

ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016



Welcome

from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I commend this report to you. It highlights the many successes and achievements of the University community during the 2015-16 academic year.

Having unveiled ambitious plans to drive economic growth in the region and enhance the student experience, the University moved on apace with its investment strategy. Key developments are already changing the landscape of our region through the £250m *Our Vision, Your Opportunity* initiative, which seeks to create jobs, improve the skills base and support regeneration. It is an incredibly exciting time for a university that is leading the way in creating opportunities and driving innovation.

Partnerships remain a cornerstone of the University's mission, and it has been a fruitful year for the creation of new relationships and the nurture of existing ones. By working closely with business and industry, we have ensured our students have access to valuable work experience, significantly enhancing their job prospects. This has resulted in a record 96% of our 2015 graduates being in employment or further study six months after leaving* which is an impressive achievement.

This year also saw significant developments in the University's research strategy, and some of our notable achievements in areas such as cancer research are showcased in this report. Outreach remains an important part of the University's commitment to enhancing life chances in our region, as we continue to encourage young people from low participation backgrounds to aspire to higher education.

Dr Simon Walford
Chair of the Board of Governors

*Destination of Leavers of Higher Education



Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor

The University of Wolverhampton is proud to be taking a lead role in the economic regeneration of our region and transforming the life chances of our communities. As the University of Opportunity, our mission is to maximise individual potential for all through generating knowledge, innovation and enterprise. During the academic year 2015-16, our ambitious £250 million investment plan took major steps forward, with significant development work taking place across our campuses. The *Our Vision, Your Opportunity* programme is the biggest investment in our history, and aims to transform the educational environment for our students and drive growth in Wolverhampton and the wider region.

Work began at the derelict Springfield Brewery site, which will become home to a new architecture and the built environment super-campus. This exciting £100m project will provide construction education and training from the age of 14 to senior professional level. Building work started on the West Midlands Construction University Technical College and plans were submitted for both the new home of the University's School of Architecture and the Built Environment and the Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills, marking a new phase in this ambitious project which will enhance the economic landscape of our region.

This year also saw work beginning on a new £10m Science, Technology and Prototyping Centre at the University of

Wolverhampton Science Park, which will provide high specification laboratory and workshop space for science and engineering businesses. We invested a further £10m at our Telford Innovation Campus to provide advanced, new engineering facilities and enhanced courses in response to the regional and national shortage of qualified engineering graduates. This will ensure our students have access to technology at the forefront of engineering developments. Other significant projects include the creation of a new Apprenticeship Hub, investment of £10m in our digital infrastructure and a new 3G pitch at our Walsall Campus.

As the University of Opportunity, we are committed to preparing our students for the world of work, and supporting them to gain valuable practical experience. This long term strategy has reaped rewards as employment rates are now at their highest ever level, with 96% of our 2015 graduates in work or further study six months after leaving us. This is a fantastic achievement, positioning Wolverhampton as second in the UK among universities of its size for employability. The National Student Survey showed that overall satisfaction rates had also risen to 82%, with learning resources remaining a particularly strong area for the University.

Partnerships are key to our success, and we continue to forge links with businesses, industry and other education bodies at home and abroad. Two exciting new developments saw Wolverhampton joining forces with other universities to drive economic growth in our region. The West Midlands Combined Universities (WMCU) initiative sees us working with Birmingham City University and Coventry University to meet the demands of devolution across the region. This partnership brings together the institutions' applied research and training expertise to develop skills and foster innovation. Meanwhile Midlands Enterprise Universities draws together six universities to combine research, expertise and facilities to further increase growth and prosperity, and provide the Midlands Engine with a powerful resource with which it can meet its ambitious objectives around higher level skills gaps and innovation.

As part of the *Our Vision, Your Opportunity* programme, the University remains committed to research excellence, and 2015-16 saw significant developments in areas as diverse as bowel and brain cancers, cyber security, autism and the changing shape of elite tennis players. We are a global university, welcoming students from across the world and continue to work with education partners in countries such as China, Oman, Sri Lanka, India and Malaysia.

People are what make the University of Wolverhampton the welcoming and friendly international community you see today. In 2015-16, our students, staff and graduates continued to do us a proud with achievements in areas as diverse as international athletics, catering, judo, law, art and not forgetting the tremendous success of our own University of Wolverhampton Racing team, the only student-led team in the UK. Among the many accolades was the Express and Star Business of the Year award, which recognised the University as 'truly outstanding'. This was a fantastic achievement, and true testament to the hard work of our staff, success of our students and vision of our governors.

Looking ahead, our aim is to continue to put our students at the heart of everything and maximise individual potential for all. Our focus will be on providing learning, research and engagement opportunities which target the economic and social needs of the communities in which we operate. In championing diversity, growth and creating life chances for all, the University will strive to be known as influential leader which makes a significant impact regionally, nationally and internationally.

I hope you enjoy reading about the University's many achievements in 2015-16.

Professor Geoff Layer
Vice-Chancellor

News



Constructing the future

As part of the £250m Our Vision, Your Opportunity project, the University is transforming a derelict brewery site in Wolverhampton into a centre of excellence for construction education.

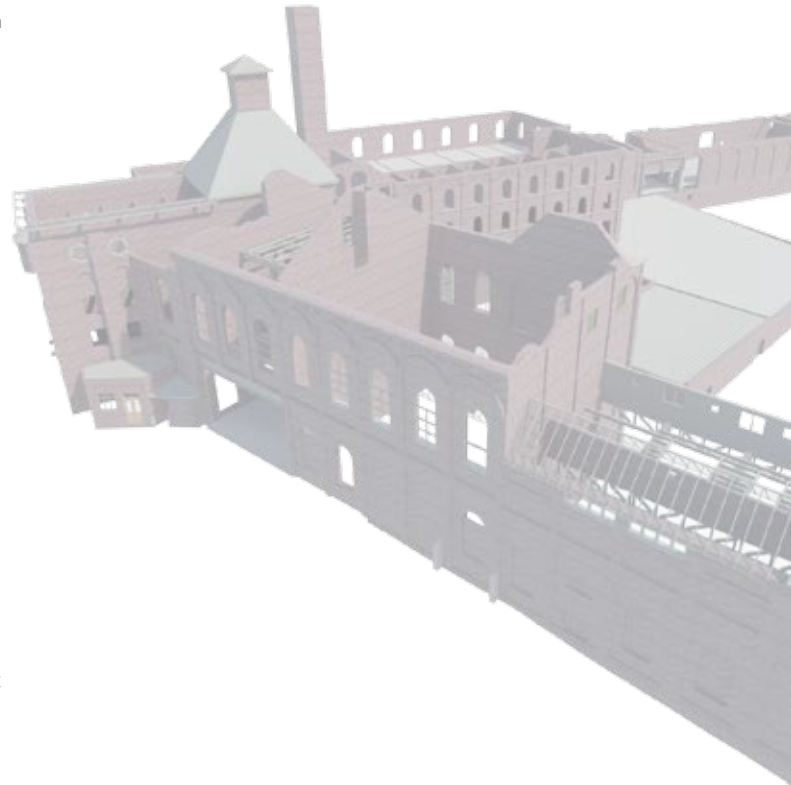
The £100m Springfield super-campus will deliver an unbeatable skills pathway for construction education and training from the age of 14 to senior professionals.

