

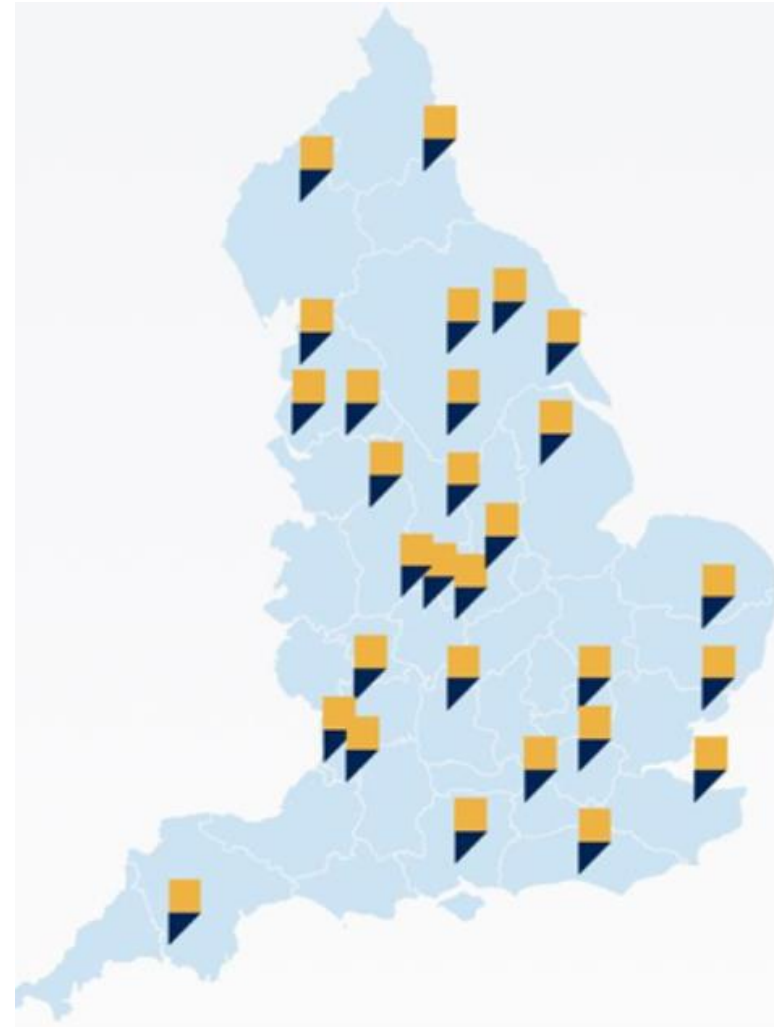


Higher education and service pupils

26th November 2024

Who are we?

- One of 29 Uni Connect partnerships
- Working across Swindon, Bucks, Berkshire and Oxfordshire
- Funded externally by the Office for Students
- Students in years 8-13
- Collaboration between Oxford Brookes, Oxford, Reading and Buckinghamshire New University

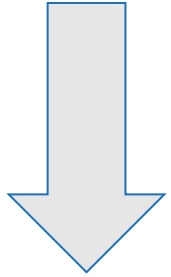


Our aims

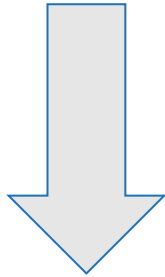
- Contribute to reducing the gap in higher education participation between the most and least represented groups.
- Equip young learners from underrepresented groups to make an informed choice about their options in relation to the full range of routes into and through higher education.
- Contribute to a stronger evidence base around ‘what works’ in higher education outreach



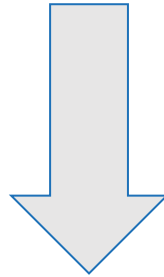
What do we mean by higher education?



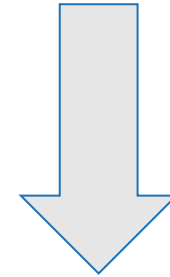
A degree at a university



A degree at a further education college



Degree apprenticeships



Access to higher education courses

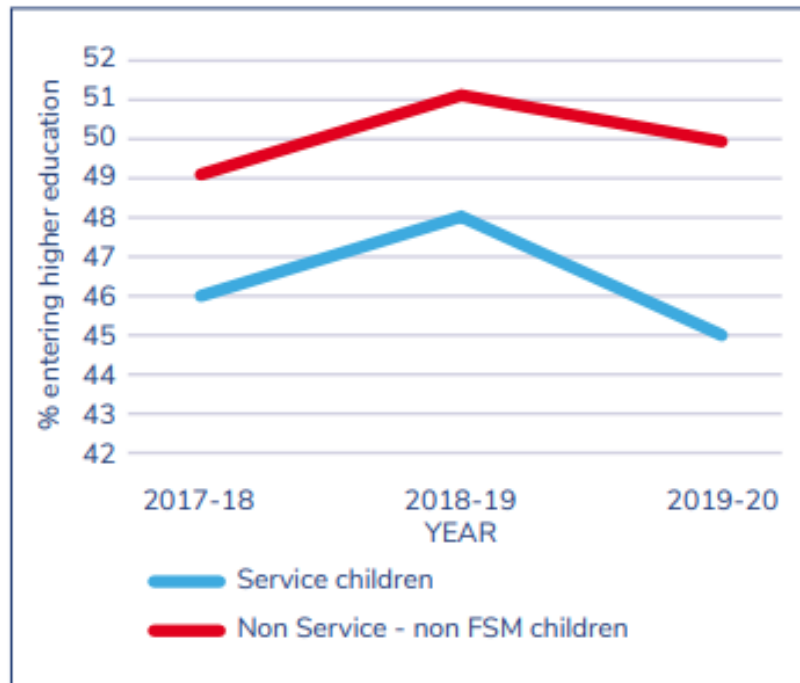
Foundation degrees

Higher national diplomas or certificates



How many service pupils progress to higher education?

