

THE H.E. HANDBOOK FOR CARE LEAVERS

A GUIDE TO THE SUPPORT
AVAILABLE IN
HIGHER EDUCATION

ENGLAND

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INTRODUCTION

The Who Cares? Trust has created *The H.E. Handbook for Care Leavers* to give young people who are in or leaving care information about the support that is available at higher education institutions, and further education institutions that offer higher education courses, in England and Scotland. We put this together by asking each institution to tell us what they offer. This is the version for England. There is a guide for Scottish universities available from www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk/hehandbook.



There is a guide for Welsh universities available from the Reaching Wider Project: www.swansea.ac.uk/reaching-wider/reachingwiderpublications/

Over the next few pages we describe what the handbook contains, give you some information about student finance, a few useful links and a 'jargon buster' to help you (on page 135). The rest of the handbook is made up of information from institutions. There is a page for each institution, they are organised alphabetically. If you have any questions about financial arrangements you should contact the institution.

The guide is designed for 16 to 25 year olds leaving care, but it contains useful information for carers and professionals working with young people in care and care leavers.

Studying a higher education course can be a big decision for any young person and we want to make sure that you have as much information and support as possible to make the decision a little easier.

We hope you find this handbook helpful. Good luck with finding the institution that is right for you.

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FEEDBACK

We are really interested in hearing what you think of the *H.E. Handbook for Care Leavers*. Please do get in touch if you have any comments, find something that is incorrect or have ideas for how we can improve it in the future.

You can contact us by email at TheHEhandbook@thewhocarestrust.org.uk.

WHAT THIS GUIDE CONTAINS

Every higher education institution in the handbook has its own page. Each page has the following information:

CONTACT DETAILS

This tells you who to get in touch with at the institution if you have questions about the support for care leavers. It gives you their name, job title, telephone number and email address. You will also find the address for the institution's website. If there isn't a specific named person for you to contact, there will still be a number for you to call if you have any questions.

BUTTLE UK QUALITY MARK

This is an accreditation scheme that is trying to increase the number of care leavers entering and staying in education after they turn 16.

Institutions with the Quality Mark are required to offer a range of support, including help with year round accommodation, bursaries and a designated member of staff as the key contact for students from a care background.



If an institution has the Quality Mark, you will see this logo in the top left hand corner of the page.

CHECKLIST OF SUPPORT

We worked with a group of young people, universities, colleges and leaving care teams to come up with things it is important for higher education institutions to offer to care leavers. We have grouped these under two headings: CHECKLIST OF SUPPORT and FUNDING.

On each page there are a series of ticks and crosses showing whether that institution offers each of the elements of support.



We recommend that you always contact the institution you are thinking of attending to check the latest support available and for any further information.

The checklist of support includes:

A DEDICATED WEBSITE FOR CARE LEAVERS

"Dedicated" means that you can find it through the university's main website search engine or it can be reached directly from the home page. This should include detailed information about what they offer to care leavers and who to contact. All designed to make your life easier.

Some of the websites for these sites are quite long, so we've used Bitly to shorten them. This means that some of the links will look like this: <http://bit.ly/1kiljUR>. The links will still take you straight to the right website.

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NAMED OFFICER FOR CARE LEAVERS

It can really help to have one person who you can go to with questions and to get support. Lots of institutions have a single person who is responsible for helping care leavers. If they tick this box then you know there is one person who you can go to for help with any problems.

OUTREACH SUPPORT OR ACTIVITIES

This describes the activities and support that an institution offers care leavers to encourage them to study there. This might include:

- **Summer schools**
- **Campus tours**
- **Taster sessions**
- **Compact schemes** (where you could receive an offer based on passing a short course run by the institution rather than prior academic achievement)

If you're thinking about studying next year, then get in touch with the institution as outreach activities might be just the thing to help you make up your mind about where you want to study

PRE-APPLICATION HELP

Some institutions can offer you advice on which course is right for you and explain the different options available. They can give you ideas for your personal statement and help with filling in your UCAS form.

CONTACT OFFER HOLDERS

If they tick this box, institutions will contact you once you have been offered a place to tell you what support they can provide. This can help make the choice of which institution a little easier to make.

To make sure institutions can contact you, it is really important to indicate on the UCAS form (using the tick box) that you are a care leaver. This information will only be shared with people that need to know, it won't be shared with other students.

365 DAYS ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation can be a real problem for care leavers thinking about higher education. Do you move away from your flat to study? What happens during vacations? Will you have to come back to your local authority during the summer?

Many institutions now offer accommodation to care leavers for 365 days a year. This can be in accommodation they own (like halls of residence) or help finding a private flat (this will often be shared).

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If they ticked this box, institutions will offer you accommodation for the whole year (including the summer holidays).

It is worth noting that you might have to move to different accommodation during the holidays. This is something to ask the institution.

Further education institutions, such as colleges, which offer higher education courses can select N/A (not applicable) for this question. This is because not all of them offer accommodation to their students.

SUPPORT TO FIND 365 DAY ACCOMMODATION

If they have ticked no (or N/A) to the above they might still offer support to find vacation accommodation so you can stay in the same area. They will have ticked yes to this question if they do.

If you are a care leaver and in higher education, your local authority must provide you with somewhere to stay in the holidays, or money towards it. This might mean that they pay some of the costs of living in university accommodation for a whole year.

CAREERS AND POSTGRADUATE SUPPORT

Deciding to go to a higher education institution is a big step, but just round the corner you will need to think about the next stage of your life. Institutions can offer you help in making those choices. This could be through a careers office, through mentoring or by providing you with some publications.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

By this we mean funding to help you with the cost of studying a higher education course, that is open to all, or a specific group of students. These could be hardship funds, which anyone can get support from.

SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL FUNDING

By this we mean funding that is only available for care leavers. You might not automatically get the funding specifically for being a care leaver though – you will probably still need to apply for it.

SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THOSE WITH DISCRETIONARY LEAVE TO REMAIN IN THE UK

There are different ways that universities may offer support. It could be that they use their discretion to charge home fees instead of overseas fees, or they may have funding available for students that only asylum seekers can apply for. You may find specific details on what the institution offers in the text on each page. If there isn't any information and they have ticked YES in the checklist, then contact the institution directly to see what they offer.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

Balancing your budget can be tricky, especially if you have lots of different sources of

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income. That is why some institutions offer financial advice: to help you manage and access all of the funding you are entitled to.

FUNDING

There is a text box on each page where the institution can give further information on the funding support they offer and you may be able to access. Every institution has a different system in place for supporting care leavers.

You can find out more information about these funding streams and other student finance on the next few pages of the handbook.

Please remember that financial support is often dependent on students' individual circumstances and it is best to contact the institution directly to confirm the exact amount you may be able to receive.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Lots of institutions offer all kinds of support for care leavers (more than is included in the checklist). This might be a mentoring scheme, a lower grade offer for care leavers, a regular group of care leavers or a welcome pack when you first arrive. Institutions have a box on their page to tell you all about the other things they offer. It might not always be enough space to include it all, so do get in touch with them to see if there is more available.

STUDENT FINANCES IN DETAIL

Even though adding up the sums for university may seem scary, it is important to remember that the student finance system is there to help and you do not need to find any money upfront.

Instead, you will receive financial support in the form of loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships and fee waivers to pay for your course and living costs at university and will not have to pay back any money until you have finished your course and are earning over £21,000.

If your income drops below £21,000 at any time then your repayments stop. If you drop out of your course early, you will still have to pay back your student loan and will probably have to pay back any bursaries or other loans that you have received.

The funding available is for higher education courses, so you should still get the same support if you study a higher education course at a university or college. However, sometimes studying full-time or part-time can make a difference to the amount of funding you can get.

For more information on university costs and student loan details, check out the following links:

- www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/student-finance
- www.sfengland.slc.co.uk
- www.gov.uk/browse/education/student-finance



Remember: You should contact your preferred institution for advice if you are unsure of your eligibility for funding.

The following paragraphs provide a summary of the financial support you could receive. You should contact Student Finance England (a government service) to find out your exact entitlement. You can contact them on 0845 300 5090 (calls are charged at business rates and can be quite expensive from mobiles). You can also visit www.gov.uk/student-finance.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF FUNDING

LOANS

If you live in England, these are provided for you through Student Finance England. You will receive a tuition fee loan (which is paid directly to the university) and a maintenance loan (for you to use for your food bills, rent and general living costs.) You can only apply for a maintenance loan if you are a full-time student from England.

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Remember: All loans have to be repaid when you have finished your course but only when you are earning a good salary.

MAINTENANCE GRANTS

These are also provided through Student Finance England and are for you to use for living costs such as rent, food and bills. You can only apply for a maintenance grant if you are a full-time student from England. The size of your maintenance grant may affect the amount of money that you can get as a maintenance loan.



Remember: You do not have to repay a maintenance grant.

ACCESS TO LEARNING FUNDS

Another source of financial help is through an Access to Learning Fund. This is offered by most English institutions and is there to help students who find themselves in financial hardship. Each institution decides who gets the money and how much they get, but care leavers in particular may have priority access to these funds. You will probably need to apply for all other financial support first, before applying for Access to Learning Funds.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (NSP)

Some institutions call this the National Scholarship Award. New entrants to higher education can apply and it is designed to support students who may struggle to go onto university, whether this is because of a low income or other reasons like being a care leaver. It is partly funded by the government and partly by individual institutions.

The institution can make their own decisions as to who receives this support and how they are awarded. At some institutions, care leavers are offered priority to NSP.

All institutions with tuition fees of over £6,000 **must** take part in the NSP. Those who charge less than £6,000 do not have to, but many of them do. Students who start higher education in 2014 will be the last group of undergraduate students who are able to apply for this funding.



Remember: Any funds received from the National Scholarship Programme **DO NOT** have to be repaid.

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WHO DECIDES HOW MUCH MONEY I RECEIVE?

All loans and grants from Student Finance England are 'means tested', which means the amount you receive is based on your family income. However, if you are leaving care, you are most likely to be classed as independent, therefore should be eligible for the maximum amount of financial support available. You might need to get a letter from your social worker or personal advisor that explains that you are a care leaver.

OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Most higher education institutions will offer their own financial support in the form of a bursary or scholarship (see the funding box for each institution).

These will have their own eligibility criteria and are often only available to a limited number of qualifying students.



To make sure you can get access to financial support for care leavers, make sure you apply early and use the UCAS tick box to tell the institution you are a care leaver.

You may receive the money in cash or as a fee waiver where your course fees will be reduced for either a particular year of study or your entire course. Therefore, instead of receiving the cash in hand, the cost of your fees will be lower.



Remember: Bursaries and scholarships DO NOT have to be repaid.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY

As a care leaver you may be entitled to financial support from your local authority. The amount of support you can receive will depend on the length of time you were in care, the education you have undertaken before and which local authority provided your care.

You should get in touch with your local authority and ask them for a copy of their written policy for financial support for care leavers and ask them how they can support you.

If you are going into higher education for the first time, you may well be entitled to support up to your 25th birthday. If you are no longer in touch with your local authority, you can find their contact details at: www.leavingcare.org/home/local_authority_leaving_care_leads.

If you are a care leaver from England or Wales starting higher education study for the first time before your 25th birthday, then you are entitled to a one-off bursary of a minimum of £2,000 from your local authority. This may be paid in a lump sum or in instalments. The timings of bursary payments are agreed between the care leaver and the local authority.

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Remember: You will need to apply to your local authority for this bursary. It does not have to be repaid.

PATHWAY PLANS

It's really important that if you want to go to university, it's written into your pathway plan. Pathway plans are agreements between you and the local authority about the support that they will give you. If it's not written into your plan, it's hard to make the local authority provide it. Don't panic if your plan doesn't have university in, talk to your personal advisor about getting it put in and the support they can give you.

STUDYING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN THE UK

If you live in one country of the UK, you might still want to study in one of the other countries in the UK. If you do, there are some differences in how you apply for support, and the support that you are eligible for. This shouldn't be a reason for you not to go for it, but you need to make sure that you understand what the differences are.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN ENGLAND BUT WOULD LIKE TO STUDY IN THE REST OF THE UK

If you live in England but would like to study in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales you will be still able to apply to Student Finance England for help paying your tuition fees. You then may be able to access different additional support in different parts of the UK.

In England, there are Access to Learning funds to help students who need help financially and they are administered through the institution. In other UK countries the names and criteria for these funds are different:

- **In Scotland**, these funds are called Discretionary Funds
- **In Wales**, they are Financial Contingency Funds
- **In Northern Ireland**, they are Support Funds

These are all administered by individual institutions, so it is important to check with them about the individual eligibility criteria they have.

For more information on the support from universities in Scotland, download the Scotland edition of this handbook from www.thewhocarestrust.org.uk/hehandbook.

There is a guide for Welsh universities available from the Reaching Wider Project where you can find more information about studying in Wales:

www.swansea.ac.uk/reaching-wider/reachingwiderpublications/

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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE REST OF THE UK BUT WANT TO STUDY IN ENGLAND

Students from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland who want to study in England will be able to get loans and support to pay tuition fees from:

- **Wales** – Student Finance Wales
- **Scotland** – Student Awards Agency Scotland
- **Northern Ireland** – Student Finance NI

In this guide you will see the National Scholarship Programme mentioned a lot. If you don't normally live in England, then you won't be able to apply for the National Scholarship Programme. You may still be able to apply for the Access to Learning Fund, but that will depend on the eligibility criteria of the institution you want to study at.

SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The support that asylum seekers can receive is subject to immigration status and universities may offer support through Article 26. The Article 26 model of funding provides a tuition fee bursary, a small grant and personal support, but there are some eligibility criteria. Universities have to offer a bursary, and students usually have to apply. Students should check that the university that they are applying to has an Article 26 bursary on offer and ask about the eligibility criteria specified by the university they are applying to. More information can be found at:

www.hkf.org.uk/hkf-awards/article-26-awards-1.

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- Nick Davy at the Association of Colleges
- Leia Fitzgerald at the Student Awards Agency for Scotland
- Jamie Kinlochan
- Gary Patterson
- Geraldine Ratcliffe at Colleges Scotland

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Anglia Ruskin University

Website: www.anglia.ac.uk
Care leavers' website: www.anglia.ac.uk/careleavers

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Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The Access to Learning Fund is a grant fund provided to the university by the government. Students who have taken out all funding available to them can apply for a grant which is non-repayable. Decisions about grants are dependent on a student's income. Whilst there is no longer a specific bursary for care leavers / foyer students, such students are classed as a priority for the fund.
For further information - www.anglia.ac.uk/moneyadvice/alf. You may also be eligible for a fee waiver or the National Scholarship Programme.

