



## Pathways to the Professions: 2021

### Who are the Sutton Trust?

The Sutton Trust champions social mobility from birth to the workplace through programmes research and policy influence

They do this by focussing on access and quality in five key areas: Early Years, Schools, Apprenticeships, Universities & Workplaces.

Since being founded in 1997, the Sutton Trust have worked with over 40,000 students on programmes, released agenda setting research and influenced a number of policies at the local and national level to aid social mobility so that someone's background doesn't determine what they should achieve in life

### Why do the Sutton Trust exist?

The facts on the screen are just some of the reasons why the Sutton Trust exists. They want to make sure that every young person, no matter their background, has equal access to opportunities and has the best start to their next steps after leaving university and thinking about their future.

### What are Pathways Programmes?

Pathways programmes are two-year programmes that are designed to give you an insight into exciting professions as well as university life. Along the way, you will start thinking about your next steps after leaving school – learning more about university, apprenticeships and what career path will suit you. All this while meeting employers and making new friends! These programmes are completely free to attend and be a part of – there will never be a cost for you!

### Which programmes can you get involved in?

There are 5 exciting professions to choose from that you can see on the screen. If you have considered any of those careers in your future or you are simply curious in learning about more, then make sure to apply! Remember – there is no pressure that you go into those careers after, it is equally as important to learn about what you don't like as well as what you do like.

The programmes are also designed to give you other skills along your journey as well, not just professional skills. Head to the Sutton trust website to find out more about each sector and see what you could be interested in!

### What will you do on a Pathways Programme?

Each Pathways programme is different and designed around the different professions but up on the screen are just some of the things you could be getting up to over the next two years.

There is opportunity to gain real-life hands-on experience with The Sutton Trusts partner firms across the range of professions and undertake some of the work that professionals get up to every day. This will allow you to get stuck in and see whether that career is really for you, which parts you like and don't like – all the while massively enhancing your CV while you are still at school! You will also develop invaluable skills as you communicate with employers, organisation skills as you start to plan your time as well as carving out more specific skills related to your chosen profession.



You will have the opportunity to attend networking events and meet a wide range of different employers and professionals across your chosen industry. At these events, you will be able to ask questions on their career, find out all of their tips and experience on how they have succeeded and how you can translate those experiences to your future steps.

Depending on which programme you are on you may also be able to attend university events allowing you a unique insight into university life and the different styles of teaching to see whether university could be for you. You will also gain application support and guidance to help when thinking about those steps.

The programme goes beyond the two years and once you have completed and graduated the programme, you will have access to our alumni network full of tips and resources to help you navigate life after university and those early days in your career!

## Summer School

The Summer school and national conference is a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into university life and immerse yourself into your profession.

There are a whole host of benefits that you can see on the screen – from exploring the academic side of university and attending lectures, through to what attending university would be like – making new friends and trying new social activities.

## Placements

Over your Pathways programme there will be the opportunity to undertake a work placement or attend an insight week with a leading organisation.

The placement will last 3-5 days and you will be immersed into the sector, gain key skills and meet professionals. You will develop skills that will benefit you as you leave school and start to think about your future.

## How to get involved

There are two streams of programmes that you can be a part of.

Pathways face to face programmes takes place at our university hubs across the country that you can see on the screen. If you live in a reasonable commuting distance from those universities (usually within an hour travel each way) then you are eligible to join a face-to-face programme where there will likely be a mix of in person events and online events throughout the two years.

If you do not live in a commuting distance from the university, or you prefer working digitally, then you can join us for our Pathways Online programme. These will take place fully virtually and you will be able to participate in all the sessions and activities from the comfort of your very own home.

Head to the Sutton Trust website to find out which programmes are available to you and explore your options before applying!

## What are the benefits of a Pathways programme?

The Pathways programmes go beyond gaining an insight into your chosen profession but offer a whole host of skills and experiences that will give you a valuable head start in your career. You can see some of the main ones on the screen but there are many more!



## Sutton Trust Online

Alongside your Pathways programme, you will receive ongoing support from the Sutton Trust in the form of Sutton Trust Online. Sutton Trust Online is our new digital platform that provides you with all the information you might need as you consider your next step career options. The platform will guide you through exploring your next steps and thinking about your chosen profession, applying to university, preparing for university and then succeeding when you're there. There is also a wealth of resources and support as well for anyone thinking about degree apprenticeships and careers.

Aside from this library of resources you will also have access to an online personal statement builder which has been proven to increase offer rates to top universities and the opportunity to have a subject specific mentor who is an expert in university admissions.

We have hundreds of current undergraduate students and Sutton Trust alumni who are studying or have studied every subject under the sun at universities across the UK and beyond and you can speak to all of these people about their university experience and find out what life is really like.

We will be putting on other events and webinars throughout the last two years of school to make sure you have all the information and support you need when you need it, from opportunities to talk directly to university admissions tutors, to revision tips to student finance mythbusting.

### Why take part in a Pathways programme?

The stats on the screen highlight the benefits and impacts of the Pathways programme and how it could help you!