

Routes to University

We have dedicated staff who can help with choosing subjects to meet particular course interests, and offer advice about progression routes and about the subjects available to study at university.

Application procedures

We can help with applying through UCAS for a university place and can also arrange campus tours for young people, their carers and teachers, to enable them to get a better idea of what the university offers.

Funding & Advice

We offer funding advice to make sure that you are receiving all appropriate funding available and also offer help with managing your finances.

Additional Financial help

Many universities offer additional financial help over and above SAAS funding (www.saas.gov.uk). Please call the named contacts or visit the websites for further information.

Accommodation

Most universities can arrange year round accommodation for students in halls of residence and some also offer help with accommodation costs but please check this with the university before applying.

UCAS Care Leaver Tick box

It is important to tick the box on the UCAS application form to identify yourself as a Care Leaver. This information is confidential and will only be used in a positive way to open doors to all of this additional support at university. Other support is available too such as: counselling; disability services; help with employment opportunities and careers and also academic support. Many institutions also offer a student mentor to help you settle in to student life.

FOCUSWEST

Remember, if you participate in any Focus West activities at your school you should choose FOCUSWEST on the drop-down menu on your UCAS application.

Buttle UK Quality Mark

Buttle UK was established to ensure that children and young people in need are given a brighter future. All the Universities in this leaflet have a commitment to supporting Looked After Children and Care Leavers. Many of them have achieved the Buttle UK Quality Mark for supporting Care Leavers at university and others are in the process of applying.

Further information on HE for Care Leavers

The HE Handbook by the Who Cares? Trust has been replaced by a new interactive website called Propel. Visit www.propel.org.uk for further information on universities in the UK.

Advice for Looked After Young People and Care Leavers



Focus on College and University
West of Scotland

Are you thinking about university or have you recently applied and want to know more?



This leaflet provides a contact at every Higher Education Institution in Scotland and also provides a link to their websites so that you can find out more about the support they provide for young people who are or who have been in care.

www.focuswest.org.uk

For further information on the support available for Care Leavers in higher education please contact:

UNIVERSITY	CONTACT	PRE-ENTRY SUPPORT	52 WEEK ACCOM.	PRIORITY FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ONGOING FUNDING & ADVICE	WEBSITE
Glasgow Caledonian University	Rachel Hyslop Rachel.Hyslop@gcu.ac.uk 0141 273 1485	✓	✓	-	✓	www.gcu.ac.uk/careleavers/
Glasgow School of Art	Margaret Robertson m.robertson@gsa.ac.uk 0141 353 4509	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.gsa.ac.uk/careleavers
Heriot Watt University	Patricia Reid P.Reid@hw.ac.uk 0131 451 3784	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.hw.ac.uk/careleavers
Edinburgh Napier University	George Wilson g.wilson@napier.ac.uk 0131 455 3372	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.napier.ac.uk/study/support/Pages/Support.aspx
Queen Margaret University	Bill Stronach bstronach@qmu.ac.uk 0131 474 0000	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.qmu.ac.uk/prospective_students/student_services/supportCareLeavers.htm
Robert Gordon University	Charlie Buchan c.buchan2@rgu.ac.uk 01224 263092	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.rgu.ac.uk/current-students/student-services-and-support/care-leaver-support
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland	Suzanne Kay S.Kay2@rcs.ac.uk 0141 270 8368	✓	✓	-	✓	www.rcs.ac.uk/studyhere/studentssupport/
SRUC (Scotland's Rural College)	Alison Boyle aboyle@elmwood.ac.uk 01334 658839	✓	-	✓	✓	www.sruc.ac.uk/info/120176/student_services
University of Aberdeen	Tracey Stewart t.stewart@abdn.ac.uk 01224272784	✓	✓	-	✓	www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/index.php
Abertay University	Hazel Petrie h.petrie@abertay.ac.uk 01382 308051	✓	✓	-	✓	www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/support/
University of Dundee	John Blicharski j.r.d.blicharski@dundee.ac.uk 01382 384 124	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.dundee.ac.uk/studentsservices
University of Edinburgh	Lesley Stokes wpteam@ed.ac.uk 0131 651 1755	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/care-leavers
University of Glasgow	Dan Keenan daniel.keenan@glasgow.ac.uk 0141 330 4022	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.gla.ac.uk/careleavers
University of St Andrews	Mike Johnson schools.access@st-andrews.ac.uk 01334 462346	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.st-andrews.ac.uk/study/access/care-leavers/
University of Stirling	Tracey Kerr cli@stir.ac.uk 01786 467045	✓	✓	✓	✓	http://stir.ac.uk/78
University of Strathclyde	Debbie Duncan d.duncan@strath.ac.uk 0141 548 4248	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.strath.ac.uk/careleavers/
University of the Highlands and Islands	Ian Horne ian.horne@uhi.ac.uk 01595 771 251	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.uhi.ac.uk/en/students/support/care-leavers/available-support
University of the West of Scotland	Jane O'Rorke jane.ororke@uws.ac.uk 0141 849 4126	✓	✓	✓	✓	www.uws.ac.uk/careleavers