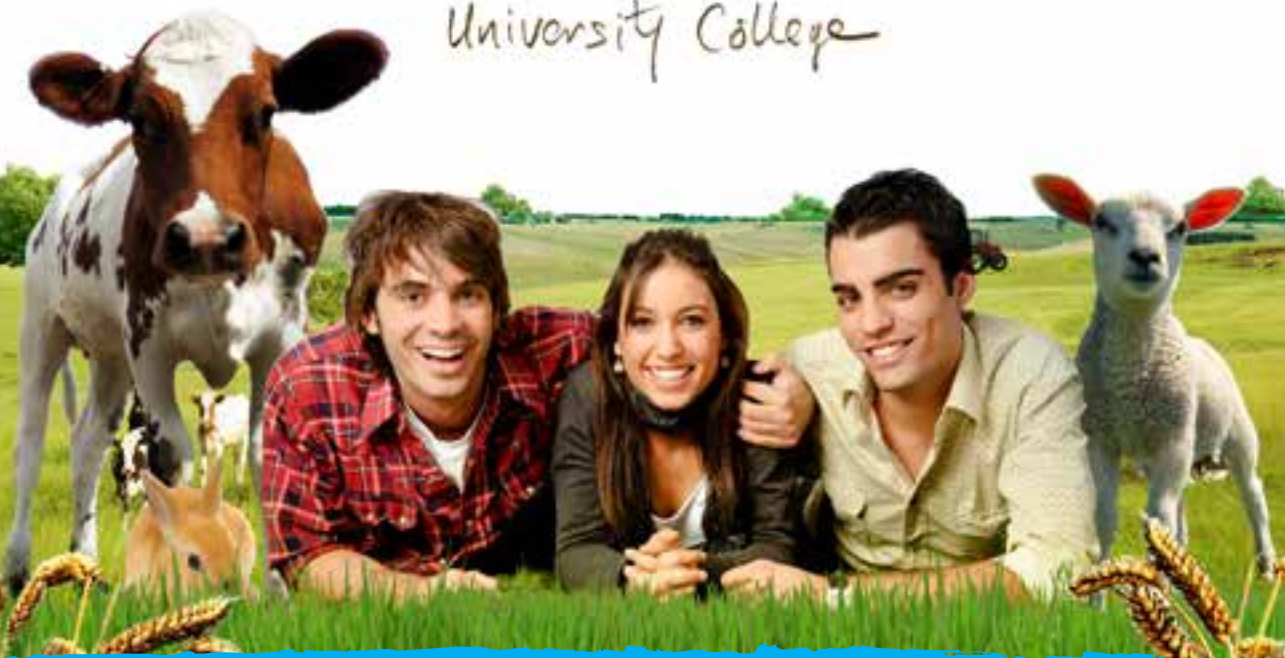


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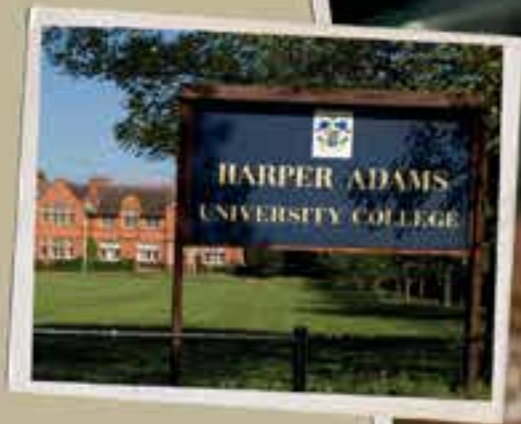


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It is Harper Adams' mission to provide higher education for the delivery of sustainable food chain and rural economy. We aim to develop intellectual and practical skills to enable individuals to realise their full, personal, social and vocational potential and participate in lifelong learning

