

# **WELCOME TO THE BIG EXPLORATION**

Hello, and welcome to The Big Exploration 2023!

The Big Exploration is a programme of activities for students in year 5 and year 6. Suitable for whole year groups, class groups, selected students, or even independent homework tasks, our resources offer you the flexibility to meet the needs of your pupils.

Over 6 weeks, your students will discover what it's like to go to university, and will explore some of the different subjects and topics that are taught there.

In the final two weeks of The Big Exploration, your students will have the opportunity to plan, carry out and present their own piece of research in an area of their choosing.

They will also have the opportunity to win awards and prizes along the way!

After signing up to participate in The Big Exploration, you will be given access to our online Hub. Here, you will find all of the resources you will need to participate in The Big Exploration.

Each week, we will provide you with an instructional video, accompanying worksheets, and a suggested lesson plan.

The Big Exploration is a great opportunity for your students to have a positive engagement with the world of Higher Education early in their educational journeys, all while developing practical and metacognitive skills that will support them through their upcoming secondary school transition.

Furthermore, The Big Exploration supports the provision of key GATSBY Benchmarks, including:

BENCHMARK 3 | Addressing the needs of each pupil

BENCHMARK 4 | Linking curriculum learning to careers

BENCHMARK 7 | Encounters with further and higher education.

If you would like to participate in The Big Exploration, head to the dedicated page on our outreach hub and complete the expression of interest form.

The Big Exploration - become independently curious!