1860 The Schools of Science and Arts are established in Reading. In 1882, the three-masted brig Erebus visits Reading.
1903 University of Information Science and Engineering, Kunming campus, opens.
1904 Our first international student, a student from India, is enrolled at the London Road site.
1908 Arts House opens in Park Street, becoming the first extension to the site.
1926 The University of Reading acquires a Royal Charter. Students vote for the Vice-Chancellor William Childs, its first. Students vote for the Vice-Chancellor William Childs.
1945 More than 50% of courses are employment-based.
1947 The University acquires its headquarters in the old town.
1957 The Faculty of Arts and Science moves to the Edith Morley building, the first students building on the site.
1989 We are the first university to win the Queen’s Award for Export Achievement.
2008 History Management Categories of our degree in law.
2018 The University opens the Thames Valley Science Park.

1. Achieved by the University’s Research Excellence Framework. The percentage of our research that is internationally recognised is 84%.
2. Student satisfaction remains high, matching the sector average.
3. Based on our submissions judged to be world leading, internationally excellent and recognised internationally in overall
5. The last year has seen successes in all these areas. The transformation of our library and the new campus has quickly become the vibrant heart of our community.
7. The University of Reading is ranked 93rd in the Stonewall Top 100 employers 2020.
8. National Student Survey (NSS) results, 2019. 83.72% rounded up.
9. A reduction in carbon emissions from 2008/09 baselines. We achieved a 40% reduction from 2008/09 baselines, one of the largest reductions in the university sector. Globally, our responsibly crediting the fact, and currently only, overseas campus in Malaysia to receive approval to offer a degree law. And the first cohort of students from our joint academy with the Henley University of Information Science & Technology in China has recently started studying in the UK. More than ever, there is a need for institutions like the University of Reading, with a social purpose that extends beyond the political cycles to engage positively with the world. That is a challenge I am confident we can meet.

PRESIDENT ROBERT VAN DE NOORT VICE-CHANCELLOR
Excellence

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Sustainability

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