



VISIT KEELE



Keele University

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Visit days for applicants 2012

You should be asking “What can Keele offer me?”

Let's start with the basics:

- **A modern campus** set in 630 acres of woodland countryside.
- **A world class reputation** for the highest quality teaching across all subjects.
- **An enviable record** of employment success on graduation.
- **Top Ten** in satisfaction and university life in the National Student Survey – well above the national average.

We could also tell you about our consistently high rating in the Sunday Times Good Universities list. Maybe you'd like to hear about our respected “green” credentials but here's a better idea...

Why not come along and see for yourself?

Visiting us will help you make one of the most important decisions of your life. Choose any of our Visit Days – and you are very welcome to bring your family along too.

Sunday **19th February**

Saturday **10th March**

Sunday **11th March**

Wednesday **28th March**

Visit Days 10.30am to 3.30pm

Talks and tours start at 10.45am and our Academic Schools are open from 11am (Wednesday 2pm)

Keele Learning

Meet with our teaching staff. Hear what our Academic Schools can offer you. Learn more about your chosen courses and let our support staff answer your questions on everything from where to live, the availability of part-time work, the cost of living and much more. Discover how the University is rated nationally, your opportunities for studying overseas, where a Keele degree can take you, and how we support our students.



Student Life

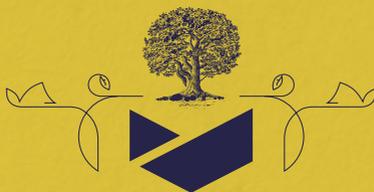
We know you'll want to hear what life's really like at Keele which is why our Visit Days are great for meeting and mingling with current students. Who better to tell you about how to make friends, work alongside your peers and make the most of the hundreds of clubs, societies and sports events which go together to make university life such a complete experience?

This Visit Day booklet is your complete guide.

See the Outline Programme of the Visit Days' events.

Enjoy a taste of each academic programme, prepared especially by each Head of School.

Most of all, enjoy and look forward to your time at Keele, after all, **it's YOUR day.**



It's YOUR day

When you book your Visit Day at Keele we will send you a programme of events, but what you do, and when, is really up to you. You can go to scheduled talks and presentations, or just make your own way around campus and see our facilities. The whole University is involved in our Visit Days - we want you to see Keele as we see it, not just as a university but as a genuine and friendly community.

Outline programme

General talks are offered throughout the day from 10.45am. Subjects include:

- Why Keele?
- Student Life
- Money for Students
- Sport at Keele
- Careers and Employability
- Study Abroad
- Parents'/Guardians' Information session
- Languages for All
- Discovering Newcastle and North Staffordshire
- Foundation Year programmes
- Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language

Plus you will be able to talk to staff about the following:

Accommodation - See page opposite*.

Catering

Admission and entry requirements

Foundation Year routes

Language learning opportunities

Student funding, bursaries and scholarships

Study Abroad opportunities

The local area



The Students' Union will have information about the services it offers, and details of the clubs and societies available to Keele students and for those interested in sport, the Sports Centre will be available throughout the day.

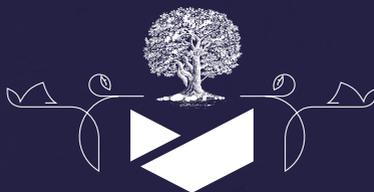
Plus talk to our current students, take a tour of campus with them and view a selection of student accommodation.

*On the subject of accommodation, you will have the opportunity to pre-register for on-campus accommodation during your Visit Day to Keele.

Questions

We expect that you'll have lots of questions for our staff and students alike. Our Visit Days are geared to allow you as much time and access as possible to ask all the questions you wish.

Previous visitors have told us that there's so much to see and discover; one visit is barely enough. The best advice they could give is to make sure you allow yourself plenty of time to make the most of your visit to Keele.



Academic sessions

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Academic Schools will be offering subject talks and drop-in sessions at the following guide times:

11.00-11.45am

12noon-12.45pm

1.00-1.45pm

2.00-2.45pm

(Wednesday's sessions are scheduled for 2.00-2.45pm and 3.00-3.45pm)

Invited Visits to Academic Schools - weekend events only

On Sunday 19 February, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 March some Academic Schools are inviting their applicants to an extended programme of activities and may require you to book separately to attend these sessions. Details are given below.

School of Physical and Geographical Sciences

If you have applied for Applied Environmental Science, Environment and Sustainability, Geology, Geoscience or any of the Geography programmes, you are invited to attend an additional programme from 9.45am. A talk on 'Student life within Earth, Environmental Sciences and Geography' will be given at 10.15-10.45am, followed by subject specific activities and the opportunity to talk to staff and students. More details can be found at www.keele.ac.uk/spgs/visitdays/

If you wish to attend this session you must make a booking for both the main Visit Day event AND the School morning programme through e-vision (see booking details).

Applicants to the Astrophysics, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Medicinal Chemistry, and Physics programmes are welcome at the Lennard-Jones Laboratories from 10.30am for refreshments.

Further details can be found at www.keele.ac.uk/spgs/visitdays/



School of Law

At the weekend events the School is offering a law teaching taster session from 10.30-11.30am in CBA1.102, which is designed to give you a real insight as to what it will be like to study Law here. This is designed for students only – parents are welcome to the sessions from 12noon. If you would like to take part in the Teaching Taster Session, then please reserve your place by emailing ugadmissions@law.keele.ac.uk

School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

If you have applied to study Politics and/or International Relations, the School is offering a special visit taster tutorial at 11.00 - 11.45am entitled 'Has Twitter changed the world?'

