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Impact Report



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Message from Co-Founders

“Ability is evenly distributed, opportunities are not”

The 2022/2023 academic year has been a testament to our progress and impact, as we continue to empower students nationwide. Here is a glimpse of our journey this year:

Student Impact: Over the past year, we have proudly supported 400 students across Ireland. These students have become role models within their schools (the average grade improvement of our students in their chosen subject was 22% and 92% of all jumpAgrade students progressed onto further education). As we look back, we know that our mission to create positive change is only just beginning.

Teacher Mentors: Behind the scenes, the jumpAgrade operational team and our inspirational teacher mentors are working tirelessly to develop our programme and deepen our impact. All 400 students worked with their own personal teacher mentor. Our programme aligns with our core purpose: helping underrepresented students progress to further education, apprenticeships and skilled work.

Closing the Opportunity Gap: While student ability is distributed evenly, opportunity is not. In Ireland, a growing "grinds" culture has emerged, with students seeking extra tuition to boost their grades. This culture often favours those with financial means, exacerbating educational disparities. Fee-paying schools have significantly higher progression rates compared to DEIS schools and other underrepresented students.

Our Commitment: At jumpAgrade, we are committed to levelling the playing field of Irish education. Our aim is to be recognised as the National Tuition Service for underrepresented students by 2025. Our work focuses on ensuring that all students have equal access to the opportunities they deserve.

Our journey continues, and the impact we strive for is yet to be fully realised. Together, we will break down barriers and empower students.

Thank you for joining us on this incredible journey.

Sincerely,

Padraic Hogan - Co-Founder & CEO,

jumpAgrade

Our sincerest gratitude goes to our sponsors and donors for helping us to change students' lives.

We also would like to thank the school staff, and most notably our jumpAgrade ambassadors.

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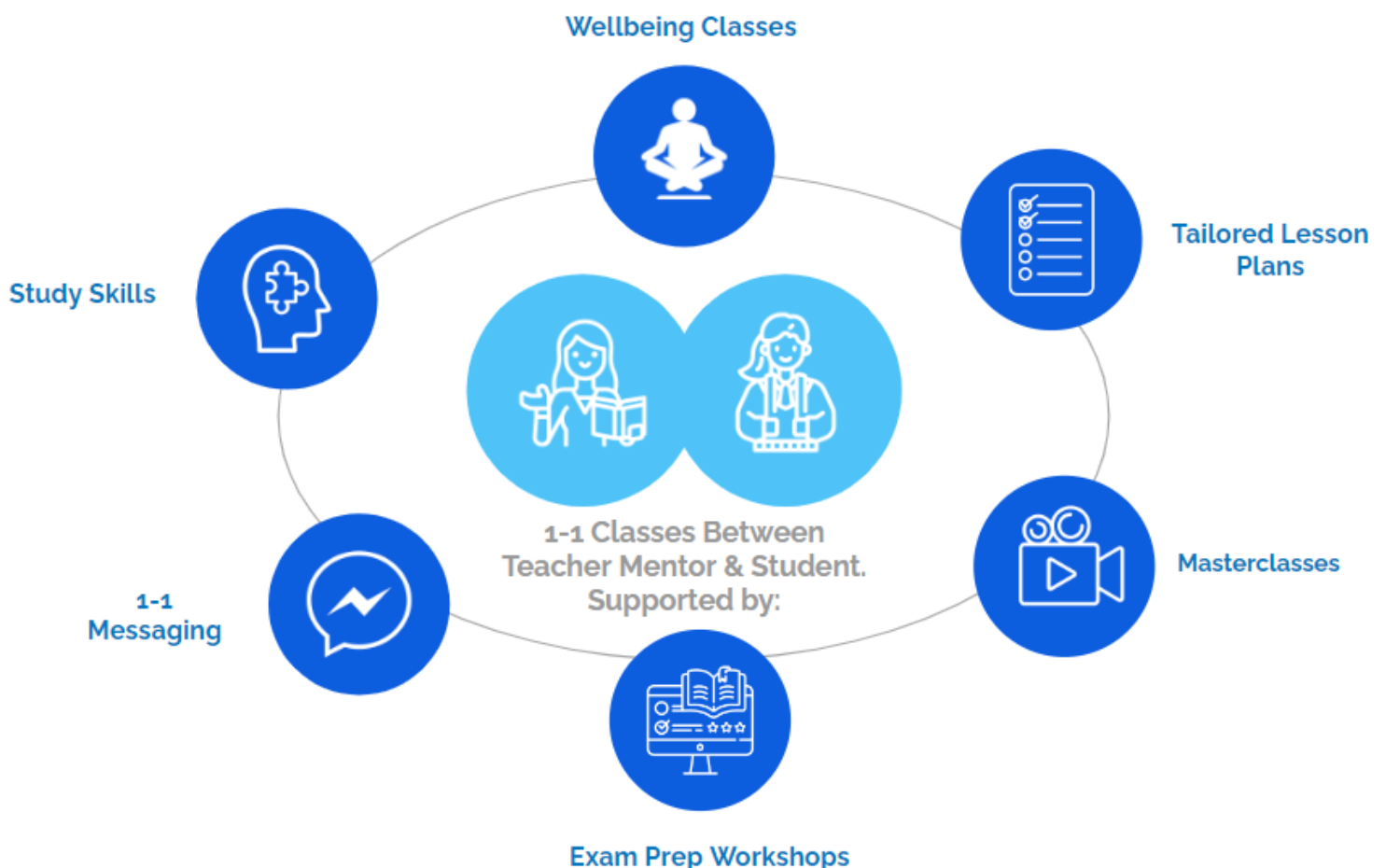
Who we are

