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Dear Parent/Carer,

A trip to Liverpool John Moores University has been arranged for Friday, 17th May as part of the Year 11 Step-Up Programme. It will give your child the opportunity to look around the university and have a taster of what universities have to offer. We are confident that all participants will enjoy and learn from this fantastic programme. It will offer a real opportunity to discover what university is really like and also help guide your son/daughter's decision on both their future education, as well as possible career paths. Please see the letter and flyer from Sharon Roden for more information (see below).

The trip is paid for by the university and lunch will be provided.

Students will leave school at 9am and return at approximately 2.50pm. Students must wear school uniform.

I would be grateful if you could complete and return the slip below to give permission for your child to attend the trip or consent via ClassCharts or email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
Claire Powell

School Trip - LJMU Step Up

Pupil Name _____

Form _____

I give permission for my Son/Daughter to attend the above trip.

Signed (Parent) _____

Medical conditions and food allergies (please give details)

May 2024

**TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE LJMU
STEP UP PROGRAMME**

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

**Fully Funded Visit to Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)
Friday 17 May 2024**

At **Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)**, we are dedicated to working as closely as possible with local schools and colleges in order to offer the best advice and guidance to pupils across the local area. And, as you are aware your son/daughter was selected by school a number of years ago to participate in our **'Step Up' outreach programme**.

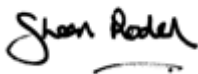
We have already delivered a number of 'Step Up' sessions to your child in school and at the university throughout their time in Year 9-11, and I am writing to inform you that the final Step Up session of the year will take place at our Mount Pleasant Campus Redmonds Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L3 5UG on the above date: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/contact-us/find-us>. Please take a look at the provisional itinerary attached, noting there is no cost for this trip.

As you will see, all 'Step Up' pupils and accompanying teachers will be collected from school at approximately 9am and returned to school for the end of the school day. We will be providing all pupils with lunch so please let their teacher know of any allergies or dietary requirements in advance of the visit.

If your child subsequently applies to study at LJMU in the future and has maintained a strong attendance at each Step Up session they will receive a reduced offer* to study a degree course at the university. Please take a look at the attached Step Up leaflet for a reminder of the programme. We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter to LJMU, and working with them again in the future.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Yours faithfully



Sharon Roden
Outreach, Student Recruitment, Marketing and Admissions

**Subject to meeting other and all course entry requirements.*

THE STEP UP PROGRAMME WITH LJMU

Realising
aspirations through
transformational
experiences



BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Students who complete the 'Step Up' programme are **guaranteed to receive a reduced UCAS offer of up to 2 A-level grades (or equivalent), compared to standard course entry requirements**, should they subsequently apply for an undergraduate place at LJMU.

There is a 1 A-level grade reduction (or equivalent) for entry to the Foundation Year of an undergraduate degree programme.

Students must therefore attend every session in order to qualify for the reduced offer, in addition to meeting all of the stated conditions of their offer.



The continuous support offered to a dedicated group of our widening participation pupil cohort not just as a one off event, but as an opportunity to build a relationship with LJMU is highly valued by our school and the pupils taking part in the programme. Thank you so much!

Anja, Careers Manager at Lydiate Learning Trust.



STEP UP IN YEAR 9

SESSIONS 1&2: AT SCHOOL

In the first session we will guide you through the Step Up programme, and the commitment needed from you. We will also get to know each other whilst gauging existing knowledge of higher education (HE), and discover your subjects of interest. This will then allow us to run some introductory activities about the university experience and student life, introducing you to some of our current LJMU students.

SESSION 3: AT LJMU

We aim to provide inspiration to students. In what is likely to be a first visit to university, you will explore the campus, view facilities and take part in hands-on experiences to raise awareness of HE. These opportunities will build confidence, knowledge and skills, as you engage with current LJMU student advocates.



It made me realise the doors that university could open and gave me a better idea of what I would need to do

Year 9 pupil

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STEP UP IN YEAR 10

SESSIONS 1&2: AT SCHOOL

In Year 10 you will be encouraged to start exploring careers and course choices, with a focus on interview techniques, experience a mock interview and learn more about skills which are valued by sixth forms, colleges and employers alike.

SESSION 3: AT LJMU

Whilst visiting a different university campus let us guide you through our careers quiz, to offer you personalised options in terms of future courses, careers or apprenticeships. We will also dispel the myths about student finance and learn how you pay for university and the support available through our numerous bursaries and scholarships.



I liked the fact that the student advocates engaged us all in the sessions, they were very friendly

Year 10 pupil

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STEP UP IN YEAR 11

SESSION 1: AT SCHOOL

Time to focus and plan those post-16 choices and life beyond GCSEs, by developing your own personal planner for the months ahead outlining options and future ambitions.

SESSION 2: AT LJMU

During this visit to LJMU, you will engage in a carousel of subject tasters according to your area of interest. These sessions will provide a clearer picture of what it is like to study particular subjects you may be considering at sixth form, college or university.



As you study at an LJMU Partner School, you will be offered priority access to special LJMU events, such as the "Women in Sports Journalism Day" held in collaboration with Sky Sports News.

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STEP UP IN YEAR 12/13

PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY

In years 12 and 13 you will benefit from university specific support, with sessions on how to write your personal statement, preparation for university open days, and how to apply for student funding.

Students who participate in this Step Up programme will also benefit from priority access to our competitive Summer University programme. This fantastic opportunity enables you to experience life as a student, staying in student accommodation and sampling subjects of interest before committing to a formal application.

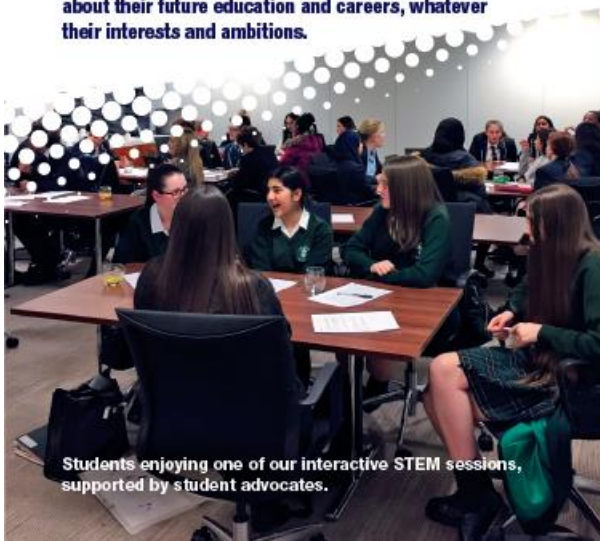


All the staff were awesome, I didn't expect there to be so many activities, I had a great time
(Year 12 pupil)

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You have been chosen by your school to participate in one of our newest programmes, Step Up, which will see you engage in a structured programme of activities from Year 9 to Year 11, and beyond.

Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) is committed to widening participation across all communities in our great city region. We are experienced in operating fun, engaging and valued sessions to help pupils make informed decisions about their future education and careers, whatever their interests and ambitions.



Students enjoying one of our interactive STEM sessions, supported by student advocates.

ENQUIRIES

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