For those applying for Philosophy a special visit taster tutorial will be offered at 11.45am-12.30pm on 'Personal Identity'.

You do not need to book separately for these sessions; just ensure you have made your online booking to attend one of the Visit Day dates.

School of Computing and Mathematics

At the weekend events, the School is inviting applicants who have applied for either the Single Honours or the Dual Honours programme in Mathematics to meet staff and students in the Mackay building from 10.00am.

Refreshments will be available and a range of talks offered describing the courses at Keele and how maths can be fascinating and fun.

Talks will be offered at 10.30am and 11.45am (Single Honours) and at 11am, 11.45am and 1pm (Dual Honours).

School of Sociology and Criminology

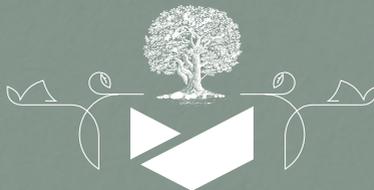
The School will be offering talks and taster sessions during the day. The first Criminology talk will take place at 10.00am (all welcome), followed by a taster session for applicants only at 10.30am. This will be repeated at 11.30am (all welcome) and 12noon (applicants only); 1.00pm (all welcome) and 1.30pm (applicants only); and 2.00pm (all welcome) and 2.30pm (applicants only).

For applicants to Sociology, the programme will consist of a talk at 10.45am (all welcome), followed by a taster session for applicants only at 11.15am; repeated at 12.15pm (all welcome) and 12.45pm (applicants only).

You should allow 1 hour 15 minutes to attend a talk and taster session and can book your place at socrim_office@maillists.keele.ac.uk or call 01782 733084 (Criminology) or 01782 734231 (Sociology).

Full details of timings and venues will be given in the programme sent to confirm the date you have chosen before your visit.





It's YOUR day – how to book your place

The easiest way to do this is by going online and using the personal log in details given in the enclosed letter. Follow the links from www.keele.ac.uk/visiting and select the day you wish to attend.

If you have applied for Law and wish to attend their taster session, you should make your online booking to attend the Visit Day event, and then also email ugadmissions@law.keele.ac.uk to reserve your place with Law.

For those who have applied for Applied Environmental Science, Environment and Sustainability, Geology, Geoscience or any of the Geography programmes, you should make your online booking to attend the event and then also ensure you book for the relevant subject session(s) for the same date.

Not able to book online?

If not booking online, please email or phone the Recruitment office giving your full name, date of birth, UCAS personal ID and date of visit.

Please ensure you use only one of these booking methods.

Your booking

*Use these tick boxes to keep your own record of the date you have chosen to attend.

- Sunday 19 February
- Saturday 10 March
- Sunday 11 March
- Wednesday 28 March

What if I can't make these dates?

If you can't make one of the Visit Day dates, you are welcome to make an independent visit to Keele. Mini-visit tours of campus may also be offered during the February half-term week and Easter holiday. Check the web site nearer the time for dates and booking details.

For more details go to www.keele.ac.uk/visiting



The (not so) small print

Details in this booklet, on the web site and in the programme for the Visit Days will be accurate at the time of publishing. However, sometimes things happen and we have to change some details and timings. If this might influence your decision to attend, we will let you know, otherwise, any changes will be notified on your Visit Day.

If you have any questions, please contact us on tel. **01782 734009/733949** or see **www.keele.ac.uk/visiting** for the very latest updates on everything about Keele Visit Days.



School of Health and Rehabilitation

Thank you for your interest in studying physiotherapy in the School of Health and Rehabilitation at Keele. I am delighted to be able to share with you some of the opportunities that the School offers and to highlight to you the quality of our physiotherapy programme, student experience and academic team.

The School of Health and Rehabilitation offers high quality undergraduate and postgraduate programmes alongside continuing professional development opportunities for professionals working in the NHS and other sectors. The School prides itself on the quality of its programmes and profile of the academic and support teams. Our excellent staff: student relationships, positive partnerships with clinical colleagues in the West Midlands and a growing international profile contribute to a high quality student experience. The School is developing a strong and vibrant research culture which underpins our programmes and offers student opportunities during their undergraduate studies and beyond.

The BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy is an innovative programme; its successful completion leads to eligibility for registration with the Health Professions Council and membership of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy. The programme actively promotes integration of the science of Physiotherapy with practical learning in a clinical setting within the NHS (community and acute hospital settings) and other sectors. The programme aims to develop excellent levels of academic and professional competence. It encourages students to develop current, adaptable and transferable skills that enable them to be proactive in an evolving healthcare environment. Consequently, students are able to be responsive and innovative and take responsibility for their own learning during their three years at Keele University.

Across each of the three years of the programme, physiotherapy students work alongside students from other health and social care disciplines to develop their collaborative skills, an understanding of the roles of future colleagues and a broader perspective of the patient experience.

The majority of academic staff in the School are HPC registered Physiotherapists with additional expertise being offered by a bioengineer and an exercise physiologist. Most staff have held senior physiotherapy roles before undertaking their academic careers. Senior physiotherapists currently in practice support student learning in the clinical environment.



Students are valued and active participants in all aspects of School activities and are true ambassadors for our programme. The excellent and supportive nature of staff: student relationships in the School are consistently commended in reviews of programme quality. Students support these commendations via university based and national student evaluations. The team is committed to maintaining excellence in the student experience.

