

Bowland College



From the College Principal

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Dear new Bowland student

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Bowland College. You are joining the oldest, friendliest and most vibrant College on campus, one that has been nurtured and developed by generations of Bowlanders going back to the founding of the University.

Perhaps you are still a bit unsure of what is involved in College membership? In Bowland, as in the other colleges, we have Junior Members (undergraduate students) and Senior Members (staff and College officers). For the students, the college is not just a place of residence (as it is for nearly all of you in the first year), but also the centre for most of their social, sporting and political activities during their time at Lancaster. It is for those who live off-campus as well as those in the residences. For staff, it is an opportunity to meet and socialise with students away from the academic department or administration office. Everyone is encouraged to contribute in their own way to the life of the College. You will find out more about the College when you attend the Induction session held at 17.30 on the evening of arrival day, 2nd October.

During your first year you will be assigned to a College Advisor, who will be there to help and support you. Further information about the College Advisor system can be found on the Bowland website. Other aspects of College membership are described in the College Handbook. This can be found on the College website and you will also receive one during Freshers Week.

Unfortunately, this service cannot come free, and I must join the queue of people asking you for money, with a payment of £30 (or £10 for those of you who are attending the University for only one year or part-year). This is a **single compulsory membership fee** for the whole time you are with us, not an annual charge, and goes towards the services and facilities which you will use as a member of the College.

You should pay this online before arrival by going to:

<https://online-payments.lancaster-university.co.uk/browse/product.asp?catid=2&modid=1&compid=1>

You will be asked for a college code at payment: this you will find in the email sent to you from Pat Brown, Bowland College Administrator.

I look forward to getting to know you at one of our many social events, for example, the Bowland College Freshers' Dinner, for which we are asking you to book and pay online prior to arrival. This is a great opportunity to meet other first year Bowland Students and Senior and Junior Members of the College, a night to remember and one not to be missed.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Thornberry
College Principal