Welcome to our May 2019 newsletter!

I'm Tony Moody and I'm heading up Hepp for the rest of 2019 while Gemma is on maternity leave. I'm a passionate believer in the value of education to enrich our lives and the necessity for everyone to have awareness and opportunity of the choices available to them. As the first person in my family to go to university, these values are in my DNA. I've spent most of my working career as a senior civil servant based in Sheffield, including a decade at the Department for Education. I'm also chair of governors at a Sheffield secondary school and am involved in primary school governance. That background has given me an appreciation of how busy and pressured the school timetable is and the operational challenge of taking up the free and essential service we offer. With the rising prominence of Gatsby benchmarks, and endorsement of those principles by Ofsted, I'm looking forward to working with the region's schools to ensure all our students have greater agency over their life choices and selection of learning pathways.

Tony Moody, Programme Manager

Virtual Campus Tours

If Hepp isn't able to work with your school to provide a real campus visit, then why not take a virtual campus tour? Both our partner universities (and many others) have produced videos that can be used to bring a campus to your students, if your students can’t visit a campus:

- University of Sheffield Campus Tour (5:36)
- Sheffield Hallam University City Campus Tour (0:36)
- Sheffield Hallam University Collegiate Campus Tour (0:39)
- UCAS page of ALL the virtual university campus tours available

Links are permanently available in the videos section of our website.
Review Meetings

As the end of the academic year approaches, marking the first year of Hepp's new offer to schools, our Regional Activities Coordinators (RACs) are planning to visit each of their schools in June/July for summer review meetings.

These are important opportunities to talk with you about what's worked well this year (and what hasn't), as well as start to plan ahead for workshop delivery in 2019/20. Please get in touch with your RAC asap and book in your meeting!

Gemma's Blog

Before Gemma, our permanent Head of Hepp, went on maternity leave, she wrote a blog about the difficulties and dangers for teachers and advisers giving students inaccurate or out-of-date information about higher education and student finance. Read more here, but also watch this space for news about developments at Hepp in the area of teacher/adviser CPD!

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