Uni Connect monitoring data 2023-24

Uni Connect partnerships submitted monitoring reports to the Office for Students (OfS) in October 2024 for delivery of the programme in the 2023-24 academic year. These allowed us to gain a clear picture of how the partnerships are delivering activity to:

- meet the programme aims

- inform evaluation of the programme

- inform future policy and funding development.

Partnerships submit a monitoring report which collects information on finances, governance and operations. Alongside this, they submit an activity and learner engagement tracking report, produced by their chosen tracking system, which provides aggregated data on activities delivered and learners engaged.

Monitoring data tables

The data in this document features in the Uni Connect 2023-24 data snapshot report[1] and is taken from the OfS monitoring reports and tracking reports, covering the academic year August 2023 to July 2024. This is a continuation of previous data reporting collected from programme monitoring and reports on the same categories as the previous (2022-23) snapshot report.[2] In 2023-24, partnerships also began providing attainment-raising activities and additional data on this has been included in the latest data snapshot.

Table 1: Uni Connect learner engagement – total number of learners engaged in Uni Connect activities, as reported in the 2023-2024 tracking reports

Period	Number of Uni Connect learners engaged
Since launch	1,717,372
August 2023 – July 2024	344,422

Table 2: School and college engagement – total number of schools and colleges engaged in Uni Connect, as reported in the 2023-24 OfS monitoring returns

School and college engagement	Number of schools and colleges
Schools and colleges engaged in Uni Connect activity	2,843
Schools and colleges that received Uni Connect funding	479
Schools and colleges with a Uni Connect funded member of staff employed or based at the school or college	171

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[1] See Uni Connect: data snapshots - Office for Students

[2] See 2022-23 archive at Uni Connect: data snapshots - Office for Students.

Table 3: Groups engaged in Uni Connect activities – number of partnerships engaging with different groups through strategic outreach initiatives, as reported in the 2023-24 OfS monitoring returns

Groups engaged	Number of partnerships working with the group
Learners from areas of lower higher education participation	29
Care leavers	25
Parents/Carers	25
Teachers/Advisers	23
Disabled learners	22
Black, Asian and minority ethnic learners	20
Carers	19
Children of military families	14
Learners estranged from their families	13
Adult learners	11
Refugees	11
Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showmen and Boater communities	9
Other	0*

*This zero value has been kept for comparison purposes with previous years.

Table 4: Uni Connect activity delivered, as reported in the 2023-2024 tracking reports

Activity type	Number of activities as percentage of programme
Information, advice and guidance	42.2%
Skills and attainment (including tutoring)	29.7%
Mentoring	11.4%
Subject masterclass/subject insight	8.7%
Campus visit	6.1%
Parent and carer engagement	1.0%
Staff development	0.7%
Summer school	0.2%
Total	**100%**

Table 5: Uni Connect collaborative partnerships – partners involved in Uni Connect, as reported in the 2023-24 OfS monitoring returns

Type of organisation	Number of partners
Colleges	174
Universities	142
Local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships	125
Other organisations*	65
Charities	41
Employers	9

*Examples of partners in the 'Other' category include combined and local authority initiatives, sector bodies, professional bodies and delivery partners.

Table 6: Working with other partners – number of Uni Connect partnerships collaborating with other organisations, as reported in the 2023-24 OfS monitoring returns

Type of stakeholder	Number of partnerships
Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC)	27
Local authorities	27
Employers	24
Local Enterprise Partnerships	19
Student Loans Company (SLC)	19
NHS Trusts	19
Other*	13
National Career Service	8
Opportunity area leads	6
National Citizen Service (NCS)	4
Jobcentre Plus	2
Housing associations**	0
National Tutoring Programme**	0

* Examples of stakeholders in the 'Other' category include charities and community interest companies (CICs), local careers hubs and providers, college consortiums, virtual schools, UCAS and the SCiP Alliance.

** Although a zero figure this year, this is included in the snapshot as a continuation of the data collected in the previous year.

Table 7: Attainment-raising engagements – total number of activities delivered

Engagement types	Total activities
Non subject-specific workshop	1,798
Literacy sessions	1,648
Subject specific tutoring	584
Non-subject-specific tutoring	402
Revision workshop	360
Subject-specific workshop	330
Other	166
Teacher CPD	12
Academic summer school	4
Homework support	2
Total	**5,306**

Table 8: Attainment-raising engagement – total number of unique learners engaged

Engagement types	Unique learners engaged
Non-subject-specific workshop	20,866
Revision workshop	13,410
Literacy sessions	7,364
Subject-specific workshop	6,464
Subject specific tutoring	2,978
Other	2,034
Non-subject-specific tutoring	1,600
Academic summer school	88
Homework support	4
Total	**54,808**

Table 9: Attainment-raising intended outcomes – total number of activities focused on these outcomes

Engagement types	Total activities
Academic self-efficacy	1,159
Attitudes towards learning	811
Metacognitive strategies	796

Engagement types	Total activities
Study strategies	708
Academic motivation	654
Reading skills	498
Critical thinking	337
Locus of control	270
Subject knowledge	258
Speaking skills	250
Grit / resilience	240
Subject knowledge (Maths)	209
Writing skills	187
Subject knowledge (English)	125
Listening skills	119
Sense of belonging	114
Other	26
Teacher professional skills	5

Table 10: Attainment-raising outcomes – total number of unique learners engaged focused on these outcomes

Engagement types	Unique learners engaged
Study strategies	12,939
Academic self-efficacy	11,049
Academic motivation	9,228
Attitudes towards learning	9,142
Metacognitive strategies	8,976
Locus of control	3,839
Reading skills	3,351
Subject knowledge (English)	2,857
Speaking skills	2,421
Critical thinking	2,247
Subject knowledge	2,241
Writing skills	1,461
Subject knowledge (Maths)	1,422
Grit / resilience	1,029

Engagement types	Unique learners engaged
Other	534
Listening skills	439
Sense of belonging	395
Teacher professional skills	63
Total	**73,633**

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