

Annual report



A message from the Chancellor



Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone, Chancellor of the University of Hull.

The University reached the end of one era and began another in 2008/09, as Professor David Drewry stepped down from the post of Vice-Chancellor after 10 years' outstanding service. This yielded several momentous developments for the University – not least the incorporation of the Scarborough Campus; the establishment of the Hull York Medical School; a 16% rise in UK student numbers and a corresponding leap of 42% in international student numbers which occurred during his tenure.

He is replaced by Professor Calie Pistorius: the Council's unanimous choice to lead the University's Senior Management Team. A more comprehensive introduction to the new Vice-Chancellor appears on page 22. I would like to wish Professor Drewry a long and happy retirement and look forward to the University continuing to flourish under Professor Pistorius's dynamic, innovative and inspirational leadership.

Baroness Bottomley
Chancellor of the University of Hull

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Front cover:
The inscription on the sculpture adorning one of the new open spaces created as part of the Hull Campus's development quotes the French aviator-poet Antoine de Saint Exupéry: 'I know but one freedom, and that is the freedom of the mind.'

1. A message from the Chair of Council and the Vice-Chancellor

The University made significant progress in achieving its strategic aims in an eventful and productive academic year, 2008/09 – the institution's 80th year of higher education and research.

This year witnessed the University's largest ever student intake: the number of incoming HEFCE-funded home and EU students rose by 17% (twice the national average) compared with the previous and record year. The intake of international students increased by 24% on 2007/08 and has become more diversified – particularly with students from West Africa and South-East Asia.

The National Student Survey placed Hull in the UK's top 10 for student satisfaction for the fourth year in succession – a clear marker of quality and consistency in this high-profile poll. Similarly, the University was successful in the Quality Assurance Agency's institutional audit, which underlined the quality and standards that we attain and the outstanding student experience that is provided. External validation continues to enhance the University's reputation in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

At an international level, the University strengthened its ties with fellow GU8 universities. The Hull Campus hosted the GU8 Joint Education Committee meeting in August, and the University participated in other GU8 activities around the world – including in Australia and in China, where the relationship with Xiamen University remains particularly fruitful.

The outcome of the Research Assessment Exercise was positive, with 80% of research submitted by the University being evaluated as of international standard in terms of originality, significance and rigour. As a result of this performance, the University received an increase of 45% in its quality-related (QR) funding – one of the highest rises in the country. It was especially pleasing to record the strong rating received by the Allied Health Professions and Studies unit of assessment.

The University returned another strong financial performance this year, with a surplus of 6% of turnover after additional resources had been committed to long-term maintenance and infrastructure investments.

One of the highest-profile occasions of the year was the inauguration of the recently completed Enterprise Centre by His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, which adopted a novel 'virtual' opening by 3-D video.

The Enterprise Centre's business incubation units filled quickly – many are now occupied by Hull graduates – with 20 taken up within a few months, reflecting a latent demand. The project has taken on even greater relevance in the current economic climate: more individuals are now deciding that this may be the time to start their own business. It is extremely important that the University is positioned to support people from the region in that endeavour.

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Chair of the University Council

Professor David Drewry,
Vice-Chancellor, 1999–2009



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2. Professor David Drewry in retrospective



1. Following this informal visit to WISE in late 2005, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu agreed to become the institute's first Patron.

2. The campus in bloom – 'a pleasure and a joy', says Professor Drewry.

Professor David Drewry's retirement as Vice-Chancellor in August 2009 marked the end of a particularly eventful and productive decade for the University – one that witnessed some of the most significant developments in the institution's 80-year history. Here, the outgoing Vice-Chancellor recounts some personal high points from his tenure.

Expanding the Hull Campus

The acquisition and development of the land adjacent to the Hull Campus increased the size of the University's estate by more than a third. It created space for the Hull York Medical School, the Enterprise Centre and new premises for the Business School, the Logistics Institute, the Faculty of Health and Social Care and the Department of Sport, Health and Exercise Science, transforming the western side of the campus.

'One of the most singular points was when Lord Dearing – a Hull alumnus who has since sadly passed away – helped us to remove some of the fence panels which had previously divided the eastern and western sides of the campus,' Professor Drewry recalled. 'It was a symbolic moment in terms of breaking down that barrier between the Hull Campus and what had historically been various manifestations of the University of Lincoln, creating an east-west flow.'

'Town and gown'

Professor Drewry championed the University's growing contribution to the civic, cultural and intellectual life of its surrounding communities. The improved links between 'town' and 'gown' remain one of his proudest achievements.

'There's been a strong push to foster interaction between the University, the city and our sub-region,' he explained. 'People in the city, the East Riding and the northern parts of Lincolnshire have recognised that the University has a role in the social and economic development of the area and that we're not an ivory tower sitting out at the edge of the city. Equally the University has realised that, as we carry the name of the city, we have a role to play in the city's development and can benefit from that. We can identify some of the challenges and problems, and we can be part of the solutions – in health, sport, business and of course education. Bridging that divide and integrating the University within the region has been very important for us.'



WISE

As Vice-Chancellor, Professor Drewry oversaw the establishment of WISE – the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation, which is now a successful centre of international research into human rights and social justice.

He commented: 'Securing Archbishop Desmond Tutu as the Patron of WISE and having him visit two or three times – along with the President of Ghana, His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor, who performed the official opening – were formative developments for the institute and in the build-up to the Wilberforce bicentennial celebrations in 2007.'

The Scarborough Campus

Professor Drewry was Vice-Chancellor when the University incorporated University College Scarborough in 2000, creating the Scarborough Campus – a significant extension of the University's geographical reach and academic portfolio.

'The Scarborough Campus has steadily created an identity within the University,' he confirmed. 'Hopefully funding will be secured in the near future for an iconic new building that will signal a fresh phase of development there. That project is on the move now, and the Scarborough Campus's continuing development is very important.'

The campuses' appearance

Thanks to the superb condition of both campuses' grounds, Professor Drewry was always proud and delighted to welcome guests – whether potential students and their families, the University's business partners or visiting dignitaries and VIPs.

'The grounds of our estate have always been first-class – evidenced by our several successes in Yorkshire in Bloom,' he confirmed. 'It's a pleasure and a joy to walk around both campuses because they are always maintained superbly. They have considerable impact, and the staff responsible for looking after the University's estates do a tremendous job. When people visit the campus for the first time, in whatever capacity, they unfailingly have a positive experience.'

'We've also been able to increase the amount of artwork around the University. In increasing numbers of departments, quality artwork is being installed which sets off the academic environment. The University does not just comprise functional lecture halls and laboratories. Universities are inherently cultural institutions, so displaying artwork which pleases and inspires people is very important.'

3. Lord Dearing and Professor Drewry removing a fence panel to symbolically unite the eastern and western sides of the Hull Campus.

4. The Scarborough Campus offers specialist programmes in the arts, business, coastal studies, education and internet computing.

3. Research and innovation



Research Assessment Exercise 2008

Last year's Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) results revealed that 80% of the University's submitted research is of international standard in terms of originality, significance and rigour. The University was ranked 44th out of 163 UK higher education institutions, an improvement on the previous position of 46.

Allied Health Professions and Studies performed particularly well, being ranked 6th nationally in its category with 60% of submissions graded at 3* (internationally excellent) or above. Other top-performing subject areas included History, which had 65% of its research rated as 3* or above. The University's other established areas of strength such as English, Politics, Law and Geography all maintained their positions, and there were some pleasing improvements in Psychology, Education, Business, Drama, and Social Work and Social Policy.

Quality-related research funding has increased by 39.6%, equating to £2.6 million (including £133,000 of transitional funding). This compares to a 7.7% increase nationally. The mainstream quality-related research element, driven by the 2008 RAE quality profiles and staff numbers, has increased from £4.52 million to £6.78 million.

Most Grade 5 departments from the 2001 RAE lost substantial amounts of funding, but departments such as the Postgraduate Medical Institute, Psychology, Education, and Sport, Health and Exercise Science now receive quality-related research funding and the much larger Business and Management submission received an extra £563,000. In addition, the University now receives funding for all home/EU postgraduate research students, and research degree programme funding has increased by £363,000.

Alzheimer's research challenges guidelines

Research into Alzheimer's disease by the University's Clinical Neuroscience Centre suggested that National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines on the prescription of drugs for patients with the disease seem to be inadequate. According to NICE, only patients with a moderate severity of Alzheimer's should be prescribed cholinesterase inhibitor (ChEI) drugs. But a paper entitled 'Responders to ChEI Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease Show Restitution of Normal Regional Cortical Activation', published in April, demonstrated that patients with early stages of the disease may have an excellent response to treatment.

Patients from the University's Memory Clinic, who all had early-stage Alzheimer's, took part in the study. Results revealed that nine out of the 26 patients who were treated responded well to treatment and regained normal levels of activity in brain areas used by healthy people during the completion of semantic association and working memory tests.

Ladybird, ladybird

Scientists from the University of Hull, the University of Cambridge and the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology presented their work on the spread and impact of the invasive harlequin ladybird at the prestigious Royal Society Summer Exhibition. Using imaginative experiments, the research team tested their prediction that more than 1,000 species in Britain are at risk from the harlequin. The research team are exploring how native enemies could be used to control the harlequin invasion. One of the most promising ideas involves introducing a sexually transmitted mite which makes some ladybirds infertile.



New approach to perinatal mental health

A multidisciplinary health group chaired by the University's Dr Julie Jomeen and involving the Acute Trust, the Mental Health Trust, two Primary Care Trusts and the voluntary sector has proposed a new approach to recognising and treating depression and mental health problems during pregnancy. The approach is a result of research by the University's Dr Jomeen, Dr Lesley Glover and Sal Davies, who found that treatment for ante- and perinatal mental health is patchy due to a lack of training for midwives. Each year in the UK alone, some 70,000 women suffer from depression during or after pregnancy.

A team of specialists, funded by NHS Hull and East Riding Primary Care Trust, are now training, advising and supporting general practitioners, midwives and health visitors on prediction and detection techniques so that cases of maternal mental health issues and depression are more likely to be spotted. The project was shortlisted for the 2009 Royal College of Midwives Annual Awards in the Excellence in Partnership Working category and could form the blueprint for other UK regions to follow.

Since arriving on these shores in 2004, the harlequin ladybird has become the fastest-spreading 'alien' species on record.

4. An outstanding student experience



1. Andrew Kythreotis and Theresa Mercer, PhD students in the Department of Geography and organisers of 'The PhD Experience'.

2. The 2008 NSS results pronounced Hull's students the most satisfied in Yorkshire.

3. International students again expressed their happiness with their experiences at the University through the International Student Barometer, citing the level of pastoral support and careers advice as major plus points.

Top 10 again in the National Student Survey

For the fourth year running, the University retained its top-10 position among mainstream English HEIs in the National Student Survey (NSS) – and emerged as the highest-placed university in Yorkshire. The survey is the cornerstone of the UK's independent quality assurance framework and is designed to inform prospective students about what and where to study.

The 2008 NSS found that 89% of students at the University were satisfied overall – the second year in a row that Hull achieved this figure. In total, 20 out of 22 academic areas received a satisfaction rating of 85% or above, with 15 of those academic areas scoring 90% or higher. Among the highest-ranking courses were History, History and Archaeology, Philosophy, and American Studies. There were also significant increases in the University's scores for teaching, assessment and feedback, and academic support.

Best in Yorkshire for graduate employability

The University has the highest rate of graduate employability in Yorkshire and is the 11th-highest achiever among mainstream universities nationally, according to the latest Higher Education Statistics Agency report. Some 93% of the 2007/08 cohort of Hull graduates had either entered employment or progressed to further study within six months. This figure exceeds the national benchmark by 2.7%.

In addition to the University's relevant curriculum and high-quality teaching, this success can be attributed to the close relationships that the Careers Service fosters with local, national and international employers, along with initiatives such as early careers guidance and quality work experience placements.

International Student Barometer

The University recorded another strong showing in the International Student Barometer (ISB), an independent and confidential feedback service tracking the perceptions, expectations and experiences of students studying outside their home country. The ISB showed that the University has performed consistently in delivering first-class services to its international student body, with 84% of students satisfied or very satisfied with their experience. Areas of excellence include the support given to incoming international students and the quality of careers advice.

The PhD Experience

The University hosted 'The PhD Experience' – a conference giving research students a chance to meet and share their experiences while learning more about the PhD journey. Through a series of seminars and discussions, students were able to look at key areas for success such as managing your supervisor, data gathering, viva preparation, thesis writing and careers post-PhD.

The event, which attracted delegates from across the UK and abroad, was funded by the Roberts Fund – money supplied through the research councils for the skills development of research students and postdoctoral researchers.

Students judge Channel 4 awards

Politics students from the University were chosen to judge the Political Book of the Year category in this year's Channel 4 Political Awards. The students, who were all on a placement in Westminster working for some of the country's highest-profile MPs, were the only ones in the UK to be on the panel. The judging process gave the students an opportunity to read books that were outside their course remit as well as instilling in them the importance of objectivity.





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5. Developments in teaching and learning

Learning and teaching conference

The third University Annual Learning and Teaching Conference was held in January. This year's theme was flexibility in higher education and looked at the challenges and opportunities available in today's rapidly changing higher education sector. More than 150 staff and students from across the region attended, and there were contributions from academic staff from the Hull and Scarborough Campuses, the Hull York Medical School and central support areas of the University.

Building a solid foundation

The University was awarded an additional 172 full-time equivalent (FTE) student places, primarily for its Foundation degrees, following a successful application through HEFCE. There were 85 full-time students and 187 part-time students on Foundation degrees in 2008/09, equating to 209.91 FTE. The additional 172 FTE numbers are for 2009/10, and this will rise to 184 in 2010/11.

Foundation degrees are now a priority governmental initiative. They are a two-year qualification when taken full-time and are aimed principally at learners in the workforce. The degrees are developed and taught in partnership with employers to meet their higher-level skills requirements. University departments have been encouraged to develop new programmes to utilise the additional student numbers, and new provision has been created in Engineering, the Faculty of Health and Social Care, and the Institute for Learning and at the Scarborough Campus.

QAA audit results

The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) audit of the University in May 2009 concluded that 'confidence can be placed in the soundness of the University's current and likely management of the academic standards of its awards'. The QAA's report also complimented Hull's 'management of the quality of learning opportunities available to students'. The QAA safeguards quality and standards in higher education by checking how well universities are meeting their responsibilities and by highlighting areas of good practice.

National acclaim for programming course

Hull's MSc in Games Programming became the first degree of its kind in England to receive accreditation from Skillsset, the Sector Skills Council for Creative Media, which supports skills and training to ensure that creative media industries in the UK maintain their world-class position. The accreditation is welcomed by industry giants such as Sony, Microsoft, Electronic Arts and Blitz, who are keen for strong computer games courses, like the one at Hull, to be recognised for their academic rigour.

Specialist unit fosters a new approach

The creation of the Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU) marked a new and innovative approach to learning and teaching enhancement at the University. The unit incorporates three senior advisers, seconded from academic departments, who support specific areas of activity including personal development planning, academic professional development, internationalisation and peer support for learning and teaching.

The LTSU manages HEFCE funding associated with learning and teaching enhancement. In 2008/09 it awarded three University Teaching Fellowships and funded 18 staff projects on topics including e-learning, sustainable development and inclusion. The University's Teaching Fellowship Scheme was also praised in the QAA audit for its encouragement and recognition of excellence in learning and teaching.

1. Delegates in discussion at the Innovation in Student Learning and University Teaching Fellows Celebration Lunch.

2. Computer Science lecturer Jon Purdy with Rhett-Vaughn Lezama, a student on the University's pioneering Games Programming MSc.

3. Pro-Vice-Chancellors Professor Bill Bruce and Professor Peter Lutzeier, flanking Shirley Bennet of the LTSU and keynote speaker Sheena Banks (University of Sheffield) at the University's Learning and Teaching Conference.

6. International engagement



1. The University's research into the conservation of the North Sea's estuaries continues, as part of the EU's HARBASINS project.
2. Professor Mike Elliott.
3. Hull once again successfully hosted the prestigious International Conference of Nigerian Students.

GU8 activity

Throughout the 2008/09 academic year, the University further developed its role within the Global GU8 Consortium – a group of universities from across the world formed to foster collaboration in logistics, maritime affairs, business, technology and education through student exchange and the adoption of common curricula. The Hull Campus provided the venue for the GU8 Joint Education Committee meeting in August 2008. The meeting – which also included a workshop on student support and assessment – saw Professor Peter Lutzeier, the University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Learning and Teaching, recommended as Education Committee Chair.

At the annual Council of Presidents' meeting in September 2008 in Melbourne, the home of RMIT University, each member university presented status reports on GU8 activities such as exchange programmes, workshops and conferences. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor David Drewry, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with South Korea's Inha University, based on a programme of student exchanges, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Barry Winn was elected to chair the GU8 Research Committee from June.

Keynote speaker at Shanghai conference

Professor Mike Elliott, Director of the University's Institute of Estuarine and Coastal Studies (IECS), was a keynote speaker at an international workshop entitled 'Ecological Improvement, Conservation and Evaluation for Coastal Habitats' held at Shanghai Fisheries University in October. The work was the result of a €600,000 grant from the European Union INTERREG programme to the IECS. It is all part of the EU's HARBASINS (Harmonised River Basins Strategies North Sea) project, which aims to enhance the compatibility of management strategies and international cooperation for the North Sea's coastal waters, estuaries and river basins.

Professor Drewry elected to EUA board

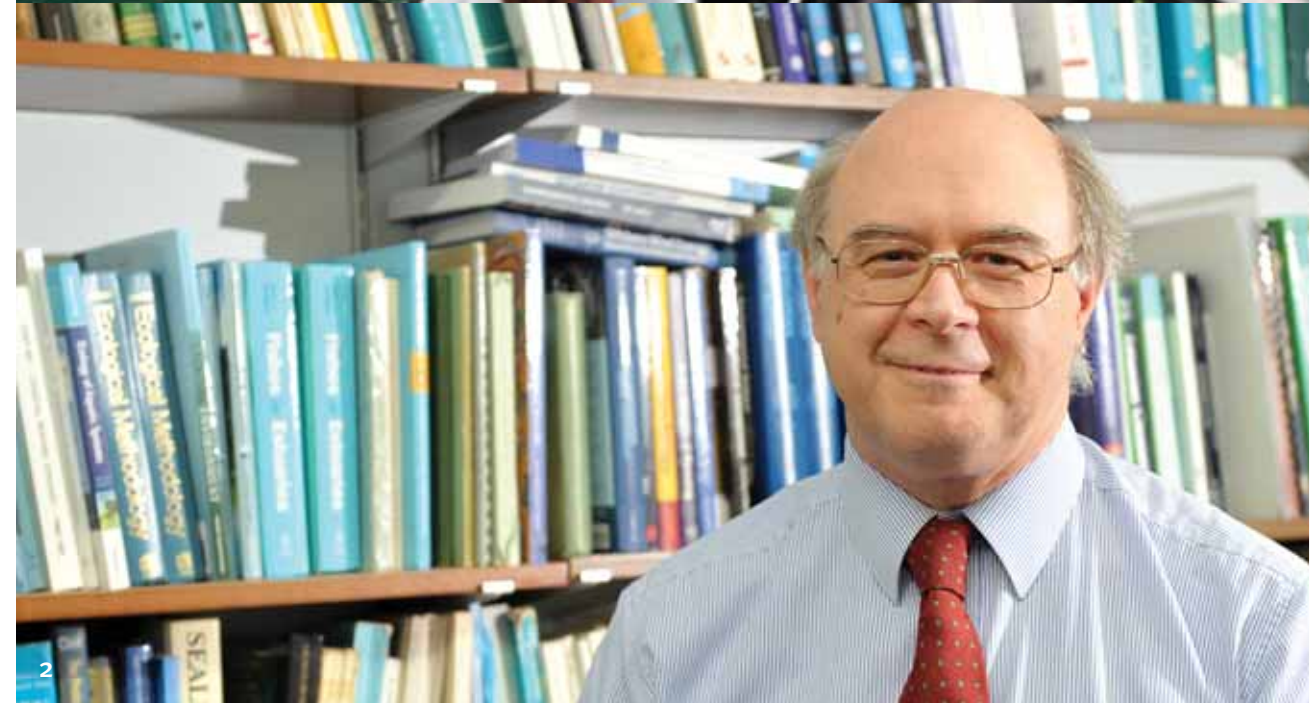
The Vice-Chancellor, was elected to the Board of the European Universities Association (EUA) at its General Assembly in Prague and has also been appointed as one of its two Vice-Presidents. Professor Drewry will serve a term of four years under the new President of the EUA, Professor Jean-Marc Rapp. The board oversees the operation of the EUA, which comprises 830 members in 46 European countries. The EUA plays an essential role in shaping the European higher education and research landscape of the future thanks to its members' diversity and unique knowledge of the sector.

International Conference of Nigerian Students

Hull hosted the International Conference of Nigerian Students for a second successive year, having beaten off stiff competition from other universities (including Manchester and Leeds) to hold the event. Around 200 delegates attended this prestigious conference, which looked at key issues affecting students from Nigeria such as the need to overturn the current negative image of their homeland around the world.



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7. Developing the campuses

New look for Wilberforce Building

The first phase of the modernisation of one of the University's busiest sites, the Wilberforce Building, has been completed. Improvements to the building include a striking new entrance, a new large lecture theatre and a remodelling of the teaching rooms. Wider and brighter corridors have been introduced along with a new pedestrian link between the east and west wings.

The design for the Wilberforce Building was produced by the Hull architects Westray Keith Phelps. The £2.1m contract to create a more modern, comfortable and environmentally friendly learning space was awarded to the city construction firm Houlton.

Performance and broadcast facilities

The University's Gulbenkian Centre, a site for public performances and events, received a £300,000 makeover. New seating and new lamps were installed in the main theatre, and various areas have been redecorated. The ground-floor studios have also been refurbished to provide modern sound spaces, while the first-floor seminar room has been transformed into a flexible teaching space.

University meets investment requirements

The University has successfully met the requirements of HEFCE's new Capital Investment Framework (CIF), which encourages institutions to manage their physical infrastructure as an integral part of their strategic and operational plans. Fulfilling these requirements means that Hull is no longer required to submit specific project details to receive capital funds, allowing some discretion in allocating funds to individual projects across the capital programme. This will save administrative time and improve cash flow.

The CIF is being developed in the light of Government targets for carbon reduction. As part of its commitment to environmental improvement, the University has already completed the Higher Education Carbon Management Programme operated by the Carbon Trust. A plan has been produced that should lead to a reduction in carbon over the next five years.

Chemistry refurbishments

Renovations worth more than £1 million have been carried out in the Chemistry Building. Two laboratories and three lecture theatres have been refurbished under the HEFCE 5 Learning and Teaching and Research funding schemes.

Sculpture completes campus integration

A new centrepiece sculpture has completed the project to integrate the former University of Lincoln campus into the main Cottingham Road site. The artwork is a 3.5-metre spiral – rising to a height of 0.75 metres – constructed from Yorkshire stone and Ancaster limestone.

The piece was designed by Richard Marchant, a mature student from Hull College, following a design competition among students at the college's School of Art and Design. The competition was organised by their tutor, Harry Hodgson, on the invitation of the University's Campus Improvement Working Group. The Ferens Educational Trust contributed to the cost of the sculpture.

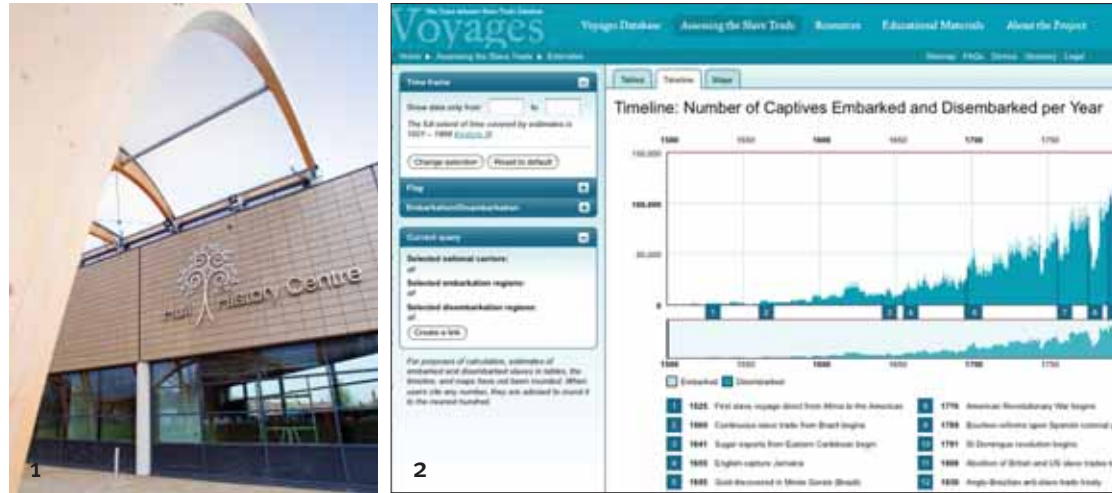
1. The impressive new entrance to the Wilberforce Building.

2. Inside the remodelled Wilberforce Building.

3. Two of the University's Chemistry laboratories have undergone more than £1 million's worth of improvements.

4. Various rehearsal and performance spaces within the Gulbenkian Centre were refurbished during 2008/09.

8. Investing in partnerships and the community



1. The iconic wooden arch above the arcade area of the Hull History Centre.

2. The searchable database featured on slavevoyages.com, produced with input from the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation.

History Centre nears completion

The development of the state-of-the-art Hull History Centre reached a milestone in April when Councillor Elaine Garland, the Lord Mayor of Hull and Admiral of the Humber, conducted a topping-out ceremony at the Mason Street site in the city centre. The centre is a ground-breaking collaboration between the University and Hull City Council, with a £7.7 million contribution from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The new facility brings together material previously held by the city archives, the local studies library and the University archives. It will house many resources for public use and showcase rare treasures and important collections, including the Philip Larkin archives – featuring extensive records of the poet’s work as well as personal artefacts – and the archives of the human rights pressure group Liberty.

Sporting involvement

Staff and students from the Department of Sport, Health and Exercise Science have again been working with professional footballers, including the Premier League team Hull City and the Football League sides Scunthorpe United and Grimsby Town. Hull City have utilised the department’s expertise and equipment for several years as part of their pre-season training regime.

Throughout the year, the department has also assisted individual athletes in disciplines such as fencing, weightlifting and marathon running. In providing high-quality fitness and training advice to local sportspeople, plus coaching sessions for amateur rugby league and football clubs, the University is continuing its commitment to supporting grassroots sport in the region.

Higher education partners

The University is the validation partner for the Federation of Colleges, a group of higher education institutions comprising Doncaster College, East Riding College, the Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education, Selby College and Yorkshire Coast College.

Federation members participated in the University Learning and Teaching Conference and the inaugural Federation Student Conference (now to become an annual event), as well as delivering workshops at the Student Retention across HE Conference in September 2008. Additionally, the number of programmes delivered by the University’s collaborative provision partners – the five federation members plus Bishop Burton College and North Lindsey College – increased year-on-year.



University Centre status

As part of its commitment to developing higher education in the region, the University awarded University Centre status to the Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education. The institute, which recently celebrated its 65th anniversary, received the status in recognition of the vital role that it plays in providing higher education to increasing numbers of students. It offers a range of Higher National Certificates and Diplomas, Foundation degrees, degrees and Masters programmes, along with community provision, corporate training and commercial activities, to more than 22,500 students.

Slave voyages revealed online

Details of slave voyages from the 16th to the 19th century have been made available as an online resource for the first time thanks to a collaboration between international scholars, including Professor David Richardson from the University’s Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation. Academics from various countries have shared their expertise on the transatlantic slave trade, helping to compile the list of some 35,000 slave voyages between Africa and the Americas which are now featured on the slavevoyages.com website.

National acclaim for early years group

A group of early years practitioners, including Heather Davies and Claire Head from the University’s Scarborough School of Education, was chosen to be part of a national pathfinder programme. The Scarborough Pedagogical Exchange Group was picked by Earlyarts, a nationwide training network, as one of 23 pathfinder partners in a professional development programme to help develop children’s learning through creativity. All pathfinder partners have been chosen for their excellent track record in the training and creative development of the arts, cultural and early years workforce.

Economic Challenge Investment Funding

The University secured £1 million from the Economic Challenge Investment Fund to provide support to local people and businesses that have been hit by the recession. The money is helping to deliver practical assistance such as work placements, help with looking for work, and vouchers for unemployed individuals to take short courses at the University. Businesses benefit too, with masterclasses in key managerial and financial skills and the offer of internship placements for graduates with research expertise to support new product and process design. The funding comes from HEFCE and Yorkshire Forward.

3. The Scarborough Pedagogical Exchange Group – including academics from the University’s Scarborough School of Education – is one of only two Yorkshire-based projects to be selected for partnership with the nationwide training network Earlyarts.

4. Hull City’s French international Bernard Mendy undergoes Vo2-Max testing (an assessment of aerobic endurance) in the Department of Sport, Health and Exercise Science.

9. Business competitiveness and innovation



1. Dr David Calvert, Commercial Manager for ETCIC.



2. On the shop floor in the RD Group factory, part of the Knowledge Transfer Partnership.

REACHing new standards

The University's Environmental Technologies Centre of Industrial Collaboration (ETCIC) is helping companies to make sense of sweeping changes to chemical legislation. ETCIC has guided organisations in the UK and Turkey through REACH (registration, evaluation, authorisation and restriction of chemical substances), an EC regulation on chemicals and their safe use. ETCIC also offers a Postgraduate Certificate in REACH Management – the only programme of its type in the world.

National accolade for partnership

A Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) involving the University's Department of Engineering, the University of York's Departments of Biology and Chemistry and the brand protection specialists Authentix Limited was named the best in north-east England. The partnership has developed a ground-breaking and commercially valuable device that detects counterfeit or adulterated products in petrol. By using the knowledge, technology and skills at UK universities, KTPs have become Europe's leading programmes to help businesses improve competitiveness and productivity.

Filling the skills gap

The University is the administrative lead on a £2.9million project piloting bespoke courses for science-based industries. A collaboration between the Higher Education Academy Physical Sciences Centre, the Cogent Sector Skills Council and the University, 'Working Higher' aims to fill the skills gap in the science sector, which is vital to the economy. It provides those working in sciences with an opportunity to develop their talents, reducing shortages of expertise. Along with other universities across the country, the University will deliver foundation science degrees featuring a number of bespoke elements for individual workers and comprising a mix of university- and work-based learning.



'Innovation vouchers' for businesses

Hull University Business School launched a scheme that gives small and medium-sized enterprises the chance to gain academic expertise for their businesses. In partnership with Yorkshire Forward, the Business School is offering 'innovation vouchers' worth £3,000 to eligible businesses and projects, allowing them to purchase knowledge and expertise from universities, colleges and research organisations. The aim is to ensure that companies are sufficiently equipped to weather the current economic climate by becoming more efficient and innovative.

Magnetic mole slays 'dragons'

University engineers helped a local entrepreneur to secure £80,000 of investment via an appearance on the BBC television show *Dragons' Den*. The Engineering Innovation Institute, which advises individuals and companies on product development, worked with Sharon Wright for two years – culminating in her pitch to the infamous 'dragons'. Panel members James Caan and Duncan Bannatyne were so impressed by Sharon's presentation and product – a magnetic device for threading cables through cavity walls – that they jointly purchased a 22.5% share in the project.

Centre delivers start-up success

In less than a year, the Enterprise Centre has become home to 22 start-up businesses, exceeding the original target for this period. The centre houses a range of ventures, several of which are in the technological sector. Innovative products in development include low-power consumption devices for security products, domestic appliances for people with restricted mobility, and gaming and education software. Other start-ups are operating in the marketing, health, sports and environmental sectors.

Proprietors of start-up businesses in the Enterprise Centre.

Back row L–R
Miz Rahman – exchangemobile.co.uk;
Adam Tuffs – *Blue Fusion IT*;
Guy Wallace – *Picture Yourself*;
Kate Macdonald – *WorkWell*;
Mike Kemp – *Build A Skill*.

Front row L–R
Phil Benson – *Xing Smoothies*;
Ben Coomber – yourdietadvisor.co.uk;
Simon Long – *Xing Smoothies*;
Alan Wong – *IngenAWE*.

10. Culture and heritage

1. Opening a studio named after his friend and protege Anthony Minghella was an emotional occasion for Alan Plater.

2. Dr Robb Robinson, developer of the Far Horizons website, outside the Maritime Historical Studies Centre at Blaydes House in Hull.

3. Dr Peter Halkon, flanked by images of the original Hasholme logboat excavation and how it might have looked when in use by Iron Age mariners.

4. In *Not Yet*, the Berlin Wall symbolises the barriers that the teenage characters have built around themselves and each other.

The Anthony Minghella studio

The University remembered one of its most renowned alumni by naming a drama studio in his honour. The Anthony Minghella Studio, located in the Gulbenkian Centre, was officially opened by Alan Plater, CBE, a friend of Anthony and a visiting professor to the University. Anthony Minghella was one of the greats of modern English cinema, directing acclaimed works including *The Talented Mr Ripley*, *Cold Mountain* and the Academy Award-winning *The English Patient*. He received a first class Honours degree from Hull and went on to become an inspirational lecturer, returning in 1997 to deliver masterclasses and receive an honorary degree.

Hull hosts UK premiere

In October, the University hosted the British debut of a play by the leading Japanese playwright Oriza Hirata. Set in the near future against the backdrop of a devastating European war, *Tokyo Notes* examines fault lines in contemporary Japanese society, such as the breakdown of the traditional family unit. Drama lecturer Dr Tim Keenan helped bring the play to Hull thanks to his passion for contemporary Japanese theatre.

Lost maritime stories online

A website exploring Hull's forgotten maritime stories, developed by Dr Robb Robinson of the University's Maritime Historical Studies Centre, was launched in January. Dr Robinson collected historical data and personal stories of Hull mariners and vessels for the Far Horizons website, which also includes long-forgotten case studies from around the globe. The site is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Hasholme logboat

Work by the University's Dr Peter Halkon on one of Britain's most important Iron Age finds, the Hasholme logboat, is aiding understanding of climate change. Parts of the 12.5-metre vessel were recognised by Dr Halkon, an archaeology lecturer in the History Department, and Martin Millett, Professor of Classical Archaeology at the University of Cambridge, during drainage operations in the East Riding in 1984. In this era of rising sea levels and climate change, a study of the boat and its surrounding areas is helping to predict future climate and landscape changes.

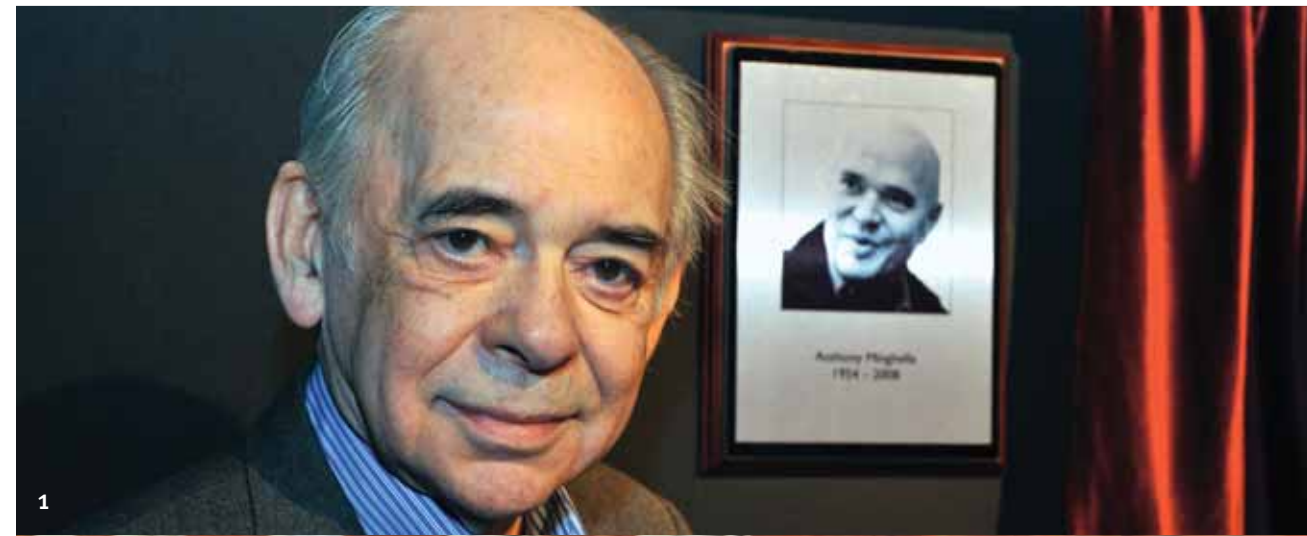
Play chosen for European project

A play written by a Hull drama lecturer, Sarah Jane Dickenson, and performed by University drama students, was chosen for a pan-European Goethe-Institut project commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. *Not Yet* tells the story of a group of British teenagers taught about the Berlin Wall, addressing issues such as social identity and the impact of migration. *Not Yet* was one of only two British plays chosen to take part.

National drama award success

University students again took part in the prestigious National Student Drama Festival in Scarborough, which brings together the best of student drama from across the UK. As always, competition was fierce – with more than 100 plays competing for just 12 awards – but Hull students excelled in a number of categories.

Drama students Helen Goalen and Abbi Greenland returned with a new play called *Never Enough*, receiving an award for choreography and dance theatre as well as the FestGoers' Award. Other Hull winners were Richard T Watson in the student drama critic category and Zoe Hughes, who won the Outstanding Contribution to Lighting Award. In the same category, Emma Gregory also received a commendation, while Amber Hine was commended for outstanding technical achievement.



11. Achievements and appointments



1. Professor the Lord Norton, Director of the University's Centre for Legislative Studies, has been described as 'our greatest living expert on Parliament' by the cross-party Westminster magazine The House.

2. Professor Lynne Frostick received her Yorkshire Post Environment Award at a glittering ceremony in Leeds.

3. Professor Tina Overton's innovative approach to teaching has earned her a National Teaching Fellowship from the Higher Education Academy.

4. Dr Graham Scott specialises in animal behaviour, ornithology and ecology.

5. Professor Ian Cowx has extensive experience in developing and developed countries in management strategies in freshwater bodies and aquaculture.

6. Professor Jo Carby-Hall transported essential everyday goods into Poland when supplies were short towards the end of the communist regime.

Professor the Lord Norton of Louth was elected as Co-Chair of the Parliamentary University Group, a forum for representatives of higher education to meet parliamentarians and discuss issues affecting UK universities. He also received a Special Recognition Award from the Political Studies Association, the country's leading political science body. As an international expert on legislature and a member of the House of Lords, he has been advising on the development of the Iraqi Parliament.

The Geography Department's Professor Lynne Frostick was crowned Green Champion at the Yorkshire Post Environment Awards, and was named 'Woman of Outstanding Achievement' by the UK Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology. She specialises in two prominent environmental issues – water and waste.

Two University academics were awarded prestigious Higher Education Academy fellowships. Professor Tina Overton (Chemistry) was awarded a Senior Fellowship, and Dr Graham Scott (Biological Sciences) received a National Teaching Fellowship. Professor Overton has challenged traditional teaching approaches, empowering students to be more than passive information receivers. Dr Scott has been recognised for helping students to develop independence through student-managed learning.

Professor Ian Cowx of the International Fisheries Institute was jointly given the Award of Excellence by the American Fisheries Society, in recognition of his accomplishments in recreational fisheries management. This is the first time that the award has been presented to an academic working outside North America.

Professor Jo Carby-Hall was invested as a Commander of the Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. Professor Carby-Hall, of the Politics and International Studies Department, received the award for his report 'The Treatment of Polish and Other A8 Economic Migrants in the European Union Member States'.



This year's Andrew Main Lectureship from the University of Alberta, Canada, was awarded to the Chemistry Department's Professor Bernie Binks. Sponsored by the Centre for Oil Sands Innovation and Imperial Oil (COSI), the lecture is part of the D B Robinson Distinguished Speaker Series. Professor Binks gave the lecture 'Foams and Emulsions Stabilised Solely by Solid Particles' to researchers in Alberta in April.

Study Advice Service tutor Alec Gill was made an MBE in the New Year's Honours List. Local historian Alec was recognised for his work in documenting Hull's fishing heritage. He has written six books and produced six videos on the subject since developing an interest in the Hessle Road fishing community during the 1970s.

Computer Science lecturer Dr Rob Miles was re-elected as one of Microsoft's Most Valuable Professionals – a select group of global experts representing the technical community's best and brightest. Dr Miles has delivered a range of talks at Microsoft's Tech Ed conference and has set up a European 'Geek Night' where students and program developers get together to share best practice and exchange ideas.

The Hellenic Society for Systemic Studies (HSSS) awarded the Dean of Hull University Business School, Professor Mike Jackson, its highest accolade – the Honorary HSSS Medal. Professor Jackson received the award for his work as a 'distinguished scientist in the area of the systems approach'. Also within the Business School, Barbara Allan, Director of Learning and Teaching, received a prestigious National Teaching Fellowship, in recognition of her impact on the student learning experience.

Dr Dawn Dowding, a nurse researcher at the Hull York Medical School, was awarded a prestigious Harkness Fellowship to study healthcare policy and practice in the USA. She is the UK's first nurse researcher to win the Fellowship and will undertake a year-long research project examining different aspects of the US healthcare sector.

1. Professor Bernie Binks, recipient of this year's Andrew Main Lectureship.

2. Alec Gill, MBE, has documented the local fishing community across four decades.

3. Dr Rob Miles – once again named as one of Microsoft's Most Valuable Professionals.

4. Recognition in Greece for Professor Mike Jackson, the Dean of Hull University Business School.

5. Barbara Allan has developed and led innovative learning communities such as EMPATHY Net-Works, which enables female graduates to pursue careers in logistics and the supply chain.

6. While researching the US healthcare sector, Dr Dawn Dowding will share her thoughts via a blog on the Nuffield Trust website.

12. The new Vice-Chancellor



Professor Pistorius speaking at the commencement of the Yorkshire Water Innovation Day on the Hull Campus. Facilitated by the University's Environmental Technologies Centre of Industrial Collaboration, the event provided a forum for representatives of leading local and national organisations to discuss innovation management – one of the new Vice-Chancellor's specialisms.

Professor Calie Pistorius, who became Vice-Chancellor on 1 September 2009, was born and raised in Pretoria, South Africa. He obtained Bachelors and Honours degrees in Electronic Engineering (*cum laude*) from the University of Pretoria, and subsequently completed Masters and PhD degrees in Electrical Engineering at Ohio State University in the USA.

Professor Pistorius returned to Pretoria in 1987 as an associate professor in electronic engineering. Focusing on applications of electromagnetic diffraction, he joined a productive research group and co-authored a book on the geometrical theory of diffraction. He became Head of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in 1989.

As his research interests evolved into technology management and the management of innovation, Professor Pistorius took sabbatical leave to complete a Masters degree in the management of technology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A later stint at the Harvard Business School provided another opportunity to learn at – and about – one of the world's great universities.

On returning to South Africa, he established the Institute for Technological Innovation (ITI) at Pretoria, focusing on innovation management at the organisational and national level. He was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Innovation in 1998 and remained a member for ten years – four of those as Chair. In 2000, he became Dean of Pretoria's Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Information Technology.

In August 2001, Professor Pistorius was appointed as Vice-Chancellor and Principal, a position he held for eight years. Under his stewardship, the University of Pretoria enhanced its standing towards being a world-class university: it was South Africa's top-performing university for research outputs in each year of the last decade; its international stature grew significantly; and it made tremendous strides with institutional transformation.

Professor Pistorius is married to Michèle Olivier, a professor of international law at the University of Pretoria, who will continue her research from the couple's new home. Alexander (13) and Nicola (11) have accompanied them to Hull, while daughters Ilze (19) and Cara (15) have remained in Pretoria.

'I have spent my life in universities and thrive in an academic environment. I am an academic in heart, mind and soul,' said Professor Pistorius, when explaining what had attracted him the University of Hull. 'During my years at Pretoria, the shift was not only towards leading an academic institution but also towards understanding the greater role that universities must play in addition to their academic endeavours – whether in the development and growth of their students and staff, their contributions to national and regional agendas or their services to the community. As the end of my term as Vice-Chancellor drew nearer, I knew it was time to bid farewell to the place where I had studied, learnt, worked and lived for such a long time. The opportunity to join the University of Hull came at a very opportune time for me.'

'The University of Hull immediately resonated with my experience, my vision and, most importantly, my value framework. It is a university with a great history and a proud heritage. It has an excellent academic reputation and international standing, with an impressive research record, and it values the student experience very highly.'

13. Distinguished visitors



Throughout 2008/09, the University welcomed many distinguished visitors.

The new Enterprise Centre received the royal seal of approval when **His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**, performed its official opening in December. His Royal Highness, known for his interest in technology, saw demonstrations of the University's latest innovations and met the proprietors of the new start-up businesses housed in the centre, before unveiling a hi-tech 'virtual' plaque.

In July, **His Excellency Dr Nicholas Liverpool**, President of the Commonwealth of Dominica, visited Hull to tour his *alma mater* and enjoy lunch with the Vice-Chancellor. Dr Liverpool graduated with a law degree from Hull in 1960 and gained a PhD in Sheffield before becoming a lecturer in law at the University of Ghana and a research fellow at McGill University, Canada.

European politics was on the agenda when the **Rt Hon Charles Kennedy, MP**, gave a lecture at the University in February. The former leader of the Liberal Democrats and the current President of the European Movement in Britain shared his opinions on Europe, stressing the need to reignite the debate on this often controversial subject.

A leading local entrepreneur, **Assem Allam**, made a special visit to the University to donate funds of £1.5 million to help establish a new biosciences research centre. The donation from Mr Allam – whose successful local business, Allam Marine Ltd, received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2006 – was one of the largest single donations the University has received in recent times.

It was an emotional return for the journalist and Hull alumnus **John McCarthy, CBE**, visiting his old university during the Business Week conference in the city last June. Mr McCarthy, who was famously held hostage in Beirut for more than five years, toured around the campus and recalled fond memories of his time here as a student in the 1970s.

1. His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, flanked by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Barry Winn at the opening of the Enterprise Centre.

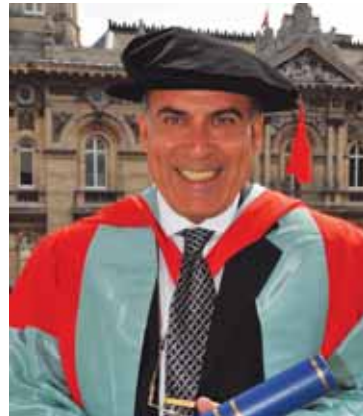
2. His Excellency Dr Nicholas Liverpool returned to the Hull Campus in July.

3. The Rt Hon Charles Kennedy, MP, speaking on Britain's involvement in Europe.

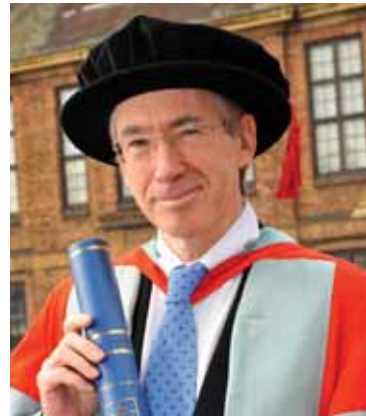
4. Egyptian-born Assem Allam is one of Hull's most successful entrepreneurs.

5. A nostalgia-invoking tour of the Hull Campus for John McCarthy, CBE, namesake of the students' union bar.

14. Honorary graduates



Muhtar Kent, CEO of Coca-Cola.



Ian McEwan, CBE, the Booker Prize-winning novelist.



The fashion designer Bruce Oldfield, OBE.



Rt Hon Sir Anthony Clarke.



Judith Donovan, CBE.



Professor Sean O'Brien.



Neil Hudgell.



Jack Brignall.



Professor Sir David Read, FRS.



Professor Jo Carby-Hall, OBE.



John Parkes, CBE.



Professor Zhu Chongshi.

At graduation ceremonies throughout the year, the University conferred honorary degrees on a diverse range of eminent individuals.

Receiving honorary degrees at the winter ceremonies were the Booker Prize-winning novelist **Ian McEwan, CBE**; the fashion designer **Bruce Oldfield, OBE**; **Neil Hudgell**, the Chairman of Hull Kingston Rovers rugby league club and a local solicitor (and former Masters student at the University); local construction firm founder and philanthropist **Jack Brignall**; the Hull alumnus and distinguished plant ecologist **Professor Sir David Read, FRS**; and the Master of the Rolls, the **Rt Hon Sir Anthony Clarke**, the second most senior judge in England and Wales.

During the summer ceremonies in July, those recognised included the Hull alumnus **Muhtar Kent**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Coca-Cola Company; the entrepreneur and marketer **Judith Donovan, CBE**; the acclaimed poet **Sean O'Brien**; the international law specialist Professor **Jo Carby-Hall, OBE**, the Director of the University's international legal research; Pro-Chancellor Emeritus **John Parkes, CBE**; the economic law and international investment law specialist **Professor Zhu Chongshi**; the former CEO of BP Alternative Energy, **Vivienne Cox**; the neuroscientist Professor **Barry Everitt, FRS**; and Scarborough businessman **Tom Pindar, OBE**.



Vivienne Cox.



Professor Barry Everitt, FRS.



Tom Pindar, OBE.

15. Alumni relations



1. The University's Chancellor, Baroness Bottomley, welcomes alumni to the House of Lords reception.



2. Graduates enjoying a discussion of old times during this year's reunion weekend.

House of Lords reception

The University's Chancellor, Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone, welcomed Hull alumni to a special reception at the House of Lords in April. The event was attended by many high-profile graduates including Larry Hirst, Chairman of IBM Europe, Middle East and Africa; Simon Calver, Chief Executive of LOVEFilm International; and His Excellency Pengiran Dato Maidin Hashim, the Bruneian High Commissioner. The Hull businessman and major University donor Assem Allam also attended and was given a private tour of the House of Lords by Lord Norton.

Annual reunion weekend

Former Hull students met up with friends and visited their old departments during July's annual reunion weekend. This year's event focused on Music and Drama graduates and featured a special concert given by the Music Department. The guest speaker was the culture critic and broadcaster David Benedict, a Hull Drama alumnus.

BAFTA nomination for Drama graduate

The Sky News correspondent Gerard Tubb, a Hull Drama graduate, was nominated for a BAFTA Award. The nomination recognised Gerard's exclusive coverage of the 'missing canoeist' story in which John and Anne Darwin were ultimately found guilty of fraud. Gerard uncovered evidence including emails, voicemails, photographs and even a spreadsheet put together by Mr Darwin detailing the couples plans. In addition to his BAFTA nomination, Gerard was shortlisted for the Royal Television Society's 'Scoop of the Year' for his work on the same story.



Sharing the secrets of success

Drama and Music alumnus Martin Lowe returned to the University in January to pass on his insights into the world of theatre and music to current students at two days of practical workshops. Martin has found considerable success in the arts – notably as Musical Director on both the film and West End versions of the Abba musical *Mamma Mia*. The film was a box office smash as – with Martin's help – its stars (including Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan) found the confidence to perform some of the best-known songs in pop music.

Royal honours for Hull alumni

Andrew Motion, a former University lecturer and recent Poet Laureate, was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to literature. Sir Andrew (who taught English at the University between 1976 and 1980 and became an honorary graduate in 1996) has published 10 collections of poems plus highly regarded biographies of fellow poets John Keats and former University librarian Philip Larkin. Sir Andrew stepped down as Poet Laureate in May after a decade in the post.

The cellist David Chew was awarded the OBE for services to music in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. David received a Master of Music degree at Hull, specialising in Brazilian music, and has since won many international awards. He was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2006 for his CD *Brazilian Fantasy*, recorded with his chamber orchestra, Rio Strings.

Hull graduate Brian Shrubshall also received an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. After graduating in Pure and Applied Mathematics, he joined the Ministry of Defence and has played a major role in the design and development of armour systems for most of the UK's heavy-armoured vehicles – including Challenger 2, the main British army battle tank. He is now a senior scientist in the Physical Sciences Department at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) at Porton Down.



3. Martin Lowe making a point during the music and theatre workshops.

4. The former Poet Laureate and University lecturer became Sir Andrew Motion in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

16. Moving to environmental sustainability



1. The University's Professor Lynne Frostick (far right) with project partners Professor Chris Wilson of the University of Sheffield, Professor Mohamed Pourkashanian of the University of Leeds, Professor Tony Hardy (Central Science Laboratory) and Professor Lenny Koh of the University of Sheffield, in the Centre for Low Carbon Futures.

2. Ruth James, Chair of the Scarborough Environmental Action Group, with student volunteers Laura Buxton and Adam Kirk at the planting day on the Scarborough Campus.

Centre for Low Carbon Futures

The University's expertise in environmental research is helping to establish the ground-breaking Centre for Low Carbon Futures, in partnership with the Universities of Leeds, York and Sheffield. The £50 million project – initially funded by Yorkshire Forward – aims to establish a world-leading multidisciplinary research centre that will harness Yorkshire's strengths to build a competitive, sustainable and carbon-efficient regional economy for businesses and the community. It will improve understanding of the impact and costs of climate change and identify ways in which organisations and communities can adapt to meet these challenges.

Recycling bins introduced

Continuing the University's adherence to the national Higher Education Carbon Management Programme, a recycling scheme has been introduced across the Hull Campus. Office waste bins in 14 buildings are no longer emptied by cleaning department staff; instead employees dispose of their refuse in a more environmentally conscious way. Buildings now have colour-coded bins for plastic, glass, paper and cans, plus a bin for general waste which cannot be recycled.

The University signed up to the Carbon Trust's Higher Education Carbon Management Programme as part of its commitment to cutting carbon emissions and developing an energy strategy that will identify practical actions to help the environment.

University signs up to EcoCampus

The University applied to join the higher education sector's environmental management accreditation and award scheme EcoCampus. The scheme allows universities to be recognised for their work in addressing key environmental sustainability issues and provides tools to help institutions move closer to sustainability through good operational and management practices. As a participant in the third cohort of universities taking part, the University is aiming to achieve a Bronze Award in 2010 – the prerequisites of which include environmental awareness training and the drafting of an environmental policy.

Sowing the seeds

November saw the culmination of months of hard work supporting the environment at the University's Scarborough Campus when staff, students and community volunteers took part in a planting day at the site. This was the final stage of a project to reintroduce native shrubs and wildflowers at Scarborough and create a haven for local wildlife. Around 25 native species were planted, including bluebells, sweet violet, foxglove and enchanter's nightshade. The day was organised by the Campus Environmental Action Group.

17. Sporting successes



Super Six success

The University's rugby league team experienced a fantastic first season in a new national competition involving the country's six strongest student rugby league sides. The team notched up victories against Birmingham, Northumbria and St Mary's University College, earning a play-off place. They also had the honour of entering the world-famous Carnegie Challenge Cup for the first time. Drawn away to National League Three Champions Featherstone Lions, the players put up a valiant effort against a much higher-ranked side but were eventually beaten 18–12.

Promotion triumph for Hull teams

It was a hugely rewarding 2008/09 season for several of the University's sporting teams. There were outstanding performances from the men's volleyball and men's tennis 1sts, who both secured thrilling last-fixture wins to gain promotion to the top northern division of their respective leagues. The volleyball team has also been selected to be the hub club for the Premier League 4 Sport community initiative, delivered in partnership with Hull City. The men's badminton and women's volleyball 1sts were also promoted from their respective divisions without losing a match.

Hull's high flyers

Sport Science student Mark Turner was part of the Great Britain ice hockey squad which competed in the World University Winter Games in Harbin, China. As part of a 113-strong delegation drawn from universities and colleges around the UK, Mark competed against national squads from China, Canada, the Czech Republic and Kazakhstan.

Student Mike Ellis also made a name for himself as part of a Great Britain rugby league squad that toured Norway in July. The team, known as the Pioneers, includes players from 13 different universities. Their aim is to enhance rugby league's popularity in countries looking to develop the sport, and the team has so far visited several nations including Ukraine and the Czech Republic – both of which now compete in the European Shield.

Support for sporting stars

In partnership with the charity SportsAid, the University is continuing to provide funding and expert assistance to promising sports stars in the region. As well as aiding them financially, the University gives the youngsters (all aged between 10 and 17) first-class help in training, testing and nutrition – services that are not generally provided for athletes until they reach senior level.

1. Emma Jackson, a 15-year-old sprinter whom the University is supporting through SportsAid. Emma is the UK's second-fastest sprinter in her age bracket, running the 100 metres in under 12 seconds and recording sub-25-second times in the 200 metres.

2. University of Hull full-back Dennis Tuffour in action against Featherstone Lions in the Challenge Cup encounter.

18. Students' union activities



Indie rockers Athlete (pictured) and Feeder packed out the union at the End of Year Ball. Other high-profile bands to have played at Asylum during 2008/09 included Pendulum and Enter Shikari.

NUS Awards

Hull University Union (HUU) came second in the Equality and Diversity category at the 2009 National Union of Students Awards. This is the first time HUU has entered the awards, and it was competing against nearly 200 other students' unions. An Equal Opportunities Group has been set up to monitor HUU's performance in this vital area, which will help build on the award success and continue to develop a union that is inclusive and accessible to all.

Top-10 place for students' union

Hull's students' union has been ranked in the national top 10 by its students. The reviews were written on the Hotcourses website whatuni.com, which receives more than two million visits a year and gives potential students an insight into university life. Each review covers 10 different aspects of students' time at university; and is published online to provide useful guidance to future students. From 62 reviews, the University achieved 7th place in the students' union category and was placed in the top 20 in both the 'overall rating' and the 'clubs and societies' polls.

The best bar none

Asylum nightclub received four prizes in this year's Hull Best Bar None Awards, which encourage sensible drinking and recognise excellence within the licensed trade. The scheme – led by Hull Citysafe in partnership with Hull City Council, Viking FM, Hull Business Improvement District and the Home Office – promotes safety and security with the aim of reducing crime and disorder. It recognises those licensed premises which work to provide their customers with a safe, comfortable and pleasant environment.



Green gong for eco efforts

HUU's continuing 'green' efforts have been recognised with a national Sound Environmental Impact Award. The awards, now in their third year, are presented to students' unions in recognition of their environmental and ethical work. HUU was awarded the Bronze Standard after meeting 22 essential criteria based on practical actions to reduce its negative environmental impact. Initiatives around the University have included the addition of an ink cartridge recycling facility and the recycling of all used glass from the union bars.

Support service lifts Nightline crown

Hull Nightline – which provides an essential listening, support and advice service for students struggling to cope with the pressures of university life – beat 34 other services to be crowned Nightline of the Year. The Nightline Association awards the title to a service that is particularly well run, shows dedication to student welfare or has made marked improvements. Hull Nightline relies entirely on students giving up their free time to be trained, answering nightly calls and training new volunteers.

Better services on campus

As part of a major revamp of student facilities, the Hull University Union shop relocated to a larger, purpose-built area on the ground floor of University House. In accordance with student feedback, the shop – the students' union's most-used service – introduced a wider variety of products including healthy, vegetarian, and low-fat and -salt foods to complement the existing food options. Opening times have been extended, with evening and weekend hours now being considered. The shop relocation is the latest phase in the £2.4 million refurbishment of University House.

The impressive facade of the extensively refurbished University House.

**Hull University Union
Sabbatical Officers 2008/09**
President: *Helen Gibson*

Secretary and Treasurer: *Alex Hamilton*

Vice-President Media and
Volunteering: *Wayne Buisst*

Vice-President Scarborough:
Mark Alcorn

Vice-President Academic
Representation: *Richard Jackson*

Vice-President Welfare and
Equality: *Coralie Tringham*

Vice-President Sport: *Laura Bennett*

Chair of HUSSO Student
Community Action: *Abby Lester*

Chair of the International
Students' Association: *Jan Zahuta*

19. Accounts overview

Consolidated income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 July 2009

	Note	2009 £000	2008 £000
INCOME			
Funding Council Grants		55,172	55,882
Tuition Fees and Education Contracts		59,856	48,630
Research Grants and Contracts		9,375	10,063
Other Income		26,403	25,688
Endowment and Investment Income		676	1,261
TOTAL INCOME		151,482	141,524
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Costs		85,685	81,091
Other Operating Expenses		47,787	46,419
Depreciation		7,427	6,933
Interest Payable		685	751
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		141,584	135,194
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of tangible fixed assets at valuation and before tax and exceptional items		9,898	6,330
Surplus on Disposal of Tangible Fixed Assets		413	0
Taxation		0	0
Transfer (to)/from accumulated income within specific endowments		(1)	11
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of tangible fixed assets at valuation and disposal of assets, tax and exceptional items and transfers in respect of specific endowments		10,310	6,341

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 25 November 2009, and signed on its behalf by:
MR J STANDEN (Chairman of Council) • MRS N J DUNCUMB (Treasurer) • PROFESSOR C W I PISTORIUS (Vice-Chancellor)

A full audited Statement of Accounts will be made available on the University's website or can be obtained on request from the Finance Office.

Balance sheets as at 31 July 2009

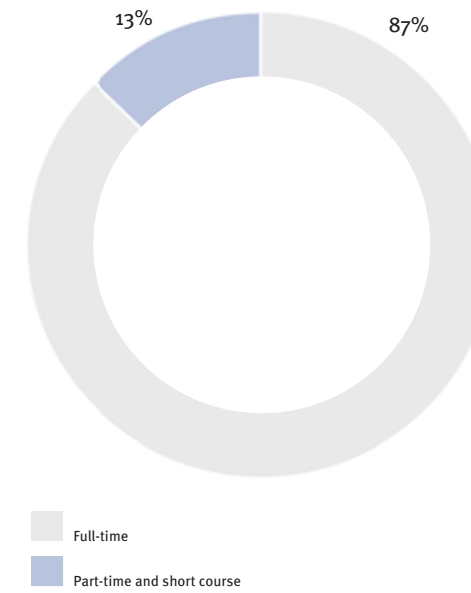
	Consolidated		University	
	2009 £000	2008 £000	2009 £000	2008 £000
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	102,708	98,166	102,708	98,166
Investments	3,576	4,140	3,578	5,822
	106,284	102,306	106,286	103,988
ENDOWMENT ASSETS	9,896	10,552	9,896	10,552
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	89	71	89	71
Debtors	11,943	13,870	11,943	15,588
Investments	17,049	5,045	17,049	5,045
Cash at Bank and in Hand	524	674	524	645
	29,605	19,660	29,605	21,349
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	(33,572)	(29,799)	(33,574)	(31,547)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	(3,967)	(10,139)	(3,969)	(10,198)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	112,213	102,719	112,213	104,342
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	(7,175)	(7,500)	(7,175)	(9,143)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	(645)	(1,432)	(645)	(1,432)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY	104,396	93,787	104,393	93,767
Pension liability	(29,388)	(18,231)	(29,388)	(18,231)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY	75,005	75,556	75,005	75,536
DEFERRED CAPITAL GRANTS	53,305	49,763	53,305	49,763
ENDOWMENTS				
Specific	4,127	4,384	4,127	4,384
General	5,769	6,168	5,769	6,168
	9,896	10,552	9,896	10,552
RESERVES				
Designated MRI Reserve	4,098	5,609	4,098	5,609
Revaluation Reserve	2,516	2,563	2,516	2,563
	6,614	8,172	6,614	8,172
General reserve excluding pension liability	34,578	25,300	34,578	25,280
Pension Reserve	(29,388)	(18,231)	(29,388)	(18,231)
General reserve including pension liability	5,190	7,069	5,190	7,049
TOTAL	75,005	75,556	75,005	75,536

20. Student profile

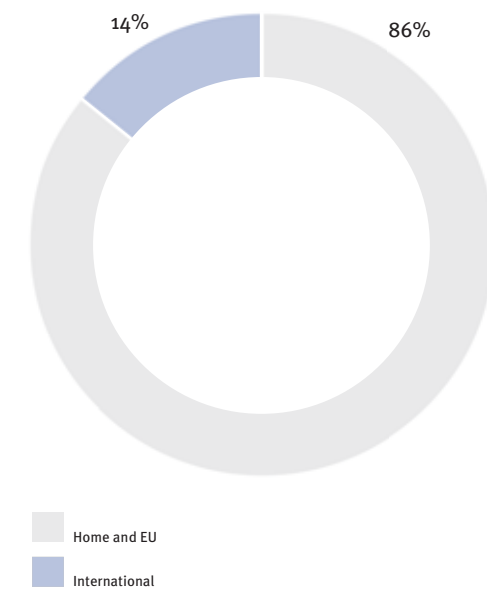
	FT/PT	05/06			06/07			07/08			08/09		
		H/EU	Int	Total	H/EU	Int	Total	H/EU	Int	Total	H/EU	Int	Total
Hull Campus	FT	8,870	1,185	10,055	9,086	1,214	10,300	9,425	1,570	10,995	9,824	1,852	11,676
	PT	2,490	228	2,718	2,494	197	2,691	2,719	189	2,908	2,455	137	2,592
Hull Total		11,360	1,413	12,773	11,580	1,411	12,991	12,144	1,759	13,903	12,279	1,989	14,268
Scarborough Campus	FT	1,241	146	1,387	1,262	156	1,418	1,317	110	1,427	1,424	153	1,577
	PT	82	19	101	86		86	78		78	64		64
Scarborough Total		1,323	165	1,488	1,348	156	1,504	1,395	110	1,505	1,488	153	1,641
Distance Taught	FT					78	78	1	121	122	2	133	135
	PT	98	293	391	62	300	362	63	509	572	23	462	485
Distance total		98	293	391	62	378	440	64	630	694	25	595	620
UFA	PT	4,486		4,486	5,279		5,279	4,448		4,448	4,651		4,651
Grand Total		17,267	1,871	19,138	18,269	1,945	20,114	18,051	2,499	20,550	18,443	2,737	21,180

UFA= University Foundation Award

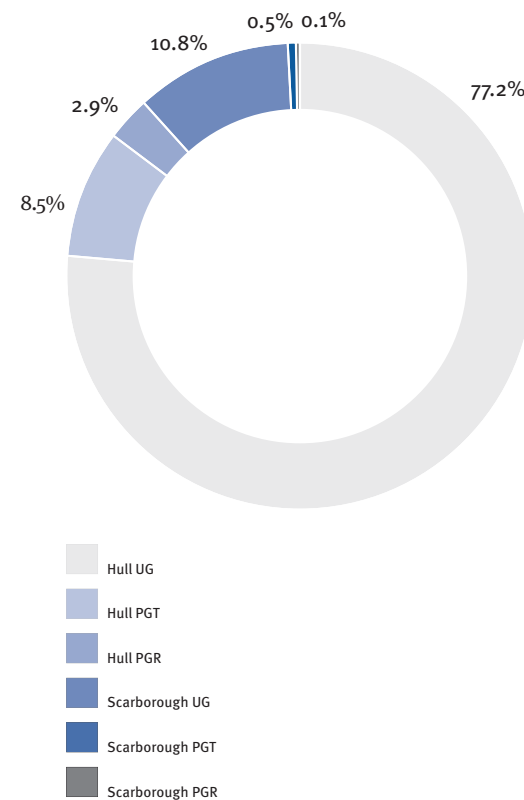
Mode of study (FTE)



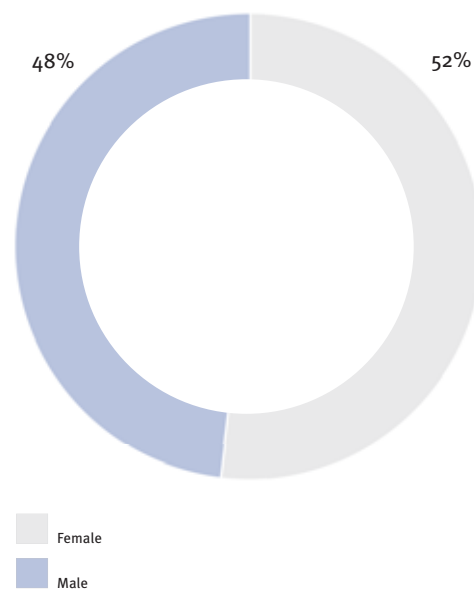
Home and EU / international students split (FTE)



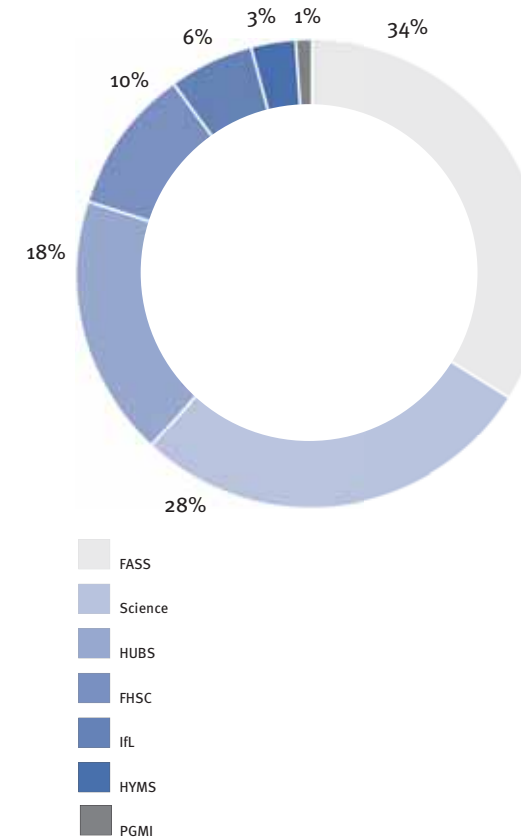
Full-time equivalent (FTE)



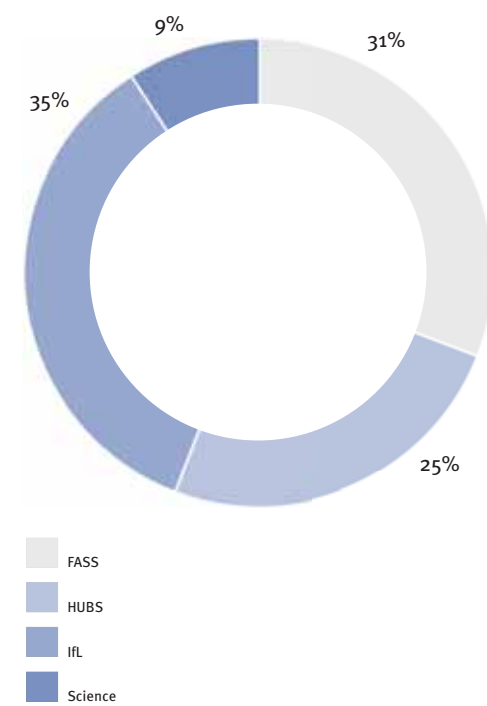
Gender split (FT)



Hull faculty population split (FTE)



Scarborough faculty population split (FTE)



21. Institutional profile

Chancellor

Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone, PC, DL

Pro-Chancellors

Nicky Duncumb
Veronica Pettifer
John Standen

Members of the University Council 1 August 2008 – 31 July 2009

John Standen (Chair)
Michael Bartlett
Eileen Bosomworth
Professor Bill Bruce
Liam Cotter
Jim Dick
Judge John Dowse
Professor David Drewry
Nicky Duncumb (Treasurer)
Dr Craig Gaskell
Helen Gibson (SU President) – to 29 June 2009
Professor Stephanie Haywood
Dr Keith Hopkins
Andrew Lee
Professor Peter Lutzeier
Stephen Martin
Justin Morris
Jamie Scudamore (Students' Union President) – from 29 June 2009
Sunil Shastri
Scilla Smith
Professor Ray Walker
Adam Wardle
Rachel Wiggans
Ray Williamson

Senior Management Team

Vice-Chancellor

Professor David Drewry

Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)

Professor Bill Bruce

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise)

Professor Barry Winn

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching)

Professor Peter Lutzeier

Quality Director, University Registrar and Secretary

Frances Owen

Finance Director

Rachel Wiggans

Human Resources Director

Rory Howie

Faculties

The University is divided into seven faculties, each of which is headed by a Dean and comprises various departments. The Scarborough Campus is led by its own Dean, who has responsibility for some academic activities and coordinates others with faculty Deans.

Arts and Social Sciences

Dean: Professor George Talbot

Faculty of Science

Dean: Derek Wills

Hull University Business School

Dean: Professor Mike Jackson

Faculty of Health and Social Care

Dean: Chris English

Institute for Learning

Dean: Dina Lewis

Hull York Medical School

Dean: Professor Ian Greer

Postgraduate Medical Institute

Dean: Professor Nicholas Stafford

Scarborough Campus

Dean: Dr Craig Gaskell

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