

Autumn 2012

# Able, Gifted and Talented **Programme of events**



## Think, question and be inspired...

The University of East Anglia runs an exciting and challenging programme of events for high-achieving young people from across the country. Our activities are aimed at students wanting to expand their horizons and learn more about their favourite subject areas within a university environment. The University's thought-provoking and interactive events offer students the chance to meet and work alongside our University's experts, as well as current undergraduate and postgraduate students. Students can enhance their UCAS applications by including these events in the 'Activities in Preparation for University' section of the form\*.

Want to see more? Optional campus tours are available at all our events. More details will be sent to students with their booking confirmation.

### Who can apply?

Our events are tailored towards high-achieving students that are aiming for AAB at A-level or equivalent. Students must have a particular interest and aptitude in the subject area of the event that they are applying to attend.

We welcome school group bookings. Our events are designed to bring together students from different schools and areas of the country, therefore maximum group booking numbers apply. All of our events are supervised by CRB-checked staff enabling individual students to attend unaccompanied.

\* Able, Gifted and Talented events organised by the University's Recruitment and Outreach Office are not linked to our Admissions department.



## Social Sciences

### Research Skills

Drawing on the experiences of current undergraduates, this session will introduce students to research-led teaching and learning. Throughout the session we will explore what research is, why we undertake research and ways in which we can develop as researchers. The workshop will provide students with opportunities to develop and enhance their research skills and show them how to work with research to enable them to engage with and utilise current research in their studies.

**Wednesday 7 November**  
9am-2.30pm, £30 (includes lunch), Year 12

### Discover Business

Discover more about studying business at undergraduate level. Explore available courses, experience Business School classes and meet our current students. During the day students will participate in two interactive seminars and discover how to make money in business. They will look at the reasons why some businesses fail, while



others succeed, and gain an understanding of the factors that make a business profitable.

**Monday 12 November**  
10am-2.45pm, FREE, Year 12

### Discover Law

If you have a Facebook account, have you made a legally binding contract with Facebook? Can friends tag you in photographs without permission or do you have a right to privacy? Students will have an opportunity to explore these questions and see how law plays a part in virtually everything they do through a series of interactive seminars in our School of Law. Law is a great choice of degree subject, whether students want to be a professional lawyer or have career aspirations in sectors such as banking, journalism, marketing or the civil service. This informative day will offer an opportunity to find out more about studying law and experience life as a law student.

**Wednesday 26 November**  
10am-3pm, FREE, Year 12



### The Brand Factor

Ever thought about what affects everyday buying decisions? Students will explore the power of the brand in an interactive seminar with lecturers from our internationally renowned Business School.

**Wednesday 28 November**  
1-4pm, £5, Year 12

"Our students were buzzing when they left UEA and even came into school talking about the event the next day."

Teacher, Norwich High School for Girls





## Arts and Humanities



### Discover Philosophy

Discover Philosophy will give students a real sense of what philosophy is about, of its mind-boggling challenges and the unexpected perspectives it can give us. It will put students in touch with some of the exciting research done at UEA, and give them an idea of what it is like to study philosophy at our University. Leading researchers will deliver seminars and workshops showcasing a range of our teaching and research specialisms. These include work on unconscious judgement and decision-making; philosophy as film; environmental philosophy; philosophy of mind and philosophy of science. Students and lecturers will creatively engage with the pressing philosophical problems in today's world.

**Wednesday 7 November**  
10am-3pm, FREE, Year 12 & 13

### True Lies?: Creative Writing – Fact and Fiction

How is real life used in creative writing? Are there any times when real life shouldn't be used? Is fiction fictional? In this lively writing workshop students will discuss some of these issues and explore ways to negotiate them.

**Wednesday 28 November**  
1-3pm, £5, Year 12



### Witch Hunts in History

Everyone knows something about the witch hunts that plagued the early modern world. But how much is fact and how much fantasy? Using historical evidence, this session aims to get behind the myths to see why our ancestors were so worried about people believed to be agents of Satan.

**Wednesday 28 November**  
1-3pm, £5, Year 12



### What Makes a Good Work of Art?

'Do I like it?' and 'Is it any good?' are often our first responses to a work of art. But are such questions the best way of understanding what art is about? Are there ways of judging art (or indeed whether something qualifies as art) which transcend the personal or the individual? Drawing on the artistic resources of the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, students will explore and evaluate various explanations – technical, historical and philosophical – of what makes a good work of art.

