

Lancaster
University



Alumni Guide
To Visiting Campus

Welcome Back

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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!

The Philanthropy, Alumni and Supporter Engagement Team
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Bowland Bar



Chaplaincy



Library Catalogue

Before you arrive

Pick your date!

You can check term dates online:

www.lancaster.ac.uk/about-us/term-dates

You may want to visit on a weekend when we are holding an Open Day or other applicant event - you may even find your old department or college open:

www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/open-days

Our alumni engagement team can also advise on the best time to visit, email:

alumni@lancaster.ac.uk

Staying on campus

During term time, there are 80 en suite single, double and twin guest rooms on campus (up to around 1,000 in vacation periods).

Please note, during busy periods, campus accommodation is in high demand so advance booking is recommended.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/conferences/guest-rooms

Getting to campus

Lancaster University's main campus at Bailrigg is on the A6 just south of the city of Lancaster, close to junction 33 of the M6 motorway. Whether you arrive by train, bus or car, getting here is simple...although campus may look different to how you remember it!

www.lancaster.ac.uk/about-us/maps-and-travel

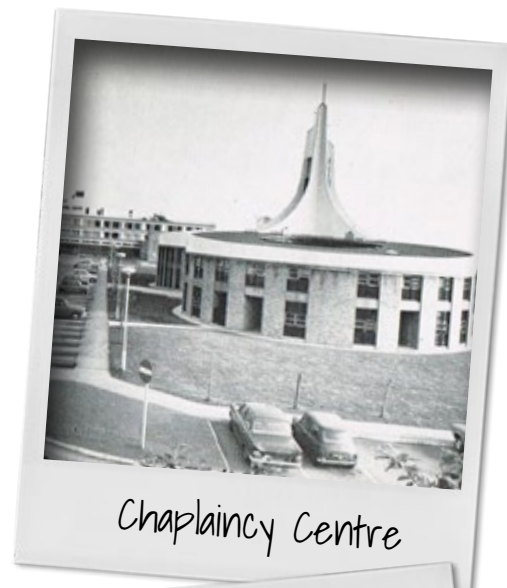
When you are here

Parking on campus

Visitor car parking is available on campus and enforced by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Parking can be purchased through the RingGo app or via the Pay and Display machines on arrival. Cash is not accepted at the machines. Parking is generally free on Visit Days and during Graduation but please check when you arrive.

Getting around campus

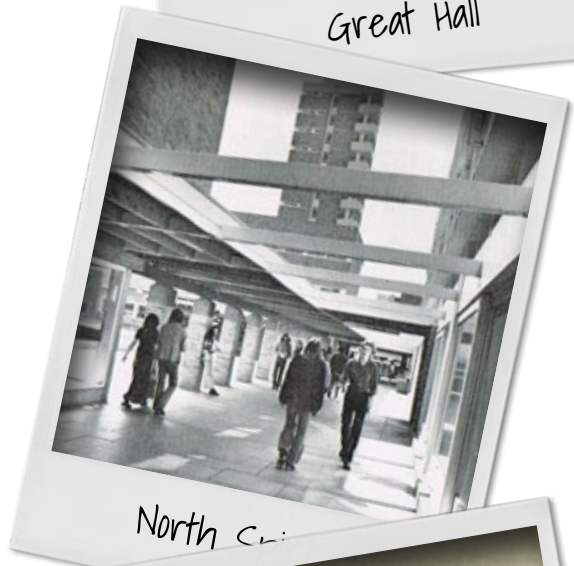
We recommend you use MazeMap when you are on campus for finding your way around. Campus may be somewhat different and vastly larger than when you studied here.



Chaplaincy Centre



Great Hall



North Campus



Library

Food & Drink on campus

Whether you're grabbing a casual bite between events, having lunch with old friends or enjoying a sit-down meal, Lancaster University's food offerings are varied and convenient.

Opening times vary and you will find more outlets open during term time and on Visit Days than in vacation periods.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/eat/outlets

Restaurants include:

- Guan Zi Chinese (in the George Fox building), Sultans, KC's African & Caribbean cuisines, Wok Inn (all in Edward Roberts court) and Pizzetta Republic (on the south spine).
- The Marketplace on the north spine by County: serving full English and continental breakfast and a daily rotating menu of homemade meals for lunch and dinner.