New graduates often choose to start their professional career within the NHS, where a wide range of experience can be gained. Following completion of rotational posts, many physiotherapists opt to specialise in one of the various areas comprising Physiotherapy practice. Other options include general practice, private practice, sports clinics and clubs, fitness clubs, within the armed forces and working abroad. Alternatively, others may choose to embark on postgraduate study or to work in teaching, research or management. A high proportion of Keele Physiotherapy graduates are successful in gaining a physiotherapy position or gaining entry to postgraduate study.

Our Visit Days offer the opportunity to tour our facilities and meet with members of the academic and support teams and current students. There are also opportunities to discuss aspects of the programme and ask questions of lecturers and current students. We look forward to meeting you.

Dr Cath Bücher
Head of School



School of Medicine

Congratulations on being offered a place to study medicine at Keele University.

A medical degree from Keele offers a strong grounding in the basic and social sciences, a full understanding of patients' experiences of healthcare and an appreciation of the increasingly diverse needs of the population.

Keele offers an outstanding combination of a new and distinctive curriculum, excellent educational and clinical resources, and a friendly and safe environment where staff and patients are keen to help students learn. Keele Medical School has a relatively small student intake, a supportive campus community, and enthusiastic and committed staff.

We aim to train excellent clinicians for the future who are well prepared for the increasing globalisation of health care.

Our curriculum has been designed to achieve this by offering:

- Integration of basic science and clinical experience throughout the course
- Excellent facilities including a state-of-the-art anatomy suite
- Early clinical involvement to anchor learning in clinical practice
- Community and hospital placements across Staffordshire and Shropshire
- A variety of learning methods including problem-based learning (PBL)
- Small tutor-supported groups for learning
- Substantial student choice to explore personal interests and career options through selective and elective components
- A faculty-wide focus on inter-professional learning with other health profession students
- Opportunities to intercalate, taking a traditional intercalated BSc degree option after year 2 or Masters degree after year 4 in a range of interesting and relevant health-related fields
- A strong student support system



Why come to a Visit Day?

A Visit Day is your opportunity to see the School of Medicine in more detail. There will be a smaller number of other students here than at an Open Day, so you'll be able to spend more time with our staff and students. You are welcome to bring along family and friends, as well as lots of questions.

A Visit Day falls into two parts. The morning session takes place at the Medical School at the Keele campus site. Staff and current students will be available to answer questions and give informal tours of the facilities, including the Multi-User Laboratories, IT Suite, Lecture Theatre and Resource Room. You can also use this opportunity to visit the campus again, to gather information and have lunch before visiting a Hospital Campus in the afternoon.

The afternoon session takes place at the Clinical Education Centre at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire (UHNS) campus. You will attend an interactive tutorial which gives you a chance to find out what problem-based learning (PBL) is all about. A separate talk will be held simultaneously for family members and friends, where staff will talk about the School of Medicine curriculum and student life at Keele.

Tours of the Clinical Education Centre are provided by staff and current students. You will be able to visit the Clinical Skills Laboratory, Resource Room and Health Library.

There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the day to ask questions of staff and current students.

We look forward to welcoming you to Keele.

Professor Valerie Wass
Head of School



School of Nursing and Midwifery

We are delighted to offer you a place to study at Keele University School of Nursing and Midwifery. We offer a unique experience for prospective Nurses and Midwives. The School is well established with highly rated programmes, which enjoy high success rates and high retention rates, together with modern, purpose-built facilities in which to study. Student satisfaction is high with the School being ranked 3rd in the 2011 National Student Survey. Our student intake numbers ensure that you will receive individual attention and, because of the relatively small numbers of students in each clinical specialty, you will get plenty of 'hands-on' experience with patients in a wide variety of settings.

Each Nursing or Midwifery BSc (Hons)* course is a degree course combined with preparation for professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). We are currently developing new exciting curricula for both our nursing and midwifery awards to meet new NMC Standards (NMC, 2010). The programmes (for approval in Spring 2012), each comprise three one-year modules to enable completion of theory and practice requirements.

The aim of the programmes is to enable graduates to be caring, competent and accountable nurses and midwives who can apply knowledge and deliver a high standard of skilled, safe care in a variety of health and community care settings.

We offer:

- Practice-based learning combined with academic study (50% theory: 50% practice throughout the programme)
- Easily accessible placements (NHS and private/independent)
- A case-based approach giving rich opportunities for linking nursing theory and practice
- Excellent student support for theory and practice
- State-of-the-art skills laboratory facilities and experience
- Innovative opportunities to work alongside and learn together with students from within the School via Midwifery and Operating Department practitioner as well as students from other Schools like Medicine and Physiotherapy
- Opportunities to study abroad for your elective placement



The majority of the taught sessions for the degree programmes are held at the School of Nursing and Midwifery based at the Clinical Education Centre (CEC), University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust, Stoke-on-Trent. The CEC incorporates a world-class Health Library that is shared with students within the Faculty of Health and clinical colleagues from local healthcare organisations.

A variety of teaching, learning and assessment strategies are integrated into the degree programmes to supplement case-based learning, including lectures, seminars, tutorials, presentations and group-work. Lecturers from all specialisms within the School will facilitate these. Clinical specialists and practitioners from local health care providers contribute to the delivery of the programmes as do service users and members from other disciplines. Students are given the opportunity to develop enhanced clinical skills such as venepuncture and cannulation during the programme which puts them in a strong position when seeking employment at the end of the course.