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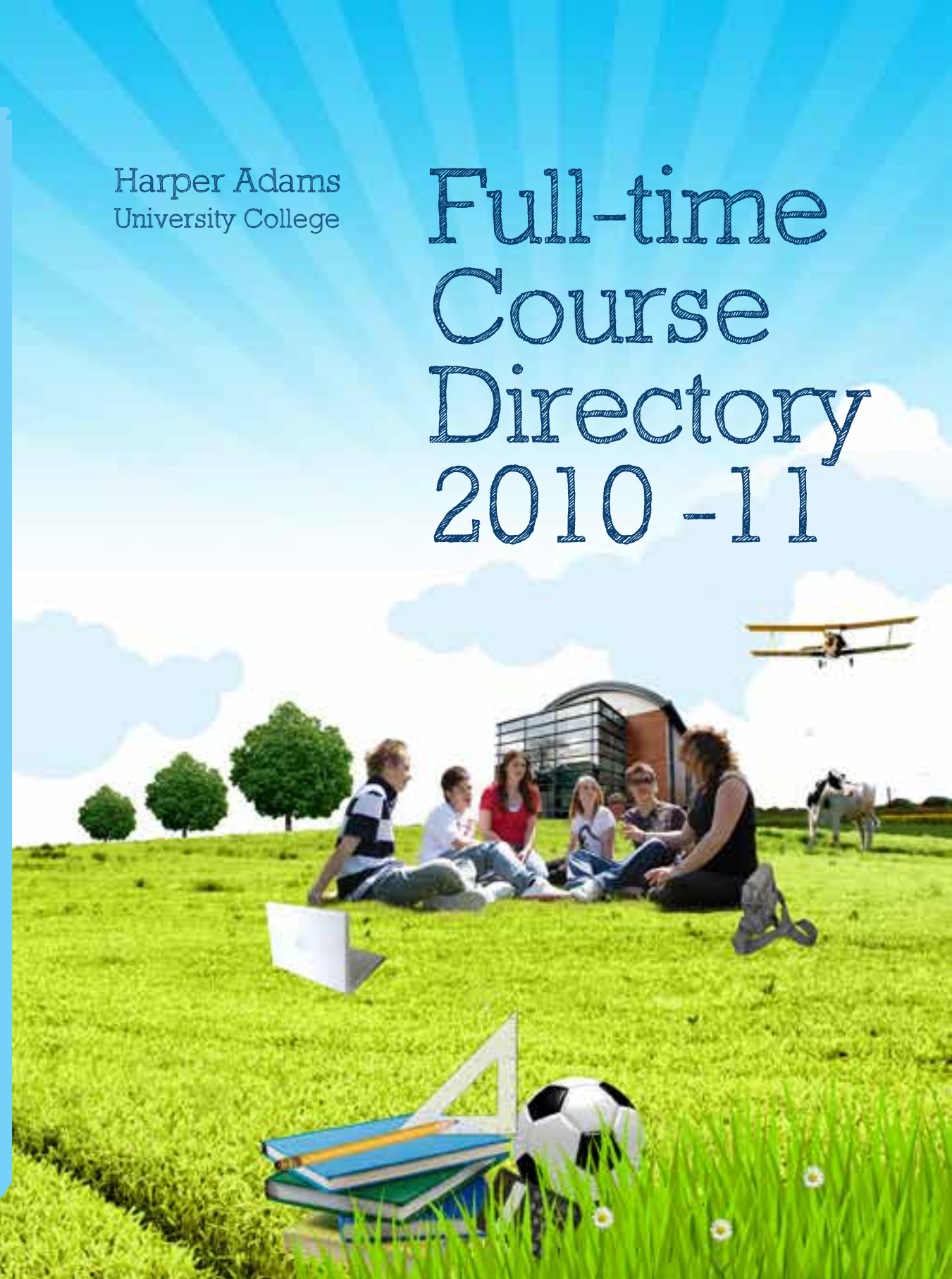
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Full-time Course Directory 2010 -11



Why choose Harper Adams?

We're University College of the year again...

Student lifestyle

Ask any student or graduate from Harper Adams and they will tell you all about the famous 'Harper Spirit'. It's about making friends, working hard and playing hard, and knowing you are at a University College where you truly matter and feel you belong. If you have visited or attended the Higher Education Choices (HEC) conference (see page 60) you will know just what we mean. It would be hard to feel lonely here: the Students' Union organises lots of events, clubs and societies, and the close-knit, intimate campus means there is always a friendly face around. In a nutshell, Harper is no 'here today, gone tomorrow' sort of place. The

atmosphere here buzzes and once it grabs you, it will be with you long after you've graduated and when you go on to be part of our thriving alumni organisation (see page 62). That's why, in the National Student Survey of UK Higher Education Institutions, our students voted to place us so highly, in second place.