Lighter bites and takeaway options at:

- The Deli on the south spine, off Alexandra Square: great for lighter meals, sandwiches, salads and coffee.
- Greggs, Costa, Subway, Friends Bistro and Coastal Coffee – all in and around Alexandra Square.

Bars



Northern Oak at County

(Some alumni will know know this as old Cartmel Bar)
Monday to Friday 5pm-11pm
(term time, closed in vacation)



Trevor at Furness

Monday to Friday 12pm-11pm
Saturday 5pm-11pm
(term time, closed in vacation)



The Mill at Fylde

Monday, Tuesday 10am-11pm
Wednesday to Friday 10am-12am
Saturday 12pm-12am
Sunday 12pm-11pm
(term time).
During vacations, The Mill is usually open every evening.



Grizedale

Wednesday to Friday 6pm-12am
(term time, closed in vacation)



Barkers at Cartmel

on south west campus
Monday to Friday 8am-10pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am-10pm
(term time, closed in vacation)

Library visitor information

The library building provides open access for all to use our print collections and study spaces. Alumni can join the library as a Community member to borrow from our print collections.

There are often special exhibitions and events held in the library and the Library's Archive Research Centre is open for drop-in 11am-4pm every Wednesday during term time.

www.lancaster.ac.uk/library/visit



LU Merchandise

ReStore

The sustainable, campus shop where you can buy Lancaster memorabilia from hoodies and t-shirts to cuddly ducks and socks... and much more!

Located in Alexandra Square, next to Costa.
Monday-Friday: 9.30am-5.00pm
Saturday-Sunday: Closed

You can also buy your merch online:

www.lancasterunimerchandise.co.uk



Heading to town?

Buses run regularly from the underpass.

www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables

Please note: information correct at time of going to print.



SYMBOL KEY

	Accessible Parking
	Baby Change
	Building Entrance Point
	Bus Stops
	Shuttle Stop
	Colleges
	College Bar & Social Space
	Electric Vehicle Charging Point
	Library
	Lift Access
	Prayer Room
	Restaurant
	Shops/Refreshments
	Student Residence
	Taxi Rank
	Toilets

WALKS & ROUTES

	North Spine Accessible Route
	South Spine Accessible Route
	Woodland Walk

CAMPUS ZONES

	North Campus
	North West Campus
	South Campus
	South West Campus

NORTH WEST CAMPUS

HIO Health Innovation One

- Clinical Anatomy Learning Centre
- Faculty of Health & Medicine Offices
- Health Research
- HIC Team
- Lancaster Medical School

SPC Sports Centre

ALEXANDRA SQUARE

NORTH CAMPUS

BLA Bowland Annexe

Bowland College

BLH Bowland Hall

- Guest Room Reception

BLM Bowland Main

- Bowland Lecture Theatre (Cinema)
- Learning Zone
- Pharmacy
- Students' Union

BLN Bowland North

- Elizabeth Livingston Lecture Theatre
- Margaret Fell Lecture Theatre
- Marcus Merriman Lecture Theatre

CPC Chaplaincy

CHE Chemistry Building

County College

COM County Main

COS County South

- County South Lecture Theatre
- Private Dining Room (PDR)
- Marketplace

FAR Faraday Complex

- Cavendish Lecture Theatre
- Colloquium Rooms
- Faraday Lecture Theatre
- Frankland Lecture Theatre
- Mock Court Room

FAS FASS Building

- Offices
- Margaret Fell Lecture Theatre

GHC Great Hall Complex

- Nuffield Theatre
- Peter Scott Gallery

LIC LICA Building

PHS Physics Building

SEC Security Lodge

TRH The Round House

UNH University House

WEL Welcome Centre

- Welcome Centre Reception
- Lecture Theatres 1-4

SOUTH CAMPUS

CHC Charles Carter

- Charles Carter Lecture Theatre

ENG Engineering Building

FUR Furness Building

- Furness Lecture Theatres 1-3

Furness College

FYL Fyde Building

- Fyde Lecture Theatres 1-3

Fyde College

GFX George Fox

- George Fox Lecture Theatres 1-6

Grizedale College

INF Infolab

LEC Lancaster Environment Centre

- Biology Lecture Theatre

LIB Library

MAN Management School

- Management School Lecture Theatres 1-19

Pendle College

PSC Postgraduate Statistics Centre

SAT Science & Technology Building

WWB Whewell Building

SOUTH WEST CAMPUS

BHF Barker House Farm

Cartmel College

ECO EcoHub

Graduate College

LCC Lancaster House Hotel

Lonsdale College

Navigate around campus using our interactive map



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For access guides to buildings on campus please visit: www.accessible.co.uk/lancaster-university





