The benefits of YASS

- Fully-funded places may be available for 10, 15 and 30 credit modules.

- YASS is an opportunity for students to experience learning at university level and develop important skills such as independent study and time management.

- YASS students are treated just the same as other OU students. They have access to the whole range of OU online learning resources, student and IT support, as well as guidance about course choice and careers.

- Taking a YASS module can help UCAS applications stand out and contribute valuable content to personal statements.

YASS provides a solution for us here. It gives pupils opportunities to study subjects that wouldn’t otherwise be available to them at a level that wouldn’t normally be possible. Crucially it provides them with opportunities for independent learning. Taking responsibility for their own learning is, in my opinion, invaluable for our students.”

Norman Paton, Widening Access Co-ordinator, Dean Academy

I think it gives a good insight into uni studies and also makes you get used to working online and by yourself without any guidance from teachers.”

Holly Grant, YASS student, St Matthew’s Academy Saltcoats

How do I get started?

Speak to the YASS co-ordinator at your school and for more information visit: www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools

Young Applicants in Schools Scheme

Higher education in the classroom
What is YASS?
YASS is an opportunity for S6 students in Scottish schools to bridge the gap between school and university or college. Run by The Open University in Scotland, YASS offers students a range of first year university modules in school alongside their other studies.

What can I study?
There are over 30 modules in a range of subject areas, from science to law, languages to accounting and much more. You can choose to study a 10, 15, 30 or 60 credit point module in a subject area that interests you.

All YASS modules are SCQF level 7 and are clearly structured with timetables and deadlines. Depending on the size, modules can last between 12 and 40 weeks. Shorter modules require up to 10 hours of study a week, while a longer one requires up to 16 hours.

Modules offered through YASS can change each year. To see an up-to-date list of what is available this year, please check our website at:

www.open.ac.uk/scotland/study/young-applicants-schools/what-can-i-study