The past year has seen some major developments at Keele and the initiation of a process which anticipates further changes. During the year two new buildings for the Medical School have come into use, providing state-of-the-art facilities for our students on campus and on the University Hospital of North Staffordshire site. On the Keele campus the newly completed Undergraduate Medical School and Primary Care Sciences Centre came into use when the first Year 1 medical students arrived at Keele to commence their five-year course. This is an exciting development and paves the way for the University to build upon and develop other medical and related disciplines as part of our future activities.

In other areas of academic strength we have seen HEFCE approve our Science Research Investment Fund bid for a new Research Centre for Social Sciences and the Humanities, where there is a cluster of 5/5* research groups. The centre will be housed in a £2.6m development on campus and will enable Keele to consolidate its position as a leading UK university in social science and humanities research.

We are also extending our Science Park on campus creating a unique environment which will help to underpin the success of the emerging cluster of medical technology companies based on the site. These developments create high-value jobs, help the regeneration of the local area and support graduates looking to start up a business in North Staffordshire. This development, by Keele Park Developments and supported by additional funding from Advantage West Midlands, will provide specialist, hi-tech accommodation for the innovative medical technology businesses.

In our educational activities, Keele continues to maintain high academic standards whilst also widening access to higher education. HEFCE Performance Indicators published during the year showed that Keele’s performance in attracting students from ‘non-traditional’ backgrounds was excellent, while a highlight of the report shows that we also have one of the best retention rates in the country. The University’s Widening Participation team won national praise during the year for ‘Uniworld’, the interactive CD-ROM for schools which helps young people learn about HE.

They were presented with the prestigious Higher Education Information Services Trust Gold Award, which recognises outstanding achievement in Education Marketing. In 2003 we had the largest ever undergraduate student intake to Keele, with just under 1,700 full-time home/EU first-year students on HEFCE-funded courses, including a first intake to the first year of the Medicine degree course of 64. The student intake, not including Medicine, showed an increase of 29% on 2002 enrolments. Overseas undergraduate students showed a 30% increase from 2002, with 154 students, including those studying on the International Foundation Year.

During the year the Government set out a radical agenda of change in its White Paper, ‘The Future of Higher Education’. Keele is responding to this by considering the likely future shape of the sector, which contains both threats and opportunities. As a result Keele2006 has been launched. This is a co-ordinated programme for change and development, designed to place the University in a good position to respond to the challenges in Higher Education and position Keele strongly and securely within the sector as it changes rapidly. We have carried out an extensive consultation exercise so that all staff, students and other stakeholders can have an input into the process. 2006 is a key date because by that time implementation of many of the Government’s proposals will have commenced. Our aim is to consolidate and develop the University’s position in the rapidly changing world of Higher Education in the UK so that it ‘will continue to be recognised as a successful niche player, with distinctive characteristics across a wide range of teaching and research activities’.

This remains consistent with the University’s current mission statement:

...to be recognised as the UK’s leading example of an open, integrated, intellectual community.

Professor Janet Finch, CBE, DL, AcSS
Vice-Chancellor
Faculty of Health

Report of the Dean

In last year’s report, I took the theme of team working and how changing attitudes and expectations were altering the cultures of the various health professionals. However, it is not only individuals who need to work in new ways but also the parent institutions; collaborations are becoming increasingly important.

Our major external partners for both educational activities and research are the various NHS organisations and our neighbouring universities. 2003 saw collaborative working with Staffordshire University through our School of Nursing and Midwifery to introduce a new two year pre-registration diploma for Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs). This course is jointly validated by the professional body for ODPs but leads to separate Keele University or Staffordshire University academic awards. The course was designed jointly and specialist trainers can teach on both courses to make best use of their expertise but the NHS gains flexibility by having it running at two different locations and twice each year. A similar but different collaborative arrangement with Staffordshire University has been devised to deliver a four-year doctorate in Clinical Psychology. This is a completely joint award with a joint Clinical Psychology unit managed by both Faculties of Health. This option was chosen because neither university employed specialist clinical staff but both had large numbers of academic psychologists and Keele has academic clinical psychologists. It will be interesting to see if this collaborative model becomes more common.

Our collaboration with Manchester University to deliver the medical courses continues but is changing to allow us to take on extra responsibilities around admissions and examining. The demand for collaborative courses continues to increase. The growth in this field of continuing education can be inflexible that prevents us from playing to your local strengths and expertise or the requirements of our own stakeholders. For the medical course, we have introduced and piloted a programme of Early Clinical Experience for our Year 1 and 2 students with a strong emphasis on developing communication skills. Under the new arrangements, this will be able to continue and evolve.

Collaborations with internal Keele departments are becoming more common, such as an institution-wide framework for cross-departmental working would make this easier. The major cross-Faculty links are with the Department of Life Sciences over the medical course and with Chemistry and Life Sciences for the pharmacy undergraduate course due to start in September 2005. Within the Faculty, the Physiotherapy Department has taken the lead in establishing an interprofessional Masters Degree in Pain Science and Management with the first intake in September 2003. On the research side, our collaborations continue to be fruitful and, generally, build long-term on established links. In particular, there is a strong interdependence with the NHS R&D programmes in hospitals and the community. This is being strengthened by a series of new appointments which will take place related to the medical school development but are being designed around our own cross-departmental and cross-Faculty Research Institutes. These Research Institutes are the Institute of Science and Technology in Medicine, the Institute of Ageing and the Institute of Primary Care, which has bought the Clinical Psychology unit together. Research highlights have included the successful collaboration between Keele’s Department of Primary Care and Health Sciences and Manchester, Southampton and Aberdeen Universities to provide the MRC-funded project to provide the National Biobank project, the major MRC clinical trial for Antipathy Cuc uread here in Keele, which has bought together advanced imaging techniques from Keele, Manchester and Southampton. Keele is involved through a joint collaboration with the Biobank project and the National Biobank project, which will provide the infrastructure for the National Biobank project, the major MRC clinical trial for Antipathy Cuc uread here in Keele, which has bought together advanced imaging techniques from Keele, Manchester and Southampton.

Finally, it is important to remember our third area of activities, ‘enterprise’. This takes many forms and generally happens through the creativity of particular individuals rather than specific university initiatives. Within the Faculty, the Department of Medicines Management continues to devise exciting and innovative ways of serving both the pharmaceutical industry and the NHS. The Department of Nursing and Midwifery has taken on new types of consultancy work towards a full-time research MRI at Keele. Report of the Dean

February

Regional development agency, Advantage West Midlands, is set to invest over £3.3m into further development of Keele’s Science and Business Park. The funding will be used to provide modern, specially designed accommodation for innovative medical technology businesses. Keele is allocated £4,042,044 under the Science Research Investment Fund announced by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. The Public Records Office Head of Inspections praised the new facilities at Keele Conference Park in the National Archives which have been created to hold a collection of six million World War II thousands from the Royal Air Force. Keele Conference Park is nominated in the Best UK Academic Venue and Best Value for Money categories in the annual Meetings and Incentive Travel Awards. Keele is commended by the Equality Challenge Unit of Universities UK as the University’s Race Equality Policy has been implemented by the University and is supported by the Equality Challenge Unit of Universities UK. Keele is allocated £4,042,044 under the Science Research Investment Fund announced by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

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Given the Faculty's strong record in research, there is naturally an emphasis on research skills in the Faculty curriculum and each undergraduate student has the opportunity to write a lengthy, final-year dissertation, on a topic of their choice, in which questions have to be framed, as well as researched, before findings can be presented. One interesting development at the interface of research and teaching has been the introduction of the MRes in Humanities. This is a master's level programme, based on general and specific research training, which culminates in the production of a 20,000-word dissertation in a designated subject area. The MRes allows students to tailor a programme to suit their requirements, whether in terms of developing skills for the world of work, or preparing for doctoral study, which several have gone on to take. Research by members of the Faculty continues to flourish, and a number of colleagues have been successful in the Research Leave scheme operated by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The Faculty has begun to contribute to a new undergraduate programme in Media, Culture and Communications, which has recruited strongly in its first year and is set to encompass elements from the degree in Visual Arts. Further developments are planned in this area, together with aspects of Film Studies, which it is hoped will eventually become a degree programme in its own right. At the same time plans are well advanced for a Humanities Foundation Year, which will encourage less well qualified students to pursue undergraduate study in the Faculty. We are well aware that the portfolios of courses we offer requires constant attention, and not simply in terms of subject and structure, but also of pastoral support and delivery. Schools in the Faculty have certainly addressed the skills agenda, with an added emphasis on pastoral support, team-working, and the continued development of written exercises. In the School of History an element of work-related learning has been introduced in the second year, when students have the opportunity to take up placements in record offices, museums and libraries, in order to put some of their historical skills into practice. In Music and American Studies, meanwhile, some instruction takes place electronically in a 'virtual learning environment', with students participating in email discussion groups and seminars, as well as meeting face-to-face.

March

The School of Medicine hosts the Royal Society of Medicine Cancer Day in Keele Hall, the first time this prestigious award has been awarded outside London, and 265 Year 10–12 pupils attended the event.

Barbara Roche, Minister for Social Exclusion, highlights, at the Help the Aged Annual Lecture, the "invaluable" work of researchers at the Centre for Social Gerontology in drawing attention to the multiple risks of poverty and exclusion faced by older people in deprived urban neighbourhoods.

Fifty delegates attended a national conference organised by the Women in Psychiatry Special Interest Group on 'Women, Violence and Health' at the Academic Psychiatry Unit of the School of Medicine at Harpurlee Hospital.

'SPIRE is awarded a new series of Marie Curie Fellowships by the European Commission.'

The fellowships are for doctoral students from EU and associated countries wishing to undertake study in the area of Multi-Level Governance, Security and Sustainability.

Professor Charles Townshend, School of History, addresses a seminar on 'Global Security and Terrorism' at the Headquarters of the NATO Rapid Reaction Corps in Germany. He speaks on The Middle East and the West to a group of generals and staff officers from NATO member states.

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The figure of King Charles I of Great Britain (reigned 1625-49) continues to arouse strong feelings among both scholars and the general public. The king's political views and actions, self image and presentation to the nations of England, Scotland and Ireland are crucial, not least in considering the role he played in the outbreak of civil wars in all his kingdoms. While his character and actions have been much debated, little use has hitherto been made of his own writings. Initial funding from the Keele Research Investment Fund has enabled the Early Modernists' Group in the Schools of History and English to establish a project, co-led by Dr Ian Atherton, to begin to assemble his letters, speeches and other writings - scattered in more than 30 repositories across the UK, Ireland, the USA and Europe - with the aim of fundamentally reassessing the motivation and action of England's only king to have been beheaded by his subjects.

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Faculty of Natural Sciences

Report of the Dean

This is my first report as Dean having taken over from Ian Fairchild in July. Four of the five Heads of School have also changed this year. A new School of Computing and Mathematics has been formed under the leadership of Professor Andrew Willmott and has had an active year. Dr Gorton Riggs's work on the previously undeveloped Youngh manuscript attracted considerable attention in the scientific (Nature) and national (Observer, Economist) press. Professor Pearl Brenton was awarded a personal chair for her work in software engineering. The Dean was appointed to a health technology appraisal committee at NICE. Professor Willmott gained a grant of £125,000 from NERC for a study of Rapid Climate Change and Professor Yimin Fu organised an international conference on Mechanics and Modern Mathematics at Keele.

The excellent widening participation and public science activities have continued in the School of Chemistry and Physics. Two EPSRC grants were obtained by Dr Graeme Jones and Professor Mark O'Kroni to support these. Dr Jones also obtained substantial funding from the British Council to support his ‘Make it Molecular’ activity around the world. HETFEG funding is to be used to equip an analytical laboratory for the new Forensic Science degree and the planned Pharmacy degree, together with a Scene of Crime observation room. Dr Peter Haycock obtained a grant of £408,000 to carry out research into non-destructive evaluation of corroded steel reinforcements in concrete. Research in the areas of Astrophysics and Clean Technology will benefit from allocation of part of the over £4m Science Research Infrastructure Fund (SRIF). Dr Peter Haycock obtained a grant of £408k to carry out research into non-destructive evaluation of corroded steel reinforcements in concrete.

Imaging Sub-Surface Hazard

The Applied and Environmental Geophysics Research Group was successful in its bid to HETFEG for SRIF2 funding to support their project INSURING (Imaging of the Near Surface for Urban Regeneration with Non-Invasive Geoscience). The Environment’s FORESIGHT programme: Natural Resources and Environment; Non-Invasive Assessment for Waste and Contaminated Land, states: “The ability to protect and enhance the environment relies on the capacity to understand, describe and map sub-surface properties on many scales. FORESIGHT aims to stimulate advances in non-invasive techniques to provide better means of assessing and monitoring environmental change.”

The group is working on developing new techniques for imaging physical sub-surface habitat such as abandoned mineshafts and cave systems and also for the characterisation of land contaminated with industrial pollutants, which once they have found their way into ground-water are extremely difficult to remove from the environment. The legacy of over 200 years of industrial soda manufacture in the Mersyside region has resulted in significant contaminated land issues in the Widnes/Runcorn area. Localy referred to as the ‘Galligo’, the contamination material is a calcium sulphate waste by-product from the 19th Century Leblanc soda manufacturing process.

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Formation and Death of Stars

The Keele Astrophysics Group, based in the School of Chemistry & Physics, continues to thrive and, in terms of research output, is one of the most productive (size for size) in the UK. The Group studies the formation and death of stars in the Milky Way Galaxy and the Local Group of galaxies.

Members of the Group are searching for low-mass stars (those with mass similar to that of the Sun, and lower) in regions such as the ‘Trumpler 14 OB association illustrated here’. It is likely that most Sun-like stars form in these environments, which are greatly affected by the violent influences of supernova explosions and ultraviolet radiation. By observing these regions, Keele astronomers hope to provide answers to questions such as: are the conditions in these environments hostile to the formation of Sun-like stars, and to the formation of planetary systems?

When Sun-like stars die, they do so ‘not with a bang but with a whimper’. As well as studying the origins of Sun-like stars Keele astronomers are also investigating their ultimate fate. One star in particular, named W581 Mon, has caused much interest worldwide, and Keele has been directing a multi-national observing campaign on this weird object. Their observations have revealed one of the coolest stars ever seen, with a surface temperature of about 800 degrees C (compared with about 5500 degrees C for the Sun).

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“The picture shows Dr Nigel Cassidy using Ground Penetrating Radar to image sandstones that have been subjected to certain conditions. The image is courtesy of Dr R. D. Jefferies, School of Chemistry and Physics, obtained with the IRS2 wide-field infrared camera on the Anglo-Australian Telescope.
The research demonstrates that the social and emotional impacts of imprisonment on elderly men can be intense.

Growing Old in Prison

Dr Elaine Crawford, of Keele’s internationally recognised Department of Criminology, is the lead researcher on an on-going study with Professor Richard Sparks, of the implications of ageing in the prison setting. The two-year study, ‘Surviving in Prison in Later Life’ is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council.

The study explores the impact of imprisonment on elderly men, through observations and interviews in four prisons housing relatively large concentrations of prisoners over state retirement age. Approximately 60 in-depth interviews have been conducted with prisoners aged between 65 and 83 years. Some of these men have grown old in prison as a result of lengthy sentences, but many have received their sentences late in life and have no prior experience of prison. We hope that the energy and talent they have displayed. I would especially like to thank the programme’s first Director, Rebecca Leach, for her heroic work in getting it off to such a fine start.

The research raises sharp questions for teachers and technicians across the whole of the region. It has been the award by the DFES of the Regional Science Learning Centre for the West Midlands. Many colleagues from across the Faculties contributed to this success but a special note of thanks is due to Chris King and Ken Jones of the Education Department.

Regional Science Learning Centre

Keele University has been selected to be part of a £727,000 award, one of the most significant English-language poet in the world of contemporary poetry to Keele.

The University continues to strive to develop its role in the training of postgraduate research students. In this regard it is gratifying to report success for several departments in gaining recognition from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for the receipt of funded students. This is a demanding competition and an important one for us. Especially notable here was the performance of colleagues in the Department of Criminology who secured the award from ESRC of four ‘CASE’ studentships and a further ‘CASE’ studentship in collaboration with Werrington Young Offenders’ Institution. This makes Keele the leading site in the UK for such studentships in criminology and socio-legal studies – a remarkable achievement.

Professor Ian Loader deserves particular credit for his leading role in developing this aspect of the department’s work over several years.

Several of the most promising developments were, pleasingly, whole Faculty ventures. For example, this year saw the initiation of a ‘Forum on Alternative Globalisations’, inspired in particular by the Centre for Alternative Globalizations’ Dr Chris Kirby, School of Life Sciences, who will be collaborating with colleagues at the University of Bologna. The Centre has successfully applied to award grants outside the UK and this is Keele’s first.

Paul Dwyer was one of the most significant authors of English language grade this year. The study will involve 12 UK and 2 Norwegian centres over the next three years. Keele has participated in 8 centres and below. Before the end of this fiscal year we will be heading and managing at the University.

Professor Peter Styles, School of Earth Sciences and Geography, is a Fellow of the Geological Society of London.

Regional Science Learning Centre Kangaroo

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An artist’s impression of the Centre in a million pound refurbished building on campus.
When Poul Morgan wanted a complete change of direction in his life, he decided to give up his job as an independent financial adviser and return to education. At first, he contemplated a degree course but went Gold Ceremonies want to wait another year to get started," explained Poul, 39. "Then I found out about the Science Foundation Year and it really was a wonderful opportunity. The Foundation Year allowed me to look into my career direction and eventually decide that I wanted to study neuroscience and biological and medicinal chemistry. I am now on the degree course at Keele University, which has achieved outstanding success in delivering its widening participation programme. During the year, 7,000 students attended events on Keele campus and a further 35,000 were involved in off-campus and New Media activities. Departments and academics have been widely involved in campus-based events, which were run predominantly with students from the West Midlands and North-West regions. The largest included The Six Towns Residential (480), Liverpool Residential (140) and the HE Summer School (180). Further collaborations have been forged with Cheshire Action Zones, Wolverhampton Excellence in Cities and Shropshire Partnership for Progression, which will ensure that the numbers of students who attend university-based events will increase considerably during the academic year 2003/04.

The vice-chancellor opens the new Academic Psychiatry Unit of the Keele University Medical School in a ceremony at the Harplands Hospital. The Academic Psychiatry Unit is concerned with postgraduate psychiatric teaching in Staffordshire, Mid Cheshire, Shropshire and the Black Country.

The Widening Participation Division of Academic Affairs hosts the Higher Education Summer School on campus, which is attended by 180 16-17 year olds from all over the region. The teenagers attend lectures and tutorials during a week-long residential event.
Research, Knowledge Transfer & Enterprise

Meeting the Needs of Business for Knowledge Exchange and Entrepreneurship

The Office of Research and Enterprise (oRE) provides a vital hub for the delivery of strategic research, knowledge transfer and enterprise activities, engaging staff, students and alumni with private and public sector partner organisations. The effective use of HEROCF funding over the past three years in the development of a substantial infrastructure has resulted in a wide-reaching contribution to wealth creation and competitiveness through research and consultancy collaborations, well-managed commercialisation programmes and the growth of the University’s enterprise base.

With the benefit of HEROCF (SG000k) and access to Spiner (£510k), Keele has developed the capacity for effective knowledge transfer and enterprise activities. This is evidenced by a record number of IP disclosures (112) in our portfolio and the successful protection and licensing of IP to secure income (£1m).

Highlights 2003

Keele was instrumental in the development of a novel airport security system from expertise and know-how in geosciences. Furthermore, unique digitisation software was designed and developed by staff in Keele Information Services (KIS), which has been fundamental to the launch of The Air Reconnaissance Archive (TARA).

The development of a broader enterprise profile has also secured £500k of income from contract research and consultancy activity. Notable examples include Keele’s Centre for Professional Ethics, which secured a 600% increase in their consultancy and CFD activities, and the deployment of expertise from Chemistry and Medicines Management to advise major corporate bodies which raised over £500k in consultancy fees.

New income stream funds vital projects to ensure the continuing development of our research base

In 2003, the Government announced an £10m investment in scientific excellence within Universities and Higher Education Institutions to facilitate world-class, vital research not only in areas of science but also in areas of Arts and Humanities.

An investment of £7m from SRIF2 will pump-prime five projects: new build for the Moser Research Centre for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, projects supporting new equipment for Smart Waste Utilisation and Clean Technologies, Imaging of the Near Surface for Urban Regeneration with Non-Invasive Geoscience (INSURING) and Super Wide Angle Search for Planets (Super WASP). The remaining project will provide equipment and refurbishment of a clean room for SIFT Technology for Breath Analysis and development of Magnetic Nanotechnology.

Keele’s successes in Natural Sciences and Health have been equally matched by the profile of activities in Social Sciences as evidenced by the research outputs of our RAE 2001 grade 5 and 5* units. Of particular note was the further development of strategic partnering relationships between Keele researchers and public and private sector partners in the UK and Europe to secure research underpin key social policy developments.

For example, Professor John Vogler acted as the lead for colleagues from SPIRE in a bid for a European Marie Curie training site (£120k) to enable a well-patterned governance, security and sustainability SPIRE also secured a Marie Curie training site (£128k) under the leadership of Professor John Proops to investigate the principles, policies and socio-economic drivers for the implementation of sustainable development. Crimeology also received EU Marie Curie training site status (£329k) with a project to investigate the governance of urban safety in the context of crime prevention. This initiative coupled with the major Home Office and local government office projects to evaluate critical aspects of urban crime, which Professor Tim Hope and Anne Worrall in Crimeology have provided research leadership for and has served to underline Keele’s continued research excellence and leadership in this discipline.

‘Education & Child Protection’ was the linking theme of a major project (£140k) which Professor Ian Butler and his research team worked on with the NSPCC. Keele was also successful in securing a prestigious Leverhulme Fellowship (£65k) which will allow Dr Peter Jackson to complete a definitive piece of research on ‘The Mongols and the Latin West (1221-1405) – a project which is the complex military, social and religious interactions of the Mongols of Iran with European merchants in the period which preceded the major voyages of discovery.

Keele’s Enterprise Agenda connects with local, regional and national organisations to support business needs, student and staff development

Enterprise activity initiated by the oRE with link departments is increasingly becoming embedded in mainstream activities evidenced by the rollout of the Enterprise modules (with Chemistry & Physics) for undergraduates and at Masters level for Information Technology and Management (with Management) with a record number of students registered.

November 2003 saw the launch of the Enterprise@Keele, which took place in the prestigious Undergraduate Medical School on campus. This regional event was sponsored by the Medical Institute of Enterprise, Business Link Staffordshire and Kent Jones and Done. As the most successful event in the region, it attracted a record number of attendees from the surrounding areas and the West Midlands region. In excess of 280 people registered to attend, comprising members of staff, further and higher education students, SMEs, science park companies and alumni, who were inspired by sharing valuable experiences of successful entrepreneurs.

Andrew England REI, a Keele alumnus and founder of England’s Specialist Safety Equipment, outlines the development of his firm at Enterprise@Keele.
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Mr Richard Barnes, Chairman of North Staffordshire Regeneration Zone, carries out a foundation laying ceremony to mark the start of work on Innovation Centres 3 and 4 at Keele University Science and Business Park. The two new high specification innovation centres, which are part funded by Advantage West Midlands, will create 64,000 square feet of laboratory, office and incubator space for medical technology companies.

Dr David Furness, Reader, School of Life Sciences, is awarded an Invitation Fellowship for Research in Japan by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

Keele has students from all over the United Kingdom and from nearly 100 nations around the world studying here, giving the campus a spirit of cosmopolitan community, enriching everyone’s life.

Erin Mofford, 22, is studying for a Masters in Global Security. She chose Keele because SPIRE, the School of Politics, International Relations and the Environment, offers one of the best rated higher degree programmes in the country.

“When researching higher programmes, SPIRE came second only to Cambridge in the UK,” said Erin, who completed her first degree in Psychology and History at the University of Alaska, her home state. “The course is really well structured and came highly recommended. I had also just spent a year working for an MP at Westminster and wanted to get out of London – Keele is so incredibly beautiful and it allows me some time to see something of the north of England and the Midlands.”

Jim Yonazi, from Tanzania, knew exactly what he wanted when he was looking to continue his studies after graduating in Information Technology and Keele offered exactly what he required.

“I was aiming to do an MSc in IT and Management but found that many places did not offer that combination,” said Jim, 30. “I had already done a degree in IT and needed management skills, so I was delighted when I found that Keele offered precisely what I wanted. My course perfectly integrates the management aspect with information technology, so it is ideal. I like the environment at Keele because it is away from the city centre and allows me to concentrate on my studies. I have made many, many good friends here – people from the UK and all over the world. Everyone is so friendly here.”

After completing his MSc Jim hopes to go on to a PhD – “at Keele, hopefully,” he adds.

Keele is the best of both worlds for Viveka Hewman, 21, who is a first year, studying Visual Arts and Media Studies. Viveka likes the quiet of the campus where she can concentrate on her studies but enjoys its nearness to Newcastle and Hanley for the more social side of life.

“Keele is wonderful and has great scenery,” says Viveka, who applied to study at Keele after seeing an advertisement for Charter Scholarships in her homeland, Sri Lanka. “I had always done science at school, so Visual Arts and Media Studies were new to me but I am really enjoying the subjects. I read about the Charter Scholarships and applied to Keele – it has been a great opportunity for me. The University is a great place to be and I have made many friends.”