



# 2025/2026 Impact Report



**It takes a village... Let's build it together.**

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**Ability is everywhere, opportunity is not.**

## **Our Vision**

An education system that empowers young people to break the cycle of disadvantage

## **Our Mission**

To provide targeted wraparound educational supports so that every young person has an equal opportunity to reach their potential.

**The result? A system where background does not determine outcomes.**

**Every student. Every chance.**

# Introduction

**Joan Connolly**  
**jumpAgrade CEO**

As the 2025/26 academic year draws to a close – and with it my second year as CEO of jumpAgrade – I am delighted to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy year of growth and impact.

In response to feedback from our students we launched two new programmes, welcomed our first School Link Worker, unveiled a new website, upgraded our learning management system, launched a new student app, and expanded our community to include even more schools across Ireland. We also welcomed four new directors to our board.

Most importantly, we supported almost three times more students than previously. Together, our team of 25 dedicated teachers delivered more than 2,000 hours of personalised tuition students across 56 schools. The launch of THRIVE, our Universal Student Success Accelerator, marked another important step towards our vision of ensuring that every student has equitable access to the support, opportunities and encouragement they need to fulfil their potential.

Behind every statistic in this report is a young person with ambitions, talents and aspirations. Their commitment, resilience and determination continue to inspire us every day.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support of our funding partners, volunteers, school ambassadors, our board and our dedicated team including our wonderful teachers.

**To everyone who has supported jumpAgrade this year,  
thank you.**

**Together, we are helping more young people to believe  
in themselves, pursue their ambitions and reach their  
potential.**



# The 2024/25 6th Year Cohort

## Where are they now?\*

Institution	Number of jumpAgrade Students	Courses
Atlantic Technological University	2	Finance and Economics Games Development
Dublin City University	8	Arts Nursing Computing Early Childhood Education Chemical and Pharmaceutical Science Environmental Science and Technology
Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art and Design & Technology	1	3D Animation
Mary Immaculate College	4	Arts Teaching
Maynooth University	4	Arts Primary Teaching Business
Munster Technological University	7	Biological Science Business Construction Management Accounting Marketing Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
South East Technological University	5	Agricultural Science Health Science Pharmacy Quantity Surveiling Early Childhood Education

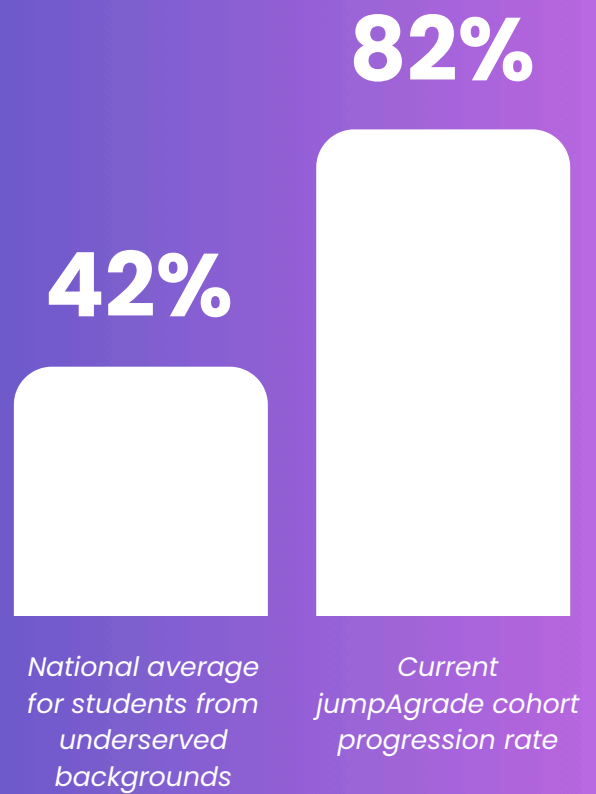
Institution	Number of jumpAgrade Students	Courses
St Angela's College	1	Intellectual Disability Nursing
Technological University Dublin	8	Automation Engineering and Robotics Architecture Business General Science Human Resource Management DNA and Forensic Analysis Social Care
Technological University Shannon: Midlands Midwest	12	Marketing Medical Technology Accounting and Finance Engineering Biotechnology Forensics Nutrition and Health Science Computer Networks and Cyber Security Art and Design Music Production and Engineering
Trinity College Dublin	5	Law Geoscience and Geography Human Health and Disease Radiography Undergraduate Medicine
University College Cork	20	Arts Biological and Chemical Sciences Business Business Information Systems Criminology Data Science and Analytics Dentistry Mathematical Science Medical Health Sciences Nursing Pharmacy Public Health Science Teaching

