



pathways

Connecting you to higher education



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welcome to GMSA Pathways

now there are even more progression opportunities for your BTEC students



This latest version of GMSA Pathways now opens up thousands of routes into higher education for all your BTEC students. This easy-to-use online enquiry service enables vocational learners to search for higher education courses across the whole of Greater Manchester.

A student's online search will produce courses that match their predicted grade profile, simplifying the application process. Learners can register their interest in preferred courses to claim an interview, or even a conditional offer.

Not only is GMSA Pathways ideal for those wishing to study locally, it also provides vocational learners a means of discovering higher education courses outside their BTEC subject area.

GMSA Pathways is now bigger than ever

There are now double the number of BTEC programmes leading to thousands of higher education opportunities, giving students access to thousands of progression routes at the click of a button. This latest version has new features making it even easier to use.

New features include:

- faster, easier searching
- enhanced filtering, making it even easier for learners to find a course of their choice

GMSA Pathways has already met with widespread acclaim. Just some of the comments by Greater Manchester BTEC tutors.

Another useful tool, but more simple than the UCAS site and less daunting for students that want to study locally

Trafford College



GMSA Pathways learner case study

William Jay, 20, is a second year BTEC National Diploma in Media Production student at The Manchester College. One of the first students to use the new GMSA Pathways tool, William said it removes many of the barriers faced by vocational learners searching for higher education courses.

Having struggled to find suitable courses without the use of GMSA Pathways, William was well placed to view the benefits of the new enquiry service: "Without GMSA Pathways it took forever to search for university courses. The course, the city, and the convenience of the location were my criteria for selection.

"I wanted to study locally in Greater Manchester but I still had to find the right course. At times it felt like that was too much to ask. GMSA Pathways makes the process much easier."

Through GMSA Pathways, William was able to enter his current course details, state where he would like to study and take his pick from a range of higher education qualifications in Greater Manchester – all of which welcome his enquiry and may even give him an interview or conditional offer. He can also narrow this search by subject area.

William is now one of thousands of vocational learners in Greater Manchester set to benefit from the newly guaranteed, local higher education opportunities.



A great information source

Tameside College

The tool would be very helpful in raising the confidence of my learners. I really liked the results page. I know my students will appreciate feeling wanted

The Manchester College

Could be of use at open evenings and parent consultation evenings

Wigan and Leigh College

Sits nicely alongside current IAG services

Hopwood Hall College

Log on to GMSA Pathways to use the improved online service.
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