

How can I support my child to go to University?



How LEAPS supports Tynecastle students.



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Hazel Kinnear
Head Teacher



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LEAPS



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What is LEAPS?

- Supports students to access Higher Education
- Partnership between Scottish Government, Local Councils & the 5 Edinburgh Universities



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What does LEAPS provide?

- Tynecastle is a Tier 1+ School – **all** students supported in a number of ways:
- **Each** student gets 1:1 interview in S5 and S6
 - Advice and guidance
 - Support throughout the application process
- University Café – Reflection time for student to consider offers and decisions
- Activities and resources for the transition from school to university.



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More about LEAPS:

- website: www.leapsonline.org
- Email: leaps@ed.ac.uk



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Ross Rahimian
Pupil Support Leader - Dunvegan



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UCAS Application Process

- Pick up to 5 university courses
- Only 1 personal statement that covers all 5 course choices
- £25 administration fee to UCAS



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Plan it Plus Website

- Plan it plus website is a fantastic resource which narrows and simplifies searching for possible degree and college courses

- www.planitplus.net



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The screenshot shows the Planit Plus website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Careers', 'Courses', 'Schools', 'Apprenticeships', 'Job Seeking Skills', and 'Quick Links'. Below this, a search bar is visible with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Sign Up' and 'Sign In'. The main content area displays 'Courses : Medical Technology' with sub-categories 'Degree, DipHE and CertHE'. Below this, a message states '43 results found. Use the options below the course list to refine your search.' A table of search results is shown with columns for Course Name, Institution, Qualification, and Method.

Course Name	Institution	Qualification	Method
Biomedical Science (accredited by IBMS)	Abertay University	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Biomedical Sciences	Edinburgh Napier University	Degree BSc Hons	Part time (day)
Biomedical Sciences	Edinburgh Napier University	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Applied Biomedical Science/Biomedical Science (accredited by IBMS)	Glasgow Caledonian University	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Applied Bioscience	Robert Gordon University	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Biomedical Science and Applied Biomedical Science (accredited by IBMS)	Robert Gordon University	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy)	University of Aberdeen	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
Biomedical Sciences (Anatomy) with industrial placement	University of Aberdeen	Degree MSci	Full time
Biomedical Sciences (Developmental Biology)	University of Aberdeen	Degree BSc Hons	Full time
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UCAS support in PSE

- Personal statement support starts in S5
- Make use of guides and resources from a variety of sources including:
 - LEAPS
 - Skills Development Scotland
 - My World of Work
 - UCAS
- Sharing information on Open Days
- Link students to online guides like Plan It Plus



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Applying to University this year

- 28 September 2022
Personal Statement Review Lesson in PSE class
- 5 October 2022
Student's hand in first draft of Personal Statement
- 26 October 2022
Student's hand in second draft of Personal Statement
- 9 November 2022
Students ready to submit application to UCAS



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Megan Alexander
School Outreach Officer

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Student Life

University is different from school in many ways:

- Fewer contact hours
- More independent study
- Hundreds of societies and clubs to join and meet people with the same interests
- Variety of teaching styles
- Chance to move away from home



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Wellbeing & Support

- Mental Health Advisers available for short-term or informal help and talks
- Free counselling and CBT for students
- Edinburgh Nightline – free overnight non-judgemental listening for all students in Edinburgh



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Learning Supports



- All disabilities and barriers to learning will be taken into account.
- Any reasonable adjustments that are in place in school will be met or exceeded at university
e.g. extra time, coloured paper, physical accessibility in classrooms

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Academic Skills Support

- A range of workshops and online classes to help develop the skills required to complete work
- Academic skills advisers for informal, confidential assistance with anything from essay-writing to time management



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Financial Support



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- SAAS covers tuition fees and offers means-tested loans (repayable) and bursaries (non-repayable).
- Nursing courses: £10,000 NHS bursary.
- Universities offer numerous scholarships and bursaries.
- Hardship or Discretionary Fund for students in financial difficulty.



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Montaha Idris – Architecture

Maya Watson – Law



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