Assessment is undertaken during placements and by the completion of case studies, short exercises, group and individual presentations, essays, examinations, and practical assessments. Student progression through the course depends on successful completion of modular assessments and the achievement of outcomes for entry to a branch programme and competencies for entry to the Professional Register (NMC 2010).

Written assignments for modules in the third year will contribute to the Honours classification of the degree. The School has robust quality monitoring systems and has a track record of achieving good quality scores from the Nursing and Midwifery Council annual monitoring process, and in 2011 the School achieved a high score in the Strategic Health Authority's Education Commissioning for Quality Process.

We very much hope to see you at one of our visit days whereupon you can learn more about the programme and life at Keele. It's an exciting time to study nursing and midwifery, we have a lot to offer you, and we hope you choose to undertake your studies with us.

We look forward to seeing you.

Pauline Walsh
Head of School



School of Pharmacy

Congratulations on successfully passing your interview and being offered a place to study on the MPharm course at Keele University.

Our pharmacy course offers a completely integrated learning experience where you will be shown how all aspects of the course fit together and how they prepare you for your future career. The initial years of the course will provide a balanced mix of core science and practice elements ensuring that everything you learn is contextualised and relevant. As you progress through the course you will begin to acquire a larger portfolio of clinical and therapeutic skills and knowledge that will prepare you for pharmacy beyond the MPharm course.

The course is strongly patient focussed and this will be reflected in the course structure. You will begin to meet patients in week one of your first year and this will continue at regular intervals throughout your entire time at Keele. You will meet patients at Keele in teaching sessions and when you are out on placement. We offer an extensive placement programme for all MPharm students giving you the opportunity to explore fully the diverse options open to you as a future pharmacist.

We offer a comprehensive student support system with all students being assigned both a personal tutor, year tutor and professional mentor. On a more informal basis, staff are willing to answer queries whenever they can. We'd rather solve a small problem early on than allow a larger problem to occur later. In addition, our own students provide support through our Buddy system which links new students with current, more experienced MPharm students.

Our broad range of facilities and the diverse nature of our staff mean that we can teach you in an environment appropriate to each different aspect of the course, whether that's learning your core science in the new, environmentally friendly multi-user laboratory, learning with our academic clinical educators out on placements, making therapeutic compounds in the pharmaceuticals laboratory, communicating with real and virtual patients, doing research in the library and clinical education centre or learning to dispense and offer counselling in the pharmacy practice suite.



Why come to a Visit Day?

A Visit Day is your opportunity to return to the School of Pharmacy, to meet staff and students and to answer any questions you have, helping you to make a fully informed decision on where to study. If you've not already seen them, you can also meet our virtual patient and see our virtual ward.

You might also want to attend to ensure that the rest of the campus and facilities meet your requirements. This could include seeing accommodation, visiting the library, sampling the food on offer in the restaurant and talking to current students about life at Keele.

Professor Stephen Chapman
Head of School

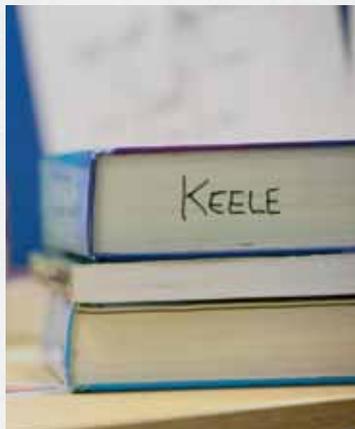


School of Humanities

Students in the School of Humanities at Keele University explore the most profound questions of human existence, and learn about past and present art, culture and history in order to tackle the challenges of the future. At the heart of our beautiful rural campus, Keele's American Studies, English, Film Studies, History, Media Communications and Culture, and Music and Music Technology programmes explore humanity's pivotal cultural moments and most intriguing creations. Yet these innovative, interdisciplinary and creative degree programmes also put theory into practice. We are not only teaching our students the invaluable skills that will empower them in their future careers. Our mission is to help form the next generation of creative, intellectual and entrepreneurial leaders - the people who will lead humanity through its current economic and environmental challenges, and boldly into the future.

Within this inspiring context, the 1,500 or so undergraduate students in Keele's School of Humanities benefit from degrees ranked in the top ten nationally for overall student satisfaction. Our pioneering teaching is research-led, which means that the enthusiastic teachers who lecture and tutor you will be among the very best in the country, bringing ideas from the cutting edge of their field directly into your educational experience. For example:

- Keele pioneered the development of American Studies in the UK and has an outstanding national and international reputation. The programme is consistently rated among the very best in the country
- English at Keele explores an enriching combination of creative, cultural, critical and historical approaches, not least through its pathway in Creative Writing, thus providing a thorough grounding in the subject
- Film Studies is a dynamic new programme at Keele examining the past and present of mainstream and world cinemas from complementary theoretical, historical and cultural perspectives
- In History, Keele offers depth and perspective, its coverage ranging from the early Middle Ages to the modern world, with particular focuses on British, European, African, South Asian and American history



- Media, Communications and Culture fuses theory and practice, as students learn to make, but also critically to dissect, artistic and cultural products including television programmes, digital photographs and film documentaries
- Music and Music Technology at Keele provide advanced training in the performance, creation, production and critical understanding of musics ranging from the classical tradition, pop and rock, jazz, film and world music, and approaches utilising cutting-edge technologies

Many Keele students combine two of these subjects through Keele's Dual Honours system; others take advantage of the Single Honours degrees offered in the School of Humanities. Whatever your precise degree plans, we hope you will visit Keele University soon. We look forward to welcoming you to the School of Humanities, to sharing our vision of the subjects closest to your heart, and to exploring how Keele can enable you to realise your dreams and ambitions.

