

Lancaster
University



Offer Holder Event Guide 2026



Our current students are the best people to tell you all about life here at Lancaster. Below, they share their experiences and top tips for your Offer Holder Event.

“ Talking to students who had recently been in my position was encouraging and inspiring. The sense of community made me confident that I would thrive at Lancaster, both personally and academically. My advice: come into the day with an open mind. Let yourself be inspired by the subject, the people, and the possibilities. ”

**Farzanah Parker,
Bowland College**



“ The subject specific taster sessions allowed me to meet some of the professors and students who I would be studying alongside and gave me fantastic insight into the ideas that we would be exploring on the course. ”

**Amy Bates,
County College**



“ Don't be afraid to ask ambassadors and other staff members any questions you may have – this event is your chance to get as much information as you can! ”

**James Hankin,
Lonsdale College**



“ Taking lots of photos will help when you return home to remember what you saw and if you can picture yourself at Lancaster. ”

**Lucy King,
Pendle College**



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Welcome

On behalf of our students and staff, welcome to Lancaster University. We're delighted you hold an offer with us and hope today gives you a real insight into student life at Lancaster.

Choosing your university is a big decision and it's important to consider the factors that matter to you. Today's event will be an immersive experience, aiming to give you an insight into what it would be like to study your subject at Lancaster University.

League tables can't tell you everything about a university, but they're a good place to start. I'm proud to say that Lancaster University is among the best: out of over 120 UK universities, we are consistently ranked in the top 15 in major UK league tables. We've also been named 'University of the Year in the Northwest' in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2026.

Lancaster students have excellent career prospects, and our Careers Service offers lifelong support. Your Offer Holder Event will also provide you with opportunities to explore our beautiful campus, college spaces and award-winning accommodation, allowing you to envisage the social side of student life at Lancaster University. We encourage you to make the most of today's event and ask as many questions as you can to ensure that you get the full Lancaster experience. We wish you a fantastic day and hope to welcome you to the Lancaster student community very soon.

**Professor Rebecca Lingwood,
Interim Vice Chancellor**



Arrival and schedule for the day

When you arrive on campus, you'll be greeted by our friendly student ambassadors who will direct you to the car park and then to your department. Head straight to your subject of interest to let them know you've arrived.

10:30am

Subject activities

Department locations

Discover your subject and find out what it's like to study at Lancaster. Activities and schedules vary by subject, but will typically include welcome talks, taster lectures and facilities tours.

Ask a student:

What does the typical week look like on this course?

2:30pm

University activities

Alexandra Square and Learning Zone

This is your chance to take a campus tour, visit our student accommodation or learn more about student life at our Student Experience Hub.

4:30pm

Home time

We hope you've had a fantastic day and wish you a safe journey home.

Information and Guidance for Parents and Supporters

Timings and locations dependent on subject schedules

Many of our subject schedules include an applicant only session, meaning parents and supporters have some free time to spend as they please. Our parents and supporters talks offer information and guidance on key aspects of student life, including accommodation and colleges, finance and funding, wellbeing and support. We encourage all guests to make the most of these sessions where offered, to ensure that you are fully prepared to support your young person through their next steps.



Student *Experience Hub*

Learning Zone: 2:00-4:30pm

Our Student Experience Hub is a marketplace of stalls where you can find out about the wide range of services and opportunities available to you.



Stalls will usually include:

Accommodation

Learn about the variety of high-quality living spaces we offer on campus, and which type would be the best fit for you.

Colleges

What are the colleges, and which one should you choose? Find out why our collegiate community is central to the Lancaster experience.

Careers

Learn about our lifetime careers support and opportunities to boost your employability skills.

Student societies

There are over 200 clubs and societies to choose from here at Lancaster. Find out more about what's on offer and the benefits of joining a society.

Global experiences

Speak to us about study abroad opportunities, summer schools, our global teaching partnerships and more.

Support and wellbeing

Find out about the range of free specialist support services available to Lancaster students.



Lancaster city and local area

Beyond Lancaster's campus, explore the historic city, expansive coastline and picturesque National Parks.

Library

Find out how the multitude of library resources and teams of experts can support your learning.

Sports

Whether you're into team sports, working out in the gym or attending Pilates and spin classes, our high-quality sports facilities offer something for everyone.



Campus tours



Seeing our beautiful campus in person is the best way to picture yourself studying here and find out what student life at Lancaster is really like.

