

Using HeppSY Funding to Raise Awareness of Higher Education: Trinity Academy Doncaster



HeppSY supports it's schools in a variety of ways including funding for trips and visits to local universities.

The Trip



During March HeppSY supported and funded a trip for all Year 9 students at Trinity Academy in Doncaster to visit the University of Hull.

Doncaster is a key area for HeppSY and many students at Trinity Academy are eligible for HeppSY support.

The trip was arranged by the Careers Department and gave students an excellent opportunity to find out more about higher education, it's benefits and what a university is like. Those in attendance gained an insight into the life of a university student, looking at both the academic side of university and the social opportunities available. During the day they also had the opportunity to find out more about Student Finance highlighting the importance of managing money at university, covering areas such as tuition fees, loans, and maintenance loan.

Now students have returned from the trip they are being encouraged to begin to think about their own future choices within higher education.

Impact

Since taking the trip:

- **100%** students felt they now know more about higher education
- **42%** said they are now more motivated to work harder in school
- **74%** would recommend taking the trip to their peers
- **82%** said they had more ideas about their future career
- **92%** are now more aware of Student Finance, tuition fees, loans, maintenance grants and managing money at university



Feedback

What students had to say:

- “The trip was highly educational and informative and has helped me with my future.” - Matthew
- “The trip was good and it gave me more information about university life etc. I am more convinced to go.” – Ethan
- “Best trip ever!” - Autumn-Rose
- “The trip was educational and fun to learn about university.” - Kane

What staff had to say:

- “A great experience for students to get a taste of Uni life, events were well planned and engaging. It was great for students to see the vast choice of courses available to them and get advice on how to live away from home for the first time.” - Mr Cook
- “Outstanding trip, seeing our students stretching their ambitions and aspirations, seriously challenging and discussing their plans for the future was incredibly rewarding!” - Mr Witty