2015-16 was a notable year in the history of the 12-acre former Springfield Brewery site, with work beginning to create the state-of-the-art construction and skills campus and business park.

As part of the first phase of the ambitious plans, work began on the new West Midlands Construction University Technical College, which the University is sponsoring along with the Construction Industry Training Board.

Plans were also submitted to relocate the University's School of Architecture and the Built Environment to the site. The renovation and new build project will create an atrium, open plan design studios, lab and workshop space, research space, lecture theatres, classrooms, social learning space, student services, catering and café facilities and administrative support.

Funding was also secured for a new flagship manufacturing skills centre. The Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills will open for business in August 2017 thanks to funding allocated through the Black Country LEP's Growth Deal. The centre will function as an employer-led training facility for the Black Country, designed to improve productivity and growth in the high value manufacturing sector.



A developing University



2015-16 was a significant year across all the University's campuses. Work began on a £10.1m centre which will provide high specification laboratory and workshop space for science and engineering businesses in Wolverhampton. The Science, Technology and Prototyping Centre is being built on land at the University of Wolverhampton Science Park. The three storey development will feature high quality offices, labs and workshops, as well as a café and parking. A former pub in Wolverhampton was transformed into the Apprenticeship Hub as part of the University's commitment to economic growth through providing training, work experience and work based opportunities for students. At the Telford Innovation Campus, work began on a major £10m project to provide advanced engineering facilities and enhanced courses in response to the regional and national shortage of qualified engineering graduates. And at Walsall Campus, the University was awarded a grant of £465,047 from the Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund. The grant will enable the University to build a new floodlit third generation (3G) artificial grass pitch to be used by its students, staff, and the local community.

Working for a bright tomorrow

Latest figures showed that University of Wolverhampton graduates are among the most employable in the UK. The Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey revealed that the 96% of 2015 graduates were in work or further study six months after graduating - positioning Wolverhampton as second in the UK among universities of a similar size. The annual national survey of everyone who has recently graduated from university or HE college also revealed Wolverhampton students are supporting the regional economy with 80 per cent working in the West Midlands after graduation.

Satisfaction on the up

Satisfaction levels of students have also risen at Wolverhampton, according to the results of the latest National Student Survey (NSS). Overall satisfaction rates rose to 82 per cent in 2015, compared to 80 per cent the previous year. The survey asks students from all over the country how satisfied they are with their university, course, teaching, support, resources personal development and students' union. Scores in six of the seven categories all rose including those in teaching, assessment and feedback and academic support while satisfaction in the learning resources provided remained high at 86 per cent.

Creating a digital campus

As part of its commitment to improving the learning experience for students, the University is investing more than £10m in revolutionising the digital infrastructure. The Digital Campus programme plans to transform the way the University uses technology in its learning and teaching and its day to day business. The project includes a new digital platform, or Virtual Learning Environment, to support students' online learning and a new Student Portal to act as a single gateway into the University featuring key information and personalised messages. Data storage, business intelligence and 'Apps Anywhere' providing students with all their software needs across all University sites are also part of the initiative.



Success



TeamGB honours for sports stars

Clinching a medal in the international arena is the pinnacle of an athlete's career and the University is supporting students and graduates to follow their sporting dreams.

Recent graduate Jarryd Dunn wowed the crowds at the World Athletics Championships in Beijing when he won a bronze medal.

The 2013 BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science graduate was part of the 4x400m TeamGB relay team.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Geoff Layer, said: "We are proud of all our graduates but Jarryd's achievement really is exceptional and we would like to congratulate him on his success."

Meanwhile, a current student was named as a member of the ParalympicsGB Judo team at Rio 2016.

Jack Hodgson joined the British Judoka at the games in Brazil in September.

BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching student Jack, has a rare genetic disorder called Ushers Syndrome, which has resulted in him being profoundly deaf and having a degenerative eye condition.

Based at the University's Walsall Campus, he is also part of the British Judo Centre of Excellence.

Kick off for global ambitions



Another sports graduate is using his degree to go that extra mile and provide football coaching to children in India.

