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University



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View of Lancaster City, Morecambe Bay and the Lake District

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The City of Lancaster is around three miles north of Lancaster University and easily accessible from campus by bus and bike.

Lancaster is a city with traditional charm and a modern outlook. A friendly student city called home by a diverse and welcoming community.



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*“You will be welcome here, Lancaster is full of students who are very social and fun to hang out with.”*

**Csenge Karl**  
**Cartmel College**



Castle Hill



Lancaster Town Hall overlooking Dalton Square



The Judge's Lodging

Cobbled streets and Georgian architecture



*"Lancaster was the perfect city for me mainly because it's rather small compared to other cities, and hence a lot less scary for someone trying to get their bearings, yet there is still a lot to do."*

**Maria Hill, Bowland College**

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# Heritage



Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

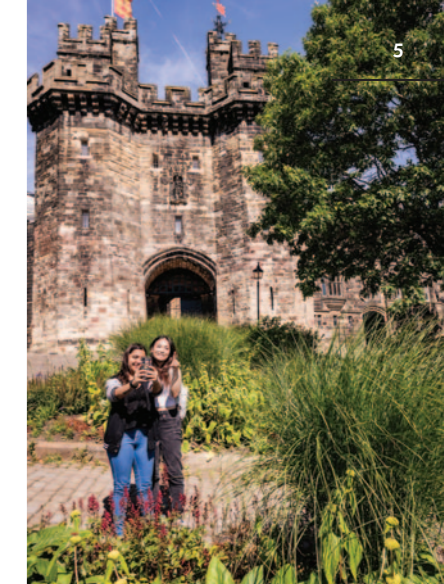
The City of Lancaster is a wonderful neighbour to campus. Its fascinating heritage and stunning architecture give student life an impressive setting. Whilst Lancaster Castle and the Ashton Memorial dominate the city's skyline, traditional cobbled streets and secret lanes offer old world character to explore.



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*"Exploring the city, I appreciated the vibrant yet compact streets, offering a unique sense of community. Despite being smaller than what I was used to (I'm from Mumbai), Lancaster quickly felt like home."*

**Lameeya Bandukwala,  
Grizedale College**



Lancaster Castle

Queen Victoria Memorial, Dalton Square





Atkinsons coffee roasters

*"I love to stay in one of the cafés and write or read for the entire day. A lot of the cafés are amazing and really comfortable."*

**Fuk Ching Wong,**  
Graduate College

Bubble tea at Tiam Tea café



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The Dukes Theatre and café bar

# Meet

Lancaster's coffee quarter has a long history; our primary roaster opened its doors in 1837. Alongside are a host of cafés depending on your mood. Relax in the vegan oasis of Herbarium, keep it cosy in Brew or hit some familiar favourites like Starbucks or Caffé Nero. Many cafés open late into the evening and offer space for music, comedy, gaming and more.



The Print Room café



The Herbarium café



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Atkinsons café at the castle



*"The Storey or Atkinsons has the best coffee. My favourite place for brunch is Journey Social."*

**Niamh Harrison,** Graduate College



Journey Social



The Herbarium café



Brew café



The Waterwitch pub

Journey Social is famous for brunch



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# Eat

A weekend-launching fry-up, grid-worthy brunch options, a cup of late-night coffee, a traditional Sunday roast, vegan treats. Lancaster has a plateful of options if you have the appetite.

*"Full House Noodle Bar is good because of the filling menu and welcoming atmosphere."*  
**Raven Trigo, Bowland College**



Nami Sushi



Nandos



The Castle Café

*"The Secret Bistro does the best Sunday roast in Lancaster and Casa Rastelli has amazing cakes."*  
**Csenge Karl, Cartmel College**



The Cornish Bakery



Pizza Margherita



Filbert's Bakery

*"Exploring the shops is always interesting and fun to do with friends."*

**Raven Trigo,  
Bowland College**

Vintage clothes shopping at the Assembly Rooms



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Unique stationery at Analog

# Browse

You'll find the big brands you recognise on our high street, but Lancaster has hidden gems around every corner with a thriving independent retail scene. Finding something unique that suits you has never been easier.