Great for jobs

We have an outstanding graduate employment record, with more than 96% of full-time, first degree students in full-time work or further full-time education within 6 months of graduating. Amongst other factors, many graduates attribute their success to Harper's

excellent links with industry and the experience and skills developed in the workplace during the one-year placement period built into all degree courses. We have links with more than 500 companies, many of whom offer placements to students they go on to employ. Placement gives you the opportunity to put what you learn into practice in the real world and gives you an invaluable combination of qualifications and experience that marks you out from the rest when applying for graduate jobs.

For further information see www.thestudentsurvey.com.

"I'm glad I chose to study my course at Harper because I don't believe there is anywhere else where I would be as happy"



A reputation for excellence

You can be sure of receiving a quality education at Harper Adams. In its most recent review, the Quality Assurance Agency expressed 'broad confidence' (the best possible result) in our academic programmes and standards, and particularly praised our teaching methods and curriculum and our extensive network of work placements. See the report for yourself at www.qaa.ac.uk. At Harper Adams University College we always do our best to ensure you receive the best education possible. We are a Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Invest in your future

As with anything worth having in life, there is a cost involved in higher education, but you will never make a better investment in your future. We are committed to providing students with as much help and support as we can, and this particularly applies to financial support. We feel so strongly about this that we have made it part of our 'Harper Guarantee'. We promise to offer scholarships to benefit undergraduate students who are in financial need and we also offer scholarships to support undergraduate students who, in their different ways, can enrich the learning community at Harper Adams. See page 27 for further details on finance.

Community spirit

They say good things come in small packages and that is certainly true of Harper Adams. We have around 4,000 students, with about 1,400 studying and socialising on campus at any one time. So, unlike most universities, you don't just get to know the students on your course and who you live with, but people from other courses and year groups

too. There are seven halls of residence, including self-catering accommodation. Our compact campus means you are never more than a ten minute walk from any of the facilities.

Location, location

Students say Harper Adams' rural location offers the best of both worlds – all the benefits of the country but close to the amenities of the surrounding towns. Shropshire is in the heart of the Midlands, on the English-Welsh border, and only a short drive away from Birmingham. The county's attractions are many and varied, which is ideal for a mix of study and social life. The surrounding countryside provides opportunities for field trips, course-related excursions and traditional country pursuits, while the nearby towns offer a great nightlife.

Cutting edge research and knowledge transfer

Research activity at Harper Adams is wide ranging and has a positive and practical impact on rural industries and communities, at home and abroad. See page 153 for further details.

Support

Starting university is an exhilarating time, full of new challenges, friends and experiences, but all of us at some time or another need a helping hand. From something as small as asking directions to worrying about assignments or something happening away from university, the friendly Student Services team are there to help.

Support and Services are a crucial underpinning of graduate study at Harper Adams University College.

Great facilities – getting better all the time

From the state-of-the-art Bamford Library and Aspire Centre to the new West Midlands Regional Food Academy, new Postgraduate and Professional Development Centre, and upcoming Student Services Centre, the facilities at Harper Adams just get better. The campus is surrounded by the University College Farm, a unique resource which gives students access to livestock, crops, and managed countryside areas, and has been undergoing a multi-million pound development. For example, we now have operating a new £2 million, leading-edge dairy unit with 40 point internal rotary milking parlour.

Our up-to-date science complex includes a molecular biology laboratory, the Engineering Design Centre provides all the latest technology, and an extended Companion Animal House has boosted our comprehensive veterinary nursing facilities. We are constantly investing in the campus and developing facilities.

With high levels of student satisfaction...
outstanding teaching quality in agriculture, food
and all things land-based, and low levels of
graduate unemployment...
it makes a potent case to applicants.

Sunday Times University Guide



Dates to remember

This guide will help with your planning:

Higher Education Choices (HEC) conference

5th – 6th July 2010

A two-day residential taster course at Harper Adams. Take part in lectures and seminars, talk to students and staff, then party with the Students' Union. See page 60 for further details.

Making a decision

April to June 2011

Now is the time to make a firm choice about the universities you are applying for. See www.ucas.com

Open Afternoons

Wed 22nd September 2010 (Open Afternoon)
Wed 17th November 2010 (2011 Applicants' Open Afternoon)

See the website www.harper-adams.ac.uk for further details

Completing your UCAS form

From September 2010

Don't delay in completing your UCAS form. Try and get it in before Christmas. Your teachers and/or career advisor will be happy to help you complete your UCAS application forms in good time.

