‘Chemistry for All’ is a five year study sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry targeted at identifying the most effective approaches to widening participation in chemistry. The University of Reading in partnership with the University of Southampton is one of the activity providers selected by the Royal Society of Chemistry to deliver innovative programmes of activities to students as they progress from Year 8 through to Year 12. Each activity provider is working with six local schools with historically low university participation rates.

Our programme of activities includes demonstration lectures, after-school clubs, careers sessions, industry visits, chemical challenges, community events and teacher CPD. Activities are designed by the university team to develop students’ interest and skills in chemistry and to enhance students’ understanding of the wide variety of career choices available to chemists.

The activities are delivered by the university team supported by enthusiastic university student ambassadors and STEM ambassadors. We are also developing links with professional chemists from a range of chemistry-based companies to both enhance the activities and help broaden students’ knowledge of possible career opportunities and the various qualification routes to these opportunities.

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