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TEACHERS AND ADVISERS CONFERENCE 2025

TUESDAY 1 JULY 2025

9.00am - 3.00pm

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TIME	ACTIVITY
09:00-09:30	Arrival & refreshments
09:30- 09:40	Welcome Address
09:40 - 10:00	University of Worcester Admissions Update
10:00 - 11:00	UCAS: NAVIGATING THE EVOLVING HIGHER EDUCATION LANDSCAPE In this opening session, Sam Sykes, from UCAS, will delve into the rapidly changing higher education admissions landscape. They will share insights into key January equal consideration statistics, factors influencing student decision making and provide updates to the application and adviser portal for the 2026 cycle.
11:00 - 11:15	Comfort Break
11:15 - 12:15	WELLBEING AT UNIVERSITY Student Services recognise that starting university can be tough, especially for those moving away from home. This session highlights support for students with dyslexia, ASC, disabilities, care leavers, and others without a support network. Plus, there's time for your questions.
12:15 - 13:00	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 Careers <i>not</i> Career
	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 Exploring the future of Student Finance
13:00 - 13:45	Networking Lunch
13:45 - 14:45	BREAKOUT SESSION 1 Student Panel: Navigating the transition to university
	BREAKOUT SESSION 2 Exploring the future of Student Finance
14:45-15:00	Closing Address
15:00-15:30	Optional Campus Tour

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

☐ UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER ADMISSIONS UPDATE

Stay informed with the latest insights and strategies from the University of Worcester's admissions team. Learn how we navigate university applications and support students throughout their application journey. Discover our approach to handling unsuccessful applications, ensuring every student receives the guidance they need to move forward confidently.

☐ EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF STUDENT FINANCE

Ahmar Ehsan from Student Finance England will provide an in-depth overview of the 2025/26 student finance package, including additional support options such as Dependants' Grants and Disabled Students' Allowances. The session will also address the forthcoming changes to the student finance system, highlighting the introduction of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement and its implications for funding flexibility and accessibility.

☐ CAREERS *NOT* CAREER

Admissions tutors will showcase the diverse career pathways that our graduates take, emphasising the critical role of integrating employability into the curriculum. The session will offer valuable insights on preparing students for the careers of tomorrow, ensuring they are equipped for future challenges

☐ STUDENT PANEL: NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY

Current undergraduates will candidly share the highs and lows of their university journey, reflecting on the support they received during their post-16 studies and how they navigated the transition to university life.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

These seminars are suitable for teachers, tutors and advice staff in schools and colleges and other practitioners who provide higher education advice to prospective HE students. They may also appeal to Governors with responsibility for careers guidance and destinations of pupils. The seminars will cover a range of topics to help you in your role, whether experienced or new to this type of work.



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