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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, or taxi if you're out very late. The city is also well connected by both road and rail - only one hour from Manchester and 2.5 hours from London by direct train.

It's a city with traditional charm but a modern outlook. A friendly student city called home by a diverse and welcoming community.

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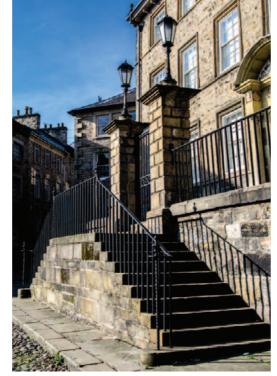
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"You will be welcome here, Lancaster is full of students who are very social and fun to hang out with." Csenge Karl, Cartmel College





Queen Victoria Memorial, Dalton Square



The Judge's Lodging

Cobbled streets and Georgian architecture





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.



"I really like to visit Williamson Park. It's a great place to go for a walk in nature. They have a really lovely café, so I like to go and get a hot chocolate there after my walk to warm up." **Phoebe McEwen, Pendle College**

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"I love the old charm of the streets, the beautiful monuments and the general atmosphere." Maria Clark, Cartmel College

Queen Victoria Memorial, Dalton Square





Lancaster Castle

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



Bollywood night at Glow Rooms

"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 Dukes Theatre



The Sun Inn

An evening at the cinema



"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



K-Pop night at Glow Rooms

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King Street Canopy

"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





Sustainable shopping at Wild not Waste









Atkinsons coffee roasters

Bubble tea at Tiameta café

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

Fuk Ching Wong, Graduate College





The Dukes Theatre

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 Café 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 Atkinson's has the best coffee. My favourite place for brunch is Journey Social."

Niamh Harrison, Graduate College



Journey Social



Journey Social





Brew café



The Waterwitch pub

Journey Social is famous for brunch



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



Filbert's Bakery



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



Go Burrito



Diwali celebrations

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

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Highest Point Festival at Williamson Park

Fireworks with Light up Lancaster





Lancaster Music Festival



Ice Skating at Dalton Square



Installations at Light up Lancaster









Kendal Calling Festival

Lancaster Pride





The Midland Hotel, Morecambe





Blackpool Pleasure Beach

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



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

Sunsets over Morecambe Bay



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The Eric Morecambe statue, Morecambe Bay



Ice cream at Arnside





The coastline at Heysham



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



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.



Grizedale Forest



Lancaster University Hiking Club

Ullswater, the Lake District





Derwent Water, the Lake District



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