

## SUPPORT AVAILABLE:

### Information on routes to University

To assist in meeting the objectives of a young person's Pathway Plan, we can help with choosing subjects for Standard Grades and Highers 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. We can also arrange campus tours for young people and their carers, 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. Please also check if the HEI has a Care Leaver's Bursary.

### Accommodation

Most universities can arrange year round accommodation for students in halls of residence but please check this with the university before applying.

### Support at University

All new students are offered other support through a range of Student Services that are available such as: counselling; advice on services for students with a disability and help with employment opportunities and careers. There is also help available with study skills to support you with your studies and develop your reading and writing skills at university level.

### Frank Buttle Trust Quality Mark

All the Universities in this leaflet have a commitment to supporting Looked After Children and Care Leavers. Many of them have achieved the Frank Buttle Trust Quality Mark for supporting Care Leavers at university and others are in the process of applying, but all provide information, guidance and advice for Looked After Young People and Care Leavers who are thinking about coming to university or have recently applied.

### Frank Buttle Trust Grants

Buttle UK was established to ensure that children and young people in need are given a brighter future and they do this through a range of grant programmes that are designed to provide vulnerable individual children and families the support they need to overcome immediate crisis, or ensure the best possible opportunity for a successful education. For further information please go to: [www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes.html](http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes.html)

# Advice for Looked After Young People and Care Leavers

This leaflet is for young people who have been, or are still being, cared for by a local authority in residential care, secure care, foster care or by friends or relatives, or at home. Each of the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) below can give confidential advice on the opportunities and support available to you in higher education. They are also committed to supporting Looked After Young People and Care Leavers who are thinking about applying or have recently applied to university. There is a named contact for every HEI in Scotland who can provide information and even direct you to the relevant staff or departments. There are also links to the institutions' websites where you can find more information about student life and the support available for you. Please find out as much information as you can about your preferred institution before making a decision about where you would like to study as degree programmes can vary between different universities.



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

UNIVERSITY	CONTACT		52 WEEK ACCOM	CARE LEAVER'S BURSARY	PRE ENTRY SUPPORT	FUNDING & ADVICE	WEBSITE
Edinburgh College of Art	<b>Lesley Stokes</b> Lesley.stokes@ed.ac.uk	0131 651 1755	✓	✓	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.eca.ac.uk/studentsupport">www.eca.ac.uk/studentsupport</a>
Glasgow Caledonian University	<b>Margaret Ward</b> Margaret.Ward@gcu.ac.uk	0141 273 1196	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.gcu.ac.uk/new2gcu/">www.gcu.ac.uk/new2gcu/</a>
Glasgow School of Art	<b>Margaret Robertson</b> m.robertson@gsa.ac.uk	0141 353 4509	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.gsa.ac.uk/gsa.cfm?pid=26">www.gsa.ac.uk/gsa.cfm?pid=26</a>
Heriot Watt University	<b>Ian Sutherland</b> i.sutherland@hw.ac.uk	0131 451 8144	✓	✓	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.hw.ac.uk/home/dir/28/student-administration-and-support-services">www.hw.ac.uk/home/dir/28/student-administration-and-support-services</a>
Edinburgh Napier University	<b>Katrina Castle</b> K.Castle@napier.ac.uk	0131 455 2975	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.napier.ac.uk/prospectivestudents/Pages/Learn@Napier.aspx">www.napier.ac.uk/prospectivestudents/Pages/Learn@Napier.aspx</a>
Queen Margaret University	<b>Jenni Murray</b> jmurray@qmu.ac.uk	0131 474 0000	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.qmu.ac.uk/prospective_students/default.htm">www.qmu.ac.uk/prospective_students/default.htm</a>
The Robert Gordon University	<b>Pamela Tosh</b> p.tosh@rgu.ac.uk	01224 262124	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www4.rgu.ac.uk/student-services/home/">www4.rgu.ac.uk/student-services/home/</a>
Royal Scottish Academy of Music & Drama	<b>Susan Lee</b> S.Lee1@rsamd.ac.uk	0141 270 8265	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.rsamd.ac.uk/studyhere/student-support/">www.rsamd.ac.uk/studyhere/student-support/</a>
Scottish Agricultural College (Ayr)	<b>Alison Gillespie</b> alison.gillespie@sac.ac.uk	01292 886150	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.sac.ac.uk/learning/aboutcollege/campus/">www.sac.ac.uk/learning/aboutcollege/campus/</a>
University of Aberdeen	<b>Joe Whimster</b> j.whimster@abdn.ac.uk	01224 273118	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/index.php">www.abdn.ac.uk/student-support/index.php</a>
University of Abertay Dundee	<b>Jonathan Staal</b> j.staal@abertay.ac.uk	01382 308962	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/support/">www.abertay.ac.uk/studying/support/</a>
University of Dundee	<b>John Blicharski</b> j.r.d.blicharski@dundee.ac.uk	01382 384 124	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.dundee.ac.uk/student-services/">www.dundee.ac.uk/student-services/</a>
University of Edinburgh	<b>Lesley Stokes</b> Lesley.stokes@ed.ac.uk	0131 651 1755	✓	✓	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-recruitment/widening-participation/projects/care-leavers">www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/student-recruitment/widening-participation/projects/care-leavers</a>
University of Glasgow	<b>Neil Croll</b> Neil.Croll@glasgow.ac.uk	0141 330 3193	✓	✓	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.gla.ac.uk/about/wideningparticipation/careleavers/">www.gla.ac.uk/about/wideningparticipation/careleavers/</a>
University of St Andrews	<b>Mike Johnson</b> schools.access@st-andrews.ac.uk	01334 462346	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/ug/Access/">www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/ug/Access/</a>
University of Stirling	<b>Jane Harris</b> jnh2@stir.ac.uk	01786 467080	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.student-support.stir.ac.uk/advice/finance/supportforcareleavers.php">www.student-support.stir.ac.uk/advice/finance/supportforcareleavers.php</a>
University of Strathclyde	<b>Christine Matthewson</b> christine.matthewson@strath.ac.uk	0141 548 5944	✓	✓	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.strath.ac.uk/rio/informationforcareleavers">www.strath.ac.uk/rio/informationforcareleavers</a>
University of the Highlands and Islands	<b>Iain Morrison</b> iain.m.morrison@uhi.ac.uk	01463 279000	-	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.uhi.ac.uk/home/students">www.uhi.ac.uk/home/students</a>
University of the West of Scotland	<b>Jane O'Rorke</b> jane.ororke@uws.ac.uk	0141 849 4126	✓	-	✓	✓	<a href="http://www.uws.ac.uk/careleavers">www.uws.ac.uk/careleavers</a>