

LEAPS (Lothian Equal Access Programme) - S5 Parents Information

LEAPS is a widening access programme which offers support to eligible students. JYHS is a Group 2 LEAPS school which means they support students who have the potential to achieve a minimum of 3 highers by the time they finish school and match one or more of the following LEAPS eligibility criteria:

- student who is first generation in family to apply to higher education or whose parents do not already have a degree. This includes students whose parents may have briefly participated in higher education but did not achieve a degree. (Please note that a student whose parent/guardian/carer has achieved any degree – irrespective of mode of study, type of institution, location of study – would not be LEAPS eligible under this criterion.)
- student from a low income background (for instance where a student is entitled to EMA, free meals in school, or where the family is entitled to a benefit such as Universal Credit).
- student who has spent time in care or being looked after.
- student who is a young carer - by this we mean a young person who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction who cannot cope without their support.
- student who lives in one of Scotland's 20% most disadvantaged communities as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD20). Please check your postcode at <https://www.leapsonline.org/node/1151>.

Pupils must self-identify by completing an online survey, please check your child has returned this form. The link to this is available on their PSE Team and is <http://bit.ly/LEAPS2021>.

LEAPS have prepared a pre-recorded information session for parents explaining what they do and also a bit about the higher education application process. The details of the information session and how to access it are below.

LEAPS S5 Parents' & Carers' Information Session (Online Resources)

For parents and carers of [LEAPS-eligible S5 students](#).

Please find the session at: www.leapsonline.org/s5-parents-carers-information-session

If your son or daughter is in S5, is [LEAPS eligible](#), and is aiming for higher education at college or university, we hope this online session is helpful to you. (It is pre-recorded, so you can access it at any time.)

Among other things, we cover:

- An overview of LEAPS and the support LEAPS offers to [LEAPS-eligible students](#) who are considering higher education at college or university
- An overview of the application process for higher education at college or university
- An overview of SAAS and student funding for higher education courses
- Contact details for Scottish universities, local colleges and SAAS
- The Student View of higher education study