DIAGRAM 1: Higher education progression of Service and non-Service non-FSM children



- ❖ The progression rate to higher education for service pupils has been decreasing.
- ❖ Non service pupil, non free school meal students progress at approx. 50%
- ❖ Service pupils progress at approx. 45%

GCSE attainment

TABLE 1: Percentage of pupils with English and maths grades 5-9, and by number of school moves from years 7 to 11, for Service children and non-Service, non-Free School Meal children, in England¹⁹

Number of moves from year 7 to year 11		% of pupils reported in spring census				% of pupils achieving English and maths grades 5-9			
		0	1	2	3+ ²	0	1	2	3+ ²
2017/18 (revised)	Service children	71.2	22.5	5.2	1.1	49.0	35.3	25.7	16.7
	Non-Service, non-FSM children	82.5	13.6	2.4	0.6	48.9	31.3	23.2	14.0
2018/19	Service children	69.5	24.9	4.3	1.3	47.0	37.8	30.5	13.9
	Non-Service, non-FSM children	82.4	14.7	2.3	0.6	49.3	36.1	23.9	13.8
2019/20	Service children	90.9	7.9	1.0	0.2	51.1	32.2	24.4	50.0
	Non-Service, non-FSM children	94.9	4.7	0.4	0.0	53.2	32.0	16.9	13.2
2020/21	Service children	93.0	6.4	0.6	0.0	52.2	28.3	26.9	0.0
	Non-Service, non-FSM children	96.4	3.4	0.2	0.0	55.9	33.6	22.7	11.1

Any move can lead to a fall of at least 14-15% in the percentage of pupils achieving English and Maths grade 5-9.

Service children are over 3 times more likely to move schools than the general population.



Five major challenges

- Mobility
- Separation from serving parent
- Students with disabilities and young carers
- Inconsistent support
- Socio-economic background

Children of those in higher ranks indicated the greatest intent to go to university and to join the military while those of NCOs (non-Commissioned officers) indicated the lowest intent to go to university and no particular intent to join the military.



Why important to this area



The local authorities with the most service pupils were/are Hampshire, Wiltshire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, and **Oxfordshire.**

Of all 29 Uni Connect partnerships across England, the Study Higher region has the **fourth highest number** of service pupils in secondary school.



Our access programme: Future Focus



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE NEW UNIVERSITY

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FUTURE FOCUS

University visit for students from **Armed Forces families** in Years 9-12 or the first year of college*

20th February 2024

Buckinghamshire New University

- ✓ Fun and **FREE** day out for students from Armed Forces families with a university campus tour, lunch and transport included!
- ✓ Inspirational workshop delivered by **Revolution Hive**, a social enterprise that motivates students for life beyond the classroom!
- ✓ Interactive afternoon workshop to build confidence and make plans for the future!

See next page for more details...

*Year 13/second-year college students are also welcome to attend if they are unsure whether they want to attend university or will not apply to UCAS for the January 2024 deadline etc.

FUTURE FOCUS



ARTS AND HUMANITIES DAY



Thursday 21st November 09.30 - 14.30
Oxford Brookes University, Harcourt Hill Campus

For young people in Years 9 and 10 from Armed Forces families
A university visit to explore future options in the arts and humanities

WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO?

- Interactive workshops in the arts and humanities, including a creative translation session with the University of Oxford
- Speed-interviewing with professionals and students in the arts and humanities

The full schedule is being finalised and will be shared well in advance

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Contact your school to sign up! The event is free to attend with transport and lunch included

CONTACT

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Our impact

Who have we engaged with?

109

service pupils in Years 9-11 have engaged with Future Focus since 2021

66

service pupils engaged in 2023/24

43

Year 9s

21

Year 10s

59

pupils attended Igniting Futures

63%

of pupils in 2023/24 were from POLAR Quintiles 1/2, which have the lowest HE progression rates

8 events since 2021

Future Focus has facilitated eight events with different HE institutions since 2021

- University of Oxford
- University of Reading
- Royal Agricultural University
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of the West of England
- Buckinghamshire New University

5 schools engaged in 2023/4

- Burford School
- Carterton Community College
- Fitzharrys School
- Icknield Community College
- Wallingford School

Additional outreach work

Since 2021, Future Focus has also:

- Supported Oxfordshire's [Festival of Friends](#)
- Provided Maths enrichment activities
- Supported a Service Pupil Voice Conference

Offers from local university partners



- University of Reading ['Scholars'](#)

Access programme for Year 12 students, service pupils are a priority group

- Balliol College, [University of Oxford](#)

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Any questions?

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