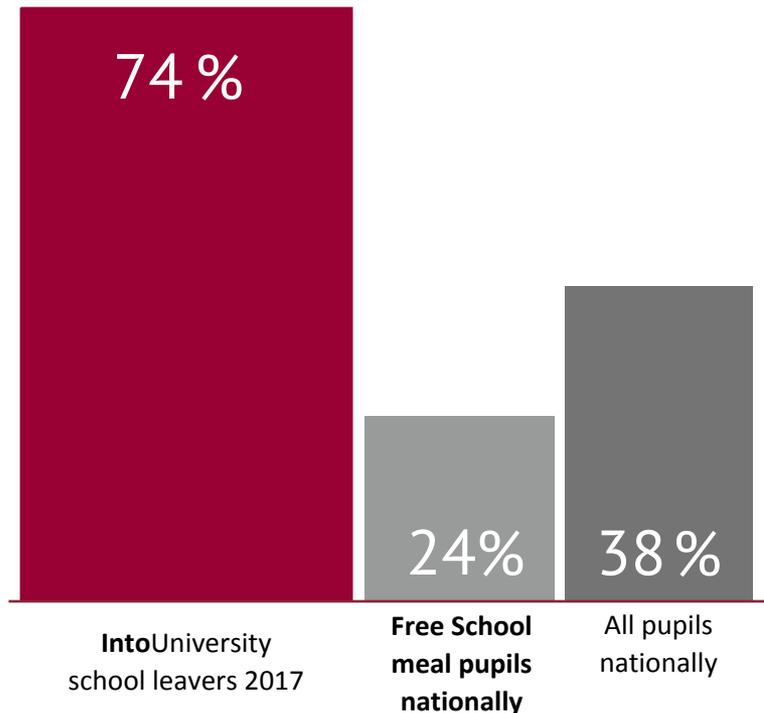
University and corporate volunteers provide inspiring role models and promote essential skills

10-18+ years

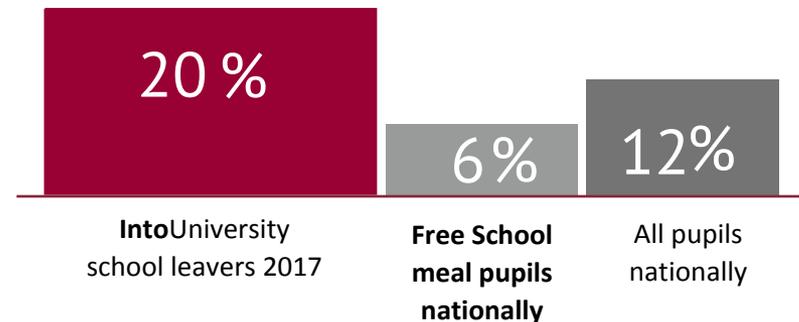
Our Impact – University progression

IntoUniversity tracks the progress of all its students and can show that we significantly increase young people’s chances of attending university.

