

January 2019

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2nd edition of the WIN Newsletter!

Here are just some of the many activities and events that have taken place, over the past couple of months.

Weston Community Event



On the 24th November, Weston College held its first ever festive Community event, organised by HE staff at the college and led by Ben Anderson, WIN HE Adviser for Weston. The event was a real success, with over 250 people attending; giving a fun insight into different options for degree study, including professional family photographs, live performances, face painting, to name just a few of the activities.

One parent said ***"I met a professor of my daughter, who is a student at UCW and had a good conversation with him. My daughter had the opportunity to have a glimpse of the University. It was interesting and fascinating. The ambassadors were very kind and the building is amazing!"***

Cyber taster day

Year 9 WIN students from Hayesfield Girls School had the opportunity to visit the University of West of England on the 4th December, for a Cyber Security day.

Activities included becoming a crime scene detective and solving a murder mystery using code breaking techniques, lock picking, virtual reality and a workshop run by the South West Regional Cyber Crime Unit, helping students make informed decisions when moving forward with their cyber learning. One student said ***"It benefitted me, because I am now interested in working in Cyber security in the future"***.

"I enjoyed every minute of the event put together by the CDMT team, it has opened my eyes to my future career choices and the performing arts industry" (Grace, Hardenhuish Student)



UCW Games & Development trip

On Thursday 21st November, over 40 Media and Games Development students from Wiltshire College travelled to two campuses at the University Centre Weston, to take part in interactive taster workshops. They had the chance to use the equipment and to speak with current HE students about their experiences. Some of the students also got to speak to the film crew from 'Suited and Booted', who were on site at Loxton campus, filming for the WIN videos and ask them about the equipment set up and filming process. This was a really useful and enjoyable day for all.

Dance Careers Conference

Students from Hardenhuish School visited London for the CDMT (Council for Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre) Dance careers event. This was a unique, action-packed day full of workshops, with top professionals, seminars with experts in their field, bespoke, high quality advice and information about professional training, with students having the opportunity to meet and chat with representatives from CDMT accredited schools. They also received a complimentary ticket to the Showcase Performance at The Shaw Theatre, featuring a stunning hour-long performance by current students of the Accredited Schools.

OfS support NCOP's for a further 2 years

In December, the OfS officially confirmed that it would be supporting the NCOP programme for a further two years; 2019 / 20 and 2020 / 21 academic years.

NCOP partnerships will continue to deliver targeted HE outreach to young people in Year 9 upwards, in the areas where they have the greatest impact.

However, with an extended remit, the NCOP will also support 'Outreach Hubs' within the existing partnerships, who between them will provide coverage for every Local Authority in England. These hubs will help teachers and advisors find out about outreach activity available in their area; pro-actively support schools and colleges in areas of low participation to access HE outreach; and provide a platform for other local collaborative activity.

Final funding for the two years will be confirmed April / May 19.

WIN experience videos

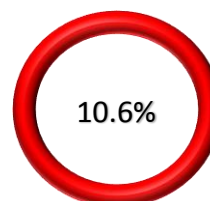
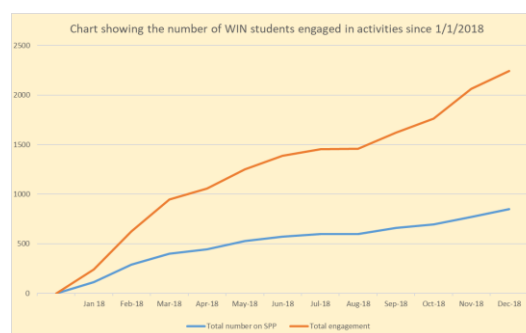
Wiltshire College students, a tutor from Weston College and a WIN HE Adviser were just some of the stars of the show in some new WIN videos, filmed at Weston College in November.

These videos help to share experiences of the WIN and how it has already hugely impacted on the students and staff in the WIN region.

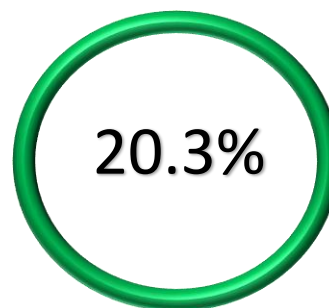
These videos are to be posted on the new WIN website, currently under development and to be released soon. However, if you would like to view the videos sooner, please contact Abi Williams, WIN Administrator: a.williams2@bath.ac.uk

'Scores on the doors'!

What a lot of work everyone has been doing!
Student engagement has risen in 12 of the 13 WIN wards and is now over 20% in 6 wards.



Percentage of NCOP students engaged on a sustained and progressive programme between August 2017 and June 2018



Percentage of NCOP students engaged on a sustained and progressive programme, between January 2018 until end of December 2018

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