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| <p>Some of the support available includes: summer schools / events and activities; help with your UCAS form; pre-entry advice; support and guidance; admissions; priority for accommodation for first academic year; money advice; dedicated mentors and access to other specialist student support.</p> <p>If you are interested in applying to study with us or have any concerns or issues before you arrive or during your studies, you can contact our designated contact for care leavers, Suzanne Drieu, on 0845 196 2332 or email care-leavers@anglia.ac.uk.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Arts University Bournemouth

Website: www.aub.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1gELjib

Contact Details

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Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
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Care leavers are eligible for a cash bursary of £2,000 per year of study. You will be given priority in 2014 / 15 for the means tested National Scholarship Programme bursary - £3,000 (fee waiver / accommodation / services). No application is required but please disclose you are a care leaver on your application. There is also a means tested hardship bursary - again no application is required, but we ask that you share information about your household income with us. Access to Learning Fund - £275. No application is required but limited fund.

Further information

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| <p>We have been awarded the Buttle UK Quality Mark for our commitment to care leavers. We offer support pre-application / transition into uni, and on course via tutors and technicians. We offer study skills support for students with a disability and also financial support for education psychologists' reports.</p> <p>Our student services team provides disability support, counselling, study skills workshops and an accommodation service. Contact Lizzie Gauntlett at wp@aub.ac.uk (or on 01202 363 208).</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Aston University

Website: www.aston.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www1.aston.ac.uk/current-students/hub/money/care-leavers/

Contact Details

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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Prioritisation of expenditure needs from the Access to Learning Fund.
 Access to Learning Fund summer vacation needs also prioritised.

Further information

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| <p>Our student funds administrator can liaise with the applicant's local authority (with their permission) to aid with the transition to university.</p> <p>We share information with foyer once university place is confirmed.</p> <p>We provide a 'Welcome to Aston University' leaflet for care leavers and personalised signposting to the comprehensive range of student support available, e.g. pre-entry e-mentoring, transition mentoring, study skills development, etc. We also provide an ongoing point of contact throughout your time at university.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">We are here:</p> |
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Bath Spa University

Website: www.bathspa.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.bathspa.ac.uk/study-with-us/giving-you-support/care-leavers

Contact Details

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
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National Scholarship Programme: £3,000.

Other bursaries / scholarships: Bath Spa University bursary, £500; care leavers' bursary, £1,000; Access to Learning Fund.

Further information

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| <p>All first year students, including care leavers, are paired with a peer mentor before they start. Peer mentors are current students who have been trained to provide informal support and guidance to other students.</p> <p>We are working with the Universities of Bristol, Bath and the West of England to offer a programme of outreach activities, including campus visits, for young people in years 7 to 13 to raise aspirations and attainment and support progression to higher education. The programme is currently available through local authority care teams and virtual school head teachers in Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Birkbeck, University of London

Website: www.bkk.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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Students with a household income of less than £20,000 a year are eligible for a fee waiver of £3,000. Students with a household income of less than £25,000 will be eligible for an annual cash bursary of £1,000 (pro rata for part-time students). Students with a household income of between £25,001 and £35,000 will be eligible for an annual cash bursary of £800 (pro rata for part-time students).

Further information

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| <p>Birkbeck's teaching takes place in the evening, enabling our students to combine work or other commitments with education. We offer workshops, including financial support and preparing for university (www.bkk.ac.uk/tryit) and free online tutorials (www.bkk.ac.uk/ahead).</p> <p>Care leavers should contact our student financial office to discuss entitlements (020 7631 6316) and use our careers support, before, during and after your studies. Care leavers can use the University of London housing services. We welcome students with non-traditional qualifications and many of our students have not been in formal education for a number of years.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



Birmingham City University

Website: www.bcu.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/student-services/care-leavers

Contact Details

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We assess care leavers for Access to Learning Funds and disregard the foyer bursary in the assessment of income. This increases the chances of a care leaver receiving an award.

As well as this, in future our student finance advisers will work with care leavers in one to one sessions to seek additional sources of funding through trusts and charities.

Further information

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| <p>Our outreach team engages with looked after children in year groups 9 to 13 through their work with regional schools and colleges. This includes campus visits, subject masterclasses, workshops on coming to university and one to one surgeries and personal statement workshops.</p> <p>We are part of the 'Aimhigher' mentoring project where we provide undergraduate student mentors to work closely with young people in schools.</p> <p>The student wellbeing adviser can liaise with the applicant's local authority (with their permission) to aid with the transition to university. Care leavers are signposted to the 'Helpzone' and finance advisers for financial assistance. Support with arranging 365 days accommodation in student halls is offered.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Bishop Grosseteste University

Website: www.bishopg.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.bishopg.ac.uk/?_id=10610

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Phil Davis | Phone: | 01522 583 602 |
| Job title: | Head of student advice | Email: | phil.davis@bishopg.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Year 1: £3,000 National Scholarship Programme award, plus £600 Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) learning grant.

Other years with full tuition fee liability: £3,600 BGU learning grant.

Further information

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| Additional support is available all year round - counselling services, money advice, careers advice and guidance. | We are here: |
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Blackburn College

Website: www.blackburn.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Wendy Pennington | Phone: | 01254 292 823 |
| Job title: | Head of student engagement | Email: | w.pennington@blackburn.ac.uk |

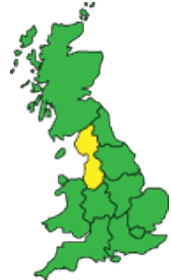
Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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BUTTLE UK



Blackpool and the Fylde College

Website: www.blackpool.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.blackpool.ac.uk/support/ypla-cl

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Marie Whiston | Phone: | 01253 504 494 |
| Job title: | H.E. care leaver co-ord. | Email: | marie.whiston@blackpool.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We provide care leavers with priority access to H.E. Access to Learning funding and support to complete funding applications.

Further information

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| <p>We hold the Buttle UK Quality Mark for students in further and higher education. Designated members of staff provide ongoing support and one to one H.E. learning mentors offer academic and wellbeing support.</p> <p>We offer advice and guidance on areas including accommodation, finance, childcare, study skills, individual learning needs, disabled students' allowance applications and careers advice. We also offer a college counselling service. Care leavers have priority access to summer school events.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Bournemouth University

Website: www.bournemouth.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: microsites.bournemouth.ac.uk/your-future/care-leavers/

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kate Holmes | Phone: | 01202 961 223 |
| Job title: | Outreach officer | Email: | kholmes@bournemouth.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Our care leaver bursary is guaranteed for students meeting stated conditions and criteria. The bursary is made up of cash, vouchers and accommodation or fee discounts to the value of £6,000 in the first year and £5,000 in both the second and final year.

The university offers other bursaries and scholarships as well as an Access to Learning Fund and emergency grants for students in financial hardship. Further information on bursaries, scholarships and financial help: www.bournemouth.ac.uk.

Further information

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| <p>Bournemouth University provides information, advice and support regarding higher education aimed at young people in care and care leavers in the local area as part of its fair access outreach programme: 'aspireBU'.</p> <p>The university also has a dedicated contact for care leavers in the outreach team. We get in touch with known care leavers who apply to us to remind them about the care leaver bursary and other support available to them.</p> <p>Once students are studying here, we have student engagement co-ordinators in every academic school. These are recent graduates whose job it is to support students and help them settle in, both academically and socially.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Bradford College

Website: www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/student-services/student-support/care-leavers

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Trine Powell | Phone: | 01274 433 043 |
| Job title: | Student guidance | Email: | t.powell@bradfordcollege.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are prioritised for the 'H.E. Bradford College Loyalty Bursary' of £500 cash payment and can apply to the Access to Learning Fund.

'Care to learn' funding is available to help pay for childcare costs.

Visit www.open4learning.info/bradford/Default.aspx for more information on accessing financial support whilst studying.

Further information

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| <p>Student guidance at Bradford College provide impartial, confidential information, advice and guidance to help students stay on track, achieve their goals, support their progression and future careers aspirations. Additional personal support to care leavers includes a named student services contact as well as the offer of regular, termly mentoring sessions to support progression and offer of individual careers interviews at key stages.</p> <p>Additional support to care leavers is offered at all stages of the application process and includes a guarantee of interview where applicable. Priority access is also given to all support services available to our students.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Bradford University

Website: www.brad.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1bGuFGR

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Anwar Ayub | Phone: | 01274 236 606 |
| Job title: | Widening participation co-ord. | Email: | aayub@brad.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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| <p>We are committed to ensuring that care leavers have access to dedicated support and advice. We offer pre-entry advice and support, as well as support from staff in student finance, accommodation and the student union. Our care leavers' forum meets informally providing support to care leavers who are considering entering higher education, and those who are already studying with us.</p> <p>Care leaver students get involved in open days, outreach events, mentoring schemes and awareness raising activities both on and off campus.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">We are here:</p> |
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Brunel University

Website: www.brunel.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.brunel.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lesley Mortimer | Phone: | 01895 265 584 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | lesley.mortimer@brunel.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers may be eligible for a care leaver (Foyer Federation) bursary of £1,000 per progressive year of study for up to three years.

Care leavers are also a priority for various types of scholarship, provided they meet other eligibility criteria.

For full terms and conditions of all Brunel scholarships, see: www.brunel.ac.uk/scholarships. The deadline for online applications is 31 July 2014.

Further information

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Buckinghamshire New University

Website: www.bucks.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bucks.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lee Byrne | Phone: | 01494 522 141 ext. 4285 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | lee.byrne@bucks.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are prioritised for our National Scholarship Programme awards which are worth a total of £6,000 each across 3 years. Whilst the deadline for applications is 30 June 2014, wherever possible we will make available scholarships to late applicants from priority groups, including care leavers.

Care leavers are also given priority for all of our hardship funds and we will do all that we can to support care leavers financially at every stage of their course.

Further information

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| <p>We have named contacts across the university working with and assisting care leavers including a designated mentor providing one to one advice and guidance during your degree. We also provide enhanced access to all student services incorporating tailored careers advice and academic support.</p> <p>We offer free access to our pre-entry courses for care leavers to aid the transition to university and have a buddying scheme run by students who act as mentors pre-arrival and throughout your first term. Our students union advice centre are also available to offer support in a variety of areas including finance and accommodation matters and can be contacted via email at suadvice@bucks.ac.uk.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Canterbury Christ Church University

Website: www.canterbury.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.canterbury.ac.uk/ycl

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sarah Roberts | Phone: | 01227 863 041 |
| Job title: | Outreach officer | Email: | dms.studentsupport@canterbury.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Anyone who has spent time in care and meets the statutory criteria will get a National Scholarship Award (a £3,000 award) from us in their 1st year of study. For 2014 entrants we will also be awarding care leaver bursaries of £1,200 per year for those who are being supported by their local authority. Note: students who get a National Scholarship in their 1st year would then get the care leavers' bursary in their 2nd.

Further information

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| <p>Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) works in partnership with the Helena Kennedy Foundation in providing one free place per year to students seeking asylum in the UK.</p> <p>We encourage you to tick the box on your UCAS form stating you have spent time in care - we do not need to know why you were / are in care, but this will allow us to verify your status so we can provide the best support for you.</p> <p>Please contact us to find out more and we'll do our best to help with any queries you may have even if you're not yet sure of applying to Canterbury Christ Church University. We are also happy to answer questions from your guardians, personal advisor(s) and teachers (or anyone you trust) with your permission.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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City College Norwich

Website: www.ccn.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---|--------|--|
| Name: | Team Leader | Phone: | 01603 773 773 |
| Job title: | Promoting achievement in learning (PAL) | Email: | information@ccn.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

There are bursary and hardship funds available for all students who meet the eligibility criteria. The college works with Norfolk County Council to ensure that all care leavers are quickly identified and encouraged to apply for these bursaries or financial support.

Further information

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| <p>Our Promoting Achievement in Learning (PAL) team provides dedicated support for care leavers, as well as supporting a wide range of other students within the college. Please contact our advice shop on 01603 773 773 for more information.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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City of Bristol College

Website: www.cityofbristol.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Julie Osborn | Phone: | 0117 312 5491 |
| Job title: | Study support manager | Email: | julie.osborn@cityofbristol.ac.uk |


Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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Further information

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City University London

Website: www.city.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.city.ac.uk/care-leavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | | Phone: | 020 7040 4242 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | wpteam@city.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

A care leavers' bursary of £1,000 per year of study is available to those aged 25 and under and whose degree is funded by student finance England.

Other relevant bursaries include the hardship fund/Access to Learning Fund, which prioritise care leavers; a mature student bursary and an accommodation bursary for students living in city halls of residence. See www.city.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/funding-and-financial-support/bursaries-and-scholarships for more information.

Further information

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| <p>A named officer is available to support and advise you at every stage, from pre-entry to graduation. Second and third year students can apply to the 'professional mentoring scheme', which matches students with a professional in their field. Care leavers are a priority group for this scheme.</p> <p>There are also paid work opportunities with the widening participation team, who are always keen to recruit ambassadors with experience of the care system to help with outreach events, some of which are targeted at looked after children.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Coventry University

Website: www.coventry.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1iAjzCB

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sally Caine | Phone: | 024 7765 8029 |
| Job title: | Welfare officer | Email: | s.caine@coventry.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Successful applicants for the 'Phoenix Scholarship' will receive a combination of £2,500 as a fee waiver, or reduction in accommodation fees and £500 cash per year.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2014.

Further information

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| <p>We run an information day specifically for care leavers prior to commencing course and a mentoring scheme is available throughout the first year of study.</p> <p>We provide 52-week accommodation with pastoral care from halls officers, open day and taster sessions, progression ambassadors for care leavers at schools, colleges and the 'After Care Project Centre'.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



De Montfort University

Website: www.dmu.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/T8WBCQ

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Melissa Page | Phone: | 0116 257 7872 |
| Job title: | H.E. guidance officer | Email: | mpage@dmu.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

There is a £1,000 bursary per year for care leavers under the age of 25.

We also offer one Article 26 place per year.

Further information

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Durham University

Website: www.durham.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lee Worden | Phone: | 0191 334 9117 |
| Job title: | Head of access | Email: | lee.worden@durham.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The 'Durham Grant' scheme would be available to care leavers, meaning that if you are a full-time UK undergraduate you will most likely get a non-repayable 'Durham Grant' worth £3,000 a year, either paid into your bank account or as money off your college (residence) living expenses.

