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**Student sessions delivered to June 2018: 321**

**What we have learnt:**

**Students find the sessions useful:**

Surveyed 76 students, agreed:

* 100% ‘Helped me explore the range of choices available to me’ ;
* 99% ‘It was useful to have time to focus on my choices and plans’;
* 99.5% ‘I have a better idea now about what I can do next’;
* Of 28 students answering ‘I am more likely to go to higher level study now than I was before the session’ 26 agreed with this statement.

**Barriers NCOP students face:**

* Financial
* Parental
* Understanding: in detail what their chosen pathways/future course/career, requires.
* Logistical: difficulty of traveling to a local university for engagement/progression

**Barriers to HE progression the cohort identified for themselves:**

* Not getting the grades
* I am worried I won’t fit in
* I don’t know anyone else that has gone to HE
* I don’t think it will be useful to me

**The sessions are useful to WIN HEA Advisers:**

[HE Adviser’s Catherine Young](https://careerpilot.org.uk/adviser-zone/careerpilot-feedback/partners-feedback/cathttps:/careerpilot.org.uk/adviser-zone/careerpilot-feedback/partners-feedback/catherine-young-wessex-inspiration-network-ncop-he-adviserherine-young-wessex-inspiration-network-ncop-he-adviser) and [Niki Turner](https://careerpilot.org.uk/adviser-zone/careerpilot-feedback/advisers-feedback/niki-turner-careers-coordinator-hayesfield-school) provided video feedback.

Learning from the cohort sessions is used to plan activities that meet the needs of the WIN cohort, like:

1. Medical mavericks
2. Law day for Y12
3. Y9 Health focused day
4. Wilts College Health and Social care careers workshop

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