

# What's New YSJ?

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## Hello!

Welcome to the our spring edition of York St John University's Widening Participation Newsletter. We are thrilled to share some of the ways that we hope to work with you in supporting your students to achieve their goals. If you would like to get involved, or have any questions or ideas for collaboration, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Explore U

Explore U is our pre-16 offer. We want your students to have the opportunity to find out all about university in order to make informed decisions about their futures. You are invited to bring a group to visit our campus, or if you prefer, we also deliver workshops in schools. To make an enquiry, please complete the form [here](#), or get in touch with us at [wp@yorksja.ac.uk](mailto:wp@yorksja.ac.uk).

\*Please be aware that campus visits are typically capped at 60 places, with priority given to groups of students who have traditionally been underrepresented in higher education.

Work with Post-16s?

Our student recruitment team offers bespoke visits and workshops. You can get in touch with them at [studentrecruitment@yorksja.ac.uk](mailto:studentrecruitment@yorksja.ac.uk).

## Get Involved

Applications are now open for Discover YSJ, our year 12 residential running from Tuesday 25-Friday 28 June 2024. This immersive and entirely free summer school experience offers valuable insight into student life. Find out more [here](#).

Encompass is an exciting and fully funded opportunity for year 12 students from Black, Asian, and minority ethnic backgrounds to experience what it's like to study Geography at university. Visit us at YSJ, explore the theme of food sustainability and take part in a field trip. Access our webpage [here](#). For more information, contact: [l.clarke1@yorksja.ac.uk](mailto:l.clarke1@yorksja.ac.uk)

Do you work with mature learners or know anyone over the age of 21 who might be interested in returning to learning? We are hosting a Mature Learner Information Evening on campus from 6pm-8pm on Thursday 25th June 2024. Places can be booked [here](#).

York International Shakespeare Festival have an exciting opportunity for schools to secure free tickets to a special performance of Debra Ann Byrd's Becoming Othello at YSJ on 25 April for pupils in Year 9-13. Book your tickets here, or to find out more email [skylar@parrabbola.co.uk](mailto:skylar@parrabbola.co.uk).

## YSJ Spotlight

Making Waves is now well underway along the North Yorkshire Coast. The team have delivered workshops to whole cohorts of year 8 pupils around topics such as Goals and Aspirations, Transferable Skills and Student Life.

Our student ambassadors have had a busy term mentoring year 10 pupils from a South Asian background at two of our partner schools in Bradford.

We love to work with primary schools too! Read with YSJ, our reading support initiative staffed entirely by student volunteers, is now coming to a close after running successfully for a second year.