Further information

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| <p>Durham provides an excellent level of support to all of its students and particularly welcomes applications from those who have spent time in care. We are currently working towards gaining the Buttle UK Quality Mark in recognition of our commitment. As well as financial support we have access schemes for young people 15-17 that can help with applying to university, as well as a foundation centre for mature learners who may be returning to education. Please use the above contact for more details.</p> | We are here: |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

East Riding College

Website: www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Melanie Brown | Phone: | 0845 120 0037 |
| Job title: | Guidance services manager | Email: | melanie.brown@eastridingcollege.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✗ |

We offer help in accessing financial assistance, guidance and support e.g. disabled students' allowance and the Access to Learning Fund. Please call 0845 120 0037 or visit www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk/financial-support for more information.

Alternatively, visit www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk/contact-us/general-inquiry to ask a question.

Further information

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| <p>We offer a confidential and professional counselling service. Support is available for students with learning difficulties and / or disabilities.</p> <p>Our guidance team offer information, advice and guidance through one to one interviews or drop in sessions. Visit www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk for more information and click on contact us.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Edge Hill University

Website: www.edgehill.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.edgehill.ac.uk/studentservices/care-leavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Carol Wylie | Phone: | 01695 584395 |
| Job title: | Admin & support supervisor | Email: | wyliec@edgehill.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

£750 care leavers' bursary.

Further information

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| <p>The dedicated member of staff contacts care leavers at the university on a regular basis to offer support and guidance on any aspect of university life, which includes personal issues as well as academic. The designated member of staff also contacts social services on an annual basis to ensure all their contact details are up to date.</p> | We are here: |
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Falmouth University

Website: www.falmouth.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.falmouth.ac.uk/care-leavers

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jane Atkinson | Phone: | 01326 213 746 |
| Job title: | Children in care / leaver co-ord. | Email: | jane.atkinson@falmouth.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

National Scholarship Programme awards.
 Access to Learning Fund money - £2,000 per annum local authority.
 £1,000 living costs local authority.

Further information

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| <p>Falmouth University run the 'Boot up!' outdoor education project for children in care where care leaver students can do paid work and support the young people who attend and the project.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Goldsmiths, University of London

Website: www.gold.ac.uk
Care leavers' website: www.gold.ac.uk/care-leavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Laura Cattell | Phone: | 0207 919 7114 |
| Job title: | Outreach manager | Email: | outreach@gold.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Goldsmiths offer a care leavers' scholarship of £4,000 per year to students who are care leavers. The scholarships are paid in instalments throughout the year.

Once you're enrolled as a student at Goldsmiths you'll also be able to apply for further grants such as the Access to Learning Fund and the annual student support fund, both of which can be applied for through student services.

Further information

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| <p>The outreach team at Goldsmiths offer pre-entry support for looked after children and care leavers at local authority homework clubs or study groups. There are also targeted taster days and campus visits available where care leaver students can be shown around by current students at Goldsmiths.</p> <p>All care leavers applying through UCAS to Goldsmiths are contacted immediately on being made an offer in order to advise them of the financial and pastoral support available.</p> <p>There is a pre-entry scholarship specifically for care leaver students, which entitles them to £4,000 a year for 3 years. Application forms for this are available from March 2014.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Hadlow College

Website: www.hadlow.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.hadlow.ac.uk/current-students/student-services/

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Judith Bellingham | Phone: | 01732 853 287 |
| Job title: | Student support manager | Email: | judith.bellingham@hadlow.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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Institute of Education

Website: www.ioe.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Steve Grundy | Phone: | 020 7911 5495 |
| Job title: | Head of widening participation | Email: | s.grundy@ioe.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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Care leavers taking a PGCE course are entitled to all the standard government bursaries available to students on these courses.

Care leavers can apply for The Institute Of Education's (IOE) National Scholarship Programme awards and indeed are a key target group for this support.

Care leavers can also apply for a means-tested IOE scholarship.

Further information

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| <p>The IOE has recently invested significantly in developing its widening participation work. As a result of this investment it will be enhancing the level of support and advice it offers to care leavers amongst other under represented groups.</p> <p>The IOE will also be working towards achieving the Buttle UK Quality Mark which will add impetus to the development of its work specifically targeting care leavers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Keele University

Website: www.keele.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.keele.ac.uk/ssds/supportforcareleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kate Mayer | Phone: | 01782 733 912 |
| Job title: | Support and experience adviser | Email: | support.experience@keele.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are automatically eligible for the Keele national scholarship award. The first year award is made up of a £2,000 tuition fee reduction and a £1,000 cash bursary. In subsequent years, care leavers will receive the Keele University cash bursary of £1,000 per year. For enquiries relating to funding options contact: Helen Johnson, Head of student financial support.

Further information

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| <p>We offer prioritised places on all outreach activities such as summer schools, subject taster days and university experience days. We also offer workshops and seminars for foster carers and advisers to raise awareness of the benefits of higher education, finance and the support available for young people.</p> <p>Pre-arrival support is offered via an e-mentoring scheme as well as a pre-arrival visit to the campus to see accommodation and teaching departments, by arrangement with the care leaver contact.</p> <p>Ongoing support is provided via a peer mentoring scheme and the dedicated care leaver contact is available to offer personalised advice and signposting to the range of support available at Keele.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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King's College London

Website: www.kcl.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.kcl.ac.uk/wp/careleavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Claire Byrne | Phone: | 020 7848 3948 |
| Job title: | Widening participation co-ordinator | Email: | claire.byrne@kcl.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The 'UNITE Accommodation & Access Bursary' provides care leavers with the full cost of accommodation at Moonraker Point, plus a cash bursary of £4,000 per year, for up to a maximum of three years. Five bursaries are available per year. 'The King's Living Bursary' is available to all students from a low income background and is worth up to £1,500 per year. We have a wide range of additional bursaries that care leavers may be eligible for. More information can be found at www.kcl.ac.uk/funding.

Further information

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| <p>We are currently applying for the Buttle UK quality mark for care leavers and have ensured that substantial support for both prospective and current care leaver students is available.</p> <p>Support for prospective students includes a named contact, help with travel expenses to visit King's and additional consideration during the admissions process should students choose to apply.</p> <p>Care leaver students who enrol at King's receive support from a named contact, additional financial support and 365 day accommodation.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |

Kingston University

Website: www.kingston.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.kingston.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Emily Hughes | Phone: | 020 8417 3286 |
| Job title: | Compact student support manager | Email: | e.hughes@kingston.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Kingston University offer a care leaver bursary of £1,500 for each progressive year of their studies.

In addition, care leavers are advised to apply for either the National Scholarship of £3,000 or the 'Kingston Scholarship' of £1,000.

Further information

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| <p>Care leavers have a single point of contact for support and guidance from application through to graduation and beyond. Care leavers are given priority for a place in halls and are offered 365 day accommodation where required. Care leavers automatically join the 'compact' support scheme and they will be invited to a summer school and pre-induction event to prepare them for starting university. Once on course the scheme offers a variety of workshops to support their university experience. There is a 'Care Leaver Learning Community', which is a group made up of care leavers. It provides targeted support and promotion of opportunities.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Lancaster University

Website: www.lancaster.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kate Deeming | Phone: | 01524 593 335 |
| Job title: | Student wellbeing advisor | Email: | welfare@lancaster.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Lancaster University provides priority access to financial advice; priority assistance with applying to the Access to Learning Fund; a comprehensive range of scholarships and bursaries which all students can take advantage of.

Further information

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| <p>We offer: pre-entry informal meetings to ensure all support needs are met; priority careers advice; a named financial advisor and priority appointments; a welcome accommodation pack of bedding and Wilkinson's vouchers.</p> <p>We also offer counseling and a mental health advisor service; an on-campus health centre and on-going one to one support from the care leaver co-ordinator throughout your time at Lancaster University.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Leeds College of Art

Website: www.leeds-art.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/T8WBcQ

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Ann Trusson | Phone: | 0113 202 8254 |
| Job title: | Student counsellor | Email: | ann.trusson@leeds-art.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are a priority group for the National Scholarship Programme. If eligible, you will receive a fee waiver of £3,000 in the 1st year. Care leavers who receive the full non-repayable maintenance grant are also eligible for a cash bursary of £500 in their 1st and 2nd year, and £1,000 in their 3rd year.

Care leavers who receive the full maintenance grant may also be eligible for a fee waiver bursary in the 2nd and 3rd year of their courses.

Further information

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| <p>We run taster days, after school classes and summer schools for care leavers at Leeds College of Art so that students can experience our specialist facilities, tour the college and meet the student advice team.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Leeds Metropolitan University

Website: www.leedsmet.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sean Dirrane | Phone: | 0113 812 4917 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | s.b.dirrane@leedsmet.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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Leeds Trinity University

Website: www.leadstrinity.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.leadstrinity.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lucy Rice | Phone: | 0113 283 7227 |
| Job title: | Senior officer | Email: | l.rice@leadstrinity.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a care leavers' bursary of £1,000 per year for all of our undergraduate degree programmes. For more information regarding this bursary and eligibility criteria please email Lucy Rice: l.rice@leadstrinity.ac.uk. We offer the National Scholarship Award of a £3,000 tuition fee reduction in the first year to all students with a household income of £25,000 or less. When studying here we support you to apply for financial help such as the Access to Learning Fund and emergency loans.

Further information

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| <p>We offer meetings with the care leaver co-ordinator at times suitable for you and, during your first week on campus, a buddy system if you would like.</p> <p>We also offer: a welcome pack of essentials such as cutlery, crockery and Asda vouchers; 365 day accommodation; tailored financial advice.</p> <p>There are opportunities to meet new friends through activities and clubs and societies run by 'Student Life' or the students union. We provide help in finding work, including vacation work, part time work and placements.</p> <p>We work in partnership with HEART in West Yorkshire to support care leavers in outreach activities.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Liverpool Hope University

Website: www.hope.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1j9lktz

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Christine McPeake | Phone: | 0151 291 3427 |
| Job title: | Wellbeing support admin. | Email: | mcpeakc@hope.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers can apply for additional hardship funding via our Access to Learning Fund. Awards are between £100 - £3,500 dependent upon individual circumstances.

Further information

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| <p>Outreach offered for care leavers: university tours and talks for prospective students; individual advice and consultation from application stage; liaison and partnership with local authorities and other external organisations.</p> <p>Financial assistance provided to care leavers: Access to Learning Fund; budgeting advice from student finance and (where applicable) individualised support and advice around benefits, debt and related financial welfare matters from the university's welfare and benefits adviser.</p> <p>Accommodation support provided to care leavers: 365 days per year accommodation offered on campus, including the option to keep the same room in subsequent years. Residential hall tutor support provided.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts

Website: www.lipa.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Michelle Gammo-Felton | Phone: | 0151 330 3010 |
| Job title: | Widening participation manager | Email: | m.gammo-felton@lipa.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a £1,000 care leaver bursary to students who are under 25 and who can demonstrate that they have been in care prior to their 16th birthday for a period of six months or more.

This bursary is offered in recognition that care leavers may need assistance towards their accommodation costs for vacation periods. Bursaries are awarded to qualifying full-time UK undergraduates who meet the terms of their offer, irrespective of year of entry.

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| Care leavers can contact our student support manager to discuss any concerns or issues they have. | We are here: |
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Liverpool John Moores University

Website: www.ljmu.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.ljmu.ac.uk/imagine

Contact Details

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|------------|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Phil Bakstad | Phone: | 0151 231 8098 |
| Job title: | Care leavers co-ordinator | Email: | careleavers@ljmu.ac.uk |

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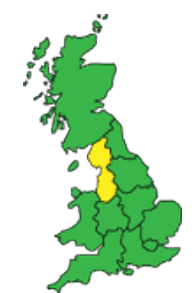
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| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The 'John Lennon Imagine Award' (JLIA) provides a bursary of a minimum of £1,000 per year specifically for care leavers and students who are estranged from their families.
 In addition to the JLIA, care leavers would be eligible to apply for the National Scholarship Programme and the Liverpool John Moores University bursary (£500 per academic year).
 Our care leavers' co-ordinator can provide advice on all aspects of student funding both prior to you joining us and throughout your studies.

Further information

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| <p>We are committed to supporting the educational progression of looked after children and care leavers into higher education and have been recognised by Buttle UK for the exemplary level of support we offer to care leavers.</p> <p>Our dedicated care leavers' co-ordinator is available to answer any questions about university life from the moment you consider coming to university and can arrange for you to visit our campuses, meet teaching staff and tour student accommodation.</p> <p>If you tick the UCAS box to state that you have spent time in care, we will contact you in the spring term with further information of the support available at the university. However, don't hesitate to get in touch at any time.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

London Metropolitan University

Website: www.londonmet.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Isabel Patrick | Phone: | 020 7133 2532 |
| Job title: | Student adviser | Email: | i.patrick@londonmet.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The Access to Learning Fund (ALF) provides financial support for students to help them access and remain in higher education and can help alleviate unexpected financial hardship.

This funding is not ring-fenced for care leavers but care leavers are eligible to receive more financial help than standard applications.

For more information visit www.londonmet.ac.uk/student-services. Please also see www.londonmet.ac.uk/studying for more information on finance.

Further information

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| <p>We offer advice and guidance to students on an individual basis. Please do not hesitate to contact Isabel Patrick to discuss your personal needs by phone or in person.</p> <p>Our students union also provides representation and advice to all students. For more information please contact: Mohammad Obaidullah, Equality and Welfare Officer.</p> <p>Email: welfare.su@londonmet.ac.uk Phone: 020 7320 3434 or 020 7133 4698 Web: metsuwelfare.tumblr.com/</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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London School of Economics and Political Science

Website: www.lse.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Rosie Tattersall | Phone: | 020 7852 3662 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | widening.participation@lse.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

London School of Economics (LSE) Bursaries: available for all students in receipt of a full or partial maintenance grant. Maximum bursary of £4,000 per year for students from the lowest income backgrounds. LSE national scholarship awards: £6,000 over a three year programme, available for students in receipt of a full maintenance award and from the lowest income backgrounds. The Access to Learning fund provides on-course support. There are also a wide range of scholarships and awards available to undergraduate students.