Mike Vaughan
Acting Head of the School of Humanities



Keele Management School

Welcome to Keele Management School: a dynamic and distinctive Management School, internationally renowned for its multidisciplinary education and research.

We have the ambition to provide a challenging and rewarding academic experience for all our students, and high quality research and education in, with and for public, private and voluntary organisations. We offer a unique blend of internationally regarded, critical, interdisciplinary and research-led approaches to the study of business and management in their economic and social contexts.

What makes us different from many other management schools is our distinctive Dual Honours degree programme structure which allows you to study two subjects to degree level over three years. This opens up a broad range of subject combinations, either from within the School or by studying a Management subject alongside a subject from other disciplines, for example a Science, or another subject in the Faculty of Social Sciences such as Philosophy or History, tailoring a degree to suit your interests as well as your career aspirations. A Dual Honours degree broadens skills and career opportunities and demonstrates adaptability and flexibility to future employers.

We have a long history and track record of international engagement and overseas collaboration. This is something that we continue to build upon and strengthen with select key educational partners. We currently offer a range of our undergraduate degree programmes in Malaysia and have partnership agreements with educational institutions in China, Australia, Europe and North America.

The world of business today is truly global and succeeding in this world means being exposed to international perspective right from the word 'go'. It is this outlook that we offer you. With academic staff from around the world, we are proud to have an international focus in our teaching and research. We also offer you opportunities to spend some of your time at a partner institution should you choose to do so, and our students who have taken advantage of this possibility have returned with an enriched educational experience and matured outlook on global business.

Professor Matthias Klaes
Head of School





School of Law

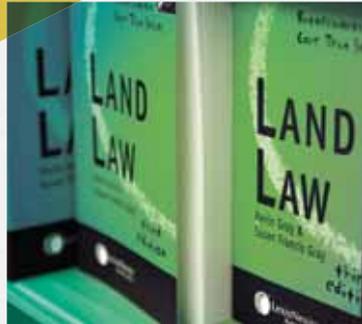
This is an important time for you. I want to make sure that you have had every opportunity to ask as many questions as you need about the distinctive legal education offered by the School of Law at Keele and to invite you to one of our Visit Days in either February or March 2012.

At the Visit Day, you will have the opportunity to take part in one of our 'Teaching Tasters' – a chance to meet some of your prospective Lecturers (and fellow students) and experience an undergraduate seminar. On the day you will also hear a detailed presentation about the programme, before having time to ask staff and students about the legal education and opportunities available to you at Keele. If you would like to take part in the Teaching Taster Session, then please reserve your place now by emailing ugadmissions@law.keele.ac.uk

Keele Law School is known internationally for our outward-looking and distinctive Law degrees delivered in a supportive and dynamic learning environment on a beautiful and friendly campus. You can study one of three pathways towards an LLB, or follow a Dual Honours (non-qualifying) degree combining Law with other subjects in a way which best fits your interests and careers aspirations.

Within this friendly and supportive Law School, you will work closely with internationally recognised legal experts who publish leading textbooks and research. You will be encouraged to think critically, drawing on inter-disciplinary perspectives, and will benefit from the community, professional and international links and opportunities within the School. At Keele, students may choose to work with the CAB, gain a Language qualification alongside their degree, or even Study Abroad for a semester. Keele Law School graduates leave Keele with a distinctive set of professional attributes and capabilities, which enable them to succeed in a variety of roles within the legal profession and in other exciting careers.

The School supports a wide range of co-curricula activities, including mooting, client interviewing and broader networking events. The successful launch of the Moot Court Project in 2011 will ensure a high quality learning environment for students to further develop their legal and professional skills. We have strong links with the national and regional legal profession, and members of academic staff have past and on-going experience of practice, including two judges.



For students starting their course in September 2012, we plan to have the Moot Court space fully operational. This will be a fantastic space for students to develop their legal skills with staff and members of the legal profession, and it is an important milestone in the School's continued growth and development. With new postgraduate programmes and some outstanding staff appointments made in the last few weeks, the School of Law will continue to be an exciting, dynamic and supportive place for you to study law.

Please see our website, or contact the School of Law on ugadmissions@law.keele.ac.uk for further details. I look forward to meeting you at one of the upcoming Visit Days and hope to be able to warmly welcome you to Keele in September 2012.

Good luck in your studies in the coming year.

Dr Andrew Francis
Head of School



School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

Congratulations on receiving your offer to study at Keele University. It would be great to meet you at one of our 'taster tutorial' sessions, specially designed to give potential students a feel for what studying Politics and/or International Relations and Philosophy will be like at Keele

Our School (SPIRE) is very friendly, with a strong commitment to student welfare. We have over thirty academic staff, many of whom are world leaders in their chosen fields, who teach our students both in lectures and in small seminar sessions, ensuring an excellent learning experience. Teaching in SPIRE is supported by a virtual learning environment (KLE) onto which teaching notes and other materials are placed for you to access easily.