Institution	Number of jumpAgrade Students	Courses
University College Dublin	6	Arts Music and Film Teaching Radiography
University of Galway	5	Arts Biomedical Engineering Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice Medicine Nursing
University of Limerick	18	Aeronautical Engineering Arts Biological and Chemical Sciences Business Computer Science Engineering Immersive Software Engineering Law and Accounting Nursing Product Design
Further Education, PLCs and Apprenticeships	27	Accounting and Finance Applied Biology Art and Design Business and Beauty Spa Management Hotel Management Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering Occupational Therapy Primary School Teaching

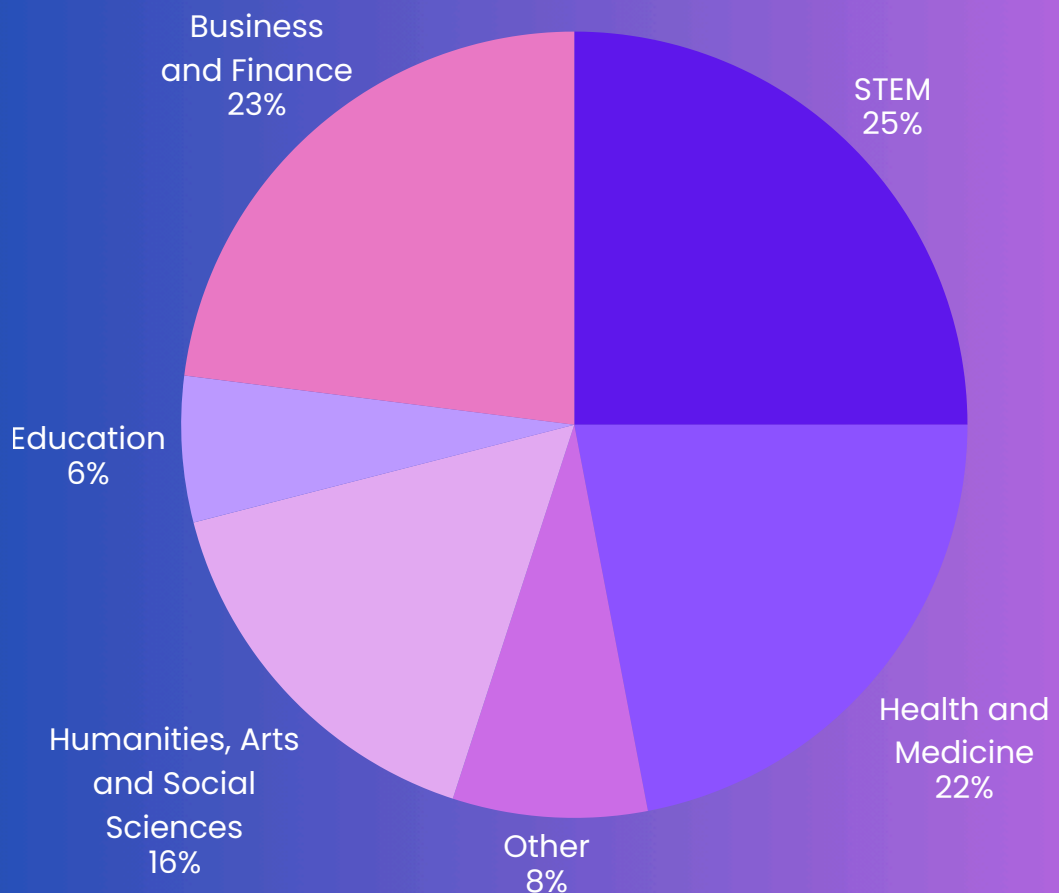
Students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds are significantly underrepresented in traditionally competitive fields of study, such as Medicine (5%), Economics (2%), Business (7%) Finance/banking/insurance (9%), Law (10%) and politics (7%).

