

UNiFY 2019 – Frequently asked questions

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

How do I apply for UNiFY?

To apply for UNiFY head to www.higherhorizons.co.uk/unify where you will see the application link. You will be asked to write a few sentences to explain why you want to come to UNiFY and to select which university's UNiFY would be your first choice to attend.

When is the UNiFY application deadline?

You have until 5pm on Friday 12th April to submit your application.

Am I guaranteed a place at UNiFY?

Unfortunately, you are not guaranteed a place at UNiFY, but we will contact you in April to let you know whether or not you have a place.

If I don't get a place, do I have any other options?

If your UNiFY application is unsuccessful, Higher Horizons+ will point you in the direction of other university residences taking place locally.

TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

How will I get to UNiFY?

We will provide free transport from your school to UNiFY, and back to your school at the end of UNiFY. You will be accompanied by Student Ambassadors who can help you with any problems on the way.

What is the accommodation like?

During UNiFY, you will be staying in shared flats, where everyone will have their own room. At some universities, you will have an en-suite bathroom and at others you will have a shared shower and toilet block in the flat.

Can I still come to UNiFY if I am unable to stay overnight?

Yes. If for any reason you are unable to stay overnight, we can make suitable arrangements for you. To make sure we're able to assign you a place at a UNiFY residential near your home address, please contact ncop@keele.ac.uk when you submit your application.

What if I need to go home early?

If you need to leave early for any reason we will do our best to arrange this with you and your parents/carers. You will not be able to leave without your parents/carers consent.

Will there be Wi-Fi?

Yes, you will be given access to Wi-Fi to use during your stay.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING UNIFY

What do I need to bring?

You will need to bring your own clothes and toiletries. When you're packing, remember to check the weather forecast and to bring suitable clothing for any team building, sports, or outdoor activities you may take part in. Higher Horizons+ staff will not be able to provide you with any over the counter medication, such as paracetamol, so if you think you'll need these during your stay we advise you bring them with you. You are more than welcome to bring a handheld console to use in your independent time during UNIFY. Please note that Higher Horizons+ staff cannot be held responsible for the loss or any damage to your personal belongings.

Do I need to bring any money?

No. All food drink and activities are provided by Higher Horizons+ and are completely free. You may bring money along if you wish, but you will be responsible for keeping this safe.

Am I allowed to take my phone to UNiFY?

Yes, you can bring your phone with you. You're responsible for looking after your belongings during your stay.

Do I have to wear my school uniform?

No. Just like at university, you will wear your own clothes. You will need to ensure you bring enough suitable clothes for the duration of your stay.

Will there be any time spent off-campus?

There will be no independent time off-campus. There may be scheduled activities off-campus but like all activities during UNiFY, you will be accompanied by your fellow UNiFY participants, Higher Horizons+ staff, and Student Ambassadors.

Will I be with my friends?

We cannot guarantee that everyone will get a place on UNiFY, and your friends may choose to attend a different UNiFY event. However, if you happen to be the only one of your friends to get a place, there will be lots of opportunities to meet new people your age and to make friends for life. There's no need to worry if you don't know any of the other students, lots of students come to UNiFY not knowing anyone, and leave having made lots of new friends.

Will there be other schools there?

Yes. You will be joined by students from schools and colleges across the region, making UNiFY a great opportunity to make new friends, and allowing you to experience what it's like when you actually get to university!

How can my parents get in touch with Higher Horizons+ during UNiFY?

We will have a dedicated emergency contact number, which you or your parents can call at any time during UNiFY if there is a problem.

HOW TO CONTACT HIGHER HORIZONS+

How can I get in touch with Higher Horizons+ if I have a question about UNiFY?

You can contact us using The Access Platform (TAP) at higherhorizons.co.uk/ask where you can ask us questions or arrange a phone call. You can also contact us at ncop@keele.ac.uk with any questions.