

Senior Information Evening

27th August 2026

Glasgow University- Reach and Top-Up



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University
of Glasgow



**NATIONAL
SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**
Fair Access to University

Schools' Programmes

Funded by Scottish Funding Council as part of National Schools Programme

Top-Up



Reach (AHDP)

Schools' Programmes - Aims

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- To raise aspiration and prepare participants for the transition to, and success in Higher Education (HE) by:
 - Equipping participants with the essential learning skills required to become successful independent learners
 - Providing opportunities and experiences to develop and apply key skills learned through a range of academic tasks
 - Providing an understanding of career pathways and support with every aspect of the application process.
 - To provide an access route into HE via admissions progression agreements with HEI's across Scotland

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES INCLUDE:



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In-School
Introduction

Live Online
Sessions

On Campus
Experience

Essential Skills
for H.E. SCQF 7
(1st year Uni)

Support for
Application and
Admissions

Admissions
Agreements for
Adjusted Offers



Eligibility Criteria

Widening Participation applicants must meet ONE of the following criteria –

- ☐ Live in an SIMD decile 1-4 (MD20/40) Scottish postcode area
- ☐ Have care experience
- ☐ Are estranged from family and living without family support
- ☐ Are seeking asylum in the UK
- ☐ Have refugee status
- ☐ Are a carer (provide unpaid care)

****Exceptions – Extenuating circumstances**

Definitions - www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/adjustedoffers/

Postcode checker - www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/adjustedoffers/checkeligibility/

What is the Reach Programme



WP programme that aims to widening access to **Dentistry, Law, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine**



S4-S6 pupils in all west of Scotland Schools who meet WP criteria



Provides information, advice and guidance on all aspects of application to these subjects



Covers key academic skills necessary for students to succeed at University

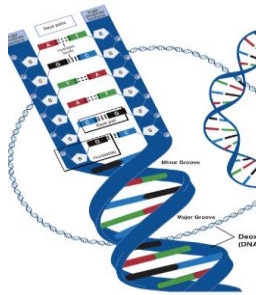


Assessed programme with possible adjusted offer of entry to universities in Scotland.

REACH SUBJECTS AREAS



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Medicine
MBChB



Law
LLB



**Veterinary
Medicine**
BVMS



Dentistry
BDS

Reach programme timetable

S4 sessions March/April

- In-school or online session providing pupils with a deeper insight into the chosen degree subject and profession as well as aims of programme

S5 Sessions in Nov/Mar

- 6-week online course introducing and providing necessary skills for pupils to complete essay

S5 Campus Week in June

- Subject specific workshops and talks
- Meet staff, students and professionals
- Insight into working with professionals

S6 September – January

- Support and advice (mainly online) on application including personal statement advice and interview workshop for the medical professions

How is Reach Assessed?

- Written Assignment (s5 school session or s6 self study)
- On-campus/online seminar/tutorial (s5 campus week)
- Reflective essay (s5 campus week or s6 self-study)
- SCQF Level 7, 10 Credits
- Possible offer of adjusted entry

Why do Reach?



Research shows increased admissions for participants and increased retention at university



78 (37%) of those who completed Reach in 2024-2025 gained entry to the University of Glasgow



164 (78%) of Reach applicants achieved a place for 2025 entry on either an LLB, MBChB, BDS or BVMS in Scotland.



'I struggle to imagine my life without the Reach programme as it provided me with countless possibilities and opportunities I wouldn't otherwise have; ultimately it has enabled me to pursue a career in Medicine.' (Reach Medicine participant)

What is the Top-Up Programme



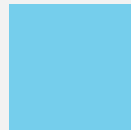
A six-week programme run across c.100 schools in the west of Scotland.



Pupils in final year of secondary school study. Mainly S6 but can include S5.



Covers key academic skills necessary for students to succeed at Higher Education.



Assessed programme with possible adjusted entry to universities in Scotland

Why do Top-Up?



Research shows increased admissions for participants and increased retention at university



317 of those who completed Top-Up in 2024-2025 gained entry to the University of Glasgow



874 pupil profiles were successfully forwarded on to other Scottish HEIs this year. This amounts to over 1525 offers when including firm and insurance choices!



‘I think it helps to give some of our young people a more realistic / achievable target to aim for. Recently, I had a young person with tears of joy, as because they had passed top up, they got into the university course they had dreamed of.’

Top-Up currently has admissions agreements with:



Edinburgh Napier
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY of
STIRLING



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH



Queen Margaret
University
EDINBURGH



University of
St Andrews



Abertay
University



Royal Conservatoire
of Scotland



UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

**THE GLASGOW
SCHOOL of ART**



University of
Strathclyde
Glasgow

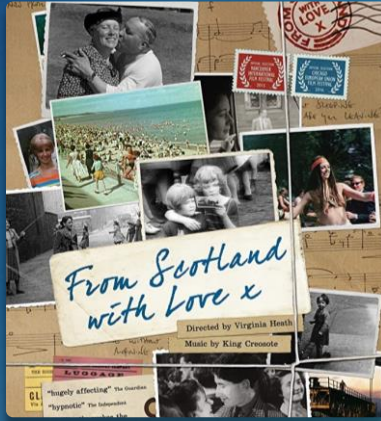


University
of Dundee

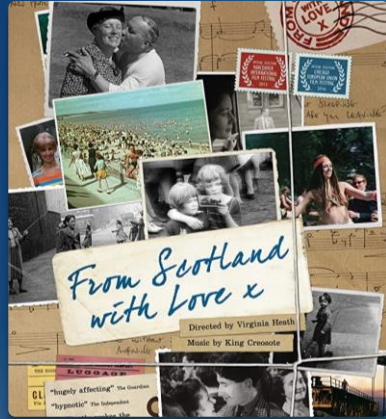
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UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN

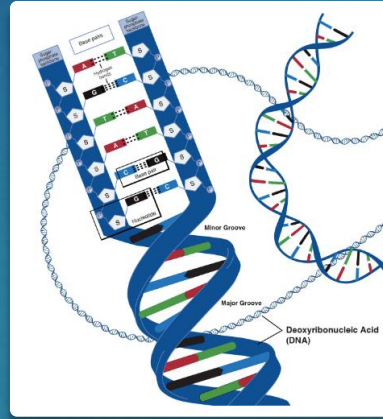


Pupils pick from one of
4 Topics



Arts

Film &
Heritage



Life
Sciences

Ethics of
Science



Social
Sciences

Perceptions of
Scotland



Engineering

Renewable
Energy Sources

Top-Up Programme Timetable

Introductory Sessions	September, October or January In School or Online
Cohort 1	November 2026 – December 2026 Online
Cohort 2	January – March 2027 Online
Campus Visit	March TBC UofG Campus

How is Top-Up Assessed?

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- Participation- weekly assignments & reflective learning log
 - Performance – engagement during live sessions
 - Written Assignment
 - BBB+ for profile to be passed on to firm and insurance choice

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