

Aston University Guidance conference 2024

BIRMINGHAM UK

Annual Admissions and HE

Friday 2nd February

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8.45am	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS	Aston Business School
9.45am	Conference Welcome <i>Professor Aleks Subic, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive at Aston University</i>	Conference Room 1
10am	PLENARY: Navigating the path to Higher Education: An admissions update <i>Louise Foster-Agg, Director of Admissions Aston University</i>	Conference Room 1
10.30am	PLENARY: Who are Aston? An insight from our heads of school. <i>Amy Patten, Head of Aston Foundation center, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences</i> <i>Sara Saynor, Associate Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences</i> <i>Liz Moores, Deputy Dean, College of Health and Life Sciences</i>	
11.15am	REFRESHMENTS (11.25am move to first workshop)	Courtyard Lounge
11.30am	WORKSHOP ONE	
	“What we wish we’d have known during our post 16 studies” – An interactive panel with current undergraduates <i>Panel of Undergraduate students</i>	
	Fostering Inclusivity and Equity: Empowering Underrepresented Groups <i>Rebecca Jones, Senior Advice and Support Officer, Propel Charity</i> <i>Helen Davies, Deputy Head of Disability and Academic Support, Aston University</i> <i>Lee Johnson, Head of Disability and Mental Health Support, Aston University</i>	
	Working with your Student Recruitment and Outreach teams <i>Hope Nightingale, Student Recruitment Manager, Aston University</i> <i>Sarah Fullwood, Outreach Manager, Aston University</i>	
	Applying to Oxbridge <i>Rachel Cox, Head of Student Recruitment and Marketing, University of Cambridge</i>	
	Unlocking Your Future: Exploring University Degree Apprenticeships <i>Sonia Francis, Degree Apprenticeship Tutor, Aston University</i>	
	International at Aston - A tour round the International Directorate, its scope and purpose <i>Jane Dunn, Global Pathways Development Manager</i>	
	The Future of Student Finance – the Unknown Known <i>Ahmar Ehsan, Funding Services Account Manager, Student Finance</i> 12.15pm Move to workshop session 2	
12:15pm	LUNCH	Courtyard Restaurant
1pm	WORKSHOP TWO	
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Key Note: UCAS: An overview of the current educational climate

Sam Sykes, Customer Success Manager, UCAS

MARKET FAIR

An opportunity to chat with speakers from the sessions in more depth. Speakers available.

2.15-
3pm

- *Rachel Cox, University of Cambridge*
- *Sonia Francis, Degree Apprenticeships, Aston University*
- *Ahmar Ehsan, Student Finance*
- *Aston's Student Recruitment and outreach team*
- *Rebecca Jones – Propel Charity*
- *Sam Sykes - UCAS*

Conference Room 1

3pm

EVALUATIONS, REFRESHMENTS AND CLOSE

Conference Room 1