



## Accessibility statement for [www.loreto.ac.uk](http://www.loreto.ac.uk)

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Policy Owner	Accessibility Lead

This accessibility statement applies to [www.loreto.ac.uk](http://www.loreto.ac.uk). This website is run by Loreto Sixth Form College and maintained by [Carbon Creative](#). We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- zoom in up to 300% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

### The accessibility of this website

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- text alternatives are not available for all images or links
- most older PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- some heading elements are not sequential
- the colour palette has minor contrast issues

### Reporting accessibility issues with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please contact us:

- **Email:** [accessibility@loreto.ac.uk](mailto:accessibility@loreto.ac.uk)
- **Telephone:** 0161 226 5156
- **Post:** Loreto College, Chichester Road South, Manchester. M15 5PB

If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, you can [contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service \(EASS\)](#).

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you feel that your complaint has still not been resolved, you can [appeal to the EHRC](#).

## Visiting us in person

Our Reception Desk, theatres and centre desks have audio induction loops.

Please call or email us if you require directions. Our contact information can also be found on our website: [contact Loreto College](#).

## Technical information about this website's accessibility

Loreto Sixth Form College is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

### Compliance status

This website is partially compliant with the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA](#) standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

### Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

- Some images do not have a text alternative, so people using a screen reader cannot access the information. This fails *WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.1.1 (Non-Text Content)*.
- Background and foreground colours do not have a sufficient contrast ratio. This fails *WCAG 2.1 success criteria 1.4.3 and 1.4.6 (Contrast)*.
- Some headings are not in sequentially descending order. This fails *WCAG 2.1 success criterion 1.3.2 (Meaningful Sequence)*.

### Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

The accessibility regulations do not require us to fix PDFs or other documents published before 23 September 2018 if they're not essential to providing our services: [Accessibility Regulations for PDFs](#)

Some of our PDFs are essential to providing our services, such as our prospectuses. We plan to either ensure these are accessible or replace them with accessible HTML pages by August 2025.

Any new PDFs or Word documents we publish will meet accessibility standards.

We do not plan to add captions to live video streams because live video is exempt from meeting the accessibility regulations: [Accessibility Regulations for live video streams](#)

## **What we're doing to improve accessibility**

We plan to add text alternatives for all images, amend the colour palette and fix the sequence of headings by August 2025. When we publish new content, we'll make sure our use of images meets accessibility standards.

We are creating an accessibility roadmap to show how and when we plan to improve accessibility on this website. A link to this roadmap will be available in this document by August 2025.

## **Preparation of this accessibility statement**

This statement was prepared on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It was reviewed on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

This website was last tested internally on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This website was last tested externally by Carbon Creative on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

We tested the homepage (<https://www.loreto.ac.uk/>) and a representative sample of pages with a high ratio of links and images.

You can read the full accessibility test report here: [Carbon Creative Accessibility Report](#)