**Our class of 2024/25 are changing that picture.**

## The jumpAgrade Impact: Progression to Higher Education



## Increasing Representation in Competative Fields of Study



# 25/26 At a Glance

56

Partner  
Schools

815

Students  
Supported

2,294

Classes  
Delivered

13

Hours of revision  
courses for All  
Students

4

Online Student  
Success  
Workshops

*"Before the programme there wasn't a clear path and maths didn't seem manageable, but with the help of jumpAgrade I got the help and support I needed" -*

6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, Marino College Dublin



# 2025/26 Year In Review

**August**



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Department of Rural and  
Community Development

Awardee on the Place-Based Philanthropy Pilot funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht

**September** **Thrive**

jumpAgrade launches THRIVE; a brand new programme to meet the needs of hundreds more students per year, with open access live and on demand classes in core/STEM subjects.

We also launched our new LMS platform and app, empowering a more accessible and engaging student experience.

**October**

Our academic year kicked off with our National Online Onboarding event, with over 200 students present on the night.



25/26 also saw the widescale adoption of small group tuition programmes, which were piloted during the previous year.

And finally, jumpAgrade's Director of Business Development, Clodagh Ryan, welcomed a baby girl!

# January

This year we were delighted to welcome four new board members to the jumpAgrade board. Denise, Carmel, Mairea and Ciara bring a wealth of experience and knowledge which will support the organisation as it scales.



**Ciara Furlong,**  
Central Bank of  
Ireland



**Mairea Doyle Balfe,**  
Strategy  
Consultant



**Denise Reid,**  
Finance Director



**Carmel Marnane,**  
Deloitte

# March

The team hit the road to attend the ReThink Ireland Driving Social Change event in Croke Park... Our new branding's first outing!



# April

jumpAgrade student story and impact data collection commences.

Two of our wonderful 25/26 schools volunteer to participate in our new impact video.

Click the icon to watch!



# May

**Education**  
**'An amazing opportunity': Science student's journey from failing chemistry to TU Dublin**  
High costs put tutoring out of reach for many students but a free tuition service is changing that for some



2024/2025 jumpAgrade alum, Aiden, shared his story with the Irish Times.

*"I had someone working with me who believed I could do better, and that inspired me to think the same."*

Click Aiden's picture to check out the full piece!

# 2025/2026 Student Impact Findings

**86%**

Students say that  
jumpAgrade  
encouraged them to  
aim higher for their  
future

**87%**

Students report  
improved confidence  
heading into their  
exams

**87%**

Students have  
noticed an  
improvement in their  
grades

# 2025/26 Student Stories

*"I struggled with higher level maths before Upon beginning these classes my grades have went up by 30% and I am now more confident in the subject."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Rosmini Student

*"School was stressful- always trying to navigate study time, whereas I always knew that I had a jumpAgrade class that week so I knew I would definitely get some sort of revision in no matter what. It was really nice because it was a constant part of my schedule which is really helpful to me personally."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, Coláiste Nano Nagle Limerick

*"I felt confused and sometimes worried when I did bad in exams and I feel better now because my grades have been improving."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, Coláiste Nano Nagle

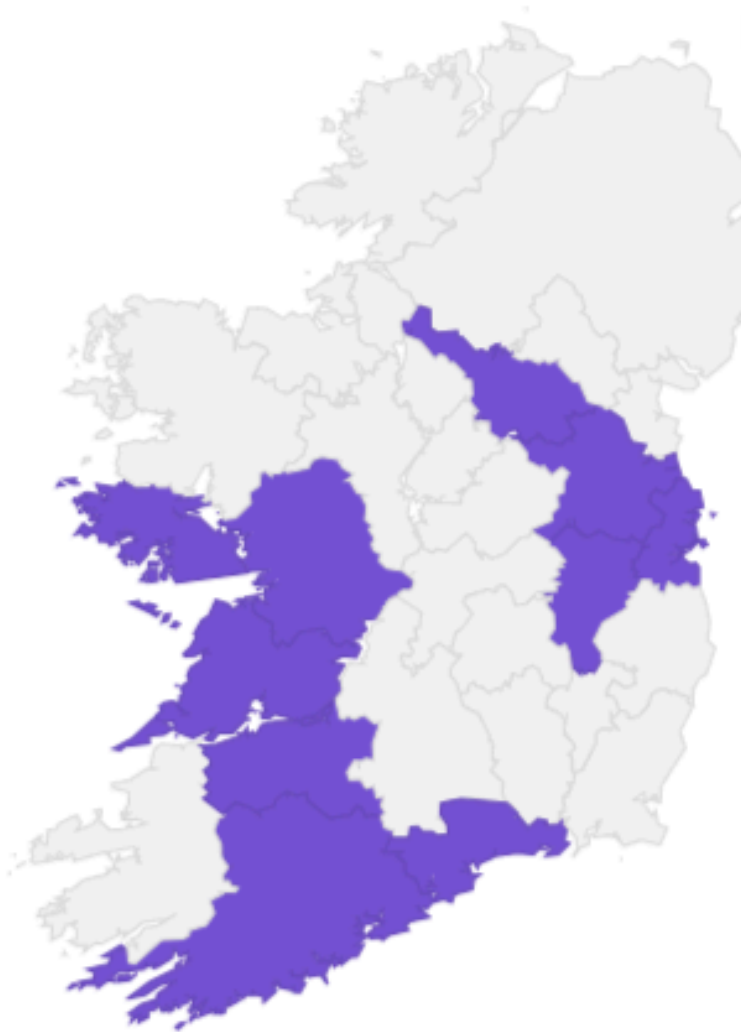
*"I would like to thank my teacher so much for all the support and advice she's given me throughout the year. She has made such a huge impact on my grades and my overall experience in Leaving Cert and I'm unconditionally grateful."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, Bishopstown Community School