Further information

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| <p>The widening participation team work hard to ensure that looked after children benefit from activities and guidance.</p> <p>Looked after children teams can contact us if they have any groups who would benefit and every widening participation activity is open to all.</p> <p>London School of Economics is a member of 'Access H.E.', working across London to share best practice and grow approaches to care leavers accessing higher education.</p> <p>We offer a generous package of non-repayable funding. For further information on financial support contact financial-support@lse.ac.uk.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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London South Bank University

Website: www.lsbu.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Mark Ellis | Phone: | 020 7815 6783 |
| Job title: | Manager, education liaison | Email: | mark.ellis@lsbu.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers will automatically qualify for the National Scholarship Scheme in the academic year 2014 / 2015: £1,000 in cash and £2,000 to spend on university services.

In addition all care leavers will receive a travel allowance of up to £1,000 a year.

Further information

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| <p>Our award winning outreach project 'City Opportunities' introduces young people in care to graduate opportunities in the City of London.</p> <p>Applicant care leavers are contacted on being made an offer and told of services available to them, including 365 day accommodation. They are matched with a mentor who is a second or third year care leaver on starting at the university. Their mentor will support their orientation and arrange for them to have a financial health check with a student adviser who is familiar with care leaver issues.</p> <p>Ongoing support is provided through student services. Support is also given to former unaccompanied minors who were in care between the ages of 16 and 18.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



Loughborough University

Website: www.lboro.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.lboro.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/care-leavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Justine Sanders | Phone: | 01509 222 481 |
| Job title: | Student outreach manager | Email: | j.sanders@lboro.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are entitled to the general Loughborough University Scholarship Programme, which is worth up to £3,000 each year (in cash, accommodation discount and fee waivers).

In addition to this, they are also entitled to £1,500 cash bursary and £3,000 tuition fee waiver each year.

Further information

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| For young people in care in the east midlands we offer student shadowing opportunities and a non-residential summer school each year towards the beginning of July. | We are here: |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Manchester Metropolitan University

Website: www.mmu.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1bzCIHk

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Peter Riley | Phone: | 0161 2471 967 |
| Job title: | Widening participation manager | Email: | p.riley@mmu.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

For 2014 / 15 entry Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) has a £4,500 student support package (£3,000 in year 1, £1,000 year 2, £500 final year) for new full time first year students with a household income up to and including £25,000. Care leavers are assessed as independent adults so will almost always qualify for this.

In addition MMU offers a care leaver bursary for full time care leavers under the age of 25 of £1,000 per year. Care leavers are also a priority group for the Access to Learning Fund.

Further information

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| <p>MMU is committed to providing you with as much support as possible to help you adapt to life at university. We recognise that you may not need, or want, any extra support, but it's important to know what you are entitled to - especially when you are still thinking about applying, or are settling into a new course and a new place to live.</p> <p>The university offers pre-entry advice and support, as well as support from staff in student finance, accommodation and the students union. We also have a team of student support officers who are based in faculties who you can approach for individual help with anything to do with your course.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |

MidKent College

Website: www.midkent.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Stephen Batchelor | Phone: | 01634 383 017 |
| Job title: | Director of higher education | Email: | stephen.batchelor@midkent.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are eligible to apply for a bursary through the National Scholarship Programme and are identified by the college as one of the priority groups for an award.

Students are also eligible to apply for hardship funds through the Access to Learning Fund.

Further information

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| <p>We regard care leavers as a priority group. Support is available through the National Scholarship Programme which offers a cash bursary and fee reduction. We have been recognised as "Excellent" by Buttle UK for our good practice in supporting both young people in care and care leavers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Nescot College

Website: www.nescot.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/UcpGaj

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jacqui Udy | Phone: | 020 8394 3038 |
| Job title: | Director of learner services | Email: | judy@nescot.ac.uk |


Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
| National Scholarship Programme. | | | |
| Hardship fund. | | | |

Further information

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| <p>We provide support for care leavers through a dedicated support team. The team can be contacted through Dawn Samain, at dsamain@nescot.ac.uk.</p> <p>The following services are provided: counselling, onsite nurse, disability support, attendance support.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

New College Durham

Website: www.newcollegedurham.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|---------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jill Lake | Phone: | 0191 375 4402 |
| Job title: | Care leaver officer | Email: | jill.lake@newdur.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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BUTTLE UK

Newcastle University

Website: www.ncl.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/life/support/careleavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Gemma Kirkbride | Phone: | 0191 222 6148 |
| Job title: | Student recruitment manager | Email: | gemma.kirkbride@ncl.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✗ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

More details about the university scholarships can be found online at www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance/2014/scholarships/.

We would encourage care leavers to particularly apply for the 'Promise Scholarship', which could be worth up to £9,000 a year. If they are not eligible for any of our scholarships, care leavers can apply for a £1,000 a year care leaver bursary. More information about this is sent to relevant students in the August before they start.

Further information

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| <p>Care leavers are given priority access to our residential summer schools (years 10 and 12). We also offer the 'Choices Together' programme of events for looked-after young people in years 10 and 11, in collaboration with Northumbria and Sunderland Universities.</p> <p>Support workers and foster carers are invited to attend our annual parent and carer conferences.</p> <p>Care leavers who receive an offer from the university will also be given the opportunity to take part in our 'PARTNERS' programme supported entry route and receive a lower offer for their chosen course(s). More details can be found at www.ncl.ac.uk/partners.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



Newman University

Website: www.newman.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/WsF84q

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Tammy Oyekanmi | Phone: | 0121 476 1181 ext. 2620 |
| Job title: | Student welfare advisor | Email: | t.oyekanmi@newman.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✗ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Priority acceptance on the National Scholarship Scheme.

Further information

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| <p>Priority acceptance on 'HEADstart', Newman's pre-entry course for new combined, joint and single honours undergraduates.</p> <p>Advocacy Service.</p> <p>Linking students up with 'transition mentors'.</p> <p>Applicant visit days with the opportunity to meet teaching staff, fellow students, and get familiar with the campus.</p> <p>Open days - a chance to come and have a chat about the opportunities available.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |

North East Worcestershire College

Website: www.ne-worcs.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sal Friel | Phone: | 01527 572 525 |
| Job title: | Student welfare manager | Email: | sfriel@ne-worcs.ac.uk |


Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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Further information

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| <p>College student services have a team dedicated to providing academic and personal support for students in care and care leavers. We have on site counsellors, welfare advisers and financial support assistants to ensure that our students are fully supported during their time at college.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Northbrook College Sussex

Website: www.northbrook.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Susan Pratt | Phone: | 01903 273 184 |
| Job title: | Safeguarding officer | Email: | s.pratt@nbccl.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Asylum seekers are considered home students for fees.
 Top-up bursary (specific category for care leavers).
 National Scholarship Programme.
 Access to Learning Fund (priority group).
 Achievement bursary.

Further information

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| <p>Further support and information on our website is being developed specifically for looked after learners and care leavers.</p> <p>As we are also a Further Education College we also provide support for students studying at this level and those transitioning from school to college and from further to higher education.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Northumbria University

Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.northumbria.ac.uk/brochure/courses/apply/ugapp/care/

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Ann Shuker | Phone: | 0191 227 3968 |
| Job title: | Student recruitment manager | Email: | ann.shuker@northumbria.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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|--|---|---|---|
| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We will provide an additional annual bursary of £1,000, payable for each year of your full time undergraduate programme.

To be eligible to receive this additional bursary students must: be enrolled on a full-time undergraduate programme for which they are required to pay the full tuition fee; join the university directly from care; be under 21 years of age when their course commences and be assessed as a 'home student' for fees purposes.

Further information

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| <p>'Choices Together' is a collaborative project between Northumbria University, Newcastle University and the University of Sunderland. 'Choices Together' is an exciting opportunity for year 10 and 11 pupils who have experienced care and who want to find out more about university. It includes at least six interventions throughout the academic year and continued contact from Northumbria in years 12 and 13.</p> <p>In addition, Northumbria University also provides: 'Welcome Week' tickets for the student's union at 50% of the normal price; the services of staff from the welfare service to help organise financial and other support prior to arrival and early application to the Access to Learning Fund.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Nottingham Trent University

Website: www.ntu.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.ntu.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kathryn Frith | Phone: | 0115 848 3290 |
| Job title: | Student support officer | Email: | transition.support@ntu.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

National Scholarship Programme - £2,700 fee reduction / £300 cash award to eligible 1st year students. Income based. Nottingham Trent University scholarships - £1,300 fee reduction / £300 cash award per academic year for eligible students. Pyrus bursary - a bursary of £350 to one of our full-time, final year, care leaver students. Access to Learning Fund - assessment based on individual need. For more information contact 0115 8482494 or financial.support@ntu.ac.uk. Web: www.ntu.ac.uk/student_services/fees_finance/

Further information

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| <p>We have a dedicated support officer for care leavers who offers ongoing support and advice from application to graduation. Care experienced students of all ages are prioritised for the Access to Learning Fund hence we can support a broad range of students according to their level of need. We can help with budgeting and offer one to one money and health checks as part of our student financial support service. 'Growing Lives' is a partnership project with University of Nottingham which offers information sessions about university to foster carers and local authorities as well as on campus activities for young people. For more information call Becci Hubbard 0115 8484827.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information



Oxford Brookes University

Website: www.brookes.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1eUNjQm

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Diane Dean | Phone: | 01865 484 652 |
| Job title: | Assistant to head of wellbeing | Email: | dldean@brookes.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✗ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a 'Transition from Care' bursary of up to £2,000 to those who are eligible for a higher education maintenance grant from the Student Loans Company and have been in care since the age of 14. Students are also eligible to apply for funding from the Access to Learning fund at any time during the academic year. Further information can be found at finaid@brookes.ac.uk. All applicants who disclose that they are care leavers will be contacted to discuss their support needs.

Further information

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| <p>We offer a wide reaching support system for students making the transition from care to university. This includes academic support, health and wellbeing services, student advice and counselling, as well as financial support. Care leavers are guaranteed accommodation in halls of residence for 52 weeks as long as certain criteria are met.</p> <p>As part of our outreach to young people in care we run a program called Brookes 'Youth Summer University', which consists of interactive workshops (student finance, support, accommodation, applying to university, study skills and the social side) to enable those in care and care leavers to find out more about studying at university and the support available.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Plymouth University

Website: www.plymouth.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www1.plymouth.ac.uk/wp/pas/Pages/Care-leavers.aspx

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Nadine Johns / Louise Baker | Phone: | 01752 587 961 / 01752 586 733 |
| Job title: | Care leaver support officer | Email: | njohns@plymouth.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leaver bursary of £2,000 a year.

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| <p>You are welcome to contact the care leaver support officer at any time and are encouraged to declare your care leaver status on the UCAS form, as this is the best route to accessing the care leaver bursary and other support and funding.</p> <p>Activities for looked after young people: from year 6 upwards - taster days and campus visits; year 11 upwards - shadowing and mentoring by current students, UCAS and personal statement support, careers sessions and guidance interviews.</p> <p>We offer assistance throughout the transition to higher education and confidential and extensive provision for care leavers on course via a cross-university support network and regular 'Care Advisory Knowledge Exchange' (CAKE) meetings.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



Queen Mary, University of London

Website: www.qmul.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/schools/educationliaison/wp/

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Laura SeQueira | Phone: | 020 7882 8717 |
| Job title: | Head of advice and counselling | Email: | welfare@qmul.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Funding is tailored to meet specific needs so you get the best package. In addition to our general bursaries and financial support, we have specific support for those seeking asylum. Care leavers are a priority for our 'UNITE Accommodation and Access Bursary'.

For more information, deadlines and how to apply please see our website, and contact us to clarify your options: www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/feesandfunding/tuitionfees/bursaries/index.html

Further information

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| <p>We offer a support package to be tailored to specific needs. In addition to general support, care leavers can access bespoke personal, financial, accommodation and careers support, coordinated by our advice and counselling service.</p> <p>We provide 365 day university housing in year one for those who select us as a firm choice and help finding housing subsequently. If you're still making decisions, the widening participation and outreach team offer guidance on applying, university life and courses.</p> <p>Additionally, see the students' union webpages (www.qmsu.org) for their contact details and more information about the support they also offer.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">We are here:</p> |
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Rose Bruford College

Website: www.bruford.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Samantha Kay | Phone: | 020 8308 2629 |
| Job title: | Outreach & diversity officer | Email: | access@bruford.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | X | Named officer for care leavers? | X |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | X | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | X |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | X | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | X |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | X | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We have identified care leavers as one of the groups entitled to our National Scholarship Programme (NSP). Those in receipt of the scholarship benefit from £3,000 per year, in the form of a cash bursary and fee waiver matched across the three years.

We also offer a bursary of £1,800 spread over the 3 years of study for students with an income under £25,000.

Students can only receive the bursary or NSP.

Further information

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| <p>We are a small institution and provide a high level of support to all our students, which is proven by our 98% retention rate. However we are constantly improving our services with plans to dedicate a page to care leavers on our new website. With this in mind we encourage students to identify themselves as care leavers on their UCAS applications, so that we can provide them with additional support.</p> <p>If you are a care leaver and would like any advice or would like to visit the college please do not hesitate to get in touch.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Rotherham College of Arts and Technology

Website: www.rotherham.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Laura Reid | Phone: | 01709 722 747 |
| Job title: | Student liaison & safeguarding | Email: | lreid@rotherham.ac.uk |


Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✗ |
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Further information

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| <p>Rotherham College is a supportive learning environment. There is a named officer at the college who is available specifically to support looked after children and care leavers. In addition we have a student liaison officer designated to H.E. students. We aim to support students in all areas of their study including personal and academic support. We have good relationships with external agencies such as the Connexions service, Action for Children and the 'Get Real' team, and aim to work together to make sure that all the support available is put in place. Rotherham College is an exciting place to learn and progress. There are a variety of enrichment activities.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Royal Agricultural University

Website: www.rau.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Amy Murfin | Phone: | 01285 889 840 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | outreach@rau.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer hardship awards for UK / EU students that are provided from the Access to Learning Fund and are awarded in addition to the university's own hardship funds.

Please contact our Registry and admissions team - admissions@rau.ac.uk or Gail Young (Registrar) - gail.young@rau.ac.uk 01285 889 912 Ext. 2215. You may also email scholarships@rau.ac.uk for further advice about funding.

Further information

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| <p>Support and welfare: Our Student liaison officer offers an open door policy and is your first port of call for any issues that might be causing you to be unhappy at university.</p> <p>Our disability officer manages all issues surrounding dyslexia, sight, speech, hearing impairment, mobility impairment, long term disabling medical conditions or mental health conditions.</p> <p>To ensure that our students always have someone that they can talk to at all hours, day or night, we are also a partner with the Validium Counselling Service.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |

Royal Holloway, University of London

Website: www.rhul.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/Xq9bXX

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Tina Barnard | Phone: | 01784 414 633 |
| Job title: | Student financial welfare adv. | Email: | tina.barnard@rhul.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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Please see the website for specific information about the accommodation for care leavers' bursary.