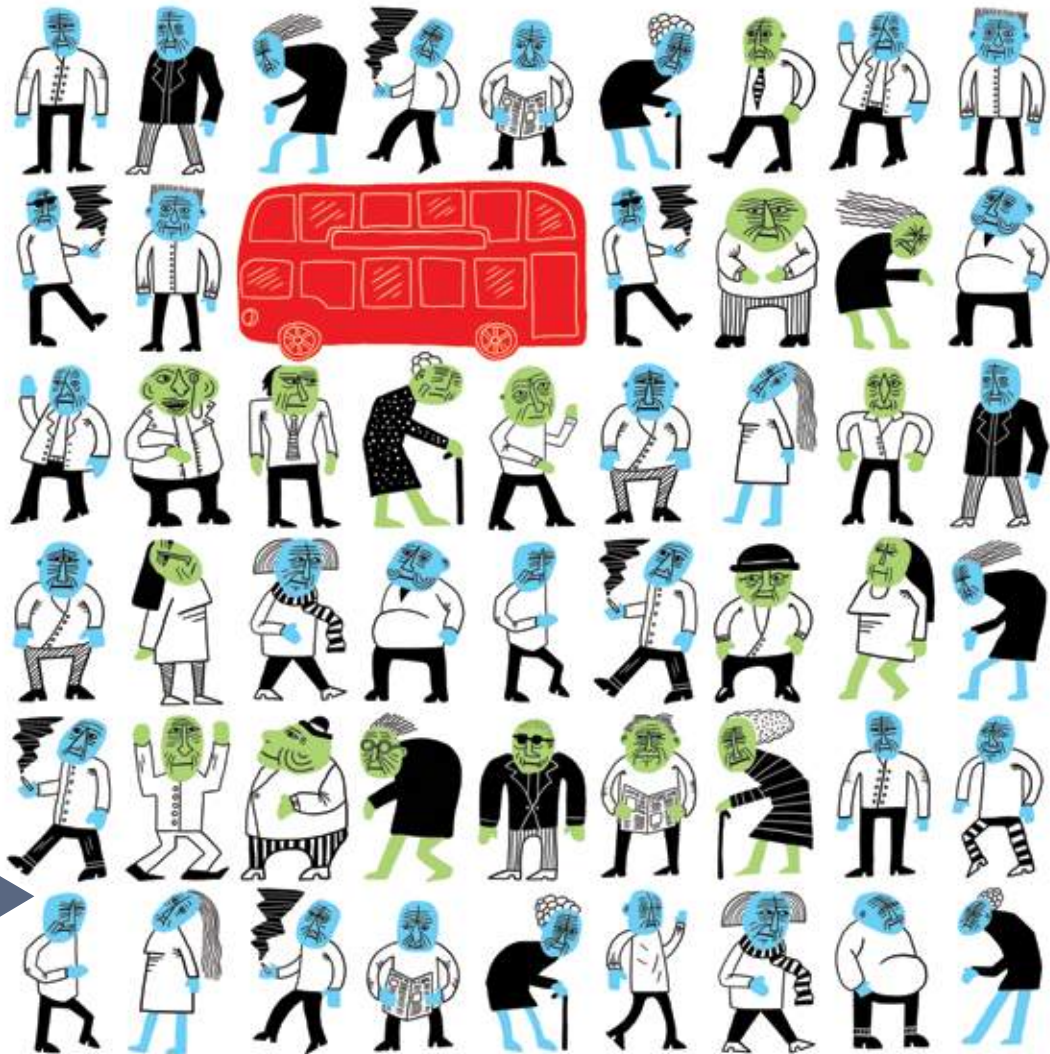
Jonathan Ward, who studied Physical Education, is now Football Development and Sponsorship Officer at the West Bromwich Albion Foundation. He is a member of the team working with University sports students on *Pass it Forward*, a joint sporting initiative between West Bromwich Albion Football Club, the Delhi Dynamos and the University of Wolverhampton to provide football coaching skills for young people in India. He said: "I'm now doing a job I really love and it's a real bonus to be working with students from the University on the *Pass it Forward* initiative which is helping to shape skills and raise awareness of sport in India."

Podium finish for racing stars

The University of Wolverhampton Racing team had a successful end to its first competitive season with a podium finish. The team, made up of a combination of engineering students, staff and motorsport professionals, competed in the 2015 Mono2000 Championships from April – October 2015. The season ended with a flourish with a third place at Oulton Park. The Formula Renault car is based at the University's Telford Innovation Campus and allows students to have real life experience of working as part of a motorsport team.

Artistic designs on display

An international student was thrilled to see his artistic work showcased on the high street in Wolverhampton. MA Digital and Visual Communications student Daniel Unger, from Germany, won a competition run by the Mander Shopping Centre in the city to design a 2D artwork to be installed on a selection of hoardings within the centre while it was undergoing a major redevelopment. The artwork needed to be eye-catching, family friendly, site specific and respond to the theme of 'City of Secrets'.



All the world's a stage...



Four Musical Theatre students took to the stage with international recording star Josh Groban. Second Year students, Joshua Barden and Roslyn Lloyd, and third year students, Adam Riglar and Amy Evans, auditioned for the choir to appear alongside American singer songwriter Groban on his national tour to promote his new album, *Stages*. Principal lecturer Sarah Browne said it was "the opportunity of a lifetime" for the students to tour with the multi-platinum selling artist.

International honour for academic

A University lecturer was appointed as the first ever female president of an international group representing quantity surveyors. Glynis Hampton from the Faculty of Science and Engineering was appointed as the President of Quantity Surveyors International. The senior lecturer in Quantity Surveying was also the first academic to take up the prestigious position.



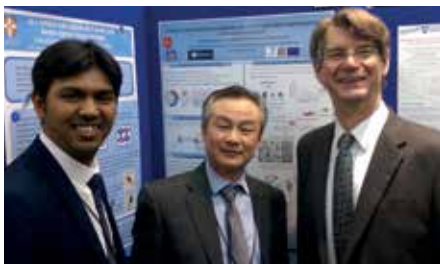
Research



Recognition for excellence in cancer research

Cancer research at the University received national recognition after it was presented to politicians and expert judges in Parliament as part of a prestigious competition.

Dr Vinodh Kannappan, aged 30, a postdoctoral research associate at the University won a Silver Award for biomedical research excellence and received a £2,000 prize.



Vinodh had presented at the House of Commons as part of the poster competition *SET for Britain*. His research, which focuses on "Translation of an anti-alcoholism drug into a non-profit anticancer drug using nanotechnology" was judged against 59 other shortlisted researchers' work and came out as one of the three winners.

Vinodh said: "This win highlights the importance of our work nationally. It was a great honour to receive the Silver Award on behalf of our hardworking research team – especially considering the calibre of the universities competing in the competition.

The University of Wolverhampton's Cancer Research Group, with support from the European

Union Marie Curie IIF Scheme and British Lung Foundation, has been exploring the use of Disulfiram, an anti-alcoholism drug that has been used for over 60 years, on the basis that it may potentially be used as an alternative cancer treatment.

Team leader, Professor Weiguang Wang, said:

“This is the second time the University of Wolverhampton Cancer Research Group has been shortlisted for this extremely prestigious competition and it's an honour for our collective work to be nationally recognised at SET for Britain in the company of our local MPs and the wider audience.”