Student led tours

Tours depart from Alexandra Square between 2pm-4:30pm and last approximately 45 minutes.

A current Lancaster student will show you around campus. You'll visit key locations such as the library, departmental buildings, social spaces, food and drink outlets and essential facilities. You'll also hear how your guide experiences campus as a current student and can ask any questions you may have about life at Lancaster.

Ask a student:

What made you choose Lancaster over the other universities you applied for?

Self-guided tours

The self-guided tour lasts around 45 minutes, but how long you take is up to you.

This is a great way to get to know the campus at your own pace, at any time throughout the day. You'll be guided to key locations, as you would on the student led tour, but we encourage you to also wander and explore as much as you like.

Take a self-guided campus tour.
lancaster.ac.uk/self-guided-tour

Campus maps can be collected from the Welcome Centre or Student Experience Hub (Learning Zone). Alternatively, you can access our digital map using **MazeMap**.



Accommodation tours



Visit the Student Experience Hub to speak to our friendly accommodation team and pick up a map of on campus residences that are open for viewing between 2pm and 4:30pm. At the accommodation blocks, student ambassadors will give you a guided tour and share their own experiences of living in university accommodation.

We have a range of accommodation options on campus (located within the colleges), including adapted rooms, to suit different needs, preferences and budgets.

Click here to find out more about our student accommodation



Colleges

Lancaster is proud to be one of only a handful of UK universities with a collegiate system. Our colleges are individual, inclusive and diverse communities within the larger university population. Visit the college stand in the Student Experience Hub to find out more about college life, support networks, facilities, events and more.



Ask a student:

What is your experience of social life at university?





Facilities

Sports centre

We have a range of indoor and outdoor sports facilities, including a gym, climbing wall and swimming pool. There are also courts, pitches and multi-use game areas for both competitive and recreational sports.

Library

The library is open 24 hours a day during term time and offers a range of study spaces featuring living walls and plants, bookable pods for group work, and silent spaces for complete concentration.

Chaplaincy

Our multi-faith Chaplaincy Centre is open to people of all faiths and none. It provides religious, spiritual and pastoral support, as well as hosting a range of activities and events.

Cafes and shops

The campus is home to a variety of cafes, bars and restaurants serving delicious food and drink from around the world. We also have two supermarkets and a sustainable clothing shop.



The city and beyond

The city of Lancaster is just three miles north of the University. Its fascinating heritage and stunning architecture give student life an impressive setting.

You'll find shops, cafes, bars and restaurants to suit every vibe, plus arts and entertainment venues offering a varied calendar of cultural events.

Further afield, you can explore urban cities, expansive coastline and stunning countryside via Lancaster's excellent transport links. Lancaster is located between two National Parks: the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

Ask a student:

What are the best things to do in your spare time in Lancaster?



Self-guided tours

The city centre is just a short drive, bus journey, or cycle from our campus. If you have some free time today, take the opportunity to visit our charming city, and use our self-guided tour to explore Lancaster's historic and cultural hotspots at your own pace.

Take a self-guided city tour.





What next?

We hope you've enjoyed your visit to Lancaster University and found this event helpful.

If you think of any questions that you didn't ask today, don't worry, we have **plenty of ways to keep in touch**.

By phone: +44 (0)1524 65201

By email: visitus@lancaster.ac.uk

    @lancasteruni

For more information, visit lancaster.ac.uk/my-offer

We'd love to hear about your experience at Lancaster today. Please take a moment to complete our **Offer Holder Event survey**.



Webinar events

Join us online as our current students tell you about their Lancaster journeys and answer your questions.

Unibuddy

Unibuddy is an online tool that allows you to chat with staff and student ambassadors. You can also use the platform to connect with fellow offer holders.

From
March

Apply for student finance

UK students may be eligible for a tuition fee loan and maintenance loan from the **UK government**. We also offer a range of **scholarships and bursaries** at Lancaster University.

From
April

Apply for accommodation

We will contact all students that have accepted a place on a course by email, inviting them to create an account and submit an application for accommodation.

July to
October

UCAS Clearing

UCAS Clearing offers a final chance to find a place at university for the current year of entry. There are many reasons to apply through Clearing – learn more **on our website**.

August

A level Results Day

On A level Results Day, you can collect your results from your school or college. Your UCAS Hub will be updated in the morning to show your university offer.

September

Welcome Week and beyond

Get ready to begin your Lancaster journey! There will be a range of events and support available to help you settle in, make friends, and get used to university life.