Further information

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| <p>There are a number of bursaries that care leavers will automatically be eligible for. Details of all our bursaries can be found on the website.</p> <p>We provide care leavers with a named contact who will support you throughout your time at the university; from application to graduation.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Ruskin College

Website: www.ruskin.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Hannah Jones | Phone: | 01865 759 604 |
| Job title: | Academic registrar | Email: | hjones@ruskin.ac.uk |


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| Website for care leavers? | X | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | X | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | X | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | X | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

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Sheffield Hallam University

Website: www.shu.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.shu.ac.uk/services/sls/support/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Cassie Joicey | Phone: | 0114 225 4258 |
| Job title: | Care leaver co-ordinator | Email: | c.joicey@shu.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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National Scholarship Programme deadline 31/05/14 – £1,000 cash, £1,000 fee waiver, £500 student card. Care leavers are a priority group, contact student finance centre on 0114 225 2186. Care leavers receive the care leaver bursary of £1,500 a year. Deadline for application is Dec 2014. Please contact Cassie Joicey (as above or at care@shu.ac.uk). Care leavers are also a priority for 'Unite Accommodation and Access Bursary' – £3,000 cash plus free accommodation for 3 years (not inc. placement years). The bursary has limited places and is only given to care leavers. Deadline for application is 24/05/14 (contact Cassie Joicey).

Further information

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| <p>Access to Learning Fund - contact Student Finance Centre 0114 225 2186.</p> <p>We offer outreach for years 9, 10 and 11 and chance to become care leaver ambassadors.</p> <p>Application and admission support is available and chance to access all support services in one place in enrolment week.</p> <p>Welfare and finance health checks at the students union advice centre, and one to one pre-enrolment support.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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South Cheshire College

Website: www.scc.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Chris Baggs | Phone: | 01270 654 654 |
| Job title: | Head of learner services | Email: | chris.baggs@scc.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | X | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | X | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | X | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | X |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Students in care are entitled to the full bursary and are also able to apply for Access to Learning funding throughout the year.

Further information

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| For further general information about support for students in care / care leavers please contact Chris Baggs (chris.baggs@scc.ac.uk). For financial advice please contact Mark Jones (mark.jones@scc.ac.uk). | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Southampton Solent University

Website: www.solent.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Geeta Uppal | Phone: | 023 8031 9836 |
| Job title: | Student recruitment officer | Email: | care@solent.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

A bursary of £1,500 a year is available to care leavers. The National Scholarship Programme offers a non-repayable bursary from £400 - £3,000. Eligible students staying in halls will have £2,000 towards halls fees and a cash bursary of £1,000 in their 1st year only. Eligible students NOT staying in halls will receive a £2,000 fee waiver on tuition fees and a cash bursary of £1,000 in their 1st year only. In addition students can also apply to the Access to Learning Fund for further support.

Further information

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| <p>Potential for entry through the university's compact scheme, providing alternative entry criteria. Our 'on-track attendance monitoring system' is a wellbeing programme designed to help students reach their potential and goals.</p> <p>Our care leaver students are put on this system and they will benefit from: tailored support specific to your individual needs, regular contact with a dedicated member of staff, frequent reviews and progress-monitoring. This system means our dedicated member of staff responsible for care leavers can help with any concerns and issues you may have.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

St Mary's University College

Website: www.smuc.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1cXhmGY

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Alasdair Robertson | Phone: | 020 8240 4247 |
| Job title: | Senior recruitment officer | Email: | alasdair.robertson@smuc.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer the following scholarships to care leavers in 2013 – 14:
National Scholarship Award (year 1, £2,000 tuition or accommodation fee waiver plus £1,000 cash; year 2, £2,000 tuition fee waiver; year 3, £1,000 tuition fee waiver).
Care leavers scholarship - £1,000 cash a year for each year of your course.
Students can also apply to access a hardship fund.

Further information

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| <p>We recognise that looked after children and care leavers face a number of challenges on the path to university and we are strongly committed to supporting you to join us and to get the most out of your course and university experience.</p> <p>We offer support during the application process and whilst you are studying with us, the details of which can be found on our website for care leavers (see link above). In addition, our widening participation team is happy to engage with looked after children and care leavers through a range of activities.</p> <p>Visit www.smuc.ac.uk/education-liaison/widening-participation.htm for more information.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

St. George's, University of London

Website: www.sgul.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Gavin Taylor | Phone: | 020 8266 6355 |
| Job title: | Student centre manager | Email: | gtaylor@sgul.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Staffordshire University

Website: www.staffs.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.staffs.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Elsa Heffernan | Phone: | 01782 294 977 |
| Job title: | Named contact for care leavers | Email: | e.c.heffernan@staffs.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Priority applications for the National Scholarship Programme are available to care leaver students. This includes £2,500 in discounted accommodation or support with costs of travel / food / university services, plus £500 as a cash bursary in the first year. In the second and third / final year (not including a placement year), it amounts to a £1,250 discount plus a cash bursary of £250. Care leavers also have prioritised applications for the Access to Learning Fund (£100 - £3,500 a year).

Further information

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| <p>Access to dedicated support and advice from our named contact for care leavers who provides one to one support from the point of application, and can identify individual arrangements for continuing support up until you complete your studies. A care leaver champion is available to arrange personalised open days, events and campus visits for individuals and small groups, as well as supporting you with applying to university.</p> <p>Meet and join our team of leaving care ambassadors, students from care backgrounds who share their experiences to make a positive difference to current and future care leaver students, through peer mentoring, outreach events and awareness raising activities.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Stephenson College

Website: www.stephensoncoll.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lucy Moore | Phone: | 01530 519 020 |
| Job title: | Student advisor - careers and H.E. | Email: | highereducation@stephensoncoll.ac.uk |


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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| <p>We offer advice and guidance to all learners, which includes information on student finance and progression opportunities.</p> <p>All individuals including care leavers will receive additional support where required.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

Stockport College

Website: www.stockport.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1dxMSl2

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Christopher Lea | Phone: | 01619 583 600 |
| Job title: | 14 - 19 learner engagement manager | Email: | christopher.lea@stockport.ac.uk |

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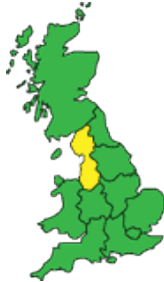
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| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✗ |

All applications for funding are ongoing throughout the the year with the exception of the National Scholarship Programme for which the deadline is the July. National Scholarship Programme - £3,000. Access to Learning - means tested. Discretionary Learning Support - means tested. 16-19 bursary - £1,200. Please contact berni.cunliffe@stockport.ac.uk for further information.

Further information

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| <p>Stockport College offers a wide variety of support including careers, welfare additional learning support, counselling and mental health.</p> <p>We also provide advice and support related to all aspects of wellbeing including spiritual support. This support is available to all students on F.E. or H.E. courses.</p> <p>Care leavers are also supported by the 14 - 19 learner engagement manager.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Swindon College

Website: www.swindon-college.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/187POKY

Contact Details

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| Name: | Jo Kelly | Phone: | 01793 498 223 |
| Job title: | Student experience manager | Email: | jokelly@swindon-college.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Looked after children or care leavers entering higher education (university level) at Swindon College are entitled to apply for the National Scholarship Programme for Swindon College courses, which is £3,000 for full time courses and £1,500 for part time.

Further information

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| <p>We have specialist support teams who offer one to one ongoing support to care leavers in terms of: applications, funding and finance, accommodation, finance, childcare, travel, study skills, individual learning needs, additional learning support, counselling and general education and wellbeing issues.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Teesside University

Website: www.tees.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.tees.ac.uk/sections/studentsupport/care.cfm

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Katie Sykes | Phone: | 01642 384 078 |
| Job title: | Student adviser | Email: | k.sykes@tees.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a £1,000 a year care leavers' bursary to all care leavers who are full-time students. In addition to the care leavers' bursary, you are eligible to apply for our general scholarship package. Further information on the scholarships available can be found on our website (see above).

Further information

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| <p>We offer dedicated places to looked after children at campus events for years 6 to 13, including: lectures, discovery days, master classes and open days. We provide mentors and support including support with completion of application forms or advice on courses; support and information for foster carers at information evenings and open days.</p> <p>Dedicated contacts in student services and recruitment can support care leavers, foster carers and case workers. Bespoke activities for looked after children can be requested. We provide care leavers with one to one support pre-entry and during their course including financial and accommodation support. Please see our website for further information.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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The Open University

Website: www.open.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | | Phone: | 0845 300 6090 |
| Job title: | General enquiries line | Email: | www.open.ac.uk/contact |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | X | Named officer for care leavers? | X |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | X | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | X | 365 days accommodation? | X |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | X | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | X |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | X | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | X |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | X | Financial advice provided? | X |

Depending on where you live, there are different levels of financial support available. If you live in England you may be eligible for our 'Access to Success Route'. Call us on 0845 300 8845 to find out if you are eligible.

Further information

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| Call us on 01908 659253 or visit www.openuniversity.co.uk/access . | We are here: |
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The University of Manchester

Website: www.manchester.ac.uk/

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/UdsAcW

Contact Details

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| Name: | Stephanie Fisher | Phone: | 0161 275 3033 |
| Job title: | Student support advisor | Email: | studentsupportadvisor@manchester.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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Further information

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| <p>We work in collaboration with Manchester Metropolitan University to deliver a wide range of outreach events.</p> <p>These include: 'Step Up to Uni' event for post-16 learners – a one day event specifically for care-experienced young people to inform them about higher education and give them the chance to look around the universities and speak to current students who are care leavers; this happens twice a year.</p> <p>Workshops in schools - these are designed to complement the 'Success4life' project and give learners the opportunity to be mentored by students who are care leavers.</p> <p>An annual event for foster carers and key workers.</p> <p>Greater Manchester Looked After Children Forum - update and inform key stakeholders from schools.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |

The University of Nottingham

Website: www.nottingham.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/WhKgDN

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jane Sperinck | Phone: | 0115 846 6464 |
| Job title: | Outreach officer | Email: | jane.sperinck@nottingham.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

A full fee waiver in the first year of study is available to care leavers with a household income of £25,000 (or below) and a £3,000 fee waiver for each subsequent year if household income remains under £25,000 as part of our National Scholarship Programme (2014 entrants).

Care leavers under the age of 25 on entry, who are currently or who have been in care (for a minimum of 3 months), will also receive the 'Nottingham Potential Bursary' of £1,000 and the 'Nottingham Core Bursary' of £3,000 per year.

Further information

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| <p>Our support package for care leaver applicants includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - special consideration in the admissions process. Care leavers are more likely to receive an offer and we may ask for slightly lower grades. - additional financial support and a pre-entry meeting with one of our financial support team to explain the financial support available. - access to 365 day university accommodation and support in finding accommodation. - a pre-entry meeting with our care leavers' mentor or someone from the department in which you will be studying, for which we can cover travel costs. - additional welcome activities for freshers. - ongoing support throughout your studies from our care leavers' mentor. | <p>We are here:</p> |
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The University Of Sheffield.

The University of Sheffield

Website: www.sheffield.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/student/care

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kathryn Axon | Phone: | 0114 222 1378 |
| Job title: | Senior student support officer | Email: | k.axon@sheffield.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a financial support package to care leavers that includes a first year tuition fee waiver, a cash bursary of £1,600 per year and a further financial support award of £1,000 per year.

We also administer the HSBC scholarship where five care leavers receive a fee waiver for the duration of a three or four year course and a £1,000 cash payment for those three or four years. The HSBC scholarship recipients also receive the £1,600 cash bursary each year.

Further information

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| <p>Care experienced students who register with us will be contacted by a dedicated support worker at the start of the academic year and are encouraged to access a range of financial and pastoral support.</p> <p>With the introduction of increased fees, the university now provides care leavers with a fee waiver worth £9,000 for the first year of their study.</p> <p>We work all year on raising aspiration and attainment projects in order to encourage local looked after children to consider further and higher education. Our work has received the Buttle UK quality mark for our commitment to supporting students from care.</p> <p>For further details of the support we have for care experienced young people please see our dedicated web pages.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Warwick

Website: www.warwick.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Claire Edden | Phone: | 02476 150 612 |
| Job title: | Outreach officer | Email: | c.l.g.edden@warwick.ac.uk |

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Students whose income is less than £25,000 per year will receive a Warwick National Scholarship in the form of a university accommodation discount or tuition fee waiver of up to £2,000 and a 'Warwick Bursary' of £1,000 to help with study related costs. Full details of Warwick's undergraduate national scholarship and bursary programme for 2014 / 15 entry can be found at www.warwick.ac.uk/warwickusb.

Further information

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| <p>The Access to Learning Fund provides additional financial assistance for students experiencing financial difficulties. Students eligible for the 'Warwick Foyer Bursary' who need further financial support will be considered a priority for funding from the Access to Learning Fund.</p> <p>Care leavers or residents in a foyer or students in receipt of housing benefit and / or income support under the age of 19 whilst in continuous full-time education will receive a £1,000 'Warwick foyer Bursary' for each year of their study, including post graduate study.</p> <p>Students are also offered a one to one appointment with a Student Funding Adviser to ensure they are receiving their full funding entitlement and have the opportunity to continue with this support throughout their university career.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Winchester

Website: www.winchester.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1d1Pyk0

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Terri Sandison | Phone: | 01962 827 225 |
| Job title: | Director of lifelong learning | Email: | terri.sandison@winchester.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

In addition to all other bursaries and scholarships to which students are entitled, care leavers receive an annual 'King Alfred Scholarship' of £2,000 per year of study, plus an additional £1,000 on completion of study. Those moving into on-campus halls of residence receive a catering card worth £75 on arrival to use in university food outlets.
 Care leavers are actively encouraged to become H.E. ambassadors, carrying out paid work with our outreach team, especially on our programmes for children in care.

Further information

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| <p>Details of our 'Sanctuary Award' (for care leavers who have sought asylum in the UK and who do not have access to government tuition fee loans, or maintenance grants or loans due to their status as 'overseas' students), are available at bit.ly/1e1pz7.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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Trinity Laban

Website: www.trinitylaban.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Dr Dave Dowland | Phone: | 020 8305 9417 |
| Job title: | Registrar | Email: | d.dowland@trinitylaban.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | X | Named officer for care leavers? | X |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | X |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | X |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | X | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | X |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | X | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | X |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | X | Financial advice provided? | X |

We have a range of scholarships and bursaries available for students, including care leavers.