Their invention is being patented by the University and will hopefully be translated into an affordable and effective treatment for cancer patients in the near future.

Celebrating inspirational doctoral students



Image: (front L-R) Dean of Research Professor John Darling with Philip Owen alongside staff and fellow mature PhD students.

The University celebrated a group of doctoral students who proved age is no barrier to learning.

With an average age of 72 and a total combined age of 1,008, the 14 students were singled out for their inspirational thirst for knowledge.

At a special afternoon tea held in their honour, Vice-Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer told all the PhD students:

“ I’m absolutely in awe of what you have been doing. It is a fantastic achievement to be learning and carry on with your learning. You’ve brought so much vibrancy to what we do.

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Design for dementia

People with dementia are set to benefit from a ground-breaking new design project which could improve their health and wellbeing.

University of Wolverhampton researchers are part of the MinD initiative, which is investigating the use and development of innovative mindful design solutions for living spaces and wearable designs, which will have a positive impact on those with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Professor Kristina Niedderer, from the Faculty of Arts, is the project co-ordinator, working with partners in 12 organisations across Europe and one partner in Australia.

The aim is to enable individuals to manage their condition, develop perceptions of self-empowerment, and build confidence.

Tackling cybercrime in online gambling

A professor is tackling the growing problem of cybercrime in the online gambling sector.

Professor Graham Brooks was awarded a €146,000 Marie Curie Fellowship, an EU research grant, to examine how organised crime networks are targeting betting websites and make recommendations on how to prevent cyber attacks.

Technology has made it easier for criminals to hack sites and exchange information or plan new crimes, as well form and expand criminal networks.

Professor Brooks' work will focus on sports betting sites, which are prime targets for attacks.

New technology to improve understanding for people with autism

Innovative new technology is being developed by researchers to help people with autism read and understand text better.

Figurative language, irony, sarcasm and phrases that may have more than one meaning are among the many challenges for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder, leading to lower educational achievements.

New web tool AUTOR relies on eye tracking technology to measure the accessibility of texts and pinpoint particular areas of difficulty in the text. It is being developed by the University of Wolverhampton's Research Institute of Information and Language Processing.





Sizing up escape potential for North Sea workers

Professor Alan Nevill contributed analytical expertise to a research project which helped to size up the helicopter escape potential of North Sea offshore workers.

The findings revealed that some UK workers are larger than average American males and take up more space than earlier data had indicated. Charting their body dimensions also cast valuable light on their ability to escape through a helicopter window.

Professor Nevill was part of a team who used portable 3D scanning technology to measure 588 male offshore workers and extracted a total of 26 measures, including shoulder width, chest girth, neck girth, and a series of volumetric measurements of the arm, leg and torso.

The measurement data – available under licence from Oil & Gas UK – has informed the team's focus on offshore worker's body dimensions and their ability to pass in a confined space, and through a window frame representing the smallest acceptable exit window size on a helicopter.





Business





University teams up with banking giant

The University of Wolverhampton signed a new agreement to fund scholarships and work more closely with banking giant Santander UK.

The bank pledged to support student entrepreneurship and internationalisation at the University through a scholarship scheme worth a total of £120,000 over three years.

For each year of the agreement, it will fund two students on an international study scholarship and a minimum of five students for international graduate work experience in Europe and South America.

It will also fund a new Business Breakfast Club with the University of Wolverhampton Business School, create a Business Plan Challenge and help fund the Students' Union Employment Support Fund, which helps students with cash awards to covers costs of interviews and training courses. Santander is also providing an additional £15,500 over a year to support work placements and internships within small to medium enterprises. Professor Ian Oakes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, said: "The University is delighted to be working with such a global name as Santander."

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As a University we place a great emphasis on making our students highly employable through providing them with the skills, knowledge and attributes to be industry and work ready. It is not just about them getting a job but about getting them the career they want.”

University crowned Business of the Year



The University of Wolverhampton was hailed as 'truly outstanding' when it won the accolade of Business of the Year at a regional awards ceremony.

With an annual turnover of more than £250 million, 2,500 staff and almost 20,000 UK students, the University has a substantial impact on the economy and performance of the local and surrounding areas.

And this was acknowledged when it scooped the title at the Express & Star's prestigious business awards. Vice-Chancellor Professor Geoff Layer said:

"This fantastic award is recognition for the amazing achievements of our students, the remarkable hard work of our staff and the ambitious vision of our governors."

Morgan partnership

University of Wolverhampton engineering students will benefit from a range of work and practical experience as well as motor racing opportunities following the official signing of a partnership agreement with the Morgan Motor Company.

UWR (University of Wolverhampton Race Team) students will have the opportunity to work alongside traditional craftsmen on a range of Morgan vehicles as well as getting involved in the annual AR Motorsport Morgan Challenge, a one-make race series for racing Morgans sponsored by AR Motorsport, the performance arm of the Morgan Motor Company.



Support for businesses in Hereford

An award-winning business support service has opened in the heart of Hereford's Enterprise Zone, run by the University of Wolverhampton. The Hereford Business Solutions Centre - based at Skylon Park - offers businesses based in the Marches (Hereford, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin) a wide range of support services.

Experts are able to offer start-up advice with workshops and mentoring, access to technology (from drone hire to cyber security support), leadership and development programmes, seminars, events and networking opportunities.

There is also guidance on key business growth areas such as export and internationalisation, intellectual property, building information modelling (BIM), supply chain and procurement, as well as the opportunity to tap into expert knowledge through part funded programmes such as Knowledge Transfer Partnerships.

Going for manufacturing growth in the Black Country

Manufacturing is set to grow as work begins on one of the hubs of a new flagship manufacturing skills centre in the heart of the Black Country.

The Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership approved £8.04 million funding for a new Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills in Wolverhampton with training hubs due to open in Tipton, Dudley, West Bromwich and Wolverhampton.

Led by the University, the hubs will provide employer-led training centres designed to improve productivity and growth in the high value manufacturing sector, bringing together business partners and education providers including Dudley College, the Confederation of British Metalforming, Cast Metals Federation and the Institute of Cast Metals Engineers. The partners are investing an additional £4.15 million, bringing the total project value to £12.19 million.