Sort out your finances September 2010

September 2010

There is lots of financial support available so don't delay in making your application. Apply online at www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance and remember you can always contact our Student Finance Officer or Admissions Office for help and advice as well as information on scholarships.

See our website www.harper-adams.ac.uk/finance
See page 159 for contact details.

Interviews

November 2010 to May 2011

We hold regular interview/counselling sessions between November and May. We will contact you regarding these just as soon as we have received your UCAS form.

Open Days

Sat 8th May 2010 &
Sun 17th October 2010

Why not visit Harper Adams at one of our relaxed open days – your family and friends are welcome too. See page 60 for further details.

Exam results

August 2011

Time to confirm your place with us or, if you have not received the results you were hoping for, give us a call to discuss options such as alternative courses or our extended foundation degree programme.

Welcome to Harper Adams!

September 2011

Have a fantastic time at Freshers' Week... after a few days on campus you'll feel as if you've always been a part of Harper!

Alice Lawrence

BSc (Hons) Agri-food Marketing with Business studies

"The course has given me a broad appreciation of the whole food supply chain, from field to fork, and has given me all the technical knowledge, real employment experiences and practical skills for the future that I need.

I've done everything from visiting food processing operations, such as a bread factory, to making baked beans, ice-cream and sausages! The balance of practical and academic skills and knowledge on Harper's courses is fundamental and is recognised and valued by employers.

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Students' Union

Your work is important but you won't be studying all the time and it is important to enjoy your social life to the full too. That is where the Students' Union (SU) comes in. You will get off to a flying start at Freshers' Week, designed to help you settle in, meet people and make the most of your time at university, right from the start. As well as parties, course get-togethers and your first chance to get dressed up at the Freshers' Ball, there's the hotly contested Harris Shield inter-hall competition and the infamous Freshers' Challenge.

All in all, the SU will play an important part in helping you fill your free time. As well as helping to run the student societies and sports clubs, the SU also organises balls, club nights, gigs, quizzes, comedy nights, and trips away, and makes sure the bar stays very well stocked.

The SU is run by the students, for the students, so they can better represent you and make sure you get the most out of university life. The SU consists of an elected committee of representatives; mostly current students, except for the President, who is a Harper

graduate elected to the role as a paid member of staff for one year. Elections are held once a year and all students are entitled to vote.

The SU is also supported by a Bar Steward, who runs the bars, and the College's Sports and Societies Co-ordinator (Showing your Student ID card at certain local shops and organisations will get you a discount.)

Visit www.haucsu.com for a taste of Harper life.

Entertainment

Working hard and playing hard is very much the name of the game at Harper Adams and you will find many ways to enjoy yourself. Hardly a night goes by when there isn't something going on in the SU. Over the last few years, Harper Adams students have enjoyed visits from big name bands like Futureheads and The Wurzels, top DJs such as Gregg James and Sara Cox, as well as comedy acts.

Even without guest entertainment the student bar remains a focal point, where you can party in a carefree, friendly and safe environment, particularly on

Wednesday, when everyone gets together in the bar to celebrate the afternoon's sporting successes.

There are a number of student balls throughout the year, the highlight of which is always the themed Summer Ball. This 12-hour party ends at 7am, when a photographer captures the moment in the famous Survivors' Photograph – you will want to make sure you're on it!

Facilities

The Students' Union facilities include a huge main bar featuring what is rumoured to be the longest student bar in the UK. There's also a cosy lounge bar, SU offices, lots of sports facilities, a shop and cafeteria. A new Student Services Centre will also open autumn 2010.

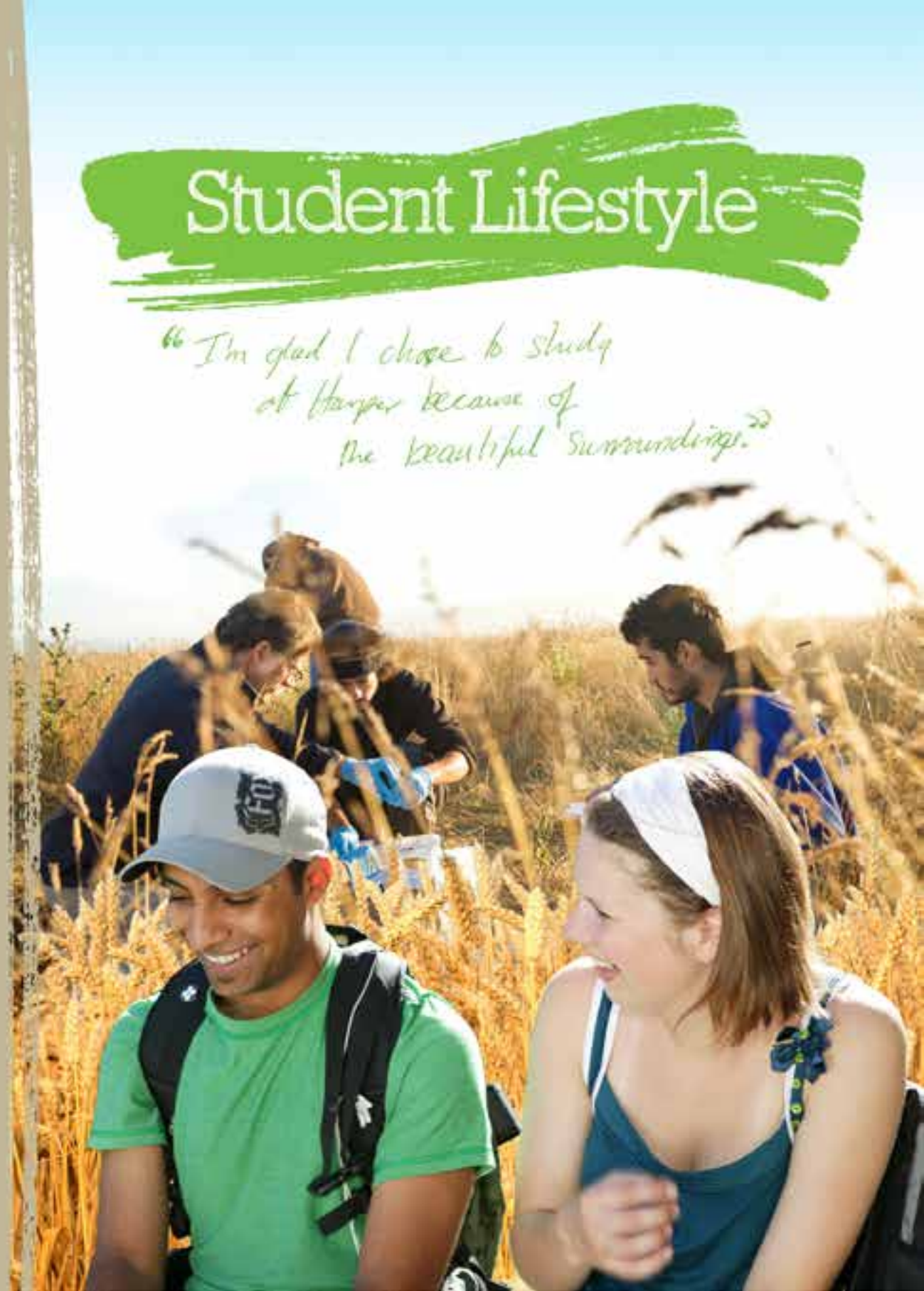
There are a range of great clubs and societies at Harper Adams and plenty for you to get involved with. By joining a club or society, you will not only make new friends, but you will develop valuable skills such as organisation, leadership, and team-working.

Harper is a great part of Shropshire in which to spend your student years. It is safe and friendly place where cultural activities thrive in a beautiful, historic setting.

Visit www.hauc.com for a taste of Harper Life.

Student Lifestyle

"I'm glad I chose to study at Harper because of the beautiful surroundings."



Clubs and Societies

Sports and outdoor activities have a large following at Harper Adams and the University College has a big reputation for a number of sports.



*I'm glad I chose to study at Harper,
It's been very interesting and
I've met some great people along the way!*

Sports and Activities

Sporting opportunities here are many and varied. We do our best to support those who strive to reach a high standard and participate in the top British University and College Sport (BUCS) leagues, as well as help students who want to take up a new sport or simply enjoy regular exercise. Our clay pigeon shooting, Rugby Union and Netball teams in particular pride themselves on bringing home the medals, and have an enviable reputation and following. They perform consistently well in the BUCS leagues and championships.

Even if you don't play a sport, you won't get a better atmosphere than cheering on the rugby, football and hockey teams from the sidelines each Wednesday afternoon.