JumpAgrade is a not-for-profit targeted education service dedicated to empowering underrepresented students in Ireland. In recognition of our impact, we are honoured to have graduated as Scale Partners with Social Entrepreneurs Ireland and recipients of the Rethink Ireland Education Innovation Fund Award.

Our goal is to help every student to fulfil their potential by supporting them from an academic and wellbeing perspective. We provide support via our 1:1 personalized service program to students who would not otherwise have the opportunity for 1:1 support.

To learn more about our story click [HERE](#).

How It Works



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In Numbers

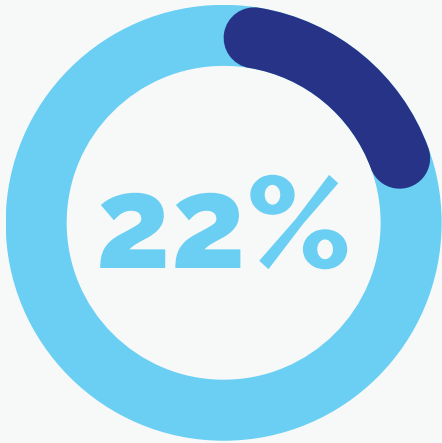
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86
schools

2,769
1:1 sessions
attended



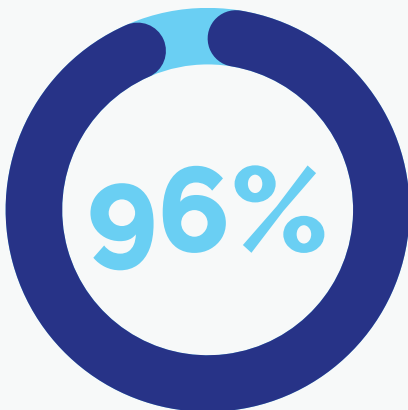
Our Impact:



22% is the average grade improvement for all of jumpAgrade

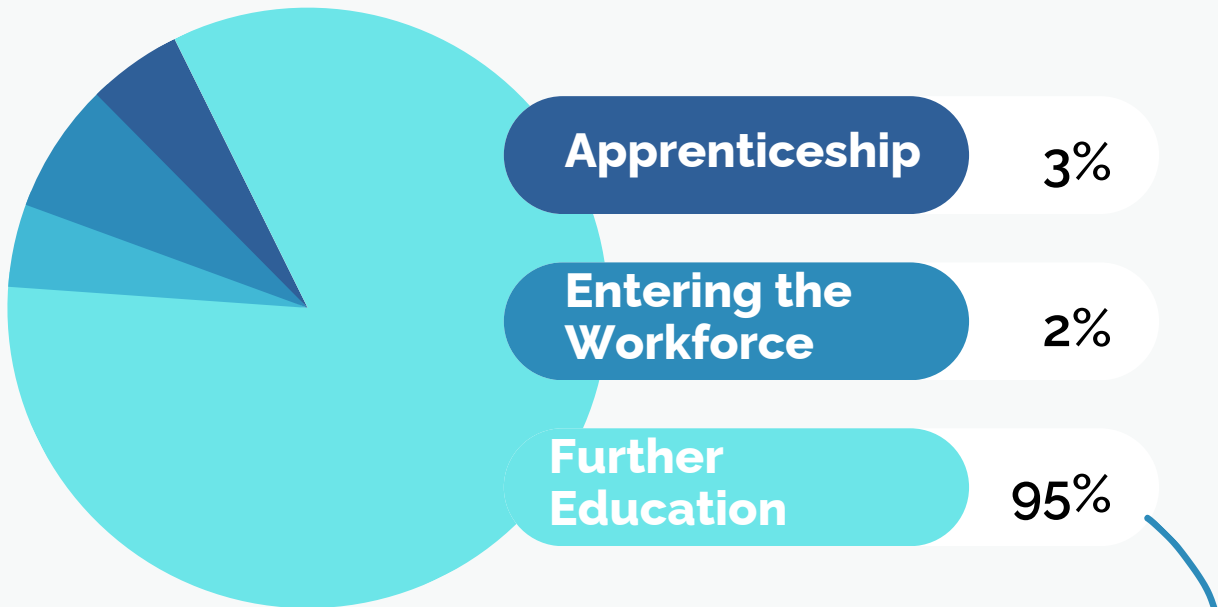


96% of students reported that jAg has assisted them in achieving their goals

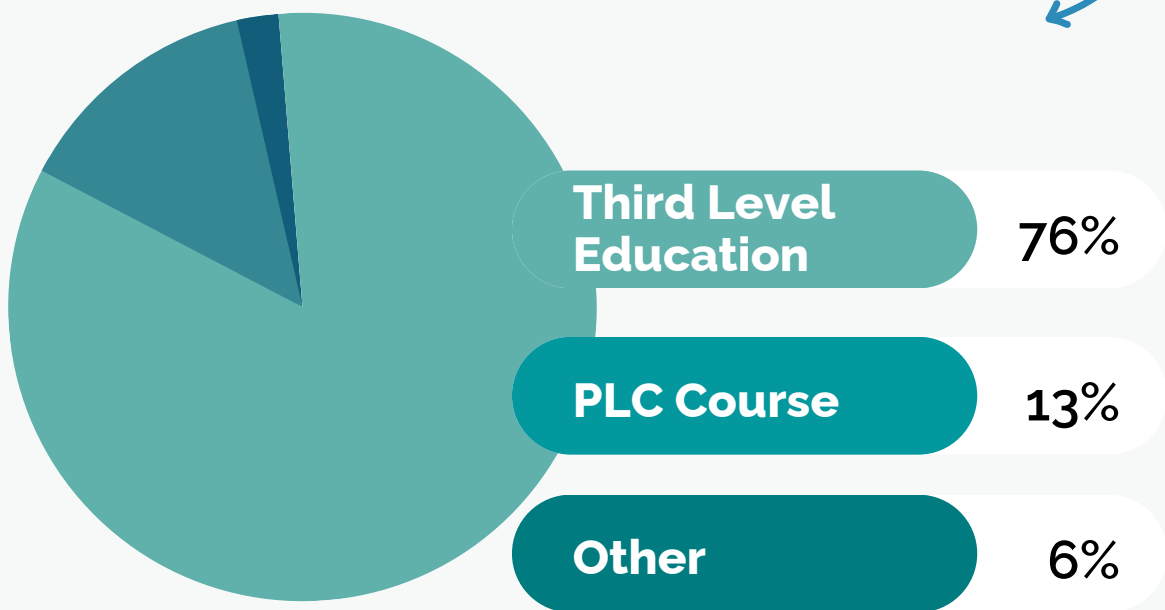


96% of students reported an increase in confidence in their chosen subject

What Does the Future Hold?



Of those 95% in Further Education:



Helping every student fulfil their potential.



Student Stories

"I was able to understand topics more (like grammar) than I would during class as I was able to get the time to discuss these in further detail with my mentor. In class sometimes it's too time-restrictive and you are in a class with 30 others so you can't take up all the time, whereas here I could take my time and get the help I needed myself"

- Zak, Pobalscoil Iosolde

"Thank you so much for all the help you have given me this year for English. I struggled as we do not have the best English teacher but I learned so much from you in such a short period of time! I appreciate you for sharing your passion with me and challenging me to think 'outside the box'. I owe it all to you!"

- Beth, Curragh Community College

"I could not speak more highly on all the help my mentor has provided for me and the confidence boost she has given me in my work and my capabilities. She has made what I needed to do clear and straightforward from the start and the knowledge she has shared with me is so so valuable"

- Kiera, Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine

"I can't thank you enough for all of your help this year! You make the most difficult maths questions seem so doable with your approach - my confidence in maths and in my ability has grown exponentially thanks to you! Aside from the maths, I always leave my classes in a better mood and bursting with motivation. I'm so grateful for everything you've done for me - thank you so much!"