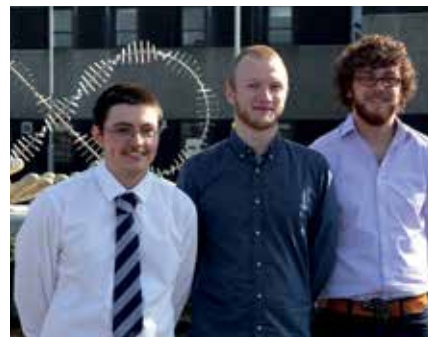
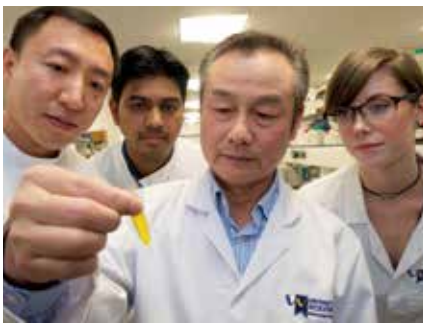


drives student experience forward



A year in review





Partnerships

Telford Football Club scores a sponsorship winner

The University sponsored local football team, AFC Telford United, as part of its growing presence in the area.

The package includes sponsorship of the New Bucks Head stand for two seasons as well the Goalzone floodlit pitches at the ground which offers FA standard 4G pitches for community use. The agreement also offers work experience and placement opportunities for students with the club.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Oakes, said: "We have had a presence in Telford for more than 20 years at Priorslee and we're very proud to be working even more closely with AFC Telford United."

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The club is a vital part of the local community in the town, as is the University, so it is a great partnership for both parties.

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New technical college is UK's first specialist health facility

A partnership technical college was officially opened by Lord Baker, Chairman of Baker Dearing Educational Trust.

The Health Futures University Technical College, which is sponsored by the University, West Midlands Ambulance Service and Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy along with 20 other employer and educational partners including NHS Trusts in the Black Country and Birmingham, offers a range of courses aimed at young people to equip them for careers in the health care and health science professions.

Robert Fell, Principal Headteacher of the UTC, said: "I am very privileged to be leading the first specialist Health UTC in the country and am proud of the students, staff and partner organisations who are contributing to the success.

Aimed at 14 to 19 year olds, the UTC has a strong focus on science but also covers a range of traditional subjects at GCSE and A-level, as well as providing practical and technical qualifications with a view to providing skills for careers in the NHS, health science or pharmaceutical industries.

Partnership sparks new Black Country learning legacy

The University partnered with Black Country Living Museum to spark local interest in learning about the region through a new education programme.

The IgnitED programme, sponsored by the University, offers a series of courses, workshops and talks at the Museum which covers traditional Black Country trades from metalworking and stonemasonry to rag-rugging and jewellery making.

Geoff Layer, Vice-Chancellor at the University, said: "The University has long established roots in the Black Country and we're committed to ensuring that its heritage is protected and shared through a dedicated learning legacy.

"It's really important that the skills which shaped our local industries and communities are kept alive and what better place to do it than at the Black Country's most famous local attraction in a setting which reflects our traditional history."





Universities combine to meet the demands of devolution

The University joined forces with Birmingham City University and Coventry University to meet the demands of devolution across the region.

The West Midlands Combined Universities initiative was launched in Birmingham City Centre – a partnership which brings together the institutions' applied research and training expertise to develop skills and foster innovation across the region.

The link-up of three like-minded universities will provide the West Midlands Combined Authority with a powerful resource with which it can meet ambitious objectives around skills, employment opportunities and productivity.

Professor Geoff Layer, Vice-Chancellor at the University, said: "Our ambition through this collaboration is to build on existing assets across all three universities, focusing on product leadership and priority industries for the region including health-care, construction, digital and creative and professional services."

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Transnational partnership celebrates student numbers increase

University students celebrated at graduation ceremonies in Sri Lanka. The British College of Applied Studies (BCAS) hosted the ceremonies and more than 200 students were awarded degrees in Colombo.

The two universities have been in partnership for over 10 years and offer students opportunities in construction, business and law and the delivery of programmes are part of the University's transnational education partnership scheme.

Dr Anthea Gregory, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University, said: "Our partnership with BCAS has seen a year-on-year increase in the number of student enrolments.

"The University is delighted to celebrate the achievements of students at BCAS and it was a great honour to share their success at the graduation ceremony in Colombo."



Community

Students help to restore historic city church

Students at the University took a trip back to one of the most historic churches in Wolverhampton to begin looking at the second part of their live project – offering crucial advice and input on the renowned building's restoration and future.



SS. Mary & John's Catholic Church, Snow Hill – a 160-year-old Grade II* listed building has been working with the University's School of Architecture and Built Environment to give students hands-on experience.

The Building Surveying degree students visited the church, analysing how it could incorporate new technology and the needs of today's community into its daily function. They also looked at the process of conserving the church and developing the future of the historic site which attracts hundreds of visitors each month. The visit also saw students looking at how the original stonework and its prominent external carvings can be protected and restored for future generations.

Over 40 architectural students were joined by the chief architect of the restoration project from Oliver Architecture Ltd – Stephen Oliver, who discussed the forensic process of investigation with the surveyors.

Stephen Oliver, said:

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I am very pleased that the University is engaging in local projects such as this one and to be able to see the enthusiasm on the students' faces is wonderful.

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Support for Youth Zone to offer opportunities for young people

The University offered to help support the running costs of a new city project designed to giving young people opportunities.

The Way Youth Zone is a £5.5m project providing a purpose built facility for the city's young people aged 8 – 19 and up to 25 with disabilities.

The Youth Zone charity is located on School Street in Wolverhampton and boasts a multi-use four court sports hall, climbing wall, 3G floodlit pitch, fitness and boxing gyms, dance studio, music room, enterprise room, media suite, café, cooking area and a general recreation area.

Professor Ian Oakes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wolverhampton, said: "We are committed to developing the potential of our young people and supporting Wolverhampton's new Youth Zone is a perfect partnership which will help them fulfil that potential."

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Praise for volunteering students at annual awards


The University recognised the efforts of its students at its annual Employment and Volunteering Awards. Over 93 students and graduates received awards in a range of different categories.

