

IgnitED

Summer 2026

**CAREER EXPERIENCE
& MENTORING
PROGRAMMES**

for ages 14-17



Held at

University of Brighton



**UNIVERSITY OF
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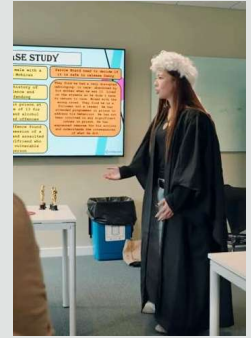
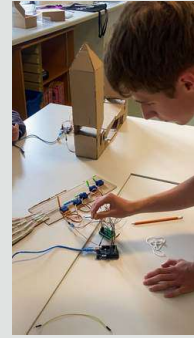
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ABOUT

"IgnitED designs and delivers powerful experiential learning for young people, closing the gap between curriculum-based education and real-world understanding for future success.

Learning doesn't end at the school gates. IgnitED extends traditional education through dynamic, hands-on professional experiences and meaningful in-the-field learning. These opportunities equip young people with the knowledge and perspective to navigate life beyond education and step into their futures with confidence."



WHO, WHAT, WHY?

WHO>

IgnitED is a collection of education and industry professionals. Founded on over two decades of expertise in premium education, programme design, and immersive learning, the IgnitED team delivers high impact experiences that resonate.

We are passionate about closing the gap between academic education and the professional preparation required for a successful early career foundation. We help bridge that gap by igniting an understanding and passion in a pathway to continuing future success.

Our initial focus is a cutting edge summer programme designed to connect young people with real world industries, setting the stage for lifelong curiosity and career readiness. As the professional landscape evolves, so does our offering, ensuring young learners remain equipped for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

WHAT>

IgnitED offers teenagers a choice of week long interactive and practical programs designed to help ignite their passion for a chosen profession.

Attendees gain hands on experience through workshops, guest speakers, industry visits,

and connecting with like minded peers, forming new friendships and networks with others interested in the same industries.

Along with professional coaching, IgnitED provides a dynamic and exciting university experience. This week serves as a foundational step toward achieving their professional aspirations.

WHY>

IgnitED is committed to fostering sustainability and collaboration through circular economy principles, ensuring our programmes create long lasting value for both participants and communities. We prioritise supporting local young people by building meaningful touchpoints with higher education institutions and industry organisations within the region. These partnerships provide participants with access to valuable resources, mentorship opportunities, and practical experiences, all while strengthening connections between education and local industries to nurture thriving, resilient communities.

A portion of each paid registration helps fund a place for a young person who might otherwise be unable to attend, directly supporting social mobility and our mission to widen equitable access.

VENUES



- With roots stretching back to 1891, the [University of Surrey](#) is home to over 16,000 students.
- Consistently ranked among the UK's top universities
- Renowned for its strong industry connections, with more than 2,300 placement partners including global names such as Airbus, IBM, and McLaren.
- Hosts the Surrey Research Park, where over 100 companies collaborate on innovation and technology.
- Standout departments in engineering, health sciences, and business
- Surrey offers students a dynamic environment in the centre of Guildford that blends academic excellence with real-world opportunity.

- Traces its origins back to 1870
- The [University of Portsmouth](#) welcomes around 29,000 students to study across its two campuses in Portsmouth and London.
- It has forged notable partnerships with organisations such as BAE Systems, and a wide range of industry collaborators.
- Portsmouth is nationally recognised for cutting edge creative facilities including its immersive reality studio, and is notable in criminology, law enforcement, and marine engineering.
- Ranked third among modern universities for research power, Portsmouth is a hub of innovation and applied learning.



University of Brighton Falmer Campus



- Founded in 1858 as the Brighton School of Art
- The [University of Brighton](#) today hosts 17,000 students across three campuses.
- Known for excellence in art, design, health sciences, and engineering, Brighton offers a creative and career-focused environment.
- Brighton has strong business and research links, including partnerships with NatWest supporting entrepreneurship and the Brighton and Sussex Medical School with the University of Sussex and NHS.
- Brighton is recognised for its TEF Silver award in teaching quality and is ranked in the top 4.3% of institutions worldwide.

PROGRAMME & DATES

Summer 2026

IgnitED's 5-day summer programmes are held in three inspiring university locations in August 2026.

Based at Surrey, Portsmouth, and Brighton Universities, each programme offers young people the chance to experience a taste of campus life while taking part in hands-on workshops, employer visits, and industry mentoring sessions.

Four days will be hosted at the university, featuring mentoring and sessions led by visiting professionals.

One day is devoted to behind-the-scenes visits hosted at real-world industry settings. Each campus location has been carefully selected to offer a safe and supportive gateway into the world of work and higher education.