More information can be found at

www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/student-experience/fees-finance/music-fees-funding/funding.

Further information

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| <p>We offer all applicants a relatively high level of personal attention through the emphasis on individual audition.</p> <p>We don't presently have dedicated support at higher education level for care leavers, but are interested to consider the development of such support. In the meantime, we warmly welcome applications from care leavers. We have a range of support services for all students.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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Truro and Penwith College

Website: www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/higher-education

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Dan Collings | Phone: | 01872 267 148 |
| Job title: | H.E. student support | Email: | dancollings@truro-penwith.ac.uk |


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✗ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Further information

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University Campus Suffolk

Website: www.ucs.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1dsXnMI

Contact Details

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| Name: | Sian Hiskey | Phone: | 01473 338 330 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | s.hiskey2@ucs.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Students starting with us in September 2014, who have previously lived in care, are eligible to apply for a care leavers' bursary. Successful applicants will receive a £500 bursary in each year of study at University Campus Suffolk. 'Suffolk Students Catch 22' provide financial assistance including an education bursary, funding for accommodation out of term time, and income maintenance during term time.

The looked after children education support services (LACESS) also provides a laptop to use at university.

Further information

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| <p>Drop in events are available for those applying to university offering information, advice and guidance on the UCAS application, writing personal statements and student finance.</p> <p>Our link projects with LACESS and Catch 22 support more care leavers to access higher education. Campus visits are available and care leavers may be invited to attend family awareness days and summer schools.</p> <p>Our accommodation office helps any student looking for accommodation whilst studying, and our excellent student support service offers advice and guidance on accommodation, admissions, finance, childcare, learning difficulties and disabilities and study support.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University College London

Website: www.ucl.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.ucl.ac.uk/wp

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Lisa Schappert | Phone: | 020 7679 1365 |
| Job title: | Access manager | Email: | l.schappert@ucl.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✗ |

University College London undergraduate students who have lived in care may be eligible for the £1,000 a year (UCL's care leavers bursary) for the duration of their studies at UCL, subject to satisfactory academic progress. Care leavers would be eligible to apply for an Access to Learning Funding.

Full-time students with a household income equal to or less than £42,600 will receive a bursary based upon their term-time address via 'The UCL Undergraduate Bursary'/National Scholarship Programme.

Further information

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| <p>We welcome and encourage care leavers to apply to UCL. We offer events and activities giving you the opportunity to learn more about applying, studying and student life at UCL.</p> <p>We have the Buttle UK Quality Mark because of our commitment to support students who come from a care leaving background. Contact us if you have any questions about applying to and / or studying at UCL or if you'd like more information about our events and activities for school and college students.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University for the Creative Arts

Website: www.ucreative.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.community.ucreative.ac.uk/care-leavers

Contact Details

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| Name: | Tanya Perkins | Phone: | 01227 817 307 |
| Job title: | Specialist adviser | Email: | advicecant@ucreative.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are a priority group for all our discretionary funds, both higher education and further education. In 2013 / 14 care scholarships were available to care leavers. Students and carers should contact the designated member of staff at their preferred campus for more information on this and other funding opportunities.

Further information

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| <p>Each campus has a designated member of staff to support care leavers. They are part of a wider team offering information and support to students including disability support, counselling, learning support and careers.</p> | We are here: |
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University of Bath

Website: www.bath.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1h1h0Lg

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Andy Leahy | Phone: | 01225 385 538 |
| Job title: | Team leader (student services) | Email: | studentservices@bath.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Our funding package includes fee waivers, bursaries and scholarships available to care leavers (see www.bath.ac.uk/study/ug/funding).

In addition to the normal grants, loans, university fee waivers and bursaries, care leavers receive a £1,000 care leaver bursary paid each academic year to all care leavers who are under the age of 25.

Also a childcare grant up to £7,735 towards childcare for one child and up to £1,508 parents learning allowance are available.

Further information

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| <p>The University of Bath is committed to care leavers and encourages you to apply to the university. We can offer you support throughout the application process, during your time at the university and in finding graduate employment.</p> <p>During your time at the university we provide various types of support, including a care leavers' bursary, on top of any other fee waivers, bursaries and scholarships, support with accommodation and finding part-time employment while you study.</p> <p>To find out more about any subject you are interested in studying and the support that might be available to you at Bath, please get in touch with our named contact, Andy, who will be happy to help and advise.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Birmingham

Website: www.birmingham.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
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| Job title: | Assistant outreach officer | Email: | c.h.mcnicholl@bham.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are a priority group for the 'Chamberlain Award'. Currently, this is an award of £4,750 to fund accommodation if you choose to live in university owned halls or, if you choose to live elsewhere, a £3,000 tuition fee reduction or cash bursary.
 You will also have a prioritised application to the Access to Learning Fund, if required.
 Upon receipt of the student finance application, our funding office will contact you with a deadline for this funding.

Further information

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| <p>There are other bursaries available to enable students to undertake internships, work experience or overseas placements. Care leavers are prioritised for all funding sources. More information can be found on our website: www.birmingham.ac.uk/ugfunding.</p> <p>You will have a single point of contact for pre-entry support and guidance, and an ongoing point of contact throughout your time at university, including the offer of an initial guidance session with a designated advisor on your arrival. We will invite you to join our 'Access to Birmingham' induction day before the start of the main university welcome week.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Bolton

Website: www.bolton.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Karen Bentley | Phone: | 01204 903 497 |
| Job title: | Student funding advisor | Email: | studentfunding@bolton.ac.uk |

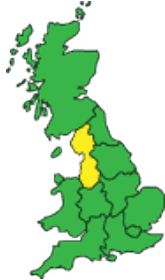
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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✗ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |
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University of Brighton

Website: www.brighton.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.brighton.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Michelle Tarling | Phone: | 01273 641 998 |
| Job title: | Widening participation officer | Email: | m.tarling@brighton.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Through the National Scholarship Programme, care leavers with a household income of less than £25,000 are entitled to £3,000 worth of financial support in the first year (£1,000 cash, £1,000 fee waiver and £1,000 uncredits).

Subsequently, care leavers will receive the care leavers' bursary of £1,000 from the second year.

Further information

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| <p>Care leavers will have access to a student support and guidance tutor who can help with any issues that arise throughout their study.</p> <p>Care leavers who apply for accommodation by the deadline (see www.brighton.ac.uk/accommodation) will be guaranteed a place in halls of residence.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Bristol

Website: www.bristol.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.bristol.ac.uk/study/teachers/support

Contact Details

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| Name: | Zoe Pither | Phone: | 0117 331 7550 |
| Job title: | Widening participation manager | Email: | zoe.pither@bristol.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

Funding

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a 'Unite' bursary and an 'HSBC' bursary. For both of these bursaries, priority is given to care leavers although other students are also eligible to apply. Further information about the 'Unite' bursary can be found at www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/fees/unite-bursary.html.

Although we do not offer specific identified support for asylum seekers, we offer support on a case by case basis which includes financial advice and advice on funding sources they can apply for.

Further information

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| <p>Zoe Pither provides personal adviser support to care leavers. This includes email and telephone support for students who have been offered a place; one to one and group meetings for new undergraduate students with the same personal adviser; a peer mentor from the 'student navigation network'.</p> <p>We also offer 52 week accommodation contracts in halls of residence; Unite bursaries for care leavers starting their first degree, which include rent free accommodation and a cash bursary; and liaison with social workers, teachers or other professionals if desired.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Cambridge

Website: www.cam.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.study.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/access/care/

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Claire Gardner | Phone: | 01223 766 872 |
| Job title: | Schools liaison officer | Email: | care@cao.cam.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers who have spent more than three months in care and have a household income of less than £25,000 are a priority group for the National Scholarship Programme. This is paid as a £6,000 fee waiver in the first year.
 The 'Cambridge' bursary is worth up to £3,500 a year and is available to students whose household income is £25,000 or less per year, and is to help with living costs.
 The Access to Learning Fund is a non-repayable fund which assists students in financial difficulty.

Further information

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| <p>The 'Realise' programme offers a number of outreach day events for children in care in school years 7 to 13. Events are free to attend, with all reasonable travel costs covered and meals provided. Accompanying adults and friends are also able to attend.</p> <p>The open days and events travel fund provides financial assistance for children in care and care leavers to attend other events at the university.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Chester

Website: www.chester.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.chester.ac.uk/campus-life/support-for-students/care-leavers

Contact Details

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|------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jamie Morris | Phone: | 01244 511 550 |
| Job title: | Student support project officer | Email: | jamie.morris@chester.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Our care leavers' bursary is available to new undergraduate students starting their programme of study in 2014. The scheme will normally provide care leavers with £7,000 of benefits over their three years of study.

The benefits will be given as part cash and part 'in kind' benefit. For more information on the care leavers' bursary, please contact Jamie Morris in student support and guidance by email (see above).

Further information

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| <p>We offer care leavers the opportunity to take part in our mentoring scheme. The scheme aims to help students in to university life and make the most of their time at Chester. For more information please contact Jamie Morris (see above).</p> | We are here: |
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University of Chichester

Website: www.chi.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.chi.ac.uk/student-life/how-we-will-support-you/care-leavers

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Dave Corcoran | Phone: | 01243 816 459 |
| Job title: | Care leavers' co-ordinator | Email: | clc@chi.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a care leavers' bursary of £1,000 a year. We also provide a support package for students on a low household income and students taking part in the National Scholarship Programme. This is £3,000 for 2014.

The Access to Learning Fund is additional support available to any student but care leavers are a priority group. Please contact us or visit our website for up to date information:

www.chi.ac.uk/student-life/fees-finance.

Further information

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| <p>We are in the process of applying for the Buttle UK Quality Mark. We are committed to offering extra support to those students who have been in local authority care. Our package offers financial, educational and emotional support to help them fulfill their potential.</p> <p>We will contact prospective students who are care leavers to determine how best we can support them and to provide details of our care leavers' package, which includes a bursary, 365 days accommodation (charged at current rate) and a dedicated student advisor. In addition, care leavers with an offer of a place are invited to a personal tour of the university where they are introduced to the support services available to them.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Derby

Website: www.derby.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/RQJhus

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kuldip Tatlah | Phone: | 01332 593 000 |
| Job title: | Health & wellbeing team co-ord. | Email: | studentwellbeing@derby.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are one of the priority groups for the National Scholarship Programme (NSP) which provides a £3,000 grant in year 1 and a £1,000 grant in years 2 and 3. The deadline for applications is 31/08/2014.

Care leavers can also apply to the Access to Learning Fund if they are in financial hardship. There is no deadline for this, the fund closes when fully allocated.

Further information

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| <p>We are in the process of applying for the Buttle Quality mark and aim to have this in place for the 2014 academic year. We can set up pre-entry meetings to discuss queries and provide assistance with completing relevant forms. We also provide individual campus tours where requested.</p> <p>Our care leaver mentors work individually with students from pre-entry stage through to the end of their course. We can put a plan in place to ensure students are helped to achieve what they want from their time at university. There is more general support available in relation to study skills as well as workshops aimed at maximising opportunities for success.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of East Anglia

Website: www.uea.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.uea.ac.uk/reach/lac

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Liz Ferguson | Phone: | 01603 591 960 |
| Job title: | Outreach officer | Email: | inclusion@uea.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We provide a dedicated care leavers' bursary of £3,000 a year to eligible students. The Access to Learning Fund is also available to students in financial hardship (subject to assessment of need).

There are a range of scholarships on offer which are awarded to students who achieve well academically.

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| <p>We are committed to encouraging and supporting care leavers to progress to higher education. We welcome looked after children and care leavers at outreach activities such as residential summer schools and taster visits to the university campus. We can also arrange student shadowing opportunities. For care leavers who choose to study with us, the university provides a range of services to help them achieve their academic and personal goals.</p> <p>Pre-application guidance is available to all of our enquirers, and careers advice and post-graduation support is offered to all students.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of East London

Website: www.uel.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/lflLXL

Contact Details

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| Name: | Priya Clarke | Phone: | 020 8223 7467 |
| Job title: | Lead partnership officer | Email: | p.clarke@uel.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers and foyer bursary - this bursary is an award for a minimum of £1,000 a year for a full-time undergraduate student, who is under 25 at the start of the course. The bursary is offered to students who are in foyer accommodation or care and are eligible for Student Finance England funding.

The bursary is paid in two instalments and can be used for accommodation or on course costs as they are incurred. Visit www.uel.ac.uk/careleavers for details.

Further information

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| <p>We are proud to offer a holistic approach to supporting care leavers to progress to university. We have dedicated staff to help guide students from considering an application to completing your degree.</p> <p>For further information please visit our care leaver website: www.uel.ac.uk/careleavers and download our 'Care leaver into UEL' booklet.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Essex

Website: www.essex.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Nicola Wood | Phone: | 01702 328 238 |
| Job title: | Education outreach officer | Email: | nicolaw@essex.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We have a comprehensive package of bursaries and scholarships to ensure we are accessible to all students. This includes our National Scholarship Programme bursary which enables self-supporting students or those from low income families to come to university. The total value of the award is £4,500 for 2014.

Care leavers' bursaries and refugee bursaries of up to £1,000 are available. Please refer to our website for the latest information: www.essex.ac.uk/studentfinance/ug/scholarships_and_bursaries.aspx.

Further information

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| <p>We have strong links with schools and local authorities and young people in care are a priority group for outreach, which includes campus visits and work with carers: www.essex.ac.uk/outreach.</p> <p>Student support offers confidential advice and information on many welfare issues and provides support to disabled students. Contact Claire Harrington, welfare adviser: www.essex.ac.uk/stdsup. Accommodation on campus - standard lettings include the Christmas and Easter holidays so there is no need to vacate the room over these periods. Students can also apply for accommodation over the summer: www.essex.ac.uk/accommodation. You can also email our student union at vpwelfare@essex.ac.uk.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Exeter

Website: www.exeter.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: <http://bit.ly/Rn18Zw>

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Liz Murphy | Phone: | 01392 723 034 |
| Job title: | Head of student support services | Email: | e.murphy@exeter.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Full fee waiver, and care leavers bursary for help with vacation accommodation costs for care leavers who meet the criteria defined in the Children (Leaving Care) Act.

