

**Widening Access and Student Success**

**Widening Access Target Secondary Schools**

2021 – 2022 academic year

The following schools have been selected to be the target of our work for the 2021-22 academic year. This is to ensure our support directly contributes towards the aims and objectives set out in the [University of Hertfordshire’s 2020-25 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:**

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| **Tier 1 Schools -** *Schools in receipt of the most support* | **Tier 2 Schools -** *Schools in receipt of our support* | **Tier X Schools** *Schools who can apply for bespoke support* | **Consortium Colleges** |
| The Astley Cooper School | The Nobel School | Hertfordshire Schools that are designated SEND Schools or Education Support Centres (ESCs) | North Herts College |
| Adeyfield School | The Thomas Alleyne School |  | West Herts College |
| The Bushey Academy | Barclay Academy | Herts Regional College |
| Marriotts School | Laureate Academy | Oaklands College |
| Longdean School | The John Henry Newman Catholic School\* |  |
| Barnwell School | The JF Kennedy School\* |
| *Hertfordshire Virtual Schools* | 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 |

**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 to 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.