

# LEAPS S6 Transitions Course: Outline 2021-22



## Get the academic edge for university.

### Aims

This course is designed to give you the skills and experience you need to make a positive transition from school to university. You will work with academics and students on first-year university level academic skills, developing your confidence and an understanding of what it takes to be successful at university. This is a unique opportunity to get the 'uni' experience before starting it for real.

### What

The course will focus on the key academic skills considered as essential for success at university. Taught by academics and post-graduate students, you will have the chance to try out new concepts and skills before completing a subject based project of your choice. There will be individual pieces of work, and times when you will work as a team.

This will aid your transition to university no matter what course you plan to study in the future.

Course format:

Academic Skills > Research Project > Final Assessment

In common with all higher education courses, a substantial part of the course will be non-contact e.g. work completed outside of class.

### Assessment & Level

There will be ongoing formative assessment, in other words, feedback opportunities on your progress and the chance to 'try out things' before more formal assessments.

You will also be given feedback to feed-forward into your university studies – ideas and strategies to take with you to your 1<sup>st</sup> year studies.

This course will be at SCQF Level 7 – i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> year university level. We are currently working to have the course formally accredited and will keep you updated as this process progresses.

## Where

The course will be taught at least partly online – although we plan do some teaching at Edinburgh-based universities where possible. Frequency of travel is TBC.

## Travel

Any travel will be free of charge for all students and where possible will be by public transport – for example, a bus pass to get onto campus and home again.

## When

The course will begin in **September 2021** and finish **by Easter 2022**.

We aim to run two sessions per week on **Tues and Thurs afternoons**.

We envisage that if on the university campus, the sessions will run from 14.00-16.30, and when in the school, it will last the final two periods of the school day. These timings are subject to approval from schools and contact time on campus is subject to COVID restrictions. Timings will be confirmed in summer 2021.

The course will form one course option on your S6 school timetable

## Entry qualifications?

All you need to be able to take this course...

- in S6\* when it starts
- [LEAPS-eligible](#)
- the ability to gain three Highers by the end of S6
- **and** planning to make a UCAS application (this year, or in the future).

\*If you are planning to leave school and make a UCAS application during S5, please speak to your guidance teacher **and** contact us to discuss.

Note that this programme is being offered to pupils in Midlothian, West Lothian and the Scottish Borders, so there should be opportunities to make connections with like-minded individuals before you start at university.

## Register Interest

To register your interest in this course, please discuss it with your guidance teacher.

## What Next?

A course handbook will be ready by summer, detailing the teaching, learning outcomes and project options. We will confirm your place on the course before the Summer Break.