

Convocation 14th June 2023



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National Rankings and Reputation

University of the Year (The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023)

A top 10 UK university as ranked by:

- **Complete University Guide 2024 (5th)**
- The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023 (8th)
- Guardian University Guide 2023 (7th)
- The Times Higher Education 'Table of Tables' 2022 (9th)
- National Student Survey 2022 (1st in England and 3rd in the UK)
- The Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018 (4th)

Strong research profile - 92% of our research rated as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in REF 2021



International Rankings and Reputation

An increasingly strong international reputation

- **Top 100** in the international QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022 (93rd)
- Overall ranking of **179 out of 1,422 universities** in the QS World University Rankings 2023
- **Equal 7th in the world for Sports-related subjects** in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023, with a further five subjects in the top 100:
 - Architecture & Built Environment (51-100)
 - Business & Management Studies (78=)
 - Development Studies (51-100)
 - Psychology (97=)
 - Social Policy & Administration (45)
- **134th** in the world for the top 10% most frequently cited publications according to the 2021 Leiden Ranking.



University Strategy 2021-2026: Progress Update

Significant progress has been made across the four key pillars

Fostering an outstanding and inclusive community

Driving excellence in education

Driving high impact research

Enhancing strategic partnerships

Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community

An increasingly diverse community

- 20,311 students representing 153 nationalities – 32% come from outside the UK
- A significant increase in UK students from Widening Participation backgrounds with the University's Gold Scholarship Programme (2021 upReach Student Social Mobility Awards winner) supporting up to 50 students a year
- Over 3,500 members of staff representing 87 nationalities
- Over 145,000 alumni living and working in more than 170 countries



Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community

Initiatives

- Support for members of our community affected by global events and cost of living
- More regular staff surveys – Reward, Hybrid Working, Wellbeing, Workload
- Outstanding Student Engagement in SU
- Student inclusion – Living Ambassador Scheme

- Athena Swan Awards held by all 16 academic departments
- Statement of Equality Objectives approved
- Application for the University Mental Health Charter Award submitted
- Culture of Care training package launched
- Suicide Safer Community Action Plan approved
- Accessibility Committee set up and external audit commissioned
- National pay and pension issues continue, but locally we have:
 - signed a pioneering collective agreement on anti-casualisation
 - brought forward implementation of the voluntary living wage
 - completed the second round of the new Professorial pay system
 - seen a reduction in our median gender pay gap



Fostering an Outstanding and Inclusive Community



New Senior Appointments

- Professor Deborah Wilson, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences from 1 October 2022
- Professor Duncan Craig, Dean of the Faculty of Science from 1 March 2023
- Dr Randolph Cooper, Interim Chief Operating Officer from 5 December 2022
- Dev Biddlecombe, Director of Estates from 5 September 2022
- Chris Youles, Chief Information & Digital Officer from 1 May 2022

Driving Excellence in Education



Recruitment and Admissions

- 16,431 applications for FT PGT courses and 32,825 UG applications for 2022 entry
- UG applications for 2023 are up by 5.3% and PGT applications are up by 33.2%

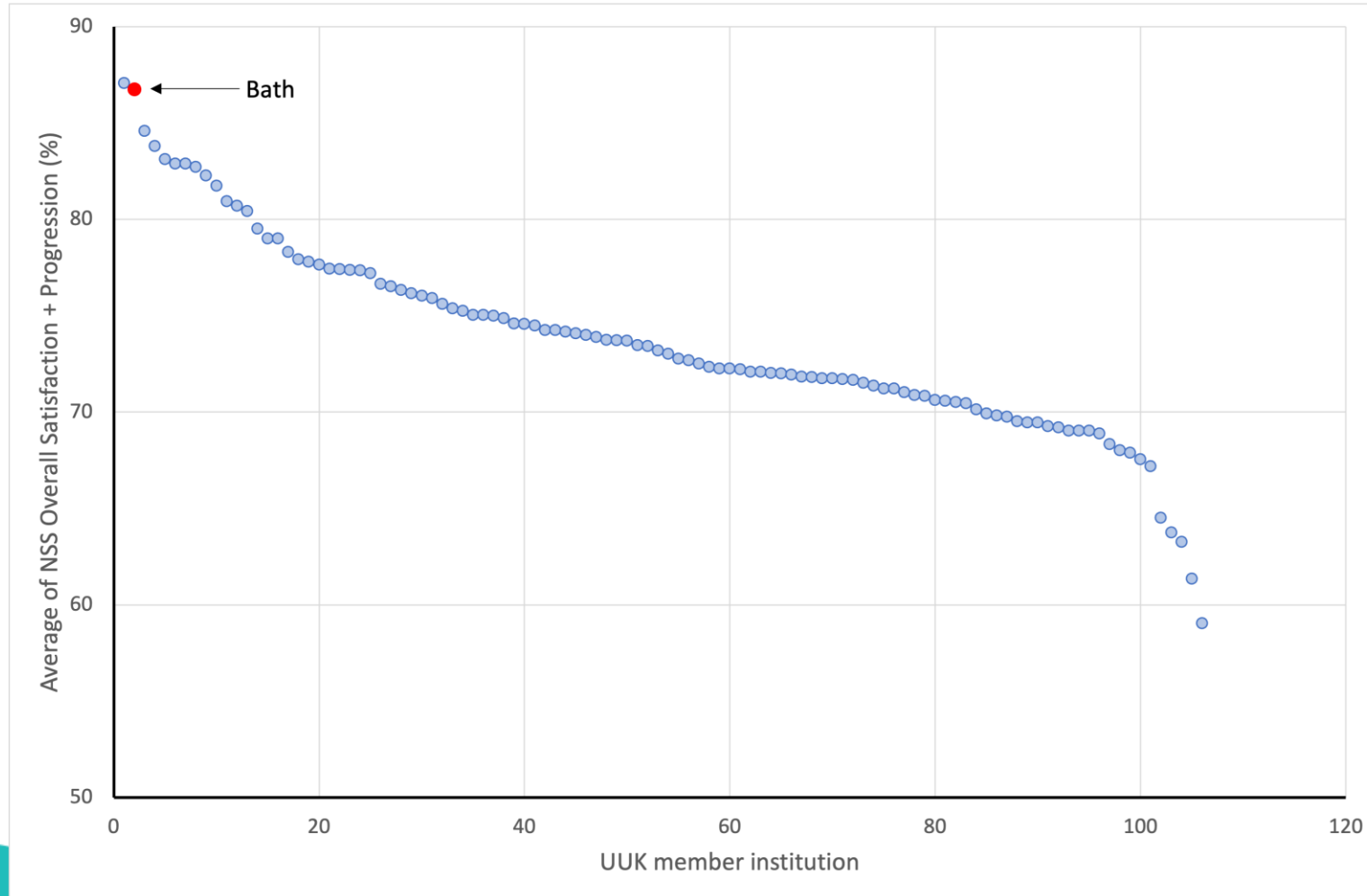
Delivery

- Last year, we returned to a campus-based education whilst retaining the successes of the ‘Bath Blend’
- This year, circa 96% of all pre-Covid in-person delivery has been face-to-face, with around 4% online interactive learning
- Social and extra-curricular activities are back to pre-pandemic levels

Initiatives

- Teaching Excellence Framework 2023 – submission made in Jan 2023
- Curriculum Transformation (CT) project – preparing to launch all undergraduate courses in 2023/24
- New Education Data Insights Group – robust data and analysis to support continual improvement of our education and student experience

Education Performance

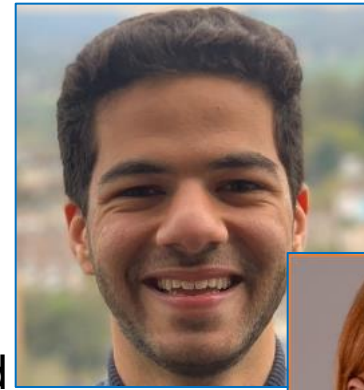


Highlights

- Highly Relevant Courses – 3rd in Employability after Imperial and Cambridge
- Approximately 70% students on placements
- Bath-led Institute of Coding – 960,000 learners

Student Success

- Mechanical Engineering graduate **Waleed Lattouf** – Young Innovators Award, Innovate UK
- Professor **Linda du Plessis** (DBA) – International Award in the 2022 Emerald and HE Teaching and Learning Association 'Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards'
- **Nav Sawhney**, MSc Humanitarianism, Conflict and Development graduate – 'Points of Light' award from the Prime Minister for his hand-cranked washing machine project
- A multidisciplinary team of Bath students – gold medal in the prestigious iGEM competition for developing a bacterial variant that turns a pollutant into a soil nutrient
- **Thomas Finn** (Mathematical Sciences PhD) – first Royal Statistical Society PhD Competition in Applied Probability winner



Driving High Impact Research

Themes

- Sustainability; Health & Wellbeing; Digital

Initiatives

- New Institute for Sustainability launched
- New Institute for the Augmented Human launching this year
- New Institute for Digital Security and Behaviour to be launched
- 40 International PGR scholarships per Faculty/School will attract a diverse and high-quality cohort
- 37 projects funded through the Research England Enhancing Research Culture Fund will address our 6 pillars of research culture: career development, collegiality, research recognition, research ethics and integrity, open research and research design
- New Economic and Social Research Council Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) funding of £1.25 million will support a wide range of social, economic and behavioural science impact activities
- Bath leading the £12M EPSRC-funded Cellular Agriculture Manufacturing Hub
- Bath Beacons scheme developing well with second round soon to launch



Driving High Impact Research – External Recognition

Professor Ismet Gursul – Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Dr Christine Edmead – Fellow of the British Pharmacological Society

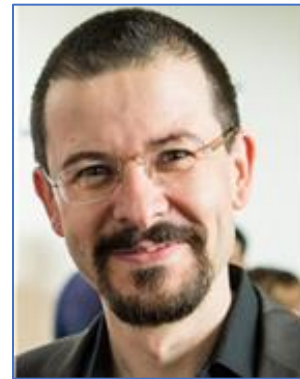
Dr Ben Metcalfe – Vice-President (Academic) and Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine

Professor Phil Tomlinson – Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences

Professor Ventsislav Valev – Fellow of the Institute of Physics and Fellow of SPIE

Professor Laurence Hurst – Humbolt Prize, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Germany

Professor Barbara Kasprzyk-Hordern – Royal Society of Chemistry Environmental Chemistry Group DGL Medal



Sporting Success

More than 100 international medals won and new elite training centres opened during a stunning sporting 2022 at the University

Outstanding SU sports success

Bath again named one of the top 10 places in the world to study sport (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022)

The University, with Pentathlon GB, UK Sport and B&NES Council, to host the UIPM Modern Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in August 2023

Bath continues to be a top training venue for national and international teams

A new dedicated training facility for the world-leading Great Britain wheelchair fencing squad has opened at the University

Bath and Edinburgh awarded a new International Olympic Committee Research Centre