The aim of the event was to recognise and celebrate the achievements of both students and graduates as well as to highlight the various opportunities that can be accessed to support their future employability.

Krista, a final year student studying Psychology and Criminal Behaviour, won the 'Mentor of the Year Award' for her outstanding work as a volunteer mentor for Trailblazers, helping to prepare young offenders for their release.

Helene Turley, Head of The Workplace said: "The awards are our way of congratulating our students and graduates for having made a significant contribution locally and beyond through activities undertaken beyond the curriculum.

"It is a great way of celebrating achievements and looking towards future goals."



Pilot language courses test the water for refugees

The University's International Academy and Chaplaincy worked with the Refugee & Migrant Centre in Wolverhampton alongside Transforming Communities Together (a partnership between the Church Urban Fund and Lichfield Diocese) to provide language courses for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants who live in or near Wolverhampton.

The pilot project benefited up to 80 vulnerable individuals who access services through the Wolverhampton Refugee & Migrant Centre. Staff provided a six week course of English language lessons for two different groups – one for those who have limited English and another for those who do not speak any English.

Paul Hackwood, executive chair of the Church Urban Fund, which funded the initial project, said: "We are very excited to see this excellent work taking place in Wolverhampton; this kind of collaboration to strengthen communities and invest in individuals is central to the work of Church Urban Fund and our Together Network."



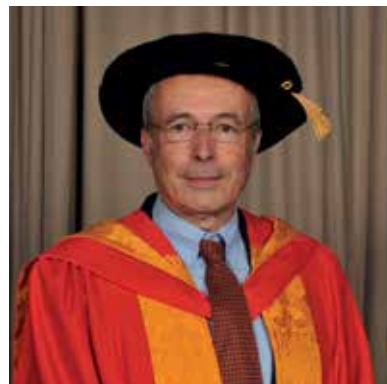
SMILE sporting events talent-spots Paralympians of the future

Around 250 young people with special educational needs and disability from mainstream and special schools across the Black Country took part in the two SMILE events at the University's Walsall Campus.

The University's Faculty of Education, Health and Wellbeing sponsored the events for the seventh year running and provided staff, equipment and facilities to enable the primary and secondary school children to take part in a range of activities including wheelchair basketball, football and goalball, tag rugby, judo, cardio tennis, cricket, athletics, cheerleading, new age bowls, curling and seated volleyball.

The events were organised in partnership with Black Country Schools Sports Partnerships and Wolverhampton PASS (Partnership and School Sport).

Honorary Graduates



PETER BEBB MBE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF ARTS

Peter Bebb is an award winning visual effects specialist in film having worked on films such as *Batman Returns*, *Dark Knight*, *Inception* and *Captain America*.

The Honorary Doctor of Arts was presented in recognition of Peter's successful film career following his graduation from the University where he studied for a degree in Woods, Metals and Plastics (3D).

Peter, who works for visual effects company VFX, has an Oscar, a BAFTA and a VES award for his work on *Inception* in YEAR. He has gone on to work on *Terminator: Genisys* and the adaption of JK Rowling's *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*.

SHIRLEY CRAMER CBE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Shirley Cramer CBE, is chief executive of the Royal Society for Public Health and has contributed extensively to health care.

Shirley was previously chief executive of Dyslexia Action and also led the National Centre for Learning Disabilities in New York.

She is currently chair of the British Future thinktank and a board member of Alzheimer's Research UK. She received her CBE in 2009 for services to education.

JEAN-ROCH GUIRESSE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING

Jean-Roch Guiresse is a former director of ESTIA - Ecole Superieure des Technologies Industrielles Avancees.

He went on to become founder of his own engineering company developing robotics and information systems. He was appointed to be the Dean of ESTIA, an international hub for education and over the last 20 years, through collaboration with several European universities including Wolverhampton, ESTIA has produced 4,000 graduates.

It is a motor of development for the Izabel Science Park, which has grown along the French Basque coast and provides hosting services to technological companies, helping to bring together businesses and economic players.



JACQUI OATLEY MBE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Jacqui Oatley is a sports broadcaster presenting mostly football for ITV and BBC Sport.

She is best known for being the first female commentator on BBC TV's flagship football programme *Match of the Day*.

Jacqui is an FA qualified football coach, a director of Women in Football, and in August 2015 was named eighth most influential woman in sport by *The Independent*. She was awarded an MBE in 2016 for services to broadcasting and diversity in sport.



SUZI PERRY,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING

Suzi Perry is a broadcast journalist from Wolverhampton who has travelled the world fronting motorsport coverage.

Suzi studied BA (Hons) Business and Finance at the University of Wolverhampton. She went on to break into television with Sky Sports covering superbikes, speedway and MotoGP.

She has gone on to front the BBC's coverage of Formula One, *The Gadget Show* on Channel 5 and currently covers MotoGP for BT Sport. She also continues to support various charities, working closely with Water Aid, The Alzheimer's Society and Wolverhampton-based children's charity Promise Dreams.



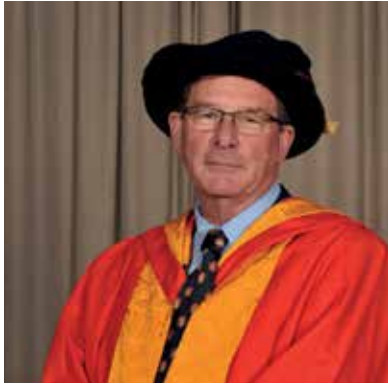
JESS THOM,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
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Jess Thom is a writer and comedienne who was recognised for the way she has challenged perceptions about Tourette's syndrome. She co-founded the charity Touretteshero in 2010.

Jess has spoken widely in the media about her life with Tourette's and has written in the mainstream and disability press, and performed at Glastonbury and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

In 2012, she published *Welcome to Biscuit Land – A Year In the Life of Touretteshero*. In 2014, she co-devised the award-winning stage show *Backstage in Biscuit Land* which has had an extensive UK and US tour.



JONNIE TURPIE MBE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF ARTS

Jonnie Turpie MBE, is founder director of Maverick TV, and was presented an honorary degree in recognition of his commitment to championing the arts, young people and the creative industries.

