

#### STUDY HIGHER PIONEERS PROJECT

SUPPORTING THE PROGRESSION OF PAKISTANI AND BANGLADESHI GIRLS IN TO HIGHER EDUCATION













# What is the Pioneers Project?



### The Pioneers Project Model

Create and pilot new interventions that target identified barriers for local Pakistani and Bangladeshi female school students

Literature reviews and in-depth interviews with Pakistani and Bangladeshi female undergraduates

**WP Practice** 

WP Research

Evaluation & Dissemination

Evaluate success of project and intervention and disseminate findings



#### Literature Review Findings:

1) Impact of geography and university distance on choice

2) Traditional subject choice

3) Higher levels of graduate unemployment



## Pilot Intervention: Pioneers Conference

- Free one day event targeted at local Pakistani and Bangladeshi girls in High Wycombe, Reading and Oxford
- Impartial information and guidance on Higher Education and Student Finance
- Impartial advice on careers and employability
- Question and Answer sessions with current students and successful female role models from a range of different careers

#### Next stages

- Deliver Pioneers Conference in November
- Evaluate and disseminate the project's findings





#### Thank you for listening!

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