




**UNIVERSITY OF EXETER SCHOLARS:  
NATIONWIDE**





## What is Exeter Scholars?

Exeter Scholars is a free programme giving participants the opportunity to develop their knowledge about university and experience what it is like to study a subject of their choice at university level. They will gain access to world leading academics and current students at the University of Exeter who will support them with making decisions about their educational progression and help them develop skills to support both their future and their current studies.

 I learned how to talk to new people, I learned about topics I find fascinating, more importantly I learned about myself and what I want to get out of university.

## Who can take part?

Becoming an Exeter Scholar can be achieved by completing one of two unique pathways that include a range of specific events and activities as well as the supplementary Exeter Scholars activities available to all participants. The eligibility criteria for the two pathways are as follows:

### Year 10–13 Pathway

Students that meet one of the following criteria and are also of black, Asian and minority ethnic origin are eligible to apply to take part in the University of Exeter Scholars programme:

1. You live in a neighbourhood where a low percentage of young people progress to higher education as defined by your home postcode
2. Live in a low income neighbourhood as defined by home postcode
3. Are in receipt of free school meals
4. Are eligible for school bursaries
5. Parents have not studied at university
6. Are or have been living in care
7. Have caring responsibilities
8. Have a disability

To commence any pathway applicants must have the ability to achieve a minimum of 8 GCSE's at grades A\*-C or 9-4 to include GCSE Maths and English at Grade 4 or Grade C and above. Where a pathway consists of a combination of pre-16 and post-16 activities the transition between the two are dependent on attainment of the aforementioned GCSE grades which will be confirmed at the beginning of Year 12.

### Year 12–13 Pathway

Students that meet one of the following criteria are eligible to apply to take part in the University of Exeter Scholars programme:

1. You live in a neighbourhood where a low percentage of young people progress to higher education as defined by your home postcode
2. Live in a low income neighbourhood as defined by home postcode
3. Are in receipt of free school meals
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5. Parents have not studied at university
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## What do participants do?


Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities:

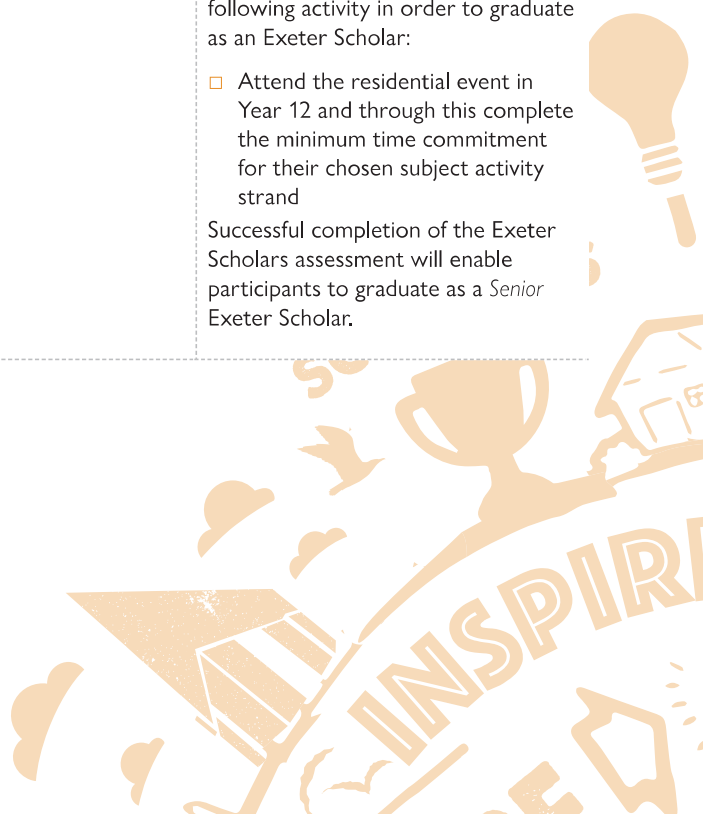
- Regular live online Q&A forums throughout Year 11, 12 and 13
- Exclusive access to a Year 11 online platform which participants can use to find out about university through a range of interactive activities and resources
- Exclusive access to a Year 13 online platform designed to help participants complete their UCAS application and prepare for the transition to university