Further information

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| | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

University of Gloucestershire

Website: www.glos.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1bGujA5

Contact Details

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| Name: | Lynn Rushmer | Phone: | 01242 715 374 |
| Job title: | Student services manager | Email: | lrushmer@glos.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

In 2014 / 15, we will be offering 20 scholarships of up to £13,500 a year to students who have been in care of the local authority for a period of 13 weeks or more, spanning their 16th birthday.

The care leavers' scholarship consists of a full fee waiver plus up to £4,500 a year towards discounted halls of residence fees or as cash support for general living and study costs, determined upon interview.

Further information

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| <p>Our named contact will meet with you before you start your course, or as early as possible after term begins. This meeting will plan ahead so that any support requirements can be put in place to provide a smooth transition to university.</p> <p>Regardless of any support requirements, the named contact will meet with you each semester to check on progression and wellbeing.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



University of Greenwich

Website: www.gre.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www2.gre.ac.uk/students/care-leavers

Contact Details

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| Name: | Will Calver | Phone: | 020 8331 9282 |
| Job title: | Access and partnerships manager | Email: | w.calver@gre.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leaver bursary (year 1, 2 and 3: £1,000 cash). National Scholarship Programme (£2,000 fee waiver and £1,000 credited to an 'Aspire@Greenwich' card in year 1 of study, and £1,000 fee waiver in years 2 and 3 subject to satisfactory progression). Access to Learning Fund (amount varies dependent upon individual circumstances). For more information on scholarships and bursaries, visit www2.gre.ac.uk/current-students/student-finance/bursaries, call us on 020 8331 8055 or email fab@gre.ac.uk.

Further information

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| <p>We offer progression support and advice to care leavers; assisting them through the transition to sixth form, college and UCAS process to enter university.</p> <p>Advocacy on behalf of care leavers to access support from other agencies.</p> <p>We have a specific summer school for care leavers, taster days and individual visits by arrangement.</p> <p>Support for the cost of open day visits and interviews for care leavers from Kent, Medway and the London boroughs.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information

University of Hertfordshire

Website: www.herts.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1bqxKs0

Contact Details

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| Name: | Lindsey Rigby | Phone: | 01707 281 307 |
| Job title: | Outreach manager | Email: | l.rigby@herts.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers who meet the national criteria will be automatically entitled to the National Scholarship Programme. This involves £6,000 of support spread over three years of study, of which £1,000 is a tuition fee waiver. This offer also includes access to a mentor who can offer support with settling in and study skills. Care leavers can also apply for a specific bursary in the spring term to help with accommodation costs over summer.

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| <p>We run residential summer schools to prepare care leavers for the university experience. We also have a network of current students who are care leavers who meet regularly to socialise with one another and welcome new care leavers to the university.</p> <p>Support is also available when care leavers move in to halls, we can take you to the nearest supermarket and show you around campus.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Huddersfield

Website: www.hud.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.hud.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/careleavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Wellbeing team & Ruth Lomas | Phone: | 01484 472 675 |
| Job title: | Welfare advisers | Email: | studentwellbeing@hud.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

A £2,000 care leaver bursary, £3,000 deduction from first years tuition fees and priority to the Access to Learning Fund.

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University of Hull

Website: www.hull.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1cofCQT

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jane McLocklan | Phone: | 01482 463 022 |
| Job title: | Family assessment unit | Email: | j.mclocklan@hull.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✗ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We have a care leavers' grant available, worth £3,000 a year for three years. We also have scholarship and bursary schemes available to care leavers who meet the eligibility criteria. All care leavers may apply to the Access to Learning Fund / university hardship funds.

Further information

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| <p>Bespoke visits to the university can be arranged. Admission advisers are able to help care leavers and looked after children to fully understand their higher education options.</p> <p>A dedicated H.E. finance adviser can offer financial information advice and guidance to looked after children and care leavers.</p> <p>We welcome requests from local authorities' care services to support care leavers in their transition to higher education. Undergraduate mentors support looked after children in North Yorkshire. Advice on budgeting is available for care leavers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Kent

Website: www.kent.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.kent.ac.uk/ems/care-leavers.html

Contact Details

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|------------|-----------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Tim Hailwood | Phone: | 01227 824 590 |
| Job title: | Care leaver support co-ord. | Email: | t.j.hailwood@kent.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Details of the Kent financial support package are available at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/fees/2014/funding.html. Our 'Kent care leavers' package means care leavers can apply for: a laptop, £250 of Argos vouchers, up to £100 of university sports centre club and / or society membership. The Access to Learning Fund is a hardship fund awarded to current students in financial difficulty. It is non-repayable and care leavers are a priority group.

Further information

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| <p>We welcome applications from care leavers. Please visit our dedicated website as a starting point: www.kent.ac.uk/ems/care-leavers.html. If you have any questions at all then please feel free to contact Tim at t.j.hailwood@kent.ac.uk. An overview of our financial support can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/funding/undergraduate/fees/2014/funding.html. The university participates in Article 26, and offers a tuition fee bursary and grant for one asylum seeking student per year. Please see further information here: www.hkf.org.uk/hkf-awards/article-26-awards-1.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Leeds

Website: www.leeds.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.leeds.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Helen Sykes | Phone: | 0113 343 2525 |
| Job title: | Scholarships officer | Email: | h.v.sykes@adm.leeds.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Many care leavers who meet the eligibility criteria for our automatic 'Leeds Financial Support' receive the highest level of this means-tested funding. No separate application is required for this.

Care leavers are also a priority group to receive funding through our non-automatic means-tested scholarships, though these are competitive awards which are limited in number and require a separate application to be submitted by the relevant pre-entry deadline.

Further information

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| <p>Students who have experience of being in care are one of the target groups for our initiatives, such as 'Reach for Excellence' and 'Access to Leeds', which are aimed at supporting students who have the talent to succeed.</p> <p>'Access to Leeds' is the university's admissions scheme which guarantees special consideration for applicants whose personal circumstances have affected their ability to demonstrate talent and potential through their grades alone. More information on these projects is available through our dedicated website for care leavers (see above).</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Leicester

Website: www.le.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: www.le.ac.uk/offices/ssds/welfare/finance/care-leavers-1

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Adrian Gascoigne | Phone: | 0116 223 1185 |
| Job title: | Student welfare officer | Email: | asg19@le.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Our care leavers' bursary provides £1,500 per year of full-time, undergraduate study. Students are contacted before starting their course to apply. The bursary is non-repayable.
 New, full time, undergraduate students for 2013-14 who are care leavers are entitled to University of Leicester National Scholarship. £1,000 cash and £2,000 towards tuition fees per year of study.
 Full time students aged under 25 and assessed as independent by SFE can apply for Summer Vacation Award" (2013 - 14 £819). Access to Learning hardship fund via student welfare.

Further information

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| <p>We offer a care leavers' bursary worth £1,500 per year of undergraduate study, can provide 52 week accommodation and our named contact can give individual advice on finance and accommodation. If you are an asylum seeker, please contact us for advice about eligibility for support. We offer free places for year 11+ students on our 'University Experience Summer School' each July. We also offer student shadowing, taster courses, campus visits, goal setting workshops and UCAS sessions. University students with care experience can work as paid mentors on our outreach activities with young people in care. We also run training sessions and have a 'Uni-Care Connect' e-zine for care professionals / careers advisers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Lincoln

Website: www.lincoln.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.lincoln.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Tia Saunders | Phone: | 01522 886 440 |
| Job title: | Schools and colleges liaison | Email: | tsaunders@lincoln.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer the 'Blackburn Bursary', which is for care leavers only. Our hardship fund is also available to care leavers if applicable. In addition, the 'Lincoln support package' - and various scholarships - are available to any student at the university who qualifies. Full details on all funding available can be found at www.lincoln.ac.uk/feesandfunding.

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University of Northampton

Website: www.northampton.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/l3tnwc

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Jenny Dunstall | Phone: | 01604 892 252 |
| Job title: | Deputy head of student services | Email: | jenny.dunstall@northampton.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The University of Northampton 'Foyer Bursary' is available to care leaver and foyer students only and is not means tested.

The 2013 / 14 bursary is £1,000, but please check the web page for the latest information or contact the financial guidance team in student services who administer the bursary.

Further information

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| <p>The University of Northampton does not offer discreet care leaver outreach but does try to ensure that all relevant children are included in the open days for local schools.</p> <p>For application assistance please contact the named member of staff who will liaise with admissions and help you through the process.</p> <p>The University of Northampton welcomes direct enquiries from care leavers, care providers and the professionals who support care leavers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Oxford

Website: www.ox.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.ox.ac.uk/students/shw/careleavers/

Contact Details

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|------------|-------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sian Renwick | Phone: | 01865 270 123 |
| Job title: | Outreach policy officer | Email: | sian.renwick@admin.ox.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are a priority group for the 'Moritz-Heyman' scholarship programme, which provides a combined fee reduction and bursary worth £11,000 each year. Please check our finance website for specific details on the support packages: www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/student_funding/student_funding_1.html or email student.funding@admin.ox.ac.uk. We strongly recommend that you declare your care background early (ideally though UCAS) so that we can support you properly.

Further information

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| Financial support may also be available to help prospective applicants with the cost of attending our open days. | We are here: |
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University of Portsmouth

Website: www.port.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.port.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Trish Nicolaides | Phone: | 02392 842 710 |
| Job title: | Post 16 manager | Email: | careleavers@port.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer an additional £1,550 care leavers' bursary per year (rising to £1,600 in 2014 / 2015) for eligible care leavers and foyer residents. All funds are subject to availability and are based on students meeting the eligibility criteria.

Further information

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| <p>The education liaison and outreach team are committed to ensuring those leaving care are supported in their application to H.E. and throughout their time at university.</p> <p>The university works to ensure that all its aspiration raising activities are accessible for those in care and works closely with local universities as part of the 'We Care' partnership. The university offers an additional care leavers' bursary for eligible students and provides a personal support finance adviser who is on hand to provide support and guidance on personal funding needs.</p> <p>We offer a guaranteed place in a hall of residence to care leavers for three years, which includes Christmas and Easter breaks.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Reading

Website: www.reading.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Ben Churchill | Phone: | 0118 378 6145 |
| Job title: | Recruitment and access officer | Email: | b.churchill@reading.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

National Scholarship Programme - care leavers are a priority group. Students can apply on receipt of their offer from Reading. It is worth up to £3,000. Access to Learning Funding - care leavers are a priority group. Apply by 30 June 2015. It is worth up to £3,500. Other bursaries / scholarships - care leavers are a priority group. No deadline for applications (students should record care leaver status on their application). It is worth up to £1,000 in year 1, £500 in years 2 and 3. Contact: helpdesk@reading.ac.uk.

Further information

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| <p>We are currently working with Buttle UK to gain the quality mark and aim to achieve this in early 2014. Care leaver alumni bursaries are available to students meeting the University of Reading's care leaver criteria. The bursaries are worth up to £1,000 in year 1, £500 in years 2 and 3.</p> <p>Pre entry information and advice is available through the university's outreach team at outreach@reading.ac.uk. All students who declare that they are a care leaver on their UCAS application will be contacted by a dedicated member of the university's admissions team.</p> <p>A dedicated area of our website is under construction to provide further information for care leavers.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Roehampton

Website: www.roehampton.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|----------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Anne Philpott | Phone: | 020 8392 3824 |
| Job title: | Schools and colleges partnership | Email: | a.philpott@roehampton.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers can apply to the Access to Learning Fund. This funding is promoted to all enrolled students who identify themselves as care leavers.

Further information

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| <p>Once students enrol at the university, if they have identified themselves as care leavers (usually on their UCAS application form) they will be contacted and offered support from a dedicated student welfare officer.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Salford

Website: www.salford.ac.uk
Care leavers' website: www.advice.salford.ac.uk/page/careleaver

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Alex Camm | Phone: | 0161 295 6359 |
| Job title: | Care leaver co-ordinator | Email: | a.camm@salford.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The new 'Salford Advantage Fund' has three strands, and one is specifically for care leavers. This is £1,000 a year cash (£3,000 total).

Care leavers are also prioritised for the National Scholarship Programme bursary if you live in Greater Manchester, which is another £1,000 a year, plus £3,000 off your fees in the first year.

You also have priority to Access to Learning Fund and hardship loans in emergencies. For info, closing dates and help applying to all of these contact Alex Camm or check out the website.

Further information

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| <p>We pride ourselves on being a friendly accessible university where our staff understand the issues that you may face. While deciding if university is right for you we run many events, often in collaboration with other universities and local authorities, to ensure you have all the information you need.</p> <p>We have set up a mentoring scheme where year 7+ children are allocated a university student as a 'buddy', often a care leaver themselves, to guide you to a successful career. We also run pre entry courses - check out our website for details. Whilst you are here we provide flexible accommodation contracts and individual one to one support tailored to your needs. No matter what it is, just ask.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Southampton

Website: www.southampton.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/17XoBgr

Contact Details

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|------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Kirsten Wythe | Phone: | 023 8059 8737 |
| Job title: | Access and partnership officer | Email: | k.wythe@soton.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Undergraduate care leavers' bursary: An annual £2,000 bursary, paid in two instalments - October and June.

Postgraduate care leavers' bursary: For 2013 / 14 - £2,000 for University of Southampton alumni and £1,000 for all other students. A fee waiver / bursary of £3,000 is available to all students with a household income of £16,000 and less who are paying the full £9,000 fees. Students are also able to apply for support from the hardship support fund.

Further information

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| <p>Bespoke visits for care leavers can be arranged. These visits will provide students with the opportunity to find out more about the subject they are interested in studying and the support available to care leavers at Southampton.</p> <p>Online mentoring support is also available. For more information, please contact Kirsten Wythe, k.wythe@soton.ac.uk.</p> <p>Care leavers may also be eligible to apply for the 'Access to Southampton' scheme, which offers successful students an alternative offer and a £1,000 bursary. For more information: www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of St Mark & St John

Website: www.marjon.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

| | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Sue Burns | Phone: | 01752 636 891 ext. 5534 |
| Job title: | Finance & welfare co-ord. | Email: | sburns@marjon.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✗ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers are allocated extra points for the National Scholarship Programme, visit our website for further details.

Access to Learning Fund - no deadline, amounts awarded are variable.

Bursary for care leavers - up to £1,000 per year.

