



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to provide you with details today of an exciting new online sports programme that Pathways is running as part of the UniConnect Programme, in collaboration with the Youth Dreams Project.

Pathways will be running a virtual, [four-week sport programme](#) this summer aimed at year 9 students. The programme is designed to provide participants with transferable skills and experiences they may have missed out on gaining this academic year, as well as providing them with insights into sports courses at a further and higher education level. The programme will begin on the week commencing the 27th July and will consist of a weekly one hour live session, alongside daily sports challenges.

Participants will work towards developing the following transferrable skills: Self Belief, Self-Management, Communication, and Teamwork through various daily tasks and live challenges set by the Youth Dreams Project, throughout the four-week programme. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate of attendance which will look great on future college and university applications.

Alongside their daily tasks and live challenges, participants will gain the following; an awareness of the broad range of career opportunities sport can lead to, an insight into taking a sport subject at further or higher education, and an overall knowledge enhancement of the subject area. We will be using a closed Facebook page as an online forum for participants to read up on this relevant information and network with current university students. Participants will also have the opportunity to network with and hear from some very special elite athletes!

Pathways will lead the live sessions alongside the Youth Dreams Project coaches, through the online video communication platform, Zoom. We will be using the Zoom platform suitable for under 16s and enforcing all safeguarding practices currently in place for online student intervention. The sessions will be fully risk assessed (copies available upon request) and Pathways staff will be supervising the live sessions at all times.

The scheme is completely funded by Pathways, students that would like to take part must be available to attend all sessions across the four weeks in order to achieve the certificate of attendance. As the event is externally funded, student eligibility is determined by the Office for Students (OfS). Priority on activities will be given to students who live in an area identified as a Pathways ward (determined by home postcode). You can contact the team to organise how to find out who these students might be.

Students can apply using the enclosed electronic application form, to be returned to Pathways by **Wednesday 22nd July**. Places are limited and, in the event that we have more demand than spaces, we will make a decision based on the student's application details.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me on the details below. To book onto this programme please visit: <https://www.pathwaystohe.ac.uk/activities/y9sportscamp/>

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Best Wishes,
Taylor and the Pathways Team