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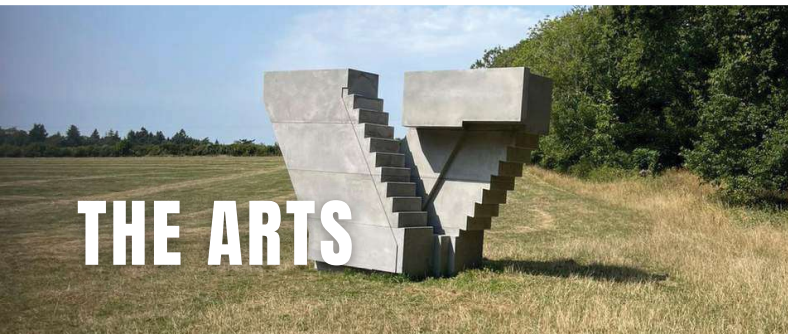
10th to 14th August



Session	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00 - 09:30	Arrival & Welcome	Industry Visit	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
09:30 - 11:00	Introductions & Inductions		Session 1	Session 1	Session 1
11:00 - 11:30	Break		Break	Break	Break
11:30 - 13:00	Session 2		Session 2	Session 2	Co-Lab Team Preparation
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch & Connecting	Lunch & Connecting	Lunch & Connecting	Lunch & Connecting	Lunch & Connecting
14:00 - 15:30	Session 3	Industry Visit	Session 3	Session 3	Co-Lab Peer Pitch
15:30 - 16:00	Break		Break	Break	Break
16:00 - 16:30	Co-Lab		Co-Lab	Co-Lab	Ceremony

Please note that this schedule is for illustration and final confirmed timings will be shared with all registered participants in July 2026





THE ARTS

IgnitED's Arts programme offers a dynamic, hands-on dive into the creative industries – spanning fine art, performance, digital media, and design. Participants broaden their understanding of creative practices, discovering how creativity thrives across traditional art forms as well as games design, fashion, music production, and podcasting.



ENGINEERING

The IgnitED Engineering Careers Experience introduces aspiring young professionals to the wide variety of fields and specialisms within Engineering, through a hands-on understanding of what it means to think and work like an engineer.



I found it to be such a good opportunity to think about and consider creative career possibilities across my field of interest and to have discussions with fellow participants and group Mentors



Arts Participant, 2025

What You Will Gain This Summer

- ✓ Mentorship from leading creative professionals
- ✓ Exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the arts
- ✓ First-hand experience of life as an arts undergraduate
- ✓ Insight into a wide range of creative careers
- ✓ Immersive, hands-on creative workshops
- ✓ Guidance to map your personal creative pathway
- ✓ A vibrant community of like-minded peers
- ✓ Recognised evidence of your achievement & letter of reference from your Mentor



It was such a well organised programme and was invaluable in terms of equipping her with the knowledge and skills needed to apply for Engineering courses at university. These gave her an invaluable insight into some of the opportunities available within the field of engineering and a glimpse at some of the career paths within her chosen field.




Parent of Engineering Participant, 2025


What You Will Gain This Summer

- ✓ Mentorship from experienced engineering professionals
- ✓ Exclusive access to leading engineering industries
- ✓ University-level masterclasses delivered by academics
- ✓ Practical, hands-on technical workshops
- ✓ Guidance to map your personal engineering career pathway
- ✓ First-hand experience of life as an engineering undergraduate
- ✓ A community of peers who share your passion and ambitions
- ✓ A personalised letter of reference from your mentor & formal recognition of your achievement





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BUSINESS



IgnitED's Business programme takes participants on an expert-led journey into entrepreneurship and commercial strategy. From start-ups to global firms, students explore how businesses are built, how brands are launched and scaled, and how financial strategy drives sustainable success



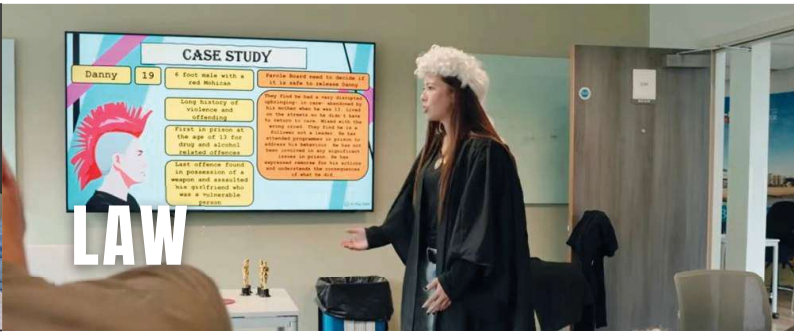
My daughter enjoyed listening to the industry guest speakers who were so inspirational and knowledgeable in their fields. She found it fascinating to learn about what their roles entailed and the career pathways that led them to them being in these roles.