As one of the largest and most highly regarded schools of its kind in the country, we attract the best students from all parts of the UK, and from around fifty different countries, ensuring an essential mix of diversity and vitality, a broad range of opinion, and valuable international expertise. Students in SPIRE can also opt to spend a semester of their second year studying abroad, which is a step beyond the ordinary "student experience". Students who study abroad gain not only academic advantages by spending time at another university, they also enhance their employability at the end of their degree and gain cultural exposure, travel opportunities plus new friendships. The School also has a vibrant and dynamic group of student-led societies, such as Keele Model United Nations, the Keele Politics Society and the Keele Philosophy Society, who organise various co-curricular talks and events throughout the year.



If you are unable to make any of the visit sessions, but you do have some questions or any queries, then do not hesitate to contact one of our Programme Directors:

Dr Matthew Wyman (Politics)

Tel **01782 733756** or email m.d.wyman@keele.ac.uk

Mr David Scrivener (International Relations)

Tel **01782 733212** or email d.scrivener@intr.keele.ac.uk

Dr Sorin Baiasu (Philosophy)

Tel **01782 733364** or email s.baiasu@phil.keele.ac.uk

Please also do visit our School website at www.keele.ac.uk/spire which includes a range of testimonials from our former SPIRE students about their course, the School, life at Keele, and after.

We do hope that you will be able to come to Keele to visit us soon.

Professor Bulent Gokay

Head of School



School of Public Policy and Professional Practice

I am delighted that you have shown an interest in the Educational Studies programme which is based in the School of Public Policy and Professional Practice here at Keele.

The School has an excellent reputation for the quality of its programmes. Educational Studies is consistently praised not only for the quality of teaching on the programme but also for really looking after its students. In this year's National Student Survey for example, 97% of students indicated their overall satisfaction with the Keele programme, which placed us in 4th position out of all Educational Studies programmes in the country. The survey showed that over 95% of Educational Studies students go on to secure employment or further study.

You may like to know something more about the tutors who will be teaching you. Staff members research, write and publish on topics such as childhood, gender and education, the governance of education in the European Union, and higher education in the Arab Gulf. Farzana Shain's book 'The New Folk Devils: Muslim boys and education (Trentham Books) was published in 2011. This year we welcome two new members of staff to the teaching team - Dr Damian Breen who has an interest in Faith schools and Dr John Howlett is in the process of writing A History of the Progressive school Movement (Continuum publishers). Damian has also published the findings of his research on Faith schools. Further details on Educational Studies staff and their research interests can be found at: www.keele.ac.uk/education/staff

Whether you are interested in teaching as a career, or policy or further research, the Keele programme is designed flexibly so that you can opt for the modules that will give you the best chance of securing employment in your chosen field. All Educational Studies students have a chance to study abroad in year two. Students who study abroad gain not only academic advantage by spending time at another university; they also enhance their employability at the end of their degree and gain cultural exposure, travel opportunities plus new friendships. If study abroad is not for you then you might like to know that you can study alongside students from Bowling Green University in Ohio (USA) who come and spend time with us every year in semester two, as part of our commitment to promoting a comparative and international perspective on educational policy and practice.



You can read more about what are students have to say about the programme by visiting our website www.keele.ac.uk/depts/ed/edstudies/whatstudentsay

Why not also join our Educational Studies at Keele Facebook group where you can talk directly to current students about issues such as particular subject combinations, the workload expectations, particular modules and accommodation and social issues. Visit our website and follow the link to join.

You can also meet current staff and students at one of our forthcoming Visit Days.

Finally, if you have further questions about any aspect of the programme please feel free to contact the programme director or administrator.

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I look forward to having the opportunity of meeting you at a forthcoming Visit Day.

Professor Charlotte Williams
Head of School

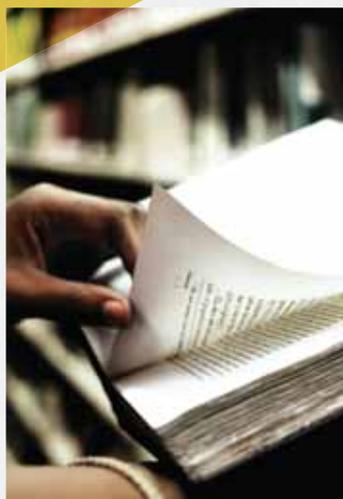


School of Sociology and Criminology

Sociology and Criminology is a busy but friendly School in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. We offer flexible and innovative undergraduate programmes in Criminology and Sociology as part of Keele's Dual Honours system. We also contribute to the Media, Communications and Culture programme in the School of Humanities. All nineteen members of academic staff in the School are active researchers. Everything we teach is informed by our research and the latest developments in our disciplines. In 2010-11 over half of our teaching staff were nominated by students for Teaching Excellence Awards. Our scores in the National Student Survey are consistently high and show that our students enjoy what they do and value the support they are given. We also perform strongly in all the major league tables.

Keele was the first university in Britain to offer an undergraduate award in Criminology, while Sociology has been taught here for well over 40 years. Based on this experience our programmes are carefully designed to provide a thorough grounding in Sociology and Criminology. But they also allow you to branch out and explore the issues that interest you most whether they are racism or risk, consumerism or capital punishment, witchcraft or representations of crime in the media and popular culture. Apart from set-piece and interactive lectures we offer teaching in smaller groups of not more than 15 students, access to materials and activities via the University's virtual learning environment and a range of assessments, presentations, case studies and posters as well as essays and examinations. We provide one-to-one support from a personal tutor throughout your time at Keele and a dissertation supervisor in your final year.