Weekly charter market



High street shopping



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# After hours

We might be smaller than some cities, but Lancaster makes up for its size with variety. Nightlife is no exception. Late night cafés, arts spaces, music venues and pop up spaces can be found alongside pubs, clubs and bars to suit every vibe.



The Herbarium café is open late on Fridays

An evening at the cinema



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Bollywood night at Vibe nightclub and bar

*"There's a lot to do in the evenings. My perfect evening would be chilled out drinks at Tipple. I really like the Boot and Shoe pub quiz on Thursdays or live music at the Golden Lion."*

**Catherine Brabin, County College**



The Sun Inn



The Dukes Theatre

*"A night out for me and my mates would be Squires - the pool and snooker hall in Lancaster. Then we like the student nightclub, Sugar."*

**Ryan Yates, Grizedale College**



Kanteena



K-Pop night at Vibe nightclub and bar



The student union club, Sugar



Diwali celebrations



Highest Point Festival at Williamson Park



Ice skating at Dalton Square



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Kendal Calling Festival

# Big weekends

There's big festival energy right on your doorstep. Make the most of your weekends with the region's largest open air music festival, Highest Point, or try something different at the kitsch filled Vintage by the Sea in nearby Morecambe.



Vintage by the Sea festival

Fireworks with Light up Lancaster



Lancaster Music Festival



Installations at Light up Lancaster

Lancaster Pride



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Blackpool Pleasure Beach



Heysham coastline

*"My favourite day trip is Blackpool because of the theme park and arcades"*  
**Raven Trigo, Bowland College**



Morecambe Bay

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Arnside beach



Sunsets over Morecambe Bay



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The Eric Morecambe statue, Morecambe Bay

# Day trips

We're lucky to have a stunning coastline close by. Take in the views over the bay on coastal paths, or enjoy quirky, kitsch seaside spots like Morecambe and Blackpool for a great day out. You can even get involved in the bubbling indie arts scene of arts studios and projects popping up next to Morecambe's promenade.

*"I like Morecambe because there is a beach and you can watch beautiful sunsets over the sea."*  
**Fuk Ching Wong, Graduate College**

Ice cream at Arnside



Williamson Park



Catbells on Derwent Water, the Lake District

*"Grizedale Forest has some beautiful walking trails and lots of sculptures to discover."*  
**Phoebe McEwen, Pendle College**



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*"I go up to the Lake District because there's just so much to explore. Whether you're interested in hiking, exploring, watersports or just ambling around the towns, there's plenty to see."*

**Maria Clark, Cartmel College**

Buttermere, the Lake District



Trough of Bowland

# Adventure

The countryside surrounding Lancaster has inspired some of the world's most renowned artists, poets and explorers and we're sure it will inspire you too. Lancaster sits on the edge of the Trough of Bowland. Steeped in history, it holds many of the secrets of the Pendle Witches - the namesake of one of our colleges. A little further is the Lake District National Park, a popular world heritage site. Believe us, it's worth the trip.



Lancaster University Hiking Club



Derwent Water, the Lake District

Ullswater, the Lake District





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A canal side cycle route from the city offers a mainly traffic-free option



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Cycle stands are available across campus and most colleges have secure cycle stores



Walking routes to campus

# Travel

Bus is the most popular way to travel between the city and uni, with over 14 buses an hour during the day in term time and discounted passes available. There's also a choice of scenic off-road walking and cycling routes - the city is only 20 minutes away by bike or about an hour walking. If you prefer the convenience of a taxi, there's two taxi ranks on campus.



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Lune Millennium Bridge, part of the National Cycle Network

*"The buses into town are really easy and run late into the night. There are even night buses on the weekend to get back from a night out."*

**Anna Foster, Furness College**





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Lancaster Train Station is on the West Coast Main Line which connects London to Scotland

*"Lancaster has great train routes with direct trains to London, Glasgow and locally to the Lakes and Manchester. What more could you want?"*

**Alice Ratcliffe,  
Furness College**



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# Getting here

Great train links and being close to the motorway makes Lancaster well connected and easy to get to. The City of Lancaster is just 30 minutes from the Lake District, one hour from Manchester, two hours from Birmingham or 2.5 hours from central London by train. Manchester Airport is just over an hour away by train.





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