Sports Facilities

The excellent sporting facilities on campus include a fully equipped gym, sports hall, heated outdoor swimming pool, floodlit rugby pitch, AstroTurf pitch for football and hockey, squash and tennis courts, bowling green, table tennis and pool tables and an excellent cricket pitch. Harper boasts some of the best grass pitches in Shropshire including a fully floodlit rugby pitch and training pitches.

The following are just some of the sporting clubs and activities you could join in with: angling, archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, canoeing, circuit training, eventing, fencing, 4x4, football (men's and women's), Gaelic football, golf, hockey, horse riding, kick boxing, lacrosse, martial arts, mountain biking, netball, parachuting, polo, pool, rowing, rugby (union and league), running, sailing, shooting

(air rifle and clay), squash, skiing, tennis, ultimate frisbee, windsurfing and yoga.

Students can also use the extensive facilities at the nearby Lilleshall National Sports Centre. If you have your own favourite sport, and can entice others to join you, why not ask the SU to help you set up a team or society.

Why not set up your own club or Society!

When you get to Harper, if you want to set up your own society, have a chat with Ben, the Sports and Societies Co-ordinator. He's keen to hear new ideas, and is always happy to help students set up their own clubs, if there is enough interest.

View a variety of Harpers sports events at You Tube visit www.youtube.com/HarperAdamsUC

Harper Cymru

This has become established as an important society as more and more Welsh students make Harper their first choice. Welsh members take part in a wide range of activities and events such as the Royal Welsh Show, the Welsh Winter Fair and St David's Day celebrations. The Harper Cymru Dinner has developed into one of the main social events of the year. For further information, ask for the Harper Cymru booklet.

Harper Scotland

As we welcome more and more Scottish students to Harper Adams, so this club grows in size and popularity. With lots of fresh ideas for events and activities, this is a great club to be a part of.

Harper Ireland

This society brings together students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland in one of our most popular and dynamic societies. As well as looking after fellow members and offering practical help and support, such as shared trips home, Harper Ireland has a well deserved reputation for its excellent social events.

Don't miss Paddy's Ball, which is now a key date for the entire University College. Harper Ireland and Harper Cymru both link up with student alumni associations in their home countries to arrange events and keep people in touch with the 'Harper Spirit'. For further information, ask for the Harper Ireland booklet.

Harper Forum

A popular weekly event, in which various speakers from the rural industries, politics and business are invited to address students and take part in a Q and A. The Harper Forum has had an impressive list of some major figures in industry who have been speakers. Just let the organisers know if there is anyone you are particularly keen to hear from (and tell them your opinions!) and they will get on the case!

RAG

Lots of students also get involved with the Raise and Give (RAG) organisation, which organises events such as quiz nights, slave auctions, barbecues and other events throughout the year to raise cash for charity and have some fun into the bargain. There are also lots of organisations you can get involved with in the wider community.

The International Society

This a thriving group run by Harper Adams' international community of students, who hail from around 30 different countries, including China, India, Greece, Hungary, Germany and France. The club is open to all nations, and everyone at Harper Adams, including lecturers and postgraduate students.

Trips organised by the society include London, Stonehenge and Ireland, as well as ice-skating, paint-balling and shopping trips. National days are often celebrated and theme nights in the bar include

Greek Night, when traditional food, drink and dancing all form part of the experience.

The Christian Union

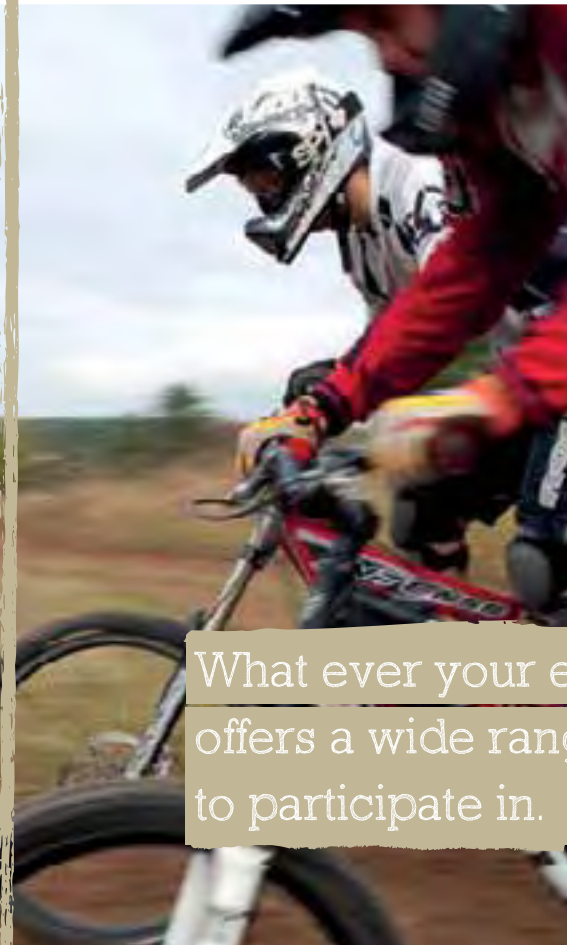
One of the oldest societies at Harper Adams which brings Christian students and staff together in a relaxed environment. Affiliated to the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF), you are welcome whatever your faith.

