

Activities explained

There is a wide range of work available to Student Ambassador, ranging from one-off session such: Taster Days and School Visits, to longer term activity such as mentoring programmes, Upward Bound, Saturday Arts Clubs or Masterclasses.

Here are some examples of SA Jobs:

Short Term / Ad hoc Jobs

Open Events

London Metropolitan University holds a range of open events throughout the year. These range from university-wide open days with up to 800 visitors to smaller departmental events, tasters or school group visits. These events are geared towards prospective students who we hope become students at London Met. Responsibilities at these events include manning the reception desk, meeting and greeting prospective students and their parents, showing people where to go, conducting tours, answering questions and generally being as helpful as possible.

School Visits and Talks

London Metropolitan University has a special relationship with a number of schools and colleges and we are often asked to go along to fairs at these institutions and give talks to prospective students on issues relating to Higher Education. These talks and workshops can either be delivered by staff or Student Ambassadors

Topics may include

- Choosing a course
- Finance and budgeting
- Student life
- Applying to UCAS
- Why go to university
- Personal statements

Uni Visits / Taster Days

We run a range of events for schools on campus, which are specifically designed to show what life as a student at London Met is really like. Including "Taster Lessons" in specific subject areas.

Higher Education Fairs and UCAS Conventions

Representatives from London Metropolitan University regularly go out to Higher Education fairs and UCAS conventions all over the country, for both UK and International students. At these events prospective students can pick up a prospectus, find out about our courses and speak to our staff and students about life at London Met.

Campus Tours

Guided campus tours give students the opportunity to see our learning and social facilities and find out what it is like to study at London Metropolitan University. Your role will be guiding prospective students and their family/friends around the campus tour route, providing them with useful information and offering them the opportunity to ask any questions.

Intro into HE Day

Students and staff from schools are invited to participate in a two day conference at London Met specifically aimed at Year 12s / first year college students. The conferences bring local schools and colleges together, giving students the opportunity to mix with peers from their local area in a university environment. The aims of the conference are to provide information, advice and guidance about university applications and university life. They will also include a series of speakers and activities to motivate students to explore their full academic and vocational potential and options. Workshops and talks could include:

- Introduction to Higher Education (HE): which path to follow; the realities of university study
- HE study skills session: note taking; independent learning; library-based tasks – ‘not just about books’
- Careers session: what skills are employers looking for? What skills will I gain from going to university?
- Student life talk
- Question and answer session with academic & student panel
- Introduction to university admissions: how to apply; the UCAS process
- Personal statements
- Subject taster workshops
- Student finance: the costs of HE; how to budget at university; scholarships

Sixth Form Conferences

These conferences are full day workshops put together in line with the school curriculum to enhance students’ learning experience. We offer students the chance to take away information which can support them during their course, whilst enjoying a day with our experienced lecturers and current students. We offer students the chance to sit in on presentations delivered by notable speakers from the industry along with subject lecturers.

Office Work

You may be asked to support any of the teams with administration work on an ad-hoc basis.

Flyering

This involves handing out promotional leaflets to the general public.

Headstart days

The induction process at university can be daunting. Students are in a strange and new environment, and this can be an overwhelming time for many as they take their first steps into Higher Education. All students from partnership schools and colleges who will be joining London Met for their further studies will be invited to a pre-induction day. We will introduce students to:

- Student Services
- The online enrolment system
- The Learning Centre
- The Students’ Union and much more.

Long Term Jobs/Programs

These will demand your commitment for several weeks. *(You should not agree to start a long-term programme if you cannot commit yourself to the whole programme).*

Upward Bound

Upward Bound is an education programme aimed at raising attainment and aspirations for young people attending Islington secondary schools.

The programme runs on Saturday mornings during term time at London Met. A team of specialist teachers, group leaders, student ambassadors and peer mentors work collectively to deliver an exciting alternative education programme that re-engages learners, builds confidence and motivates students to achieve. Students are supported over the two years of key stage 4 until they take their GCSE exams.

Long-Term Mentoring

The Mentor Programme is aimed at secondary school or college students from low socio-economic backgrounds, who suffer from disabilities or are in care. We work with those who are underachieving in their academics. They may require either academic or pastoral support, depending on their circumstances.

Each mentoring programme would run on a ten week cycle with the same mentor and mentee/s seeing each other once a week at the school or college. Long-term mentoring can encourage students in many ways:

- Raise their aspirations
- Raise their standards of performance
- Increase their awareness of the opportunities offered by Higher Education
- Develop and improve their self-esteem, motivation, confidence and persistence
- Improve their application and time management
- Have a greater understanding of the process of applying to Higher Education

Masterclass Series

We run a series of Masterclasses in association with external societies such as: The Royal Institution and The Royal Society of Chemistry. These Masterclasses are aimed at 'gifted and talented' students, from different age groups. The students attend classes at the University, using the facilities, and are taught by both our own academics as well as visiting guest lecturers.

London Met Summer Schools

Running for one week each, the Summer Schools are subject specific programmes focusing on the key skills needed to progress to Higher Education, giving the visiting students a chance to experience university life, and helping them make an informed decision when it comes to making their choice of degree. It also includes subject-specific workshops and presentations providing useful information about Higher Education, UCAS applications, Student Finance etc. Your roles would include:

- Working closely with a group of Year 12 students for the week
- Building rapport with the students
- Providing a source of information about university life.
- Assisting the students with their workshop activities

Nat Sat Club

The [National Art & Design Saturday Club](#) gives young people aged 14-16 the unique opportunity to study art and design every Saturday morning at their local college or university for free.

The programme, funded by the Sorrell Foundation, offers 30 weeks of inspiring classes over the academic year, introducing a range of different disciplines such as painting, drawing, performance design, model making, creating environments and creatures, mural and scenic painting, costume and character drawing and digital design.

Club members also visit some of London's best museums and galleries and exhibit their work in their own summer show at Somerset House, London. They are also given the opportunity to attend a masterclass with some of the UK's foremost designers or artists. Recent workshops include:

- Theatre design with the English National Opera for their community performance '[Millions of Years](#)' (2016)
- Metalwork with designer [Simone ten Hompel](#) (2015)
- Typefaces with artist [Bob and Roberta Smith](#) (2015)
- Puppet making masterclass with the National Theatre's *War Horse* puppet designers. (2015)

At London Met, classes are taught at the [Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design](#) and led by theatre designer and academic [Ian Teague](#) and our student ambassadors.

Specific WP Target Groups

We also work with specific Widening Participation target groups in tailored activities. These target groups include those who:

- Have disabilities
- Receive Free School Meals
- Are in care
- Those who are carers
- Are from low socio-economic backgrounds
- Are from ethnic minority groups