Welcome

We know that applying to study at university is a big decision for your students. At Lancaster we pride ourselves on supporting applicants, teachers, advisors and parents to make informed decisions. This guide summarises the many ways we can work with you.

Our professional, supportive and friendly recruitment team are on hand to visit you, providing a wide range of talks, workshops and guidance. We also welcome schools and colleges to visit our vibrant campus, and offer a range of activities whilst you are with us. Our focus isn’t just on supporting students, so we offer information, advice and guidance for you as well, including our annual teachers and advisors conference.

We’d like to share our enthusiasm for Lancaster as a top ten university and look forward to working with you.

Dan Barcroft, Head of Global Recruitment

To book any activities or to be added to our mailing list please contact us at schools@lancaster.ac.uk or call 01524593724.

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* also available as a workshop
Year 12 Pre-Application Talks

Hitting the Ground Running

This talk is aimed at students at the beginning of Year 12 and will give them the chance to get a head start on thinking about Higher Education and the choices ahead of them in the near future.

- How is Further Education different to GCSEs?
- Why consider Higher Education?
- What is student life like?

Choosing Courses and Places

As students begin to explore Higher Education, this talk will help them to start their discovery and make key considerations.

- Why go to university?
- Where to start when choosing what to study and the key things to consider
- What to consider when selecting a university
- What is the application process for applying to universities?

Additionally, we introduce independent resources that students can use to research universities and courses.

I think that the support offered is good. Lancaster is a university which looks after our students who choose it, and that same sense of care is seen in the HE progression support.

Woodhouse Grove

Why Lancaster?

Lancaster ranks as a top 10 university, delivering world-leading research and providing the highest standard of teaching. This talk is designed to inform schools and colleges about the degrees and opportunities Lancaster offers.

- An overview of our campus
- Introduction to the collegiate system
- Lancaster’s student experience

Studying in the North

This talk is designed for schools and colleges in the Southern and Midlands regions of the UK.

- Introduction to the opportunities at Lancaster
- The benefits that come with studying at a northern university
- Global travel and monetary incentives

Making the Most of UCAS Fairs

Attending a UCAS Fair is one of the best ways to explore different options when it comes to Higher Education. This talk provides guidance and tips on:

- Planning the day
- Choosing which universities to speak to
- Useful questions to ask

The talk was student friendly, both in content and delivery …an excellent and eloquent speaker. Advocating applying to university via UCAS (and to Lancaster and all that it has to offer).

Chesham Grammar School
Years 12 and 13
Application Stage Talks

Interview Skills
This presentation is for students hoping to attend university or job interviews.
• Provides advice and guidance on preparation
• How to build confidence
• Tips on keeping calm
• How to perform well at interview
Students will have the opportunity to practise answering a range of questions typically asked in interviews. This presentation works well in conjunction with the session on presentation skills.

Presentation Skills
Giving presentations is a key part of a university degree, and is often required in interviews, selection centres, jobs, and when completing an Extended Project Qualification. This presentation is designed to help perfect the skills required to deliver an excellent presentation.
• How to convey an effective message
• Making a presentation engaging
• Tailoring presentations to an audience
This presentation works well in conjunction with the session on interview skills.

“"The presentation was extremely clear and gave specific advice that could be easily followed. The speaker had a great manner and also responded very well to individual questions afterwards.
The Leys School"

“"The speaker was very engaging. Their knowledge around the subject was particularly useful, even when asked direct questions. Very useful information on the slides and students were provided with examples.
Netherthorpe School"

Years 12 and 13
Application Stage Talks

Introduction to Personal Statements
Lancaster ranks as a top 10 university, delivering world-leading research and writing a personal statement that has a positive impact on admissions tutors is vital for gaining a place at university. Our presentation gives students an insight into:
• The process of applying through UCAS
• Structuring the statement
• Writing content
By the end of this presentation students should have a clear idea of the content and structure of their personal statement.

Personal Statements: Getting Started
This interactive workshop provides a recap of the main content students should include in their statement followed by tips on how to get started.
• Making a start on the first draft of their personal statement
• Support for students from our recruitment team
Students will leave this session with a plan for their personal statements.

Applying to Competitive Universities
This talk aims to help students prepare a strong application and understand the selection processes of competitive universities.
• Application process
• Personal statements
• Competitive courses
• High-flying graduates
Years 12 and 13
Application Stage Talks

Enhancing Employability
This talk provides an overview of the opportunities for students to enhance their employability whilst at university.

- Overview of the graduate job market
- Achieving skills from academic studies and non-academic activities
- The importance of work experience
- Preparing for life after university

Global Opportunities
From learning a new language, to travelling overseas, there is a range of exciting opportunities for students to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the world. This talk will inform students about the ways in which they can gain their own global experience whilst studying.

- What opportunities are available?
- Reasons to consider taking part
- Student profiles
- Funding

Year 13
Post-Application Stage Talks

Student Life
Starting university can be one of the biggest changes in a young person’s life. This talk provides information about the student experience at Lancaster and other universities.

- Studying in Higher Education
- Living at university: accommodation, welcome week and budgeting
- The importance of work experience
- Getting involved: students’ union, sports, societies and support

Student Finance and Budgeting
Student finance can often be a confusing topic for students. This talk aims to simplify the student finance process from the initial application up to graduation and beyond, including ways for students to successfully budget whilst at university.

- What are student loans and how do they work?
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Ways to save and manage a budget
- The repayment process

This session is also available as a classroom-based workshop for groups of up to 40. In the workshop option, students will have the opportunity to create their own budget in an interactive activity designed to encourage them to start thinking realistically about budgeting for university.

“Highly informative and well thought out. Excellent quality of presenter and the added bonus of the messages that we give to students reiterated by presenter.”

Sir John Deane’s Sixth Form

“A great resource for our school to take advantage of and give the pupils an insight into different aspects of university life.”

Liverpool College
Years 12 and 13
Extended Project Qualification

Lancaster University places a high value on success in the EPQ. The majority of our degree schemes will incorporate the EPQ into an offer. Eligible applicants receive our usual offer plus an offer of a B in EPQ and one grade lower in their A Level subjects.

Why do an EPQ?
This talk is designed for students who are considering an EPQ or who are in the early stages of deciding on their research topic.
- What is the EPQ?
- What are the benefits of the EPQ?
- What type of work does the EPQ involve?
- Choosing a subject
- Gathering information and how to choose and use sources
- Outlining the practical areas of the EPQ dependent on the pathway the student is considering (production/artefact/report)

This talk is a perfect complement to any existing Extended Project induction information, providing students an extra incentive to take up the project and deliver it to a high standard. It is designed to be delivered to groups in ‘lecture-style’ format, with the opportunity for a Q&A with the speaker following the talk.

Preparing Your Project: Getting Your EPQ Started
This interactive workshop is designed to get students thinking about the best way to plan and develop their project, covering a range of practical tips and techniques to enable them to make a positive start.

We focus on encouraging peer to peer support as well as emphasising the use of a supervisor to maintain momentum through the early stages of the project. It includes advice on:
- Picking the best research methods
- How to avoid ‘project creep’
- Time management
- Avoiding plagiarism

Parents and Carers Support

Parents’ Guide to Student Finance
Student finance can often be a confusing topic. This talk aims to simplify the student finance process from the initial application to graduation and beyond, allowing parents to gain a better awareness of all aspects of student finance.
- What are student loans and how do they work?
- Scholarships and bursaries
- The repayment process

Parents’ Guide to University Admissions
This talk aims to give parents a complete understanding of the process that students will go through when applying for university. From their first steps of choosing a university to their final application submission, this talk will guide parents in what to expect and how they can help.
- Why university?
- Choosing a course and a place to study
- The application process

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Faculty Events and Activities

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS)

Discover FASS – Year 9 visit days. The aim of these visits will be to introduce pupils from WP backgrounds to subjects offered by FASS departments (which often sit outside the standard school curriculum) in an engaging and interactive manner.

Access to FASS – Year 12 visit days: Access to Arts, Humanities and Languages’ with input from History, Sociology, PPR and Access to Creative & Digital Arts’ with input from LICA & Media Studies.

On-campus events include subject specific tasters, multi-disciplinary discovery and access events, student-mentoring schemes, campus tours and bespoke programmes. There are opportunities to attend our events as either a school/college group, or independently. We also run a selection of teachers’ conferences and CPD sessions.

We can also bring Lancaster to you; academics from our broad range of subjects can deliver lectures or workshops in your school or college, as well as attending careers/HE fairs where possible. Please contact us to find out more about our online resources, or take part in one of our essay-writing competitions at artsandsocialsciences@lancaster.ac.uk

Faculty of Health and Medicine (FHM)

We offer a range of activities to inspire and engage students in Medicine and the Biosciences. The Division of Biomedical and Life Sciences provides outreach events for Biology, Biochemistry and Biomedical Science. These include Biology Experience Days and talks in schools on a range of subjects from cancer to microbiology. To find out more contact fhm@lancaster.ac.uk

Lancaster Medical School

Our Medical School runs on and off-campus events for students in Years 10-12. We can visit your school or college to give a talk on what it is like to study Medicine and how to apply for our course, or run a workshop to introduce Problem Based Learning (PBL) or prepare your students for the Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT). To find out more or arrange a school visit, please email medicine@lancaster.ac.uk

Access to Medicine

Access to Medicine is a programme of activity for students in Years 10-12, which will help them discover Medicine as a possible future career and give them an excellent insight into what it is like to study at Lancaster Medical School. For more information please visit lancaster.ac.uk/access-to-medicine

Management School (LUMS)

Discover LUMS These Year 9 visit days will introduce pupils from WP backgrounds to subjects offered by LUMS departments (which often sit outside the standard school curriculum) in an engaging and interactive manner.

Access to LUMS These Year 12 visit days will engage students from WP backgrounds by offering a series of taster sessions for LUMS subjects designed to inspire participants to progress into Higher Education study at Lancaster.

Discovery Lectures A range of inspiring one-hour sessions delivered by our lecturers in your school or college. The sessions give students the chance to develop their knowledge and discuss themes with a subject specialist.

Taster Days The opportunity to experience what it’s like to study in a business school, through sample lectures and interactive sessions. They take place on our campus and are suitable for those with a strong interest in a particular area of business, or for the undecided. Open for individual and group bookings, these events take place in the autumn and summer terms.

Subject Talks We can visit you to give a talk on studying a specific area of business, or studying business at university more generally. Visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/teachers for further information.

Faculty of Science and Technology (FST)

Access to STEM We aim to inspire and inform young people and their teachers to learn more about STEM subjects through our engaging events and activities and to demonstrate the wealth of opportunities that studying STEM subjects can bring.

Comprised of various events for students in Years 9-12, Access to STEM gives your students opportunities to visit our campus, discover our facilities whilst participating in engaging activities and meet with our world-leading researchers and current students. Events include:

Year 9 STEM Challenge Day
Year 10 Inspiration Days
Year 12 STEM Taster Day
Year 12 Masterclasses

For further information, please visit www.lancaster.ac.uk/sci-tech-outreach
An amazing array of equipment, resources and activity plans, Research in a Box allows you to bring university-style learning and research to life in your classroom. This free resource gives your students the opportunity to experience the type of equipment that is commonly used by our academics whilst discovering the long-reaching impact of our world-leading research. The equipment and activities have been designed with the GCSE and A Level curriculum in mind enabling you to teach the syllabus in a fun, exciting and innovative way.

Find out more at www.lancaster.ac.uk/research-in-a-box

**Admissions for Teachers**

This talk will guide you through the application process. Including information on:

- Reference structure and reference content
- Predicted grades
- Trends in university applications

Further guidance and online resources, including personal statement and interview support can be found on our website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/working-with-schools

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**Subject Enrichment Day**

Spend the day at our campus connecting with the subject that you love, joining us for lectures by leading academics and teacher-led workshops designed for you to reconnect with your subject and establish good strategies to enthuse your students in turn. This event takes place in March and is delivered in partnership with the Prince’s Teaching Institute.

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**Gatsby Benchmarks**

Lancaster University is committed to helping schools and colleges achieve the eight benchmarks which provide a framework for improving careers provision. They are:

1. A stable careers programme
2. Learning from career and labour market information
3. Addressing the needs of each pupil
4. Linking curriculum learning to careers
5. Encounters with employers and employees
6. Experiences of workplaces
7. Encounters with Further and Higher Education
8. Personal guidance

Lancaster University can help schools and colleges achieve these benchmarks through providing talks, workshops and other relevant sessions.

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**Statistics**

- **100%** of schools and colleges who responded would consider booking another event with us
- **93%** of schools and colleges found our presentations or workshops very helpful
- **479** events were in 298 different schools
- **298** HE fairs across the country in 2018/19
- **232** We attended 232 HE fairs across the country in 2018/19
- **200** Over 200 students attended our summer schools from over 150 different schools
- **49** 49 schools visited our campus in 2018/19
Top 10
We are ranked among the top ten universities in the UK.

7th in The Guardian University Guide 2020
7th in The Complete University Guide 2020
6th in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019

We’re collegiate
Lancaster is one of a small number of leading UK universities to operate a college structure. All students (and staff) join one of our eight undergraduate colleges - Bowland, Cartmel, County, Furness, Fylde, Grizedale, Lonsdale and Pendle - or Graduate College, our dedicated college for postgraduates.

We’re global
Lancaster has more than 150 academic partners across 24 countries around the world. Strong links with universities in the USA, Asia and Europe ensure that we are kept at the forefront of international research, and enable students to take advantage of an innovative global network.

3rd
We’re 3rd in the UK for graduate-level employment in the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 and Complete University Guide 2020 with 89% of Lancaster students going into professional work or further education after graduation.

87%
87% of Lancaster students are satisfied overall with the quality of their course according to the National Student Survey 2019.

Lancaster’s accommodation has been named Best University Halls in the National Student Housing Awards seven times since 2010.

For further information about our rankings and reputation please visit lancaster.ac.uk/reputation
Teachers and Advisors Conference

Taking place in the summer term, our annual conference gives teachers the opportunity to come and visit Lancaster for the day. The conference gives advisors the chance to be updated on a wide range of topics and network with University staff as well as other schools.

Our 2019 programme included sessions by UCAS and Student Finance England as well as features on popular courses at Lancaster.

Free accommodation (subject to availability) is provided for teachers travelling from outside the North West.

Please visit our web page for more information:
www.lancaster.ac.uk/working-with-schools

Visit Us

Set in 560 acres of parkland, our award-winning campus is the perfect place to explore in a safe and secure environment and get a taste of university life.

Come and visit us as a school group, meet current students, tour our campus and choose from a selection of informative talks.

To book a visit please email visitus@lancaster.ac.uk or call 01524 593232.

If you’re travelling from further afield, why not include an overnight stay? For more details and costs please email lancasterconferences@lancaster.ac.uk or call 01524 592444.

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AKS Lytham

“Spotlight sessions very well done and informative. In fact all sessions were very informative.”

“Really good variety of topics and speakers.”

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