In addition to the supplementary Exeter Scholars activities participants will complete one of the following pathways in order to graduate as a University of Exeter Scholar:

Pathway	Programme activities	Engagement/eligibility milestones	Pass/fail criteria
<b>Year 10 to 13 pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ An all-expenses paid Year 10 advice and guidance residential event to be held at a University of Exeter campus in Exeter</li> <li>□ An all-expenses paid Year 12 subject specific summer residential to be held at a University of Exeter campus in either Exeter or Penryn</li> </ul> <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Online Year 10 application form</li> <li>□ Year 12 GCSE attainment eligibility check point</li> <li>□ Year 12 Exeter Scholars online profile update – add GCSE results, A level choices and choose a subject activity strand</li> </ul>	<p>Participants will have to complete the following activities in order to graduate as an Exeter Scholar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Attend the residential event in Year 10</li> <li>□ Log into the Exeter Scholars Year 11 online course at least twice</li> <li>□ Attend the residential event in Year 12 and through this complete the minimum time commitment for their chosen subject activity strand</li> </ul> <p>Successful completion of the Exeter Scholars assessment will enable participants to graduate as a Senior Exeter Scholar.</p>
<b>Year 12 to 13 pathway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ An all-expenses paid Year 12 subject specific summer residential to be held at a University of Exeter campus in either Exeter or Penryn</li> </ul> <p>PLUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Exclusive Exeter Scholars Supplementary Activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Online Year 12 application form</li> </ul>	<p>Participants will have to complete the following activity in order to graduate as an Exeter Scholar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>□ Attend the residential event in Year 12 and through this complete the minimum time commitment for their chosen subject activity strand</li> </ul> <p>Successful completion of the Exeter Scholars assessment will enable participants to graduate as a Senior Exeter Scholar.</p>

 Take the chance and grab it with both hands as it's a wonderful opportunity that only happens once in a life time and if you don't you will regret it in the future.





## What are the benefits?

By taking part in Exeter Scholars you will gain exclusive access to the following benefits:

### University of Exeter Scholars Benefits

- An understanding of university life and an opportunity to hear direct from current university students about their experiences
- Increased confidence to help you prepare for the transition to higher education
- Learn more about a subject area of your choice before choosing whether to study it at university
- Develop key skills and knowledge to help boost your university application and aid your current studies
- The chance to make new friends
- Support and guidance with completing your university application form
- Financial support to cover all travel costs associated with completing Exeter Scholars
- Exclusive access to an Exeter Scholars reception at September pre application Open Days in both Exeter and Penryn
- A travel bursary for travel costs to attend a University of Exeter Offer Holder Visit Day
- A reduction in entry requirements of up to 2 A level grades or equivalent lower than the standard entry requirements for all University of Exeter Undergraduate courses<sup>▲</sup>


<sup>▲</sup> All offers or invitations to interview will be made subject to applicants fulfilling any subject specific entry requirements, admissions tests and interviews for their chosen course.

If you choose to apply to study at the University of Exeter you will be invited to complete the Exeter Scholars online assessment in Year 13 to qualify as a **Senior Exeter Scholar**. Successfully passing the assessment will gain you access to the following additional benefits:

### University of Exeter Senior Scholars Benefits

- An invitation to a private pre-Freshers' Week welcome and orientation reception at the University of Exeter
- Exclusive access to a range of Exeter Scholars Awards, including the Exeter Scholars Attainment Award\*
- A 'Transition to Student Life' financial support package, consisting of:
  - A three-year 16–25 Railcard or £70 Supermarket voucher or £70 Amazon voucher
  - £100 towards Students Guild / FXU or £100 towards gym membership or £100 towards Athletic Union membership (All to be used in first year only)
- Additional consideration for your application to become a Student Ambassador
- Access to support and one-to-one guidance to help you secure and fund internship opportunities
- "Welcome to the Career Zone" networking event during Term 1
- One-to-one support from an Academic Skills Advisor
- Careers support for as long as you require it after graduation

\* Subject to meeting the standard entry grades for your chosen course as detailed in any offer text you receive.

 It has been the most useful thing I have ever done for my university application, the benefits are huge

## How do we get involved?

The recruitment timelines relating to each of the Exeter Scholars pathways vary and a member of staff from the University of Exeter will be in contact with you to discuss promotion of the programme to your students at the relevant points in the year.

