

Is lancaster.ac.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 65/100

lancaster.ac.uk

Verdict

65

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

lancaster.ac.uk is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-Only

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official Lancaster University homepage with navigation for students and staff, course and research information, news items, campus and visitor details, and clear contact information for the institution.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is the official Lancaster University homepage, presenting information for prospective and current students, staff, global partners, researchers, visitors, and alumni. Its apparent purpose is to provide institutional education, admissions, research, campus, accommodation, news, support, and contact services rather than direct commercial sales.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage consistently presents itself as a university information service, with structured navigation for study, research, student support, campus life, news, and visitor information. The available evidence shows no phishing indicators, malicious content findings, brand-impersonation indicators, wallet activity, or sensitive form handling. External reputation checks were clean, while the available identity evidence supports a likely connection to the stated institution rather than independently proving the real-world operator identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies Lancaster University and provides institutional navigation for students, staff, global partners, study, research, campus services, and contact information.
- The homepage contains no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, or untrusted form destination.
- Evaluated external checks recorded 0 malicious results, 0 suspicious results, and no external blacklist hit for the assessed site.
- The homepage links to multiple established social and academic-facing channels, with no detected brand-impersonation signal.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site presents an educational-institution business model funded through tuition and fees, research grants and contracts, donations, and public funding. The supplied page evidence does not establish independent legal-entity verification or identify a financial-services licensing claim; this is a qualification on assurance, not evidence of fraud. The site's content is substantial and institutionally coherent, and its academic-domain context, clean reputation, valid transport encryption, and identified university-sector hosting provide converging evidence consistent with an established website. The principal remaining verification point is whether any particular admissions, payment, or service interaction is being conducted through the institution's authorised channels.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is classified as an institutional education site and contains extensive study, admissions, research, campus, accommodation, and visitor content.
- The site's hosting infrastructure is identified as AS786, JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB.
- Transport encryption uses a DV certificate issued by YE2, valid to 2026-11-03 13:11:37 UTC.
- The page presents standard cookie, accessibility, terms-and-conditions, and institutional contact content.

What to Verify Next

For admissions, tuition, donations, or other sensitive transactions, independently confirm that the destination and payment recipient correspond to Lancaster University using contact details obtained from trusted institutional material rather than from an unsolicited message. Where a transaction or service appears to involve regulated financial activity, confirm the relevant provider's authorisation with the applicable regulator before proceeding. For account-related activity, use the institution's normal access route and confirm that any request for credentials or payment is consistent with the university's established process.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides dedicated routes for fees and funding, applications, student finance, scholarships, donations, and contact or visitor information.
- The site's stated purpose is informational and service-oriented, with no direct commercial-sales or financial-trading interface identified.
- The assessed page returned successfully and presented a complete institutional navigation structure rather than a parked or underdeveloped page.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **moderate trust**: the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website, and no active scam, phishing, impersonation, or blacklist contradiction was observed. Confidence is qualified because the real-world operator connection is assessed as likely rather than independently verified, so the site should not be treated as conclusive proof of identity for high-value or sensitive actions.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site resolves to infrastructure associated with AS786 and JANET - Jisc Services Limited in Great Britain. No CDN or WAF was detected, and two likely origin addresses were identified; this describes the hosting architecture and does not, by itself, indicate maliciousness or legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting infrastructure: AS786, JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB.
- Infrastructure resolution identified 2 unique IP addresses, 0 edge IP addresses, and 2 likely origin IP addresses.
- The resolved server country is GB, with registry identified as RIPE NCC.

Closing Assessment

Routine informational browsing is proportionate to the evidence; institutional identity and transaction details should be independently confirmed before high-value payments, credential submission, or other sensitive engagement.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of lancaster.ac.uk.

- The request stayed on lancaster.ac.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on JANET, from a server in GB. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	JANET - Jisc Services Limited, GB
Country	GB
Server IP	2001:630:80:2ff::80:1
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-11-03
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about lancaster.ac.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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