Our aims are to help you to learn effectively in a way that suits your learning style, to pursue your own interests in the subjects we teach and to develop the distinctive set of attributes associated with being a Keele graduate. By the end of your time with us you will have broadened and deepened your knowledge in Criminology and/or Sociology. But you will also have developed, and be able to demonstrate, skills that will stand you in good stead for the future and equip you for life in a rapidly changing world: the ability to think clearly and creatively; to find and analyse data; to communicate effectively; work independently and as a member of a team.



Above all we want you to succeed in what you do, to get the best degree you can and to enjoy the experience of studying your chosen subjects - subjects we are passionate about and hope that you are too. In Sociology and Criminology we are committed to putting you, the student, your learning, and the quality of your experience, at the centre of everything we do. We hope you decide to join us and we look forward to welcoming you to the School to find out more about what we have to offer.

Dr Bill Dixon
Head of School



School of Computing and Mathematics

Having received an offer to study at Keele, our Visit Day is designed to give you a flavour of what you can expect from your time at Keele should you decide to accept our offer. The School of Computing and Mathematics runs a number of Visit Day programmes that are specifically designed with your subject choice in mind, and you will have the opportunity to meet and talk to current students and staff members and to tour the facilities.

The School offers, at undergraduate level, Single Honours courses in Mathematics, Computer Science, and Information Technology Management for Business (ITMB). We also offer Dual Honours programmes in Mathematics, Computer Science, Creative Computing, Information Systems and Smart Systems. The School has 28 academic and teaching support staff, many of whom are actively engaged in research at the cutting-edge of their relevant specialisms.

In Mathematics we have a strong commitment to teaching excellence, and have particular expertise in easing students through the sometimes difficult transition from A-level to undergraduate Mathematics. As we see looking after you as of paramount importance, we have a dedicated First Year Tutor Team charged with overseeing the academic progress and welfare of all of our first year students, as well as similar levels of support for our second and third year students. In addition we have an active Staff Student Liaison Committee, ensuring that students' views are considered in the planning and delivery of our curriculum. One result of this investment in teaching and support is an extremely high progression and retention rate. Furthermore, in the most recent National Student Survey, Mathematics at Keele was placed 6th in the UK for overall student satisfaction with the course.

The range of opportunities for students with computing skills continues to expand and Keele students are highly successful in moving into employment in computing related areas. We focus on ensuring that students can achieve their potential. We have a number of mechanisms in place to ensure that our students receive the right support for their needs; such as frequent meetings of the Staff Student Liaison Committee, Personal Tutors and in the third year individual supervisors for the project module. Some of our courses include industrial placement modules, giving the best available options to students through our links with employers.



The University has an excellent graduate employment record and our graduates leave Keele with a distinctive set of personal attributes and capabilities, which enable them to succeed in a variety of roles. With a dedication to providing a strong co-curriculum across all our degree programmes, students may choose to gain a language qualification alongside their degree, or even study abroad for a semester. In addition, in choosing to study Mathematics or Computer Science, you will be setting yourself on the path to a successful career.

Professor Graham Rogerson
Head of School



School of Life Sciences

As an applicant to Keele University you will be considering your future career options and choosing to study a subject within the School of Life Sciences broadens your career opportunities as many of our programmes offer placement opportunities with industry, government or in a research institute, giving you vital work experience and developing your confidence and range of skills which will be attractive to future employers.

As well as offering Dual Honours subjects across the disciplines of Biology, Biochemistry, Human Biology and Neuroscience, we offer a Single Honours programme in Biomedical Science. Currently we have about 750 undergraduate students studying for degrees across these subject areas.

There are approximately 25 full-time academic staff in the School all of whom are actively involved in a wide range of research activities. Our teaching is informed by research which means that you receive teaching at the cutting edge of your chosen discipline.

In addition, over the last few years we have invested a considerable amount in our facilities. Over £3m has been spent on upgrading our laboratories within the Huxley building, which means that the School now has state-of-the-art facilities. Many of our students also make use of the dedicated student study area within the building.

The atmosphere in the School is very welcoming and all members of staff are willing to answer questions at any time, so you can rest assured you will have the support you need to succeed on your chosen programme. The success of our approach is shown in the consistently excellent results in the National Student Survey and other surveys for student satisfaction on our courses. Biological Sciences at Keele was rated 8th in the country for student satisfaction in the Complete University Guide 2012.

On our Visit Days we pride ourselves on our personal touch - offering one-to-one appointments with staff members. Examples of student project work are on display, and applicants have the opportunity to tour the facilities, and chat to both current students and members of staff. We very much hope to be able to welcome you on a Visit Day to show you what we have to offer in the School of Life Sciences.

Dr Anne Loweth
Head of School





School of Physical and Geographical Sciences

In joining the School of Physical and Geographical Sciences you would be joining one of the largest Schools in the University, which offers a wide choice of highly successful undergraduate degree courses in Applied Environmental Science, Environment and Sustainability, Forensic Science, Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Geography, Human Geography, Physical Geography, Geology, Geoscience, Physics and Astrophysics. You have the flexibility to choose either Dual Honours, Major-minor, Single Honours and Undergraduate Masters degree routes. In addition, all of these programmes are underpinned by our strong commitment to dynamic and supportive high-quality teaching, which is measurable by the excellent performance of the School's degree courses in the National Student Survey.

The School has benefited recently from over £7m of investment in major laboratory refurbishments. In particular, the Multi-User Laboratory has resulted in three large, exceptionally well equipped laboratories for the delivery of chemistry, forensic science, pharmacy and environmental science courses. The development of this new laboratory has provided greater opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience with a wide range of analytical equipment. It also represents one of the best science teaching facilities in the country.