*"There was definitely a lot of uncertainty before the start of jumpAgrade, but now I feel a lot more confident in my subjects."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, St Aidan's Community College

*"I had a rough start to sixth year since I wasn't in much in fifth year, I fell behind in subjects, especially maths. But thanks to my tutor Tara I have caught up substantially in maths."* - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Student, Piper's Hill Kildare



# Our Reach 25/26



	Schools
Cavan	3
Clare	4
Cork	24
Dublin	9
Galway	1
Kildare	9
Limerick	4
Meath	1
Waterford	1

# 25/26 School Feedback

*“Our school is growing every year and the needs are greater. JumpAgrade has been instrumental in providing academic support to students who just would not have otherwise been able to access it.” - Guidance Counsellor, St Brogan’s College*



*“It has helped foster a culture of attainment and pursuit of excellence. It allowed us more open discussions with students about their progress and goals. It supported our students which makes their journey through the Leaving Cert easier.” - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Year Head, St Mark’s Tallaght*

*“Students felt more prepared for their chosen subjects, reassurance that they had someone to ask questions to. It also took off the financial pressure and the stress and worry of having to pay for grinds. Overall the students who took part were much more happy academically and emotionally with their approach to the Leaving Cert and the extra help they were getting.” - Guidance Counsellor, Coláiste Fionnchua*

*“It has made a huge difference to the students involved this year. Students are eager to share what they have covered in their jumpAgrade classes and are applying the feedback they are receiving from their tutor. Students' confidence has increased in their classes also.” - 6<sup>th</sup> Year Year Head, Mount Carmel*



*“It is brilliant and really is a leveller in an unfair system for students who could never afford grinds.” Principal, Clogher Road Community College*

*“Our school community has benefited academically, personally and holistically thanks to the academic and personal support offered to us this year.” - Guidance Counsellor, Gaelcholáiste Mhuire AG*

# Parent & Guardian Feedback

*"It has improved her understanding of areas she was struggling in. She felt supported and the small numbers meant she had opportunity to ask questions." – Donna*

*"It definitely brought her up at least one grade. It helped her to build confidence for oral and aural. The quieter children will hide in a big class so this service is really important, especially for shy kids. Keep doing what you are doing please." – Maria*

*"It has been a fantastic opportunity for my daughter. Her confidence has grown, her knowledge of topic and how to apply the understanding has really helped, particularly in areas where she struggled. The teachers are excellent at explaining and treat them like adults" – Isobel*

*"I'm very happy that my daughter had the opportunity to do jumpAgrade. I feel she has benefited greatly and has a better understanding of her subject, and has gained some confidence in herself also!" – Michelle*

*"It's serves as a great relief for me and my daughter because she was very worried and struggling with her courses but now she has built her confidence in her studies and knows how to solve questions easily." – Idowu*





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**Our impact would not be possible without the contributions of our community: our partners, donors, board, members of school staff, parents, guardians and tutors.**



**Your support has enabled jumpAgrade to improve the life chances of over 800 students in 25/26.**



**But it's not about just changing things for one student- when we level the playing field we create a brighter, more equitable future for everyone.**



**“Until we get equality in education, we won’t have an equal society” – Sonia Sotomayor**



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