HOPS (Harper Outdoor Pursuits Society)

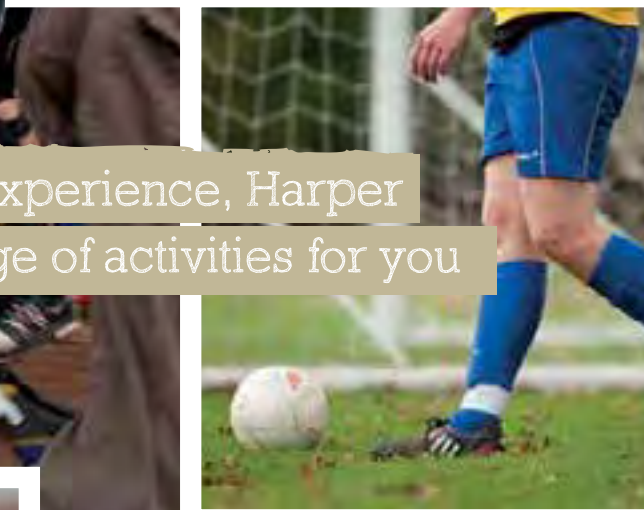
The great outdoors is the playground of HOPS members. Climbing, canoeing, mountain biking, down-hill racing, white water rafting, knife throwing, orienteering, go karting, wind surfing: just a few of their favourite things. The society regularly organises adventure weekends and trips, and once a week runs a trip to a climbing wall.

Harper Student Enterprise

This is an exciting society which promotes entrepreneurial thinking in an enterprising world to cultivate a rural entrepreneurial mind-set and provide the next wave of entrepreneurs and rural business people. Activities include business competitions, the 'eBay Enterprising Challenge', inspiring business speakers, seminars and workshops.



What ever your experience, Harper offers a wide range of activities for you to participate in.



Getting down and dirty – the 4x4 Club

If you like 4X4s, quad bikes, dirt buggies, and ... well, basically anything with wheels, this is the club for you. Harper has its own 4x4 track but there are also weekend outings to some of Britain's best off-road courses where you can put your 4X4 vehicles through, over, under and around the most gruelling obstacles the countryside can offer. If you don't have a 4x4, feel free to hitch along with one of the others and give it a go. Anyone with an aversion to mud might think twice about joining!

Bit of a drama queen (or king)?

Harper Adams students love getting up on stage for revues, pantomimes and plays and even the staff are prepared to give it a go and put on an occasional revue in aid of a good cause – where else would your lecturers voluntarily dress up as cows just to give you a laugh? Anyone can get involved, whether as the star of the show, helping out backstage, or just sitting in the audience and letting them entertain you. For the keen musicians among you, we also have a student band, choir, music room and links with Keele Philharmonic Orchestra.

Want to make a difference to the environment?

The Harper Adams Conservation Society is growing all the time and has links with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV). Highly popular with students across all courses, it will give you a taste of practical countryside management and conservation work. Projects include pond restoration and hedgerow planting as well as various field trips. We also have a brand new club – the Environment Society, which will initiate and help with environmental projects at Harper and in the local area.



Sara Studden

BSc (Hons) Animal Health and Welfare

"I'm glad I chose to study at Harper because the beautiful surroundings of the campus and excellent facilities are everything one could hope for."

The support here is fantastic and everybody is so approachable that it's easy to come by. I've been lucky enough to win a £1,000 scholarship from Birmingham and Staffordshire Agricultural Society towards tuition fees, accommodation and further training for my final year. I've really enjoyed not having to study in the middle of a city and the social life here is legendary

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