



# RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE SUMMER SCHOOL

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# What's Your Summer School Personality



The  
Adventurer



Outdoor pursuits  
and off-site risk  
assessments



The  
Academic



Subject tasters and  
University  
immersion



The  
Professional  
Prepper

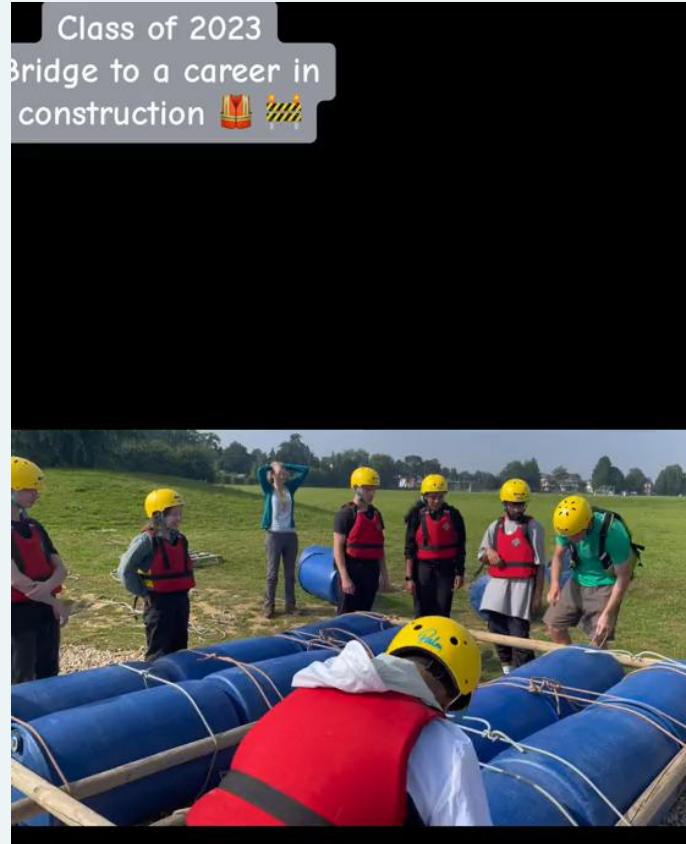


UCAS prep,  
networking and  
personal  
statements

# My Summer School Background



Medic Mentor 2020/21/22



Bridge to a Career in Construction  
2023



University of Derby 2024/25

# Build a summer school Challenge

Your job is to create the most compelling and deliverable programme for Widening Participation students. In a 1-minute elevator pitch

Core Aim

Fun Vs  
Knowledge  
balance

Safeguarding  
and risk  
hotspots

Suggested  
timetable

1 Unique idea

# Mini case studies

The power of getting them out of their comfort zones



- Small group of Year 12 inner-city London students
- Aims – to support employability skills, resilience and confidence
- Outcome – Successful degree level apprenticeships

The belonging shift happens early



- Year 10 local students
  - Aims – to expose students to a realistic lived-experience of university
  - Outcome – Raised aspirations and increased sense of belonging

Operational Chess Game



- Year 12 High attaining students, nationwide attendance
- Coordinating 6-week rotation of cohorts
  - Aim – Develop confidence in clinical UCAS applications
- Outcome – Enrolment nationwide in universities

# Best Practice Carousel

**Within your groups – Rapid fire discussions to add your reflections to each station, you can include;**

- Strategies you have used
- Reflections that have implemented continuous improvements
  - Examples

**Engagement and Belonging**

**Safeguarding – Risks and Logistics**

**Evaluation & Continuous Improvement**

If you could fix one thing ...



Your key takeaways from today ...