Further information

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| We can provide budgeting advice and a 'buddy' as appropriate. | We are here: |
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University of Sunderland

Website: www.sunderland.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.sunderland.ac.uk/careleavers

Contact Details

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| Name: | Megan Lunn | Phone: | 0191 515 2801 |
| Job title: | Care leaver contact | Email: | care.contact@sunderland.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

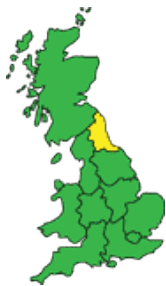
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We offer a £1,500 per year care leaver scholarship.

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| <p>We offer support finding accommodation all year round or storage of your belongings over the summer if you prefer. We also offer help moving in and guided tours of the local area.</p> <p>The team will support care leavers thinking about higher education or preparing for life after university. This includes liaison with support workers, local authorities, parents / carers and signposting to other student support services i.e. finance, child care, counseling.</p> <p>We run 'Choices Together' offering activities to young people in years 10 and 11. If you're in years 12 and 13 you can book tours, request a buddy for open days and get access to other activities.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Surrey

Website: www.surrey.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/KZ500y

Contact Details

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| Job title: | Widening participation co-ord. | Email: | s.linington@surrey.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

The University of Surrey offers a guaranteed minimum bursary of £1,000, subject to certain criteria. This may be topped-up through the National Scholarship Programme to a maximum of £3,000 (cash award and tuition fee waiver or accommodation discount). There are a number of merit-based scholarships, whereby eligible students achieving certain grades will receive an additional financial award. Full details of the bursaries and scholarships are available at: www.surrey.ac.uk/undergraduate/discover/fees/.

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| <p>The 'Student Personal Learning and Study Hub' (SPLASH) offers dedicated pre-entry study skills support. Specific personal support can be put in place throughout the duration of the course.</p> <p>Upon arrival the acting director of student support services will be the main point of contact to ensure the co-ordination of this support.</p> <p>Each care leaver living on campus is allocated a mentor who can provide one to one support. The university also has a 'Compact Scheme' (In2Surrey) through which qualifying students may be made a reduced course offer (typically one A level grade or equivalent) and may be entitled to a further cash award. Care leavers are one of the named beneficiaries within this scheme.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
| <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | |



University of Sussex

Website: www.sussex.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/WsLGQD

Contact Details

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| Job title: | Care leavers co-ordinator | Email: | c.nairn@sussex.ac.uk |

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers will receive a cash award of £3,000 every year and are also eligible for a £500 study grant in their first year.

Further information

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| We have named members of staff in the 'Student Life Centre' and 'Employability Centre' to support care leavers. We can also guarantee accommodation for care leavers during the whole of their time at university. | We are here: |
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University of the Arts London

Website: www.arts.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/1dypSbH

Contact Details

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| Name: | Maria Oliver | Phone: | 020 7514 8506 |
| Job title: | Widening participation co-ord. | Email: | m.b.oliver@arts.ac.uk |

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Care leavers have specific bursaries paid to them and are a specified priority group for all university funds that are not based on academic merit.

Further information

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| <p>We offer travel expenses to attend interviews and open days to all students who have been in care. If you are offered a place and have declared on your UCAS form that you have been in care, we will contact you before the start of your course, to tell you about the support we offer.</p> <p>We can arrange a meeting with your course tutor before you start, to talk about any concerns you may have, and this can include your personal adviser or social worker.</p> <p>We will also contact you throughout your course to make sure everything is going well. There are opportunities to work as student ambassadors so you can use your experience to help young people who are in care who want to study at university.</p> | <p>REMEMBER: it is always best to get in touch with the institution using the contact details above to get the most up-to-date information</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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The University of the West of England

Website: www.uwe.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: bit.ly/17yf276

Contact Details

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| Name: | Kate White | Phone: | 0117 328 5678 |
| Job title: | Head of advice service | Email: | kate.white@uwe.ac.uk |

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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Care leavers of any age are a priority for the National Scholarship Programme. Alternatively, a guaranteed University of the West of England care leavers' bursary of between £1,000 and £3,000 per year is available in 2014. This does not have to be repaid. For those care experienced students who do not qualify for the National Scholarship Programme (for example if you study on an NHS-funded course) additional support will be available from the university's learners support fund.

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| <p>Care experienced applicants will be contacted by the dedicated student adviser before the start of their studies to organise their financial and pastoral support.</p> <p>Alternatively, students can contact the pre-entry funding hotline (0117 328 5432) open every morning between 09:30 and 12:00 and on Wednesdays between 10:00 and 16:00.</p> <p>Applicants are offered travel expenses to attend open days and interviews. Students are offered opportunities to be trained as student ambassadors and be paid to work on summer schools and events for young people in care or leaving care.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of West London

Website: www.uwl.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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|------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
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| Job title: | Schools and colleges officer | Email: | amadea.afful@uwl.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |


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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We offer a number of scholarships and bursaries for both current and prospective students. For further information please visit www.uwl.ac.uk/scholarships.

Care leavers are also able to apply for the care leaver foyer bursary as well as having priority access to the National Scholarship Programme and to the Access to Learning Fund.

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| <p>Mentoring service: having a mentor is one of the best ways to acclimatise to university life and maximise your student experience, academically and socially. If you request a mentor, you will be paired with a student mentor who will be able to provide ongoing support through regular meetings. They can share their experience of university life and their course to help you gain a greater understanding of what's required.</p> <p>Students can access our careers and employment service for up to three years after graduating. For information about the full range of support available for students please visit www.uwl.ac.uk/students, or email onestopshop@uwl.ac.uk.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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University of Westminster

Website: www.westminster.ac.uk

Care leavers' website: bit.ly/SbzcrS

Contact Details

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| Job title: | Care leaver co-ordinator | Email: | s.line@westminster.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

University care leavers' bursary: £750 per academic year. Apply through student funding department for this bursary.

We have one university asylum seeker full fee award. Apply through the scholarship office.
 University Access to Learning Fund - award up to £3,000 per academic year. The deadline for this is 30/03/14. Apply for this through the student funding department.

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| <p>We offer: priority accommodation for care leavers all year round and for the duration of the course, additional tutorial support when required, counselling and mentoring support and disability learning support.</p> <p>We also provide designated support from the career development centre. Our financial capability adviser assists with financial and budgeting issues and our academic learning development centre offers tutorials and workshops.</p> <p>We offer pre-arrival information and advice and support during your studies. Our care leaver co-ordinator and care leaver adviser offer advice, information and support on a range of issues.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of Wolverhampton

Website: www.wlv.ac.uk
Care leavers' website: www.wlv.ac.uk/care

Contact Details

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| Job title: | Head of student experience | Email: | k.jones@wlv.ac.uk |

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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✓ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

We provide the National Scholarship Programme (NSP) for care leavers.

We also provide a care leavers' bursary for subsequent years and for those not eligible for NSP.

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| <p>We provide: pre entry advice, personalised signposting to student support, a mentoring scheme and access to online mentoring support.</p> <p>We run specialist workshops and other events and give care leavers priority for intensive outreach activities like summer schools or mentoring programmes. We run university visits for looked after children from partner schools and colleges.</p> <p>We run residentials to promote independent living and university visits for looked after children or care leavers to raise aspirations. We also run events for foster carers to enhance their knowledge about university so they can discuss it as an option with the young people in their care. We run a 'step-up' module for looked after children and care leavers to try university.</p> | <p>We are here:</p> |
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University of York

Website: www.york.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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| Name: | Jill Ellis | Phone: | 01904 324 140 |
| Job title: | Deputy director student services | Email: | jill.ellis@york.ac.uk |

Checklist of support

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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

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Walsall College

Website: www.walsallcollege.ac.uk

Care leavers' website:

Contact Details

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| Name: | Carol Egan | Phone: | 01922 657 000 |
| Job title: | Student journey manager | Email: | cegan@walsallcollege.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✗ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✗ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | N/A |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✗ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✗ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

Please call us or check our website for further information.

Further information

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| <p>We provide pre-entry, on programme and exit support for care leavers. We offer impartial guidance, supporting young people to access the right course and then support you with your progression options. Various types of financial support are available, including Access to Learning Funding and the new 'Student Trust'. If you've accessed all other funding, those in greatest need can apply to the 'Student Trust' for funds to study at college.</p> <p>We operate a 'Working Together Agreement' with the Walsall transition and leaving care service. This is aimed at increasing the rates of participation and raising the attainment of young people who are looked after or who are leaving care.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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York St John University

Website: www.yorksja.ac.uk
 Care leavers' website: www.yorksja.ac.uk/care-leavers/care-leavers.aspx

Contact Details

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|------------|---------------------|--------|--|
| Name: | Anna Herbert | Phone: | 01904 876 408 |
| Job title: | Care leaver contact | Email: | careleavers@yorksja.ac.uk |

Checklist of support


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| Website for care leavers? | ✓ | Named officer for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Outreach support or activities provided? | ✓ | Careers and postgraduate support? | ✓ |
| Pre-application help? | ✓ | 365 days accommodation? | ✓ |
| Contact made with offer holders to give information about support available? | ✓ | If no, support to find 365 day accommodation? | ✓ |

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| Additional funding that care leavers can apply for? | ✓ | Specific additional funding for care leavers? | ✓ |
| Support for asylum seekers and those with discretionary leave to remain in the UK? | ✗ | Financial advice provided? | ✓ |

York St John offers a care leaver bursary or a foyer bursary and information on how to access other funds.

Further information

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| <p>If you are thinking about university, we can arrange visit days for you and your carer or a key worker. We provide information, advice and guidance about going to university and what you can study.</p> <p>We also offer writing support for UCAS applications. If you choose to come to York St John we can arrange 52 week accommodation. We link you with a dedicated member of staff to help you settle in and help you succeed. We also give advice and guidance with finance, careers, writing development, counselling and disability services.</p> | <p>We are here:</p>  |
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| Admissions | Admissions is the process where you choose where you'd like to study and institutions decide who to offer a place to. There are usually teams of people at each institution to help you through the process. If you have any questions then you should always ask them by using the named contact listed on the institution's handbook page. |
| Article 26 | This is a specific project run by the Helena Kennedy Foundation. They provide support for asylum seekers at certain universities, you can find out more about the project at: www.hkf.org.uk/hkf-awards/article-26-awards-1 . |
| Bespoke | This means support or projects which are designed just for you. |
| Campus | The place where university buildings are based. Sometimes this is an out of town space, but some places have campuses in town too. |
| Clearing | This is the process of finding a university place if you didn't get the grades you expected (whether they were higher or lower). You can find out more about clearing at www.ucas.com/students/nextsteps/clearing/ . |
| Collegiate | This simply means a university that is made up of several different colleges. Colleges are not just halls of residence; they also have a responsibility in running the university. |
| Compact scheme | Compact schemes are arrangements between institutions, schools and colleges. They are schemes that aim to remove or break down barriers for particular groups of students. For some schemes this means a promise that applications will be carefully and sympathetically considered, for others it means you could get a lower offer if you take part in some form of additional learning. These schemes can be really helpful as they give people who have lots of potential, but do not have formal qualifications to match, a chance to get into higher education. |
| Counselling | You might want someone to talk to or someone to help you deal with your problems. Institutions can offer a counselling service which offers you this support. |
| Educational psychologists | Educational psychologists work with people to assess how you learn and if you have any problems. They then suggest a range of different approaches (different learning aids or ways of studying) to help you get the most out of your time in higher education. |
| Emergency bridging loans | These are short term loans to help if you face an emergency which leaves you short of cash. These are just a short term measure that is designed to keep you afloat. You should not rely on these loans and you have to pay them back. |
| Foyer | Foyers are places where young people live, a bit like a hostel, often while receiving support from support workers to help them get ready to live independently. You can usually stay there for nine months to a year. |
| Halls of residence | These are buildings owned by institutions where students can live. They range from traditional blocks with long corridors of rooms and catering on site, to self-contained self-catering flats. |
| Means-testing | This is a process which decides how much money you are entitled to from certain schemes. It usually involves asking details about your current income, bank balance and savings. Institutions use this to make sure that the people who have the least money receive the most help. |

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| Mentoring | Having someone who knows the ropes can be really helpful. Lots of institutions run mentoring programmes which link you up with someone who has experience of university (often someone in the second or third year) and sometimes they have care experience too. They can help you understand what is going on, offer advice or just be a friendly person to have a chat with. |
| Named contact | This is a person in the institution who is responsible for working with care leavers. See the introduction of the handbook for more information. |
| National Scholarship Programme | This funding is available from some universities, and must be provided by those institutions who charge more than £6,000 a year in tuition fees. You can find out more about it in the introduction. |
| Open days | These are specific days when institutions throw open their doors to potential students. You can have a look around, get a feel for what a place is like, meet some tutors and students and ask lots of questions. With so many places offering higher education, this can be a great way to find a place you feel comfortable in. |
| Outreach events | These are specific events designed to attract people to higher education who have not traditionally gone. With only 6% of care leavers going to higher education at 19 there are a lot of programmes designed specifically for you. |
| Private sector accommodation | This is the other place people will stay while studying in higher education. They are houses and flats owned by private landlords. Often universities have housing offices which register landlords and can help you find somewhere to live. |
| Scholarship | This is funding that is available to certain people, which you do not have to pay back. It can be to reward people with really excellent skills or to encourage people who do not usually go into higher education to attend. |
| Student Finance England | This is the organisation that you apply to for financial support (including tuition fee loans and maintenance loans and grants) to study a course of higher education in the UK. |
| Student shadowing | If you're not sure what studying in higher education would be like, then some places offer you the opportunity to spend time with a student. You can go round with them all day and see what a lecture or seminar is like, check out the library and bar and ask them about life in higher education. |
| Study skills workshop | If you haven't been in education for a while or you feel like you could do with some extra help, these workshops provide an opportunity to practice the skills you need in higher education. They might help with writing an essay, conducting research or putting together a bibliography. These are great opportunities to hone your skills. |
| Summer schools | Summer schools take place over the summer holidays and give you a chance to put in a bit of extra study in a higher education setting. This could be when you're still at school to get a taste of life in higher education or after you've finished college to top on your knowledge before you start in higher education. |
| Taught year | For some funding schemes, money is only available for years when you are being taught at an institution – as opposed to a year abroad or on placement. |
| Transition support | Transition is the process of moving from one place to another, and while there is support out there, some universities may offer extra support during the first part of your time somewhere, to help you get settled in. |
| Tuition fee waivers | Some funding comes as cash, some comes as money off your accommodation and some of it comes as tuition fee waivers. This means that you will pay lower fees and have less to pay back when you finish your course. |



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