- Ola, Selskar College

"The revision was very much needed and the teacher really encouraged me to try harder in the subject. I noticed I'd just overall remember things more, my teacher would recommend things like active recall which would really help in my studying habits"

- Ben, Phobailscoil Iosolde



Student Stories



[Click here to see Clinton's story.](#)



[Click here to see Amy's story.](#)



[Click here to see Megan's story.](#)

“ Teacher Feedback

"Ina's work this year with jumpAgrade Chemistry has been consistently excellent. She has attended all of her meetings and worked at a high standard. Furthermore, she has completed all of her assignments to a high standard and taken on board any important feedback. She has improved her definition recall, knowledge of processes, quantitative skills and exam technique. Since starting with jumpAgrade she has reported an increase in her grades. Ina has set herself a high target of a H2 in Chemistry. It is my expectation that with continued effort, she can reach this target. I encourage her to continue working so diligently and to attend the upcoming Chemistry workshop"- PJ, jumpAgrade Science Teacher

"I have only taught Faith for a short period of time but she has impressed me during that short time. We set a goal of mastering functions and calculus and she really worked hard at achieving this goal. She showed great learner autonomy by also going a step further than just the homework questions each week. In addition, she also worked through several past exam questions on her own. Her grasp of calculus has improved significantly, which will really help to boost her grade in paper 1. Faith communicated well at all times and was always enthusiastic about and positive towards the task at hand. A very organised and pleasant young lady and a pleasure to teach"- Elaine, jumpAgrade Maths Teacher

"Aimee has been an ideal candidate for jumpAgrade. Her ability in the subject is super. She has used the platform to a high standard and would say she is on a path to reaching her target grades. She possesses a strong confidence to engage in 1 to 1s which can be challenging for some but not Aimee. I found tutorials with her to be smooth sailing and she appeared to take on the information well. A challenge for Aimee appeared to be assignments but during tutorial meetings she was willing to share answers and gain feedback. I would ask her and all students to contact teachers more. I hope Aimee felt the process was beneficial and a major addition to her studies. Having extra resources is a plus and she definitely utilised this throughout. I hope she manages her time effectively for the exam. It will be of high importance to her to stick to a structured time. Best of luck and I am sure she will achieve her target grade and points total to allow her to pursue her next steps in education. I am confident that she will be successful thanks to her conscientious and hard working nature as shown whilst working with jumpAgrade"- Joe, jumpAgrade Maths Teacher



Impact on School Communities*

"As a DEIS school this involvement with jumpAgrade has helped place our students on a level playing field. Some of our Parents cannot afford to pay for grinds and this has helped students to achieve their potential. To have a mam ringing me and being ecstatic that her daughter/son is starting to believe in their abilities (exam results have improved)more has meant the world."

- Brenda, Athy College

"It means that students who may not have the resources to pay for grinds and/or grind school revision programmes are now given the opportunity and support to reach their academic goals and full potential through expert extra tuition... simple put it is life changing for these students."

- Dawn, Nagle Community College

"It broadens the education experience and gives students an opportunity to focus on a subject they struggle with. Many students would be unable to afford private grinds and the jumpagrade opportunity is valuable to them."

- Mary, St Mogue's College

"It gives the students opportunity to access resources that they would otherwise not be able to access to help them achieve their goals and realise their full potential."

- Norma, Coláiste Gleann Lí

"It has given the opportunity to young people to improve their education that they would not have been able to have."

- Anne, St. Conleth's Newbridge



Parent Feedback

"Roisín has been trying very hard. She has mild dyslexia which makes it harder for her. The disruption that Covid caused made it difficult for her, as am sure it has been for many students. Therefore to be chosen to be part of the grinds has been very much appreciated and the support from Leitrim Development Company to enable that has been invaluable. " - Dervilla

"Luke is greatly benefiting from the help he is getting with his maths. We really appreciate the time and effort Tara is giving Luke every week, as we his parents unfortunately are no help what so ever to him! It is great that when he is struggling with specific parts of the subject Tara is very patient in helping him until he understands it." - Deirdre

"Thank you for giving Amy this opportunity. Amy is finding these sessions very helpful, the teacher has given many hints and tips on how to give better answers and improve her grade in English. Thank you for helping Amy to work more confidently in preparing for the exams." - Brigid

"Zara is doing very well and really appreciates the extra help. It is a great service that we are very thankful for. The Leaving Cert is challenging so for any student to be able to avail of extra help is a bonus." - Deirdre

"I'm delighted to hear that Dan is doing well! We've applied for lots of college courses and he's doing his best so I'm very proud of him. I really appreciate all the support you've given him." - Louise





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