

Support for Partner Schools

KMPF has been founded on a belief that we can achieve more together as partners than we could as separate entities, and we are proud of the collective contribution that KMPF makes to young people in Kent and Medway. Being part of KMPF offers a unique opportunity for students and a wide range of benefits for schools:

- A free programme of targeted outreach events for students, designed to meet the needs of schools and students throughout the secondary years
- Close working relationships with university outreach teams and academics from local Kent and Medway campuses
- Networking opportunities with other Progression Mentors and colleagues from schools across Kent and Medway to share experiences and expertise
- Guidance and advice freely available from dedicated university outreach teams and an experienced KMPF Support Team

The KMPF Schools team provide a central point of contact for schools. As well as providing on-going support to progression mentors, we are available to provide guidance and information for staff and SLT in our partner schools. Information and support is also available on our website and through our e-newsletters. Partner schools also receive an annual activity report providing information about the type and number of activities in which your students have participated.

The Role of The Progression Mentor

Each partner school nominates a Progression Mentor, who will be the first point of contact within the school for the KMPF Support Team and the HEI Partners. The Progression Mentor plays a vital role in identifying students who can benefit most from HE outreach and facilitates the co-ordination and operational delivery of an agreed programme of events. The KMPF Support Team are on hand to provide information, advice and guidance to Progression Mentors in carrying out their role.

In addition, our university partners liaise closely with Progression Mentors to help them select and book appropriate activities to meet students' needs. Contact details for the University Outreach Teams are available on our website.

What do Progression Mentors Do?

- **Identify students** who would benefit from taking part in KMPF activities and ensure that they are selected to participate
- **Meet with the KMPF Schools Team** to plan a programme of activities that supports progression for students across years 7 -13 and that meets the needs of the school
- **Liaise with the KMPF Schools & Community Officer and University colleagues** to arrange and facilitate suitable activities
- **Prepare students in advance of attending an outreach activity** (particularly where activities are to take place on campus) and de-brief with them afterwards
- **Ensure students complete baseline surveys** as required. This is a vital part of our on-going evaluation to assess the impact that outreach has upon young people
- Liaise with delivery teams to **collect activity registers**

- **Attend the KMPF Summit** – this is normally twice per year in Spring and Autumn and is a good opportunity to network informally with other KMPF schools
- **Receive an annual school activity report from KMPF** detailing the outcomes for students from your school. This can be shared with senior leaders and used to inform your future planning

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