Presentations and Workshops

The Lancaster University Schools and Colleges Liaison team deliver presentations to students, parents and advisers on many aspects of Higher Education, both on campus and across the UK.

Adjusting to University Life
Entering University for many can be a daunting experience. Moving away from home, meeting new people and being independent are all a part of the university experience, yet one that students are often unprepared for. This informative presentation, delivered by a Lancaster University graduate, aims to prepare students who are about to embark on their university careers the essentials they need to make the most of their university experience, wherever that may be.
Primarily suitable for: Year 13

Admissions for teachers
University admissions can be as confusing for teachers as it can be for students. This talk, designed exclusively for teachers, aims to guide teachers through the application process. Taking time to discuss the overall application process, with particular interest is paid to the Teacher Reference; our experienced team will guide you through the UCAS cycle, taking time to discuss factors such as reference structure as well as importantly reference content. Time is also taken to discuss aspects such as predicted grades and the overall climate of university applications to ensure you are best prepared to support your students.
Primarily suitable for: Teachers and Advisors

Budgeting
Budgeting is an essential skill that any university undergraduate needs to master, yet one that is often overlooked by students. Every year, students across the country enter financial difficulties due to budgeting poorly. This informative workshop briefly explains Student Finance to students and also encourages them to not only consider what their expenditure would be as a student but also how they can supplement their income at University. The final activity in this workshop encourages students to put these considerations into practice whilst learning the importance of cash-flow by creating a budget for a fictional student.
Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Campus University
Campus universities are growing in popularity, but are still quite rare and therefore something not many students are aware of or understand the differences in comparison to a city university. This presentation aims to provide details about what a campus university is and the unique community feel it gives
to students. It will also cover the facilities and provisions a campus university offers and give an overview of the sort of lifestyle a student living at a campus university would experience, while explaining what having both the professional and social experiences of student life in one place means.

**Choosing Courses and Places**
With so many universities and higher education providers offering so many courses, it can sometimes be difficult to know how to effectively research courses and places. This presentation aims to present the benefits of going to university, helpful tips on how to choose a course, important aspects to consider when researching different universities and how to create the best personal statement possible. This allows students to begin deciding what they want from their chosen university, be that campus or town based, home or away, helping to prepare them for researching their own university choices.

**Enhancing Employability at University**
Lancaster University works hard at ensuring our students are employable, with 97% of graduates in work or further study within 6 months of graduating. University is an excellent time for students to work at increasing their employability before entering the job market. This presentation covers the graduate job market, as well as what students can do during university to enhance their employability. The presentation explains the valuable skills that can be achieved from academic experience, work experience and non-academic experience such as volunteering, sport, societies and travel opportunities.

**EPQ**
The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is growing in popularity, although there are still many questions which surround the EPQ. This presentation aims give students an introduction into the EPQ including what it entails and requires, as well as giving tips on how to pick a question, plan the project, gather information, and use data sources correctly. It will also aim to explain the benefits of completing an EPQ and provide a short step by step guide so that students are aware of the whole process and have information on every aspect, from picking a question through to assessment.

**Interview Skills**
The ability to perform well at interviews is vital to many students, whether they are attending a university interview or entering the job market. Universities often interview for a selection of their courses in order to assess the student’s suitability for the course they have applied to, while also providing the student
with the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the course or university. For many students, this may be their first interview. This presentation therefore provides students with guidance on preparing for an interview, as well as strategies and practical tips for good interview practice. This aims to consequently improve students’ confidence and performance at any future interviews they may be invited to attend.

**Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13**

**Introduction to Higher Education: Making the most of UCAS Fairs**
Making a decision about whether to go into higher education is tough alone, then deciding which university to attend can add to the list of anxieties a student may have. With so many exhibitors, UCAS fairs can be daunting, but by considering the range of courses available and what factors are important in choosing a university, students will really benefit and should feel well equipped to make a decision after attending a UCAS fair. This presentation covers details about what students will gain from attending a UCAS fair and how to really benefit from attending one. It also includes information on the who, what, why, when and where of UCAS and the application process.

**Primarily suitable for: Year 12**

**Organising a Successful HE Fair**
Higher Education fairs are a great opportunity for universities, colleges, institutions and firms from across the world to advise, inform and meet current students considering their future after their studies. This presentation offers advice about how to organise a successful HE Fair. We advise what works best, what doesn't work well, as well as what can be done before, during and after the event to aid its success. Many schools and colleges have the facilities to carry out a successful HE fair and this presentation informs delegates of how to achieve this, including information about how to contact universities and a step by step guide to planning the HE Fair successfully.

