

**Widening Access and Student Success**

**Widening Access target schools**

2020 – 2021 academic year

The following schools have been selected to be the target of our work for the 20/21 & 21/22 academic years. This is to ensure our support directly works towards the aims and objectives set out in the University of Hertfordshire’s Access and Participation Plan.

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/279271/UniversityOfHertfordshire_APP_2020-21_V1_10007147.pdf>

**Our targeted support is split into the following Tiers:**

**Tier 1 Schools -** *Schools in receipt of the most support*

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| The Astley Cooper School |
| Adeyfield School |
| The Bushey Academy |
| Marriotts School |
| Longdean School |
| Barnwell School |
| *Hertfordshire Virtual Schools* |

**Tier 2 Schools -** *Schools in receipt of our support*

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| The Nobel School |
| The Thomas Alleyne School |
| Barclay Academy |
| Laureate Academy |
| The John Henry Newman Catholic School\* |
| The JF Kennedy School\* |
| Hemel Hempstead School\* |
| Ridgeway Academy |
| The Watford UTC |
| The Elstree UTC |
| Onslow St Audrey's School |
| Fearnhill School |
| Francis Combe Academy |
| Haileybury Turnford |
| The Highfield School |
| Stanborough School |

**Tier X Schools -** *Schools who can apply for bespoke support*

Hertfordshire Schools that are designated SEND Schools or Education Support Centres (ESCs)

**Consortium Colleges**

We will continue to offer support to:

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| North Herts College |
| West Herts College |
| Herts Regional College |
| Oaklands College |

**Explanation of the selection of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Schools.**

Many different criteria was used in the selection of our schools. Notably percentage of Free School Meals (FSM), Progress and Attainment 8 scores, percentage of students achieving 5+ at GCSE (Eng & Maths) and Uni Connect target schools student population data set by the Office for Students.

‘Score ranking data’ was calculated based on the following weightings:

* Free School Meals percentage was multiplied by 0.5 to reduce its weighting
* Attainment 8 score was multiplied by 1.5 to increase its weighting
* GCSE 5+ at English and Maths was multiplied for 0.5 to reduce its weighting

*Therefore, the single most important factor to calculate our ‘Score ranking data’ was a schools Attainment 8 score.*

A school’s percentage of eligible Uni Connect (Aspire Higher) students was included to select Tier 1 Schools. This is in line with our commitment to support the targets laid out in the Office for Students Uni Connect programme.

**Tier 1 Schools** were selected due their high level of Uni Connect eligible students along with their ‘score ranking data’.

**Tier 2 Schools** were selected due to their ‘score ranking data’ but also contains schools with lower percentages of Uni Connect eligible students

\* Tier 2 Schools with very low percentages of Uni Connect eligible students. These Schools will receive a reduced level of support that purely targets Uni Connect eligible students.

This ‘score ranking data’ will be reviewed every 2 years to ensure we are continuing to target schools most in need of our support.

**Schools no longer in Tier 1 or 2**

Schools who were previously supported by our WA team will now be supported by the University of Hertfordshire’s Education Liaison Team. However, access to our online provision will remain available to all Hertfordshire Schools.

The Education Liaison team at the University of Hertfordshire regularly visit schools and colleges offering information, advice and guidance for students about going to university.