

# Brightest Watts!

A fun friendly way to find out about university life



Residential  
Summer Week  
July 2020

**It's FREE!**

- **Currently in S4 and going into S5 this summer?**
- **Thinking about your options after school?**
- **Wondering what it's like at university?**

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RELAXED WAY TO  
FIND OUT WHAT  
UNIVERSITY LIFE IS  
ALL ABOUT.



## What is the Brightest Watts Summer Week?

The Brightest Watts Summer Week is a relaxed and informal way for new S5 pupils to learn more about university life. Staying on our Edinburgh Campus in university accommodation means you get the best opportunity to find out what it is like to be a real life university student. You will get your own room and all meals provided. You will get the opportunity to experience a number of exciting science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and business workshops such as Urban Studies (creatively redesign a section of Edinburgh City Centre) or Physics (use low temperature physics to make ice cream, and yes you do get to eat it!).

We also have a team of staff and students who will help you to explore our Edinburgh campus and find out more about the reality of student life – from how students manage their finances to how they balance their studies with their social life.

The atmosphere is friendly and supportive and the emphasis is on meeting new people, trying something new, learning new skills and boosting your confidence. Even if you're a bit shy at first (everyone usually is), by the end of the week you'll have made lots of new friends.

It helps if you are interested in science, technology, engineering, maths and business subjects but you don't require any prior knowledge of these subjects.

### It's during the summer holidays – will I have fun?

Yes. There's no work to do, although we expect you to get involved in the sessions on offer each day. The workshops are educational, but mostly involve group activities.

We have social events each evening so you can relax and get to know everyone.

### What will I get out of the experience?

It's not easy making decisions about what to do when you leave school, but

you should fully explore all the options available to you.

We can give you genuine insight into university life and study, something we hope will have a positive influence on what you do after leaving school.

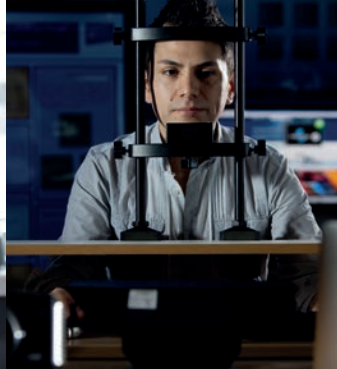
Our aim is to help you increase your confidence as well as develop your team working, communication and learning skills.

Apart from all that, it's the chance to do something different and to use your experience to stand out from the crowd when applying to university or for a job. You'll also have a laugh, make a new home for the week, gain fantastic memories and be presented with a certificate of participation to help you celebrate your achievement.

### When is it?

There is a choice of two different weeks; **Tuesday 14 to Friday 17 July 2020** or **Tuesday 28 to Friday 31 July 2020**. Let us know your preference when you apply.

You need to be available for the whole event you wish to attend. You will arrive on



Tuesday, and stay over with us Tuesday night, Wednesday night and Thursday night and then go home on Friday afternoon.

### Where is it?

The Brightest Watts Summer Week takes place at Heriot-Watt University's Edinburgh campus, on the western edge of the city.

### Who can apply?

Pupils who will be going into S5 this summer.

### How much does it cost?

The Brightest Watts Summer Week is generously supported by Baillie Gifford. This means the event is completely free for pupils including all accommodation, food, social activity and transport costs.

### How will I get there?

This week is residential so we will arrange for transport to collect you from your home on the Tuesday morning, and then take you home again on the Friday afternoon. Edinburgh Council pupils will be provided with a Lothian Buses bus pass.

### How do I book a place for the Brightest Watts Summer Week?

This is a very popular event and places are limited. To book your place please complete the application form online [www.hw.ac.uk/summerweek](http://www.hw.ac.uk/summerweek)

If you require a paper version of the application form please email [studentrecruitment@hw.ac.uk](mailto:studentrecruitment@hw.ac.uk)

The deadline for us to receive your completed application is 5 May 2020. We will be in touch following the deadline to let you know whether or not you have been successful in gaining a place. (Please note - applications will still be accepted after the deadline if places are still available. You may be placed on a waiting list and will be notified should any places become available through cancellations).

If you would like to discuss anything about the week then please contact us.

### What have participants from previous Summer Week events said?

“Great experience for anyone thinking of going on to higher education after school.”

(Ashleigh Thomson, Lasswade High)

“It was an extremely fantastic, mind-blowing experience.”

(Natasha White, St David's High)

“A great confidence booster, a great laugh and lots of good banter.”

(Liam Wilson, West Calder High)

“Best week of the summer holidays.”

(Robyn Caldwell, Armadale Academy)

“A very enjoyable insight into University life with great workshops.”

(Kayleigh McMillan, Knox Academy)

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**OR**  
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For further details

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