% of students progressing to university

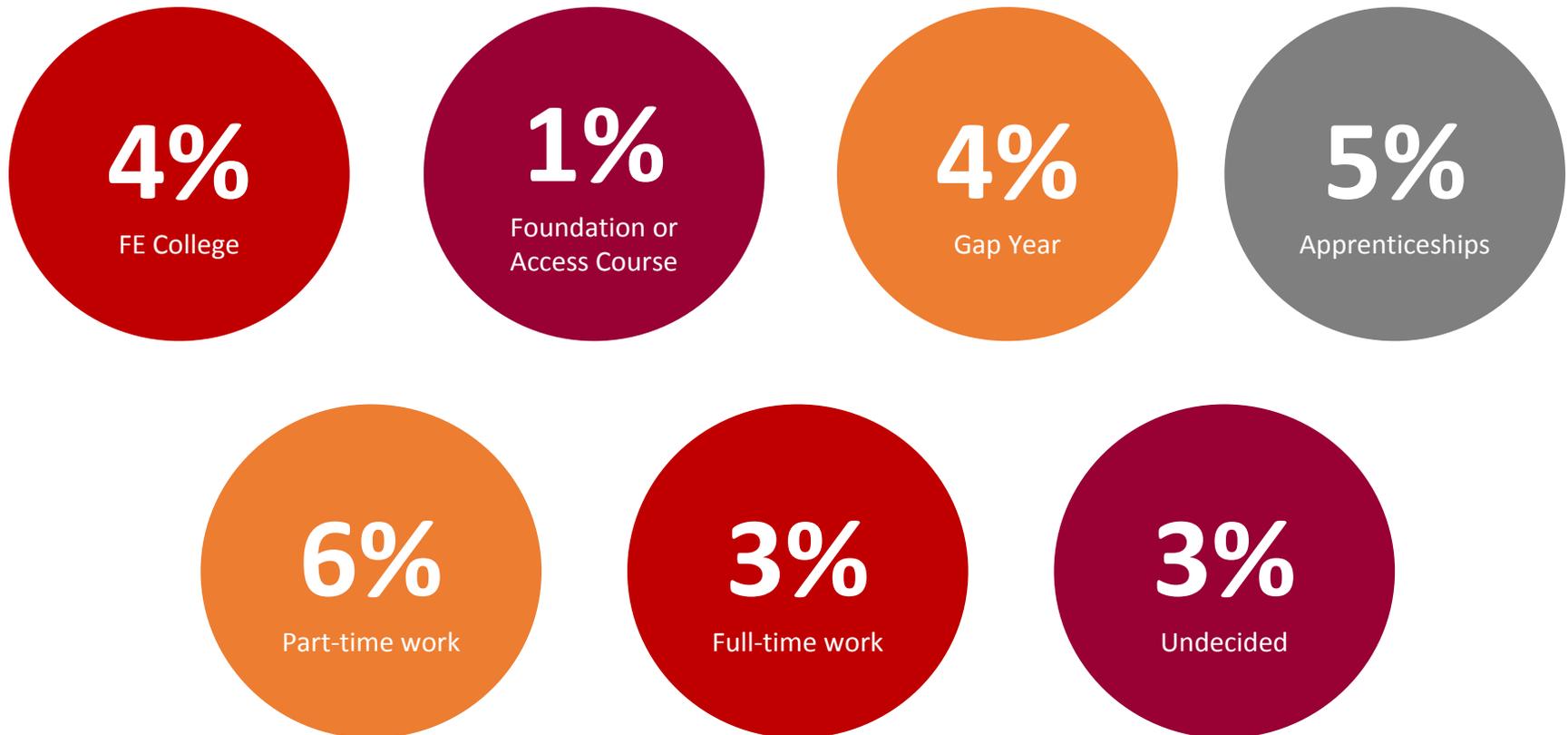


% of students progressing to Russell Group universities



Our Impact – Vocational destinations

IntoUniversity also supports young people into further training, apprenticeships and directly to the workplace. 26% of our students progressed to the following destinations:



University Partnerships

IntoUniversity has formed a range of university partnerships supporting us to deliver our programmes, including:



Christ's College
Cambridge

Christ Church
Oxford



Corpus Christi
College
Cambridge



Pembroke College
Cambridge



Wadham College
Oxford

My Role - BTECs

- To consider how we can integrate BTECs and support for BTEC students into the current Secondary FOCUS programme and develop resources to help the delivery team to do so
- To review Secondary FOCUS resources, ensuring they are kept up to date and include relevant information and activities around BTECs where applicable.
- To work with the Student Associate Network manager to explore challenges faced by BTEC students entering HE and develop resources to support their transition.
- To support the Secondary FOCUS Managers to ensure as a charity we are up-to-date with the changes in the National Curriculum in relation to BTECs and we respond to these changes within the Secondary FOCUS programme.
- To support with the reviewing and evaluating of workshop material on an ongoing basis to ensure the programme is achieving its aims and being engaging for the young people involved
- To be the main point of contact with the National Education Opportunities Network in relation to their BTEC Support Working Party.

Why we like this idea

With the help of the NEON BTEC working group, IntoUniversity would like to gain extensive insight into the best practices for supporting our BTEC students both transitioning to HE and earlier on in their educational journey.

IntoUniversity aims to get specialist knowledge from the group to strengthen its secondary programme for BTEC learners whilst creating a resource pack and workshops that can be adapted and delivered to students through our centre based model.



Thank you!



'**Into**University is one of the best-run organisations that NPC has seen: it has an effective model, impressive management, strong finances, and increasing evidence of its impact.'

New Philanthropy Capital

IntoUniversity's Expansion

IntoUniversity is in a period of expansion; our current strategy is to be operating at least 31 centres by 2020.

We currently work across 12 towns and cities, with 30 centres and extension projects. Our most recent centres opened in autumn 2018 in:

- Manchester
- Leeds
- Coventry

In the next academic year (2019/20) we have a confirmed new centre in Birmingham, and are in discussion about further centres in other locations.



Funding Partnerships

IntoUniversity has a diverse network of funding partners. These include:



'I have found **IntoUniversity** to be a highly trusted and valued partner within UBS's Community Affairs portfolio. We have been delighted with our partnership to date and would fully endorse the model, the professionalism of their approach, and the wholly positive impact they have had on the lives of disadvantaged young people.'

Sarah Craner, Executive Director, Global & EMEA Community Affairs, UBS