Furness and Fylde Residences



Underpass



View from Lake Carter



Alex Square

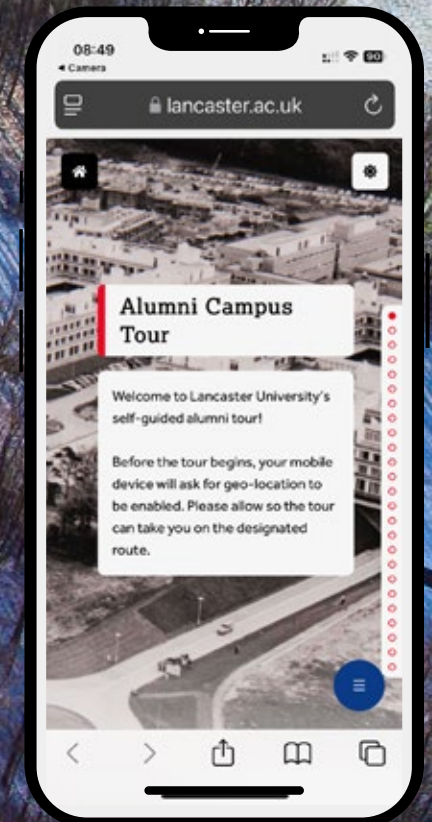
Self-Guided Campus Tours

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.

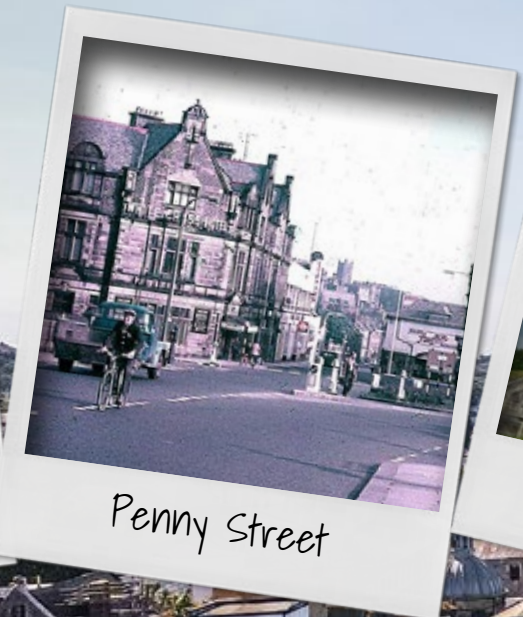


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St Mary's Parade



Penny Street



Williamson memorial

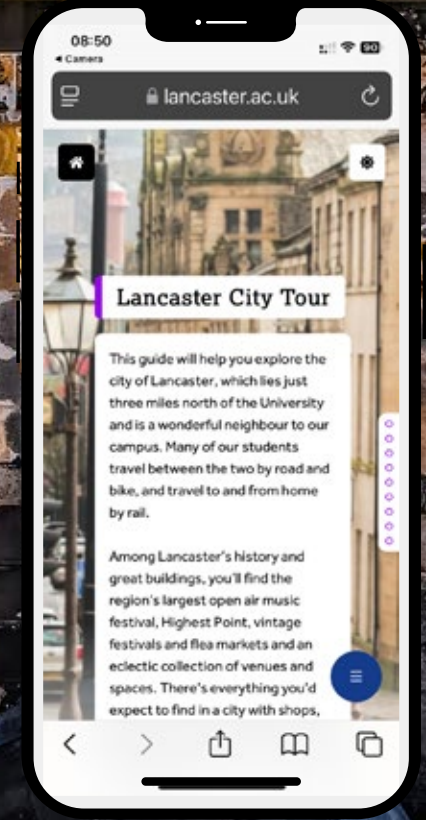


Self-Guided City Tour

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!

Scan to start City Tour



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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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