He began his career at the University of Wolverhampton as a Fine Art Research Fellow and went onto found Maverick Television, a leading independent production company with bases in Birmingham, Los Angeles, Edinburgh and London. Maverick is the producer of award-winning television and digital productions including *Operation Ouch* for CBBC, *Old School* for BBC and *Embarrassing Bodies* for Channel 4.

He was High Sheriff of the West Midlands in 2015 and awarded an MBE for services to international trade in 2010.



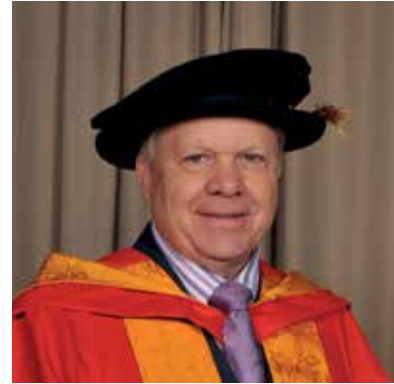
JORDANNE WHILEY,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF LETTERS

Jordanne Whiley is a Paralympic medalist and grand slam winning wheelchair tennis champion. Born with brittle bone disease, Jordanne has broken her legs more than 26 times. At 14 she became the youngest ever national wheelchair champion and at 16 she qualified for the Beijing Paralympics.

In 2012 she became the first woman, alongside her doubles partner, to win a Paralympic bronze medal in wheelchair tennis. In 2014 she and her Japanese doubles partner netted their first ever grand slam title winning the Australian open, and making history by winning all four grand slams in one year.

In 2015 Jordanne won her first ever grand slam singles title at the US Open. A month later she was awarded an MBE for her services to wheelchair tennis. She has nine grand slam titles to her name.

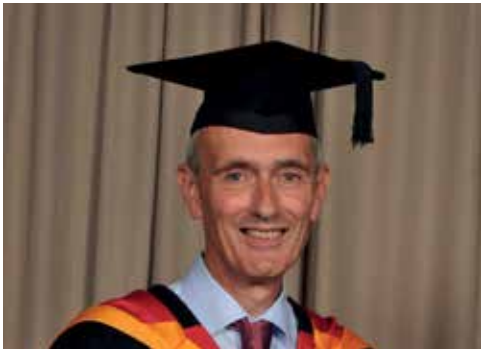


GRAHAM WYNN OBE,

HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

Graham Wynn OBE is chair of the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership Board. In 1993, Graham and wife Jenny started re-training motoring offenders, later forming TTC, which has grown to be the UK's largest national driver retraining company and is listed in the London Stock Exchange's top 1,000 of the UK's most inspirational companies.

Graham was appointed as a magistrate in 1986 and awarded the OBE in 2006 for his contribution to road safety. His community work has included being a member of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, founding member of Telford Business Partnership, chair of Telford Business Board, chair of the Marches LEP and board member of the National LEP Network, representing the six West Midlands LEPs, Midlands Connect and the Midlands Engine.



PHILIP BARNETT,

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Philip Barnett is the former operations director at pub and brewing giant Marston's who has gone on to champion businesses in Wolverhampton.

Philip is a qualified brewer and spent 43 years at Marston's, holding a number of senior roles. In 2012 he was appointed chair of the Wolverhampton Business Champions, which works with key stakeholders to make Wolverhampton a better place to live, work, invest and visit.



TREVOR LEEKS,

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Trevor Leeks is operations director of Jaguar Land Rover's world-class Engine Manufacturing Centre (EMC) near Wolverhampton.

Trevor joined JLR in July 2012 and during his tenure, the EMC has grown from a field to an operational manufacturing facility, producing the 2-litre, 4-cylinder Ingenium Diesel engine.



PAUL LISTER,

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Paul Lister was previously Head of School of Engineering at the University of Wolverhampton and received his award in recognition for his contribution to science and engineering during his career.

At the University, Paul championed the investment in science and engineering which has seen the development of the Rosalind Franklin Building, and new engineering facilities at Telford. Paul retired from the University in 2016.



PETER MORRIS,

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Peter Morris is director of music at St Peter's Collegiate Church in Wolverhampton.

Peter has been conductor and an organist for a range of West Midlands' orchestras, choirs and groups including the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra and Wolverhampton Symphony Orchestra. He is chair of Walsall Arts Council and Wolverhampton Music Education Hub and a chief examiner for AQA.

Financial summary 2015/16

STAFF NUMBERS

Data source: University of Wolverhampton staffing reports, November 2016.

Staff group	No.	%
Admin, Professional	1,277	50.88
Academic	854	34.02
Manual	379	15.10
Grand total	2,510	100%

Working patterns	No.	%
Full-time	1,804	71.87
Part-time	706	28.13
Grand total	2,510	100%

Gender	No.	%
Female	1,525	60.76
Male	985	39.24
Grand total	2,510	100%

Ethnicity	No.	%
White	2,015	80
BME	476	19
Prefer not to answer/Other	19	1
Grand total	2,510	100%

STUDENT NUMBERS

Data source: HESA return & SITS

School name	Total	%
Institute of Education	2,597	13.1 %
Institute of Health Professions	3,604	18.2 %
Institute of Psychology	600	3.0 %
Institute of Public Health, Social Work and Care	1,382	7.0 %
Institute of Sport	638	3.2 %
International Academy	81	0.4 %
International Centre	1	0.0 %
School of Architecture and Built Environment	914	4.6 %
School of Biomedical Science and Physiology	724	3.7 %
School of Engineering	410	2.1 %
School of Humanities	447	2.3 %
School of Mathematics and Computer Science	1,108	5.6 %
School of Media	406	2.1 %
School of Performing Arts	851	4.3 %
School of Pharmacy	634	3.2 %
School of Social, Historical and Political Studies	1,211	6.1 %
Wolverhampton Business School	2,140	10.8 %
Wolverhampton Law School	634	3.2 %
Wolverhampton School of Art	728	3.7 %
Wolverhampton School of Sciences	678	3.4 %
Total	19,788	100 %

