



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to campus from the Philanthropy, Alumni and Supporter Engagement team! Whether you graduated last year or decades ago, we hope you enjoy your visit back to campus and have fun reliving your student days.

This guide provides you with all the information, maps and web links to make the most of your visit. You will also find links to our self-guided alumni tour of campus for a trip down memory lane.

We'd love to hear about your visit and all your news on where you are now – please feel free to email us at alumni@lancaster.ac.uk with your photos and stories.

There are a host of ways you can stay in touch with Lancaster University and continue to be involved from volunteering as a careers mentor to supporting the Lancaster University Opportunity Fund through a donation, or organising alumni meet-ups in your area to hosting current students for work place visits. Please see page 12 for more information.

We hope you enjoy your visit back to campus and Lancaster!

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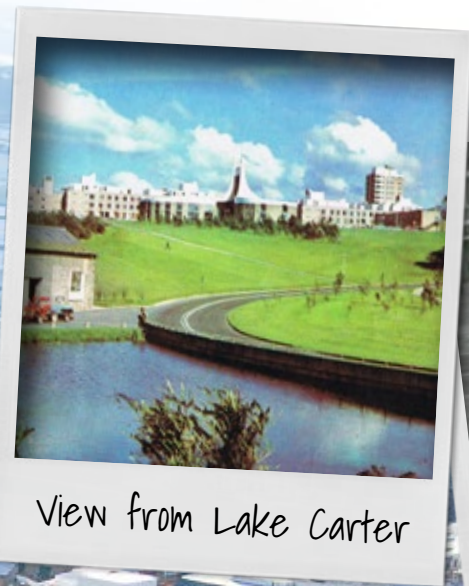
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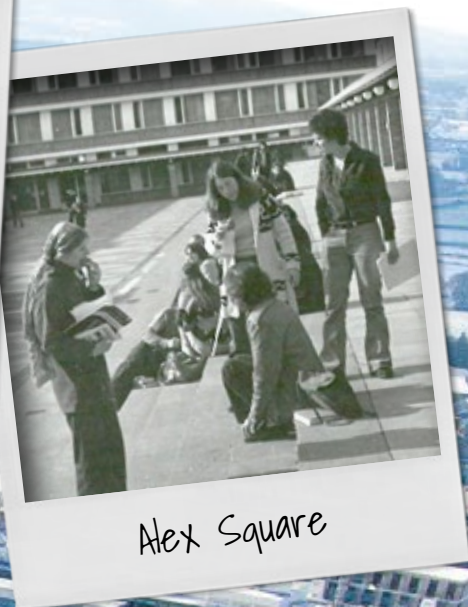
Furness and Fylde Residences



Underpass



View from Lake Carter



Alex Square

Self-Guided Campus Tours

Take a self-guided campus tour at your own pace. This tour has been created especially for alumni visiting campus. You'll be guided to key locations to see what they are like today and can see online photos of how they looked in the past (or even under construction!).

The tour starts at the Chaplaincy Centre and the duration is around 50-60 minutes but how long it takes you is up to you. It covers a distance of around 1.5 miles.

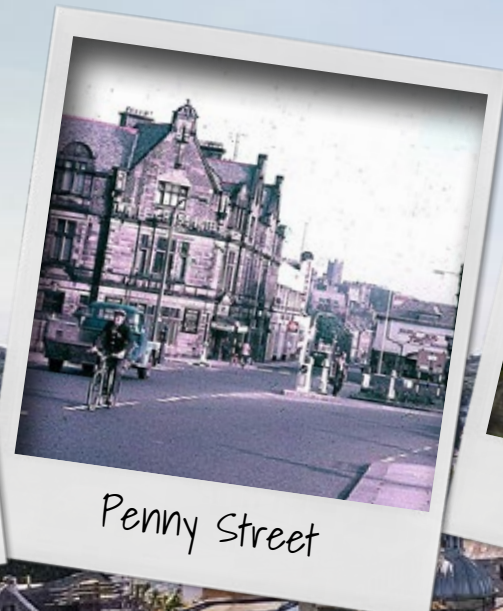


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St Mary's Parade



Penny Street



Williamson memorial



Self-Guided City Tour
 See what life in Lancaster is like for students today!
 This self-guided tour is designed for prospective students to show them what life is like in Lancaster... you may be surprised at what has changed and what hasn't!

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Lancaster University

A Brief Timeline

1947

The idea of a university in Lancaster is first proposed at a public meeting, reflecting post-war ambitions to expand access to higher education in the North West.

1961

Lancashire County Council revives the campaign for a new university, submitting a formal proposal to the University Grants Committee.



1964

The University welcomes its first 330 students in October. Teaching initially takes place in temporary accommodation at St Leonard's Gate in Lancaster city centre.

1967

The move to the permanent Bailrigg campus is completed.

The University's distinctive collegiate system becomes firmly established.



Late 1960s – 1970s

Colleges Bowland, Lonsdale, Cartmel, County, Furness and Fylde shape Lancaster's strong sense of community.

Academic strengths develop across sciences, humanities, social sciences and management.

Pre-60s

1960s

1970s

1980s

1990s

2000s

2010s

2020s

Today

1963

Lancaster University is officially founded.

Professor Charles Carter is appointed as the University's first Vice-Chancellor on 1 April.



1965

Lancaster receives its Royal Charter, granting it full university status. First degrees are conferred by Chancellor, Princess Alexandra in a ceremony at Lancaster Town Hall.

1970–1985

The Great Hall becomes a renowned live music venue, hosting iconic artists including Elvis Costello, Joan Armatrading, Queen, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin.



1980s

Expansion continues with the addition of further colleges, including Pendle and Grizedale.

Lancaster's national academic reputation grows steadily.



1990s

The University consolidates its position among the UK's top-ranked universities, noted for research quality and innovative teaching.

Graduate College is opened by Princess Alexandra.



2010s

The University expands its international presence, establishing overseas partnerships and branch campuses, including in Ghana and China.

2020s

Lancaster continues to grow as a globally connected university, with further campuses in Germany and Indonesia, with a strong emphasis on sustainability, research impact and student experience.



2000s

Major campus investment enhances teaching, research and student facilities.

Lancaster strengthens its focus on interdisciplinary research and global engagement.

2013

Lancaster celebrates its 50th anniversary, marking five decades of academic excellence and community.

2004

Sir Chris Bonington CVO CBE DL becomes Chancellor, succeeding Princess Alexandra after her 40 years' service.



2006

Overseas partnership established in Malaysia.



2015

The Rt. Hon. Alan Milburn becomes Chancellor.



Today

Consistently ranked in the top 15 in major UK league tables and ranked highly in international league tables, Lancaster University is home to a vibrant academic and student community and a global network of over 180,000 alumni.



Join the alumni network near you: www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/your-alumni-network

Support Our Students

Every year, talented, ambitious students arrive at Lancaster – each with huge potential. **The Lancaster University Opportunity Fund** gives vital support to those facing financial or other barriers, helping them make the most of every opportunity – academically, socially, and personally.

You can help ease their pressure, spark confidence, fuel ambition, and give them the chance to say “yes” to experiences that shape their future.

Donate online at www.lancaster.ac.uk/giving/opportunity-fund



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“My scholarship has really helped me with living expenses. Your generosity inspires me to strive for academic excellence. Your support makes such a difference to students like me, and I deeply appreciate your commitment to education.”

Connor Winter, Scholarship Recipient



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Volunteer

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities for alumni including: running a local alumni network, mentoring a student, offering a work placement or helping us at student recruitment events.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/alumni/volunteer or email alumni@lancaster.ac.uk



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