

Reflections from *Gaps in the Student Experience* – an evidence review

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Coventry University and
Bridge Group: Synthesis
report

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equality


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<https://taso.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Full-report-Understanding-gaps-in-the-student-experience-Bridge-Group-and-Coventry-University.pdf>

Or search for the report by name!

And further background to the project is here:

<https://taso.org.uk/news-item/evidence-on-improving-disadvantaged-student-outcomes-in-he-severely-lacking/>

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	Evidence base				
	Retention	Attainment	Wellbeing	Employment	Total
Evidence call	16	23	9	6	54
Wider literature	57	30	39	20	146
	73	53	48	26	200

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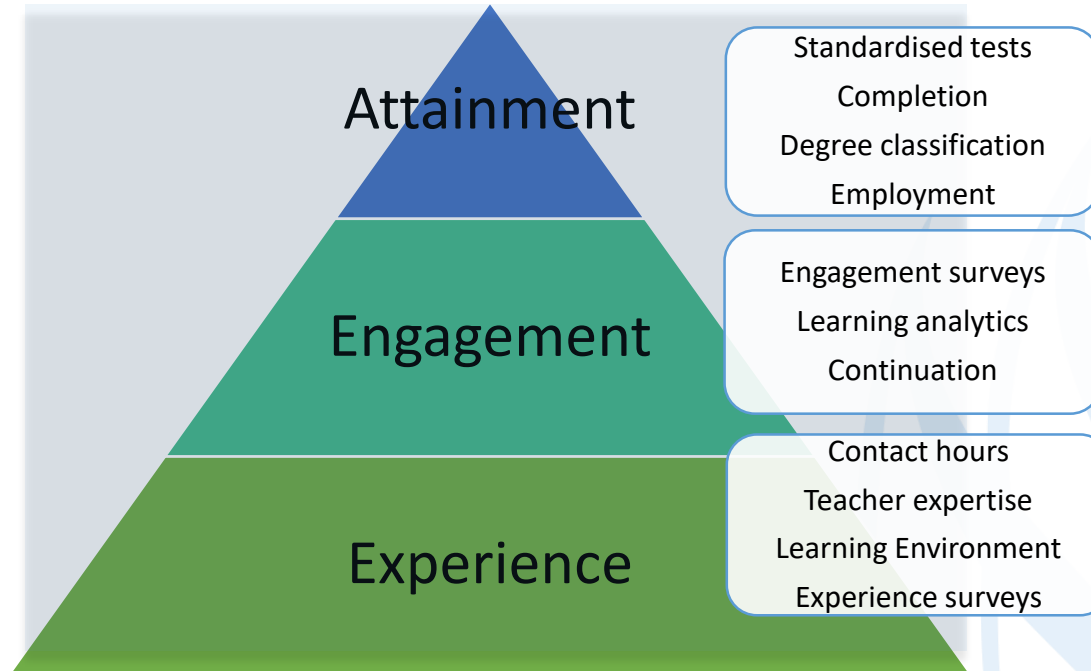
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Curriculum 2025 themes





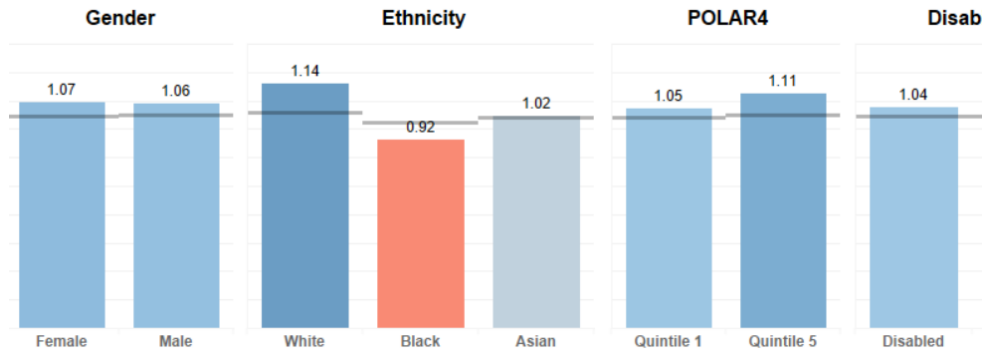
Theme level

Academic support	Academic support	88.0	84.9	75.8	81.0	86.5	92.6	80.0	82.1	89.7	83.3
	12. I have been able to contact staff when I needed to	88.0	95.5	90.9	71.4	85.7	88.9	90.0	84.6	92.3	83.3
	13. I've received sufficient course advice/guidance	88.0	81.8	72.7	92.9	88.1	94.4	80.0	76.9	92.3	83.3
	14. Good course advice available to make study choices	88.0	77.3	63.6	78.6	85.7	94.4	69.4	84.6	84.6	83.3
Learning community	Learning community	92.0	81.8	81.8	82.1	79.8	72.2	71.0	61.5	75.0	77.8
	21. I feel part of a community of staff and students	92.0	77.3	63.6	78.6	78.6	66.7	60.0	69.2	69.2	76.5
	22. Course had right opportunities to work with other students	92.0	86.4	100.0	85.7	81.0	82.4	82.0	53.9	80.8	77.8

Outcomes – disaggregated



- Value Added Score on attainment





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