Our Visit Days provide an ideal opportunity to learn about the degree programmes that we offer via talks and more informal one-to-one meetings with members of our teaching staff. These have been extended to include a morning session and further details are enclosed in this booklet. In addition, you will have ample opportunity to view our teaching and research facilities. For example, if you are interested in Physics or Astrophysics then you may wish to visit the University Observatory, which is equipped with a 12-inch refracting telescope and a 24-inch reflecting telescope with associated instrumentation, including CCD cameras and computer control. Visitors interested in Forensic Science are welcome to have a tour of our new analytical laboratory which is equipped with stereomicroscopes, document examination instrumentation, a range of modern spectrometers, and chromatographic equipment. Prospective Geology students can view our extensive collection of minerals, rocks and fossils, while visitors interested in Geography and Environmental courses may wish to view displays on our field course programme, which includes a variety of UK and overseas



destinations. You may also wish to explore Keele University's new Sustainability Hub building, opened in October 2011, which is dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability to all age groups and contains sustainable energy displays and information for the public.

We very much hope to see you at one of our Visit Days to show you more about what we have to offer.

Dr Stuart Egan
Head of School



School of Psychology

Psychology is one of the longest established academic disciplines at Keele University. We appointed our first Professor (Ian M L Hunter) over 50 years ago and since then we have graduated thousands of students in Psychology. Today we offer one of the most popular undergraduate degree subjects in the University. Currently we have about 600 undergraduate students studying for a Dual Honours degree in either Psychology or Applied Psychology combined with one of 30 other subjects. Those students who want to concentrate their studies can simply take a major in Psychology (and minor in their other subject). This means that in their final year they specialise more in Psychology.

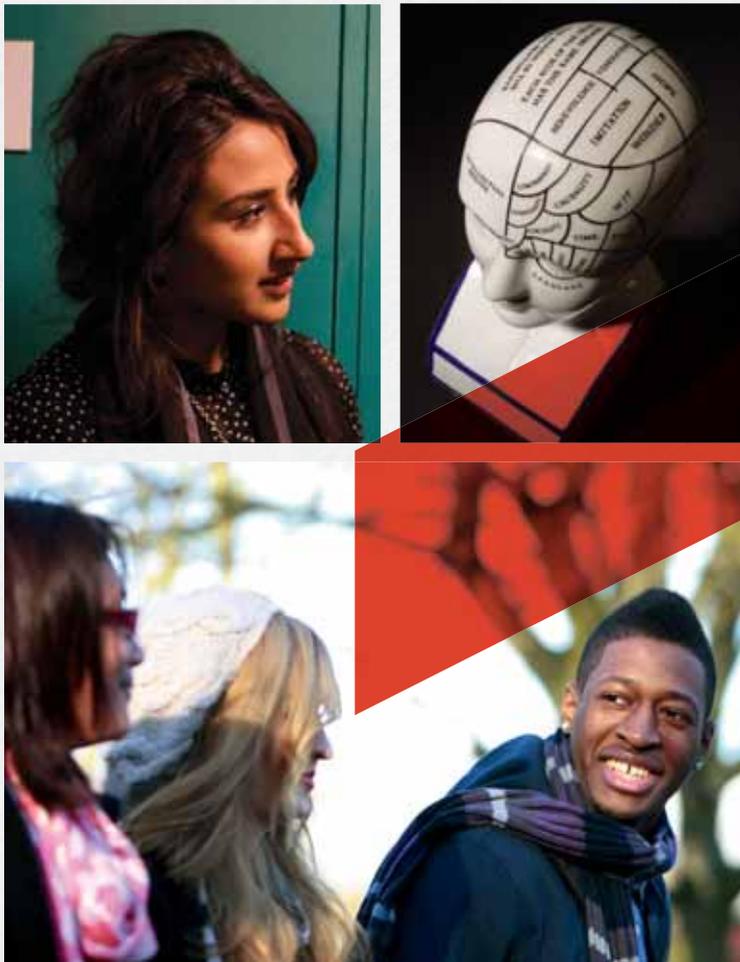
All Dual Honours degree combinations with Psychology are accredited by the British Psychological Society as conferring eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC), provided the minimum standard of qualification of second class honours is achieved. This is the first step towards becoming a Chartered Psychologist.

In addition to undergraduate psychology degrees we also offer a growing range of courses at Certificate, Masters and doctorate level. In Psychology we offer taught masters degrees in Psychological Research with specialisms in Clinical Psychological Research, Social Development, and Psychology of Health and Wellbeing. In Counselling we offer courses at Certificate and at Masters level. Our Counselling programmes are fully accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

There are approximately 20 full-time academic staff in the School all of whom are actively involved in a wide range of research activities. Details of their research work can be found on the University website.

Within the School we are constantly improving our facilities and services. We have new computer labs and a new Learning Resource Centre.

We pride ourselves on the support offered to our undergraduate students. All first year students are allocated a second year as a mentor who will correspond with them by email before and after their arrival. Teaching fellows offer additional support to students through one-to-one sessions and workshops on particular subject areas.



On our Visit Days applicants have the opportunity to tour the facilities, and chat to both current students and members of staff. We very much hope you will take up your offer of a place at Keele to study Psychology and that you will take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of our visit days so that we can meet you in person.

Professor Michael Murray
Head of School



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