Parent of Business Participant, 2025

What You Will Gain This Summer

- ✓ Learn from industry founders
- ✓ Audit real business figures
- ✓ Interactive workshops to build essential business skills
- ✓ First-hand experience of student life
- ✓ Coaching to help you pitch with clarity and confidence
- ✓ Visits to key industry venues and organisations
- ✓ Understanding of diverse career pathways in business
- ✓ Exploration of a wide range of commercial sectors
- ✓ Opportunities to build friendships and professional connections
- ✓ Recognised evidence of your achievement & letter of reference from your Mentor

LAW



IgnitED Law participants take part in practical, engaging sessions that bring legal study to life. They unpick real-world legal scenarios, debate ethics in law, and build confidence in public speaking through a mock trial experience.



It's hard to choose one favourite part of my week when all of it has been so good! I really loved the focus on improving key advocacy skills with a welcoming and supportive environment from the first day. The Legal Mentoring sessions and guest speakers provided an amazing insight with many different perspectives. The court day was really useful to see legal careers in real-life!

Law Participant, 2025



What You Will Gain This Summer

- ✓ Mentorship from experienced legal professionals
- ✓ First-hand observation of a live court session
- ✓ Participation in simulated trials and advocacy exercises
- ✓ Insight into life as a law undergraduate
- ✓ A masterclass on pathways into the legal profession
- ✓ Exploration of a broad range of legal fields
- ✓ Understanding of the criminal justice system
- ✓ Clarity on progression routes and future opportunities
- ✓ A supportive community of like-minded peers
- ✓ A certificate recognising your achievement and letter of reference

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MEDICINE

From day one, participants immerse themselves in clinical skills training: taking vitals, practising suturing, scrubbing up, and responding to simulated medical emergencies



BROADENING HORIZONS

Broadening Horizons is for students still exploring what drives them—and how values and passions can shape a meaningful career.

“They’ve come away feeling very excited and highly motivated about future Medical career opportunities and further education options. We are delighted with the letter of reference. Thanks again for such a wonderful learning experience.”
Parent of Medicine Participant, 2025

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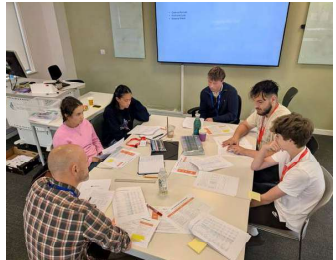
- ✓ Practical medical simulations led by professionals
- ✓ The opportunity to step into a surgical environment
- ✓ First-hand experience of life as a medical undergraduate
- ✓ Interactive workshops developing core clinical skills
- ✓ Insight into diverse medical career pathways
- ✓ An applications masterclass to support your next steps
- ✓ Exploration of roles across the medical and healthcare sector
- ✓ A community of peers who share your ambition for a career in medicine
- ✓ Formal evidence of your achievement & a letter of reference from your Mentor



“Thank you so much for the opportunity this valuable course gave my son to open up his field of vision onto his future career choices. All the IgnitED team were friendly, encouraging, and supportive”
Parent of Broadening Horizons Participant, 2025

What You Will Gain This Summer

- ✓ Create your own bespoke programme
- ✓ Engage in practical, interactive workshops
- ✓ Experience life as an undergraduate
- ✓ Connect with multi-industry professionals
- ✓ Real-world insight across multiple sectors
- ✓ Clear career pathway guidance
- ✓ Meet like-minded peers who share your ambition, expanding your network and forming lasting friendships.
- ✓ Evidence of your achievement
- ✓ Receive a certificate of completion



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CO-LAB

Collaborative Learning and Industry Reflection.
Co-Lab is a daily feature of the IgnitED programme, bringing participants together for collaborative problem-solving, structured reflection, and interdisciplinary learning.



Co-Lab invites participants to:

Participants come together for Co-Lab sessions that focus on collaborative problem solving, shared reflection and interdisciplinary tasks.

These sessions draw on the CDI framework to help participants understand how their strengths interact with those of others and how different fields connect within the wider landscape of work.

Through tackling joint challenges and discussing the perspectives brought from different industry interests, participants develop transferable employability skills such as communication, teamwork and reasoning, while gaining a broader view of potential pathways.



Ready to Book?

Reserve a place by completing the Registration Request Form on our website at www.ignitededucation.uk/booking

Programme prices and full details are available online.

For any questions or further information, we are happy to help and look forward to hearing from you.

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