**Friday 7 December**  
9.45am-3pm, £30  
(includes lunch), Year 12

### History: War, Sport and Music in Bosnia

During this event students will explore the impact that war has on society. By taking the example of Bosnia in the 1990s, students will look at how friendships, sport, music and other aspects of everyday life were changed by conflict. In particular students will focus on the siege of Sarajevo from 1992-95. No prior knowledge of events is required and there will be a chance to ask questions about this particular case study.

**Tuesday 11 December**  
9.45am-3pm, £30  
(includes lunch), Year 12

"Thank you for a brilliant session. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at UEA."

Year 12 student

### Adaptation

Wonder why your favourite book was turned into such a poor movie? Ever found a book that would make a great movie or stage play? This session will explore adaptation, offering a taste of the challenges and rewards of creating new scripts from books, blogs, games and other types of source material.

**Wednesday 12 December**  
1-3pm, £5, Year 12

### A Taste of Japanese

*Do you know that it is possible to study Japanese at university even if you're a complete beginner? Students can have an introduction to this exciting language, by joining Dr Nana Sato-Rossberg for an interactive taster session, and see how quickly they can pick up the basics. Students will also have the opportunity to find out more about degree courses in the language.*

**Wednesday 12 December**  
1-2.30pm, £5, Year 12

## Sciences

### Discover Computing

Discover more about studying computing sciences at undergraduate level; explore available courses and meet our current students. During the day students will participate in a hands-on session and have the chance to explore the exciting research currently being undertaken by the School, including motion sensor and video games technology.

**Friday 28 September,**  
9.30am-3pm, *FREE*,  
Year 12 & 13

### Blood and Blood Vessels

Our circulatory system stretches 60,000 miles and carries 10 pints of blood around our body helping to deliver oxygen to tissue and fight infection. The composition of human blood is complex with at least 9 different types of blood cell in circulation. This taster session will highlight some of the cardiovascular and biomedical research going on at UEA including how blood flow is controlled and how our own blood cells can turn against us and cause disease.

**Wednesday 12 December**  
1-3pm, £5, Year 12

### Story of Aspirin

An opportunity for students to explore practical applications of chemistry and the ground-breaking world of pharmaceuticals. Students will work alongside expert academics and current pharmacy students to discover the story of one of the most commonly used drugs. From synthesising aspirin to learning how the drug is made, this interactive day will offer students an insight into studying for a pharmacy degree, as well as the opportunity to experience teaching in our state of the art teaching labs.

**Monday 17 December**  
9am-3pm, £30 (*includes lunch*),  
Year 10 + 11



### Explore Medicine

This event offers prospective medics the opportunity to find out what it is really like to study this fascinating and challenging discipline. As well as exploring Problem Based Learning by working in groups on a diagnosis, students will also have the opportunity to get hands on in a practical session on CPR and First Aid to see if they have got what it takes to become a medic. There will also be opportunities to gain some advice on applying to study medicine and gaining work experience, as well as take part in a Q&A session with current medical students and the Medical School Head of Admissions.

**Wednesday 21 November**  
9.30am-4pm, £35  
(*includes lunch*), Year 12

## Medicine and Health

## Further information

### Booking Information

Students can make individual applications via our website [www.uea.ac.uk/giftedandtalented](http://www.uea.ac.uk/giftedandtalented)

Teachers can download a school group booking form from our website and email or post it to us.

### Transport Fund

We have a transport fund available to those students who are eligible for a free place on our events.

### Free and half price places

We offer free and half price places on all of our events for students who require financial assistance. Students can apply for these places if they meet certain criteria. To find out more please visit [www.uea.ac.uk/giftedandtalented](http://www.uea.ac.uk/giftedandtalented)

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"The day was interesting, aspirational and motivating. The organisation was superb!"

Teacher, St Benedicts School





# Undergraduate Open Day 6th October



## Summary of events

**UEA** University of  
East Anglia

Date	Event	Year	Time
Fri 28 Sept	Discover Computing	12 & 13	9.30am-3pm
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