

Access and Participation

A Coaching programme for Underrepresented
and Disadvantaged Students



OUR TARGET STUDENTS

- Students who belong to the following groups have been identified as needing additional support as part of our Access and Participation initiatives:
 - Students from Low Participation Neighbourhoods (including Polar4 Q1&2 and low income households)
 - Mature Students
 - Students with a disability
 - Ethnically Diverse Students
 - Students from non-A level backgrounds

The Coaching Programme

- One initiative we are piloting this year is a coaching programme, this will be a scheme where a student from one of the target backgrounds who is struggling with their studies is assigned a coach who shares the same background
- The use of positive role models has been found to be extremely beneficial for students who come from disadvantaged and underrepresented background
- The role of the coach is to offer holistic support – helping the student set targets and actions for themselves, identifying opportunities that already exist within the conservatoire for the student to engage with and generally being a neutral point of contact for the student.
- This year the scheme is being piloted with Jazz, Music Production and FDA Production & EMP

The Coaches

- Coaches can be from any area of the conservatoire, the role is not meant to be academic support.
- Coaches will be paid for their time and fully briefed on how to engage with the programme
- We would be looking for a commitment of 5 hours per student the coach agrees to support
- **Coaches must identify as belonging to one of the target categories**

INTERESTED?

- Do you belong to one of our target categories for students?
 - Did you grow up in a low income household or in a community where going to university wasn't the norm?
 - Did you find higher education later on in life?
 - Do you identify as having a disability?
 - Do you belong to an ethnically diverse community?
 - Or did you study something other than A Levels at FE level?
- If you would like to register your interest in being one of our coaches or simply would like some additional information, please get in touch with our Access and Participation Manager, James Rew, j.rew@lcm.ac.uk

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