

PROVIDING VALUE FOR STUDENTS

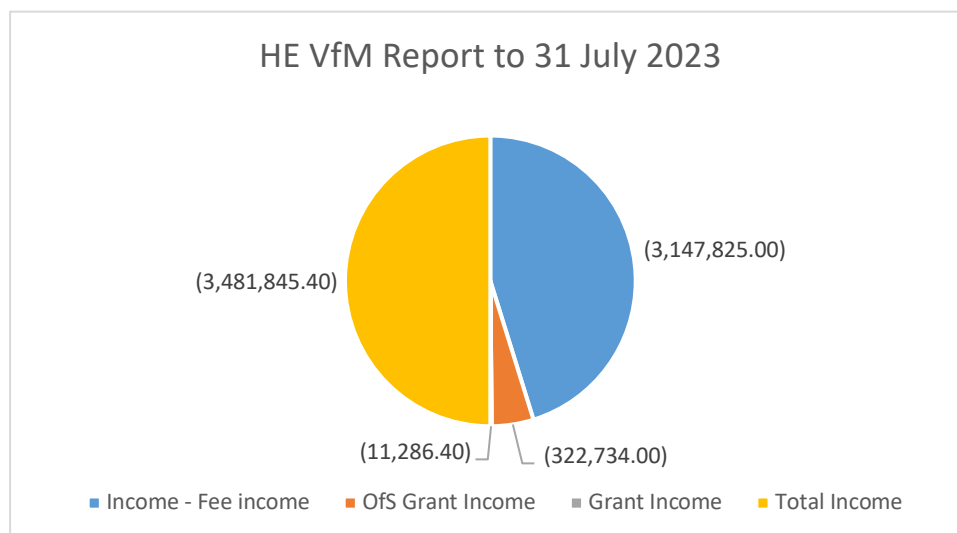
At the Hugh Baird University Centre, the Governing Body ensures that there are adequate and effective arrangements in place to provide transparency about value for money for students and for taxpayers. The Governing Body ensures that there are sound arrangements for risk management, control, and governance, and for economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. It keeps under review the arrangements for managing the resources under its control and considers value for money as part of its decision-making processes.

The Hugh Baird University Centre is in a strong position to add value to the fees that students pay – not just for their tuition – but for their whole experience which creates a positive change in their lives and in their working environment.

We take great pride in our role as a higher education provider in our area and our mission is to “inspire, challenge and transform lives”. We believe that this mission creates value for students in the following ways:

