

# Top 10 Tips for Student Engagement

If you want to engage students with personal tutoring and academic advising, follow these top tips to help you get started.

*“The students who are the most engaged are the ones who think they matter to their teacher”.*  
Dr Russell Ouaglia, undated

## VISIBILITY

It is important that students have clear visibility of their personal tutoring/academic advising offer, e.g. Including meetings on timetables

## CO-CREATION

Student involvement in informing or creating the personal tutoring/academic advising offer can help increase relevance and create buy in from students.

## TIMING

Timing meetings and engagement points at key times of the academic year helps increase relevance to students and helps support engagement

## PEER MENTORING

The integration of support via peer mentoring, or personal tutoring/academic advising “families” can provide cross level opportunities for discussion and support.

## COMMUNICATION

Proactive, regular communication from personal tutors/academic advisers keeping students up to speed with opportunities or dates for their diary, helps keep students informed and engaged, e.g. weekly newsletter.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

If budget permits, creating social interaction opportunities with advisers and between peers to support the development of tutoring/advising relationships.

## END OF YEAR FOCUS

Ensuring there is a focus for the final meeting of the year is important to support transition into next level study or into the world of work, e.g. Performance Review with goal setting

## RELEVANCE

Ensuring tutoring/advising sessions are relevant and add value to students’ academic journey helps ensure future engagement

## PROMOTE STUDENT STORIES

Share examples of students that have benefited from engaging with personal tutoring/academic advising.

## REFERENCES

Make students aware that the more engaged students are with personal tutoring/academic advising, the more information academics have to inform students’ references on completion