

Who we support

This leaflet will help you to identify whether you are entitled to opt into the events and support offered by Lothians Equal Access Programme for Schools. For detailed information about how we allocate support to schools, as well as a full explanation of the LEAPS Eligibility Criteria, visit our website at www.leapsonline.org.

If after reading the information here you are still unsure whether you are 'LEAPS eligible' please feel free to contact the LEAPS Office and we'll be happy to put you in the picture.

IDENTIFYING WHETHER YOU ARE ENTITLED TO OPT INTO LEAPS ACTIVITIES...

Firstly, you must currently attend one of the 46 state secondary schools in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian or West Lothian.

Secondly, you must have the potential to achieve a minimum of three or more Highers over two sittings, which is generally the minimum entry requirement for a higher education course. For students in S5 or S6 this means you must intend to sit 3 or more Highers before leaving school.

If the above applies to you, read on.

If you attend a LEAPS Group 1 school (and you match the above criteria) you are entitled to the full programme of LEAPS support including school workshops, campus events including Student Life Experience and the Student Conference, University Enterprise, Pre-UCAS support, Art Portfolio Classes and the LEAPS Summer School, all of which are described in detail of the LEAPS website.

LEAPS Group 1 schools are as follows:

Armadale Academy, Broughton High School, Castlebrae Community High School, Craigmoynton Community High School; Deans Community High School, Drummond Community High School, Gracemount High School, Forrester High School, Holy Rood RC High School, Inveralmond Community High School, Leith Academy, Liberton High School, Musselburgh Grammar School, Newbattle Community High School, Ross High School, The High School – WHEC, Tynecastle High School.

If you attend a state secondary school in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian or West Lothian that is not listed above, but match the criteria outlined further up the page, see the reverse of this page.

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If you attend one of the following schools, plan to sit three Highers or more and match one or more of the Eligibility Criteria below, you are entitled to opt into LEAPS activities: **Balerno Community High School, Bathgate Academy, Broxburn Academy, Beeslack Community High School, Boroughmuir High School, Craigmount High School, Currie Community High School, Dalkeith High School, Dunbar Grammar School, Firrhill High School, James Gillespie's High School, Knox Academy, Lasswade High School, Linlithgow Academy, North Berwick High School, Penicuik High School, Portobello High School, Preston Lodge High School, Queensferry Community High School, St Augustine's High School, St David's High School, St Kentigern's Academy, St Margaret's Academy, St Thomas of Aquin's High School, The James Young High School, The Royal High School, Trinity Academy, West Calder High School and Whitburn Academy.**

FIRST GENERATION IN YOUR FAMILY TO APPLY TO HIGHER EDUCATION Do you have a parent who participated in higher education. *If NOT, you can tick here:*

FAMILY ON LOW INCOME Are you entitled to free school meals? Are you entitled to the EMA? Has there been long-term unemployment in the family? Does the family receive income support? *If you can answer 'yes' to any of these questions, you can tick here:*

ADVERSE HOME CIRCUMSTANCES Has your home life impacted negatively on your Standard Grades or Highers? Has there been a family break up or is there a complex family situation? Have your recent studies been affected by being part of a single parent family, living in overcrowded accommodation or having nowhere to study? Is there a long-term physical or mental illness or disability of a close family member that impacts upon your studies? *If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above, you can tick here:*

ADVERSE PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES Are there any other circumstances that have negatively impacted upon your Standard Grades or Highers? Have you been bullied or discouraged from studying by your peers or others in your community? Have your studies been affected by other home circumstances such as alcohol, drug, physical or other? *If you can answer 'yes' to any of the above, you can tick here:*

If you ticked any of the boxes above you can participate in Student Life Experience (S5), the Student Conference; Pre-UCAS support; Art Portfolio Classes and; the LEAPS Summer School (all S6).

Your name:

School: