



Our ref: WQ88911 and WQ88913

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Dear Adam,

Thank you for your written questions of 30 August 2023. The tables below show:

- 1) The Welsh Government's budget spent each financial year supporting students studying at higher education institutions in Wales since the current student support policy was put in place (WQ88911 response)
- 2) The 10 most popular higher education institutions for Welsh students by expenditure supporting students to study at those particular destinations compared to the total (WQ88913 response)

Data included in response to WQ88547, WQ88730, WQ88911, WQ88912 and WQ88913 refers to undergraduate students who started courses following the reforms to student support policy in 2018. We have not included postgraduate expenditure since this is a contribution to costs, provided direct to the student, and cannot be broken down into maintenance and tuition fee loans.

Table 1: The Welsh Government's budget spent each financial year supporting students studying at higher education institutions in Wales since the current student support policy was put in place.

		Financial Year					£000s
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
Total spent on student finance including		£124,456	£317,358	£485,579	£571,109	£563,753	
Of which:							
	Tuition fee loans	£48,892	£138,051	£212,644	£248,562	£241,371	
	Maintenance loans	£31,621	£77,533	£128,148	£163,838	£174,895	
	Grants	£43,943	£101,774	£144,787	£158,709	£147,487	

Source: Student Loans Company



Table 2: The 10 most popular higher education institutions for Welsh students¹ by expenditure supporting students to study at those particular destinations compared to the total.

Rank	Financial Year		
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES (USW)	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES (USW)	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES (USW)
2	UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID	UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID	UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID
3	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY
4	CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
5	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
6	BANGOR UNIVERSITY	OPEN UNIVERSITY	OPEN UNIVERSITY
7	UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)	BANGOR UNIVERSITY	BANGOR UNIVERSITY
8	WREXHAM GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)	UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)
9	OPEN UNIVERSITY	WREXHAM GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY	WREXHAM GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY
10	ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY	ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY	ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

Source: Student Loans Company

Rank	Financial Year	
	2021-22	2022-23
1	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES (USW)	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH WALES (USW)
2	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY
3	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
4	UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID	CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
5	CARDIFF METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF WALES TRINITY SAINT DAVID
6	OPEN UNIVERSITY	OPEN UNIVERSITY
7	UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)	UNIVERSITY OF WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)
8	BANGOR UNIVERSITY	BANGOR UNIVERSITY
9	ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY	ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY
10	WREXHAM GLYNDWR UNIVERSITY	LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY (LJMU)

Source: Student Loans Company

Yours sincerely,

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