**Primarily suitable for: Teachers and Advisors**

**Presentation Skills**
As a part of interviews, selection centres and the Extended Project Qualification, students may be asked to give a short presentation. Despite a need for students being able to give effective presentations, it is a skill that many lack. This informative presentation, delivered by an experienced member of our team, aims to provide students with the necessary skills to present effectively in a variety of scenarios, giving delegates the knowledge base to succeed in future presentations.

**Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13**
Student Finance: the Key Facts
Student finance can be confusing, but this presentation helps to ease this by covering the key facts. It explains the tuition fee and maintenance support available to all students. It also covers the average student cost of living and details of the scholarships and bursaries on offer at Lancaster for academic success, which enable talented students to access Lancaster regardless of their background. Finally, it covers information regarding repayments and the application process itself, to help students gain a better awareness of understanding of all aspects of student finance.
Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Student Life
Studying at university offers a large amount of independence and freedom which can be daunting for some students as they are unaware what to expect. This presentation aims to discuss all aspects of student life from effective time managing to creating and sticking to a budget. It also provides specific information about what Lancaster University offers in terms of student experience such as; industrial placement, study abroad, sports, societies and work opportunities, most of which can also be generalised to other universities. This information allows students to consider what they want to get from their time at university, allowing them to make the most of their student experience.
Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Studying in the North
Designed for schools and colleges located in the Midlands and Southern regions of the United Kingdom, this talk focuses on the primary reasons why a student may consider to study in the North. With a plethora of high ranking universities, vibrant cities and stunning countryside, this presentation aims to introduce students to the vast array of opportunities that are available outside of their immediate geographical region. It also discusses the potential difference in cost of living, details of some of the many high flying graduates who studied at Northern universities and things to consider when researching universities and making the next steps.
Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Studying outside London
Designed for schools situated in London or the Southern regions of the United Kingdom, this presentation focuses on the main reasons students choose to study outside of London. With a vast array of beautiful countryside, stunning coastlines, vibrant cities and high ranking universities, this presentation aims to introduce students to the many opportunities and experiences that are available to them outside of London. It also includes tips on how to research different universities and an ideal timeline for UCAS, helping students to begin considering universities outside of their immediate geographical area, ensuring that they make the correct decision for them.
Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13
University and Beyond
Thinking about the future, what going to university means and what will happen afterwards are very important concepts for any student. This presentation explains to students the process of choosing a university, the different types of learning at university, living at university and the best ways to get involved at university. It also discusses life after university, such as the different opportunities available to graduates and how they can use their time at university to gain the experiences and skills that employers are looking for.

Primarily suitable for: Year 12 and 13

Welcome to Lancaster
What is Lancaster University and why is it a good place to study? These are two of the main questions we hope to answer in this presentation. It is filled with some of the great reasons to study at Lancaster University, including details of our UK and global rankings, high levels of student satisfaction and the wide range of opportunities we offer to our students, including study abroad and year in industry options. The presentation also discusses the teaching provision and facilities the university provides, the benefits of our rather unique collegiate system, scholarships and bursaries we offer and what’s next for Lancaster regarding future investments and facility development. This presentation really does summarise and highlight what it is truly like to be a Lancaster University student. This presentation is usually delivered on campus, however it can be provided off campus if needed.

Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Why Lancaster?
Ranked in the top ten, Lancaster is one of the UK’s leading Universities and is consistently ranked highly in student satisfaction, employability and student experience. This presentation will inform students about Lancaster’s wide range of degree schemes and their structure, the global impact of our research, the unique collegiate system, accommodation, and the Lancaster student experience. This includes information about the Students’ Union, societies, scholarships and bursaries. All of these factors combine to make Lancaster University students some of the most satisfied and employable in the country – with 9/10 students satisfied with their course and 97% of our graduates in employment or further study within six months of graduating.

Primarily suitable for: Years 12 and 13

Writing a Successful Personal Statement
A Personal Statement may be the only opportunity a student has to demonstrate their passion for their chosen course and why they stand out from other applicants. It is therefore crucial that their personal statement makes a positive impact on admissions tutors. This presentation explains the UCAS application process, as well as offering guidance about how to write a successful personal statement, including suggestions about what admissions tutors are looking for.
This presentation encourages students to connect their previous experience, hobbies and interests to specific skills relevant to their chosen degree subject.

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