Ethnicity	2015/16	%
Bangladeshi	395	2.0 %
Indian	1,324	6.7 %
Chinese	202	1.0 %
Pakistani	1,708	8.6 %
Asian Other	494	2.5 %
Black African	2,286	11.6 %
Black Caribbean	956	4.8 %
Black Other	205	1.0 %
Other	306	1.5 %
White and Asian	156	0.8 %
White and Black African	67	0.3 %
White and Black Caribbean	475	2.4 %
Other mixed background	147	0.7 %
White	10,409	52.6 %
Information refused	224	1.1 %
Not known	187	0.9 %
Not known	247	1.2 %
Total	19,788	100 %

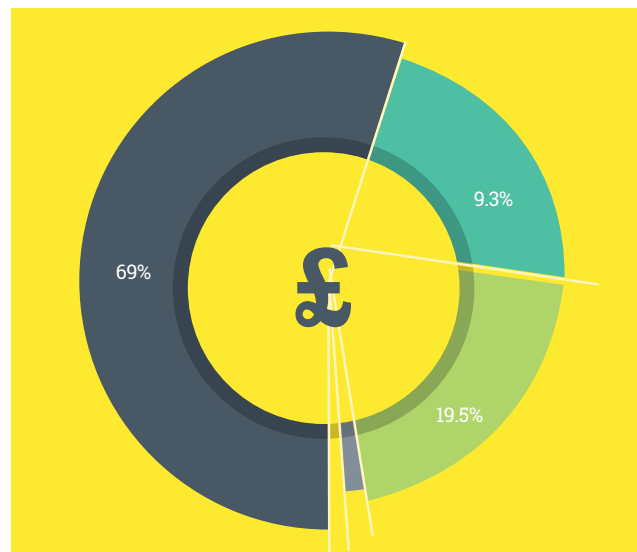
Gender	2015/6	%
Female	11,965	60.5 %
Male	7,822	39.5 %
Other	1	0.0 %
Total	19,788	100 %

Level of study	FT/SW	PT	Total
Undergraduate	13,068	3,652	16,720
Postgraduate taught	1,153	1,561	2,714
Postgraduate research	199	155	354
Total	14,420	5,368	19,788

Disability	2015/6
Asperger or other autistic spectrum disorder	108
Blind or serious visual impairment	37
Deaf or serious hearing impairment	85
Long standing illness or health condition	274
Mental health condition	285
Physical impairment or mobility issues	79
Other disability	269
No known disability	17,712
Specific learning difficulty eg. dyslexia	939
Total	19,788

Students taught overseas	FT/SW	PT	Total
Undergraduate	1,184	852	2,036
Postgraduate taught	611	339	950
Total	1,795	1,191	2,986

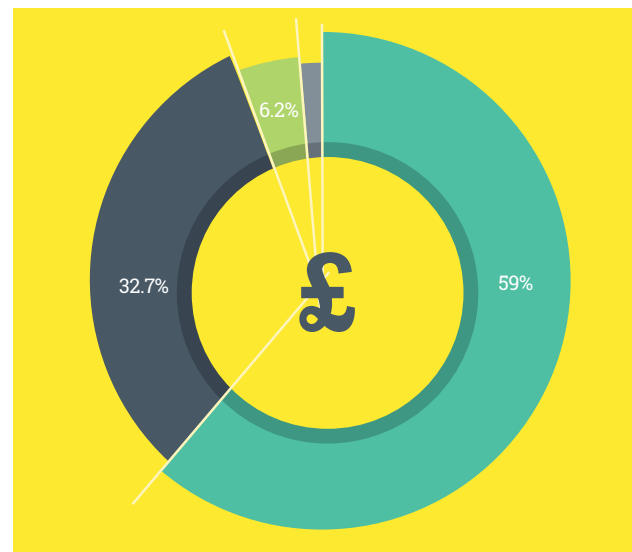
INCOME



£'000	%	Category
17,367	9.3	Funding Council grants
129,061	69	Academic fees and support grants
2,415	1.3	Research grants and other contracts
36,454	19.5	Other operating income
1,772	0.9	Endowment income and interest receivable

187,069 Total

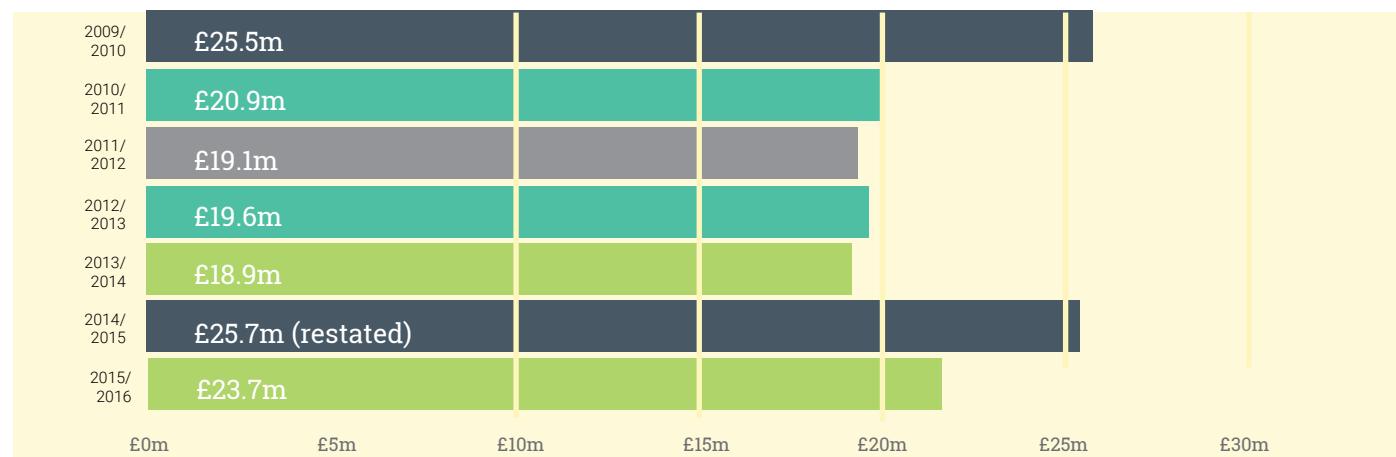
HOW THE INCOME WAS USED



£'000	%	Category
98,894	59	Staff costs
54,850	32.7	Other operating expenses
10,348	6.2	Depreciation
3,647	2.1	Interest payable
167,739	Total	

INCOME FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Applied research and development forms part of other operating income.



Taking the Lead into 2016/17



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