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We support students who are traditionally under-represented in higher education.

Who we are...



LEAPS is a partnership organisation



Comhairle Siorrachd
Chlach Mhanann



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH



What we do...

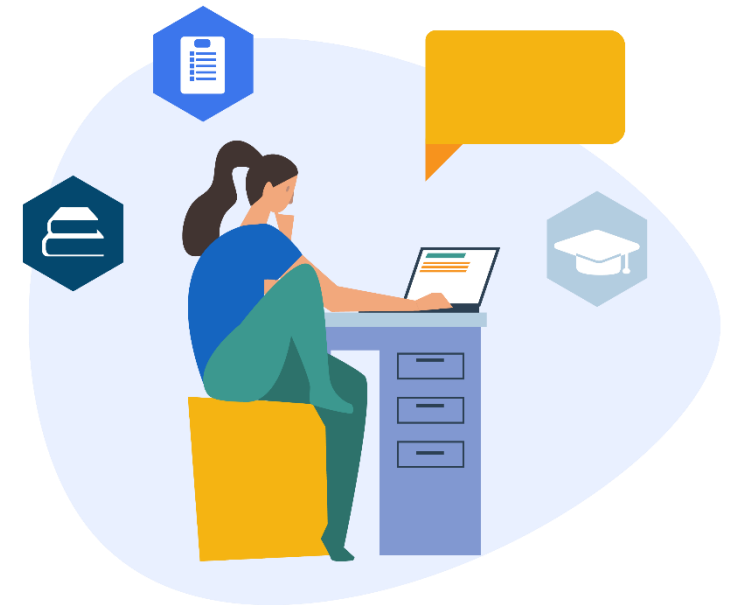
- Provide **impartial** information, advice and guidance for students looking at going on to Higher Education – a HNC, HND or degree level course
- Signpost to different services
- Organise and run events and activities to support:
 - choices
 - application
 - transition into higher education
- Offer individualised support to those fulfilling particular eligibility criteria



What we do...

Our events and activities include:

- Online course checker (S5)
- Parent and carers information event (S5)
- 1:1 interviews (S6)
- LEAPS Transitions Course (S6)
- Results day helpline (S5 & S6)
- Blog with lots of information and opportunities (S5 & S6, available for all!)



LEAPS eligibility criteria



In Group 2 schools, we support students who have the potential to achieve a minimum of 3 Highers by the time they finish school and match one or more of the following criteria:

- student who is first generation in family to apply to higher education or whose parents do not already have a degree.
- student from a low income background (for instance where a student is entitled to EMA, free meals in school, or where the family is entitled to a benefit such as Universal Credit).
- student who has spent time in care or being looked after
- student who is estranged
- student who is a young carer
- students may also be eligible based on their postcode (SIMD 20).

Postcode checker



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Our Eligibility Criteria

Students matching the below criteria are entitled to LEAPS support.

LEAPS Group 2 Schools

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- **student who is first generation in family to apply to higher education or whose parents do not already have a degree.** This includes students whose parents may have briefly participated in higher education but did not achieve a degree. (Please note that a student whose parent/guardian/carer has achieved any degree – irrespective of mode of study, type of institution, location of study – would not be LEAPS eligible under this criterion.)
- **student from a low income background.** (For instance where a student is entitled to EMA, free meals in school, or where the family is entitled to a benefit such as Universal Credit).
- **student who is care experienced.** (By this we mean where a student has been, or is currently, in care. For instance, this may have been in a formal setting such as looked after at home, adoption or foster care, or it may have been in an informal setting such as kinship care and living with a relative who is not their mum or dad.)
- **student who is estranged.** (By this we mean a young person who currently has little or no contact with either of their parents and/or their legal guardian. They may not have been formally supported with this by the care system or a social worker etc., particularly if the estrangement happened after the age of 16 and they were unable to access social services due to their age.)
- **student who is a young carer.** (By this we mean a young person who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support.)
- **student who lives in one of Scotland's 20% most disadvantaged communities as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD20).** Please check your postcode [here](#).





1:1 interview

www.leapssurvey.org



LEAPS Transitions Course | Get the academic edge for university

This course is an **S6 timetable option** for LEAPS-eligible students. Develop **key first-year university-level academic skills** to help you move from school to university!

Sessions take place **online** and on a **university campus** in Edinburgh.

www.leapsonline.org/transitions-course

Getting started...



For parents and carers...

A screenshot of the LEAPS website's "Parents" page. The page features the LEAPS logo and tagline in the top left corner, a search bar in the top right, and a dark navigation bar with links for Home, About, School Students, Teachers, Parents, Volunteers, and Contact Us. The main content area has a blue header for "Parents" and includes an introductory paragraph, a "Frequently Asked Questions" section with a link, a "LEAPS Parents' & Carers' Mailing List" section with a link, an "S5 Parents' & Carers' Information Session" section with a link, and a "Useful Resources" section.

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Parents

In this section you will find a range of information for parents and carers of LEAPS-eligible students. You can find out more about LEAPS [here](#) and if you have any queries, please contact us.

Frequently Asked Questions

You can find answers to the questions we are asked most frequently by parents and carers [here](#).

LEAPS Parents' & Carers' Mailing List

If you would like to receive occasional updates from LEAPS, for example news about LEAPS activities, please sign-up to our LEAPS Parents' & Carers' Mailing List [here](#).

S5 Parents' & Carers' Information Session

Parents and carers of LEAPS-eligible S5 students, if your son or daughter is aiming for higher education at college or university our LEAPS S5 Parents' & Carers' Information Session web page is for you. (We put this resource together as an alternative to the event we unfortunately had to cancel.)

Useful Resources

www.leapsonline.org/parents

Thank you

I'm happy to take any questions