An outstanding student experience on the best campuses in the UK

The University of Reading’s campuses were voted the best in the UK in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2012.

The student experience at Reading has been enhanced by recent major investment in quality teaching facilities and accommodation.

Our parkland Whiteknights campus, once a country estate, holds a Green Flag Award and was also voted the top university green space in Green Flag People’s Choice Award 2012. The University’s Institute of Education, one of the leading providers of teacher training in the UK, recently relocated to its new £30 million home on our historic London Road campus, which was one of the University’s original sites. Our Greenlands campus, situated on the banks of the Thames near Henley, is a truly stunning location for one of the top business schools in Europe. Greenlands is used by the University’s Henley Business School as the base for its MBA and corporate learning.

Reading University Students’ Union (RUSU) was voted the 6th best in the UK (National Student Survey 2012). RUSU is central to the student experience providing entertainment and opportunities in campaigning and volunteering. It has a strong relationship with the University that has led to joint initiatives such as the ‘In conversation’ events which bring influential individuals in public life to meet and talk to Reading students and staff. Vice-Chancellor, Sir David Bell said: ‘The visit of David Miliband to Reading the day after the US election demonstrates you don’t have to go to the Oxford Union to hear the most influential figures tackling the big global issues of the day.’

University of Reading students have over 100 sports clubs and societies to choose from, as well as the student newspaper, Spark*, online TV channel, RU:ON and radio station, Junction 11.

We are committed to the development of sporting excellence amongst our students, and offer a number of Sports Scholarships each year. We are proud to have helped produce six Olympic medal winners in rowing – five of them Olympic champions; Anna Watkins, Alex Gregory, Adrian Ellison, Garry Herbert and James Cracknell.

Ellie Massam, BSc Speech and Language Therapy
‘So far I’ve been involved with the Drama and the Duke of Edinburgh Societies. They’ve given me great opportunities from performing at the Edinburgh Fringe to camping on the Brecon Beacons.’

The Rt Hon David Miliband MP visited the University to take part in one of a new series of ‘In conversation’ events with students in November.