The University of Reading has a collaborative approach to working, with hundreds of partnerships with organisations across the globe. Regionally, in conjunction with a large number of bodies including local authorities, schools and business, the University plays a key role in driving economic and societal wellbeing.

‘The University of Reading is an essential part of the Borough’s fabric, playing a key role in helping to ensure that we maintain our position as a strong, knowledge-based economy.’

**Councillor Tony Page**, Deputy Leader of Reading Borough Council

‘The new Enterprise Centre is particularly important for both the University itself and indeed the whole Borough and its future. With the support and advice on offer at the centre, innovative local businesses will grow and flourish.’

**Councillor Rob Stanton**
Education Lead,
Wokingham Borough Council

‘As a primary school located close to the University of Reading we have forged very strong links over the years. Many of our families are associated with the University in some way, as staff or students, with many from overseas enriching our already diverse catchment.

‘We are a partner school for teacher training and we also work with various departments and the museums at the University. We make excellent use of University grounds and the campus for sports and other outdoor learning activities.’

**Sarah Bergson**
Head teacher at Redlands Primary School in Reading

‘The University of Reading was pivotal to the bid that enabled the creation of a new Local Enterprise Partnership for the Thames Valley Berkshire sub region in 2010. The University provides a global profile for Reading through its international reputation and anchor institutions like the University help to sustain Reading’s knowledge economy.’

**Tim Smith MBE**, Executive Director, Reading UK CIC

‘Reading Buses has built a very constructive and positive working relationship with the University which has resulted in increased frequency of services and a 75% increase of usage of the Claret routes through the University.’

**James Freeman**, Chief Executive Officer, Reading Transport Ltd