



6 November 2017

Dear pupils and parent(s)/ guardian(s)

The Widening Participation Unit at Queen's University has announced the expansion of the post-16 Pathway Opportunity Programme, which is part of its suite of widening access and participation initiatives. This programme is a route to University for young people from Northern Ireland who have the academic potential to study at Queen's University, but may require additional support and encouragement to reach their full potential.

All participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a **guaranteed conditional offer**, with the opportunity to qualify for a reduced admissions offer for their chosen course of study at Queen's University. The reduced offer may **be up to two A level grades (or equivalent) lower** than the standard undergraduate admissions offer.

Course pathways available for 2017/2018 entry are:

- Business
- Computer Science
- Civil Engineering
- Food, Microbiology and Environment
- Archaeology and Palaeoecology
- Law

Students on the programme will benefit from a structured series of events **throughout Years 13 and 14** which have been designed to aid progression to Queen's University. Compulsory elements of the Pathway will include:

- an admissions guidance and support session
- subject specific tasters
- online activities on the Pathway Virtual Learning Environment
- an assessed residential summer school at the end of Year 13

Pupils from all post-primary schools **who meet the essential criteria** will be eligible to apply. Applications open on Monday 6th November and the closing deadline for applications is **Friday 8th December**.

For further information, please see the attached document, or visit www.qub.ac.uk/wpu .

Kind regards,
GCS Careers Department