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Teacher Guide

Meet the Lancaster Access Programme team

The Lancaster Access Programme is facilitated by the University's Outreach and Student Success team within Admissions and Outreach. The team are responsible for a range of widening participation projects supporting both prospective and current students at Lancaster. The Lancaster Access Programme will also involve staff from across the wider university in events and activities young people may take part in, however the main points of contact will be Jake and Jessie.



Jake Brown
*Lancaster Access Programme
Manager*

Jake joined the Outreach and Student Success team in 2017 and leads on the Lancaster Access Programme as well as the University's residential Summer Schools and a number of targeted projects. He is originally from south of Manchester and studied geography at Lancaster and has worked at Macquarie University, Sydney and the University of Manchester.



Jessie Whaite
*Lancaster Access Programme
Coordinator*

Jessie supports Jake on the Lancaster Access Programme and leads on the Ignite mentoring project, which aims to develop life skills. She is originally from Lancaster and worked as a teacher for five years before joining the Outreach and Student Success team in 2019.

Get in touch with us at any point on lap@lancaster.ac.uk or by phone on [01524 595232](tel:01524 595232).

Welcome to the Lancaster Access Programme

The Lancaster Access Programme provides widening participation students across the North West with a clear progression pathway to engage with Lancaster University at key points in their education and decision making for higher education.

The programme allows students to take part in a range of opportunities such as Summer Schools, skills sessions, masterclasses and online support. Students will gain credits for their participation in activities, and achieving sufficient credits will result in a lowered offer for study at Lancaster.

We look forward to working with you and your students.



Who can part take in the programme?

The Lancaster Access Programme is open to students across the North West at partner schools and colleges. The programme aims to target students from groups that are underrepresented in higher education and therefore we ask students to meet certain criteria to be eligible to participate.

Academic Criteria

Students must be predicted to achieve a minimum of BBB at A Level or DDM in BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma, or equivalent. Students must also have achieved five GCSEs at Level 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

Widening Participation Criteria

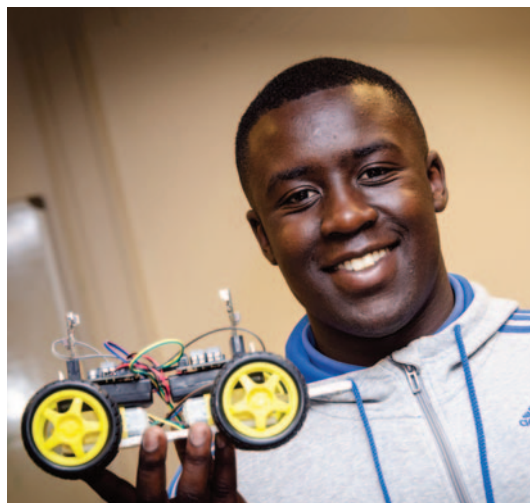
Students also need to meet our widening participation criteria to join the programme, these include:

- Entitled to free school meals;
- Entitled to pupil premium;
- From a household with an income of £30,000 or less;
- From a certain minority ethnic group;
- First in their family to attend university (neither parent obtained a university degree);
- Have a disability, a mental health problem, Specific Learning Difficulties or are on the autism spectrum;

- A care leaver or are currently in care;
- Estranged from their family
- From a gypsy or Traveller community;
- A refugee or an asylum seeker;
- From a military family
- A mature student studying for A Levels or a BTEC.

Places on the programme will be prioritised based on the above criteria and predominantly by target areas of the university (POLAR4 Q1 postcodes, IMD Q1-2 postcodes, TUNDRA Q1 postcodes), more information can be found at www.lancaster.ac.uk/lap/postcode.

Each application will be considered on an individual basis and we encourage students to apply, detailing their situation to allow a decision to be made.



Benefits for you, your students and your school/college

Our aim is to ensure the programme is as beneficial to you and your students as possible. The programme provides key benefits including:

- Students who successfully complete the programme are eligible for a lowered offer for study at Lancaster University.
- Partner schools and colleges have a dedicated contact and access to a wide range of outreach projects and activities for students.

- Delivery of information, advice and guidance (IAG) sessions or workshops in-school or online.
- Lancaster University representation at school or college events such as careers, post-16 options or information evenings.
- Formal recognition of the partnership on the Lancaster University website (with consent and supplied materials).

What activities are part of the programme?

The Lancaster Access Programme will incorporate a range of activities developed for participants of the programme. These will be delivered in a range of formats and available on a flexible basis.

What is it?	What is involved?	How is it run?	Who is it for?
Launch Event (2 hours)	Introduction to the programme	Online	New programme students in Year 12 & 13
Workshops (60-90 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision & Exam Skills • CV & Employability Skills • Budgeting and Student Finance • Managing Stress and Resilience • Academic and Research Skills • Effective Communication • Creating Opportunities 	Online or In Person	Year 12 & 13
Masterclasses (half day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying to Lancaster • University Life • Leadership Skills 	In Person	Year 12
HE Ready Residential (2 days)	On campus residential of university life and to experience the campus and university learning	In Person	Year 12
Online Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Statement support • SMART goals task • Study & Revision Timetables • Information sessions 	Online	Year 12 & 13

A complete and updated activity list can be found on the website at www.lancaster.ac.uk/lap.

What other activities can students take part in?

The programme also allows students to take part in a variety of other opportunities from across the Outreach and Student Success team and wider University. Taking part in these activities will also earn credits towards Lancaster Access Programme completion.

- Outreach and Student Success activities
- Residential Summer Schools
- All Inclusive disability support visits
- Subject and faculty-based outreach activity
- Role Model Ambassador project sessions
- Care Leavers Empower Academy series
- Online information and application support webinars
- Attendance at Lancaster University Open Days
- Attendance at Applicant Visit Days

What else is available for staff at partner schools/colleges?

We are keen to develop a strong relationship with your school/college. We are happy to provide support for university applications and can offer a wide variety of CPD sessions for teachers, either pastoral or subject based to suit your requirements.





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