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it's official!



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The key findings of our latest **Higher Education Review**
by the **Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education**

Courses validated by:



Edge Hill
University



Higher Education Review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

I'm delighted to introduce the results of our Higher Education Review (HER).

The QAA Higher Education Review is the higher education equivalent to an Ofsted Inspection and the Hugh Baird University Centre had its latest review in May 2015. We think the results were exceptional and we are very proud to share them with you.

This brochure is intended to give an overview of the results and what they mean. The findings of the review not only include commendations for several key areas, but also highlight lots of good practice and we think they demonstrate our continued commitment to raising aspirations, increasing opportunities for all and inspiring students to develop their full potential.



Helen Mathers
Dean of Higher Education
The Hugh Baird University Centre



The **best** bits:



We are
one of only seven
providers to receive
two commendations
in their QAA Higher Education Review



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since the introduction of
Higher Education Reviews

(as at August 2015)



QAA highlighted
seven areas
of good practice



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Commended

for the quality of student learning opportunities *



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[* Definition: the provision made by universities and colleges to enable students to learn e.g. planned study, teaching, academic and personal support and resources.]



Commended

for the enhancement of student learning opportunities **



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[** Definition: the process by which we systematically improve the quality of provision and the ways in which students' learning is supported.]

Key findings:

We are **committed to continuous improvement** of student learning opportunities



We **maintain academic standards** on behalf of our validating partners, the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) and Edge Hill University



We offer **good quality information** about learning opportunities



All of our undergraduates experience **work-based learning**



We have **strong links with local industry** in the Liverpool City Region



Our academic staff share **good practice in teaching and learning**



We develop courses in growing industries offering **employment opportunities for graduates**



QAA highlight **no areas for improvement**



What it means for our students:

They get **relevant information, advice and guidance** throughout the application process ✓

We support them to achieve their academic, personal and professional potential ✓

They will experience work-based learning and **graduate with the skills employers need** ✓

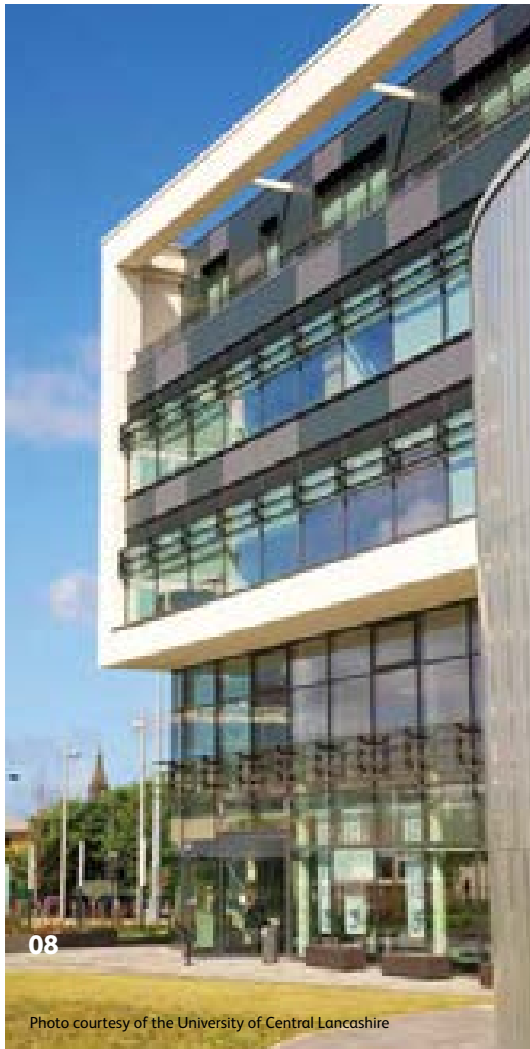
Employers are actively involved in the design and delivery of their courses ✓

Our Progression Strategy will help them move from further education (FE) to higher education (HE) and from HE to employment or further study ✓

We enhance their employability skills ✓

The teaching and learning standards they receive will match those at the University of Central Lancashire and Edge Hill University ✓

Their lecturers share best practice and will **enhance their learning experience** ✓



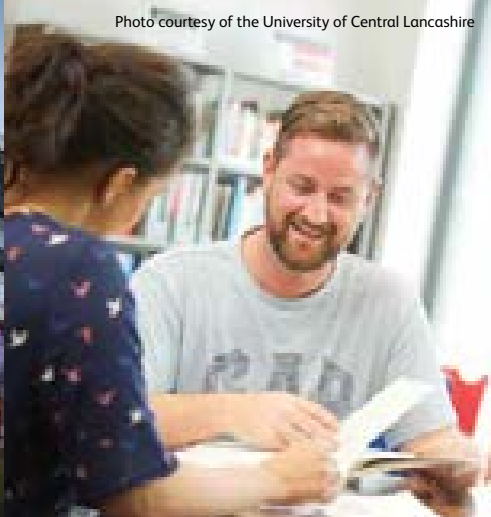


Photo courtesy of the University of Central Lancashire

Our graduates agree...

Sharon Hay

Visual Merchandiser – IKEA Group

Sharon graduated from the Hugh Baird University Centre with a first class honours degree in Visual Merchandising and Promotional Design. *

She said: “In today’s competitive jobs market, anything that makes a candidate stand out from the crowd at interview is invaluable and the experience I gained at the Hugh Baird University Centre definitely added to my employability.”

Hear more from our undergraduates about our courses, staff and facilities at www.hughbaird.ac.uk/ucvideos

For more information about how employability is embedded throughout our degree programmes, visit

www.hughbaird.ac.uk/university-centre

* validated by UCLan

Just a few more reasons to choose the Hugh Baird University Centre...

- ✓ **Keep your costs down and avoid running up huge debts**
- ✓ **Competitive tuition fees**
- ✓ **Dedicated University Centre with state of the art facilities**
- ✓ **Smaller class sizes than universities**
- ✓ **Our lecturers have notable industry links and excellent, up-to-date subject knowledge, as well as extensive teaching experience**
- ✓ **Our courses are validated by leading institutions such as the University of Central Lancashire and Edge Hill University**
- ✓ **Flexible timetables mean it's easier to combine work, childcare and study**
- ✓ **Employability skills are a strong feature of our degree courses**

We continually review and develop our course range, so visit our website for the most up to date list of degree programmes and professional courses on offer at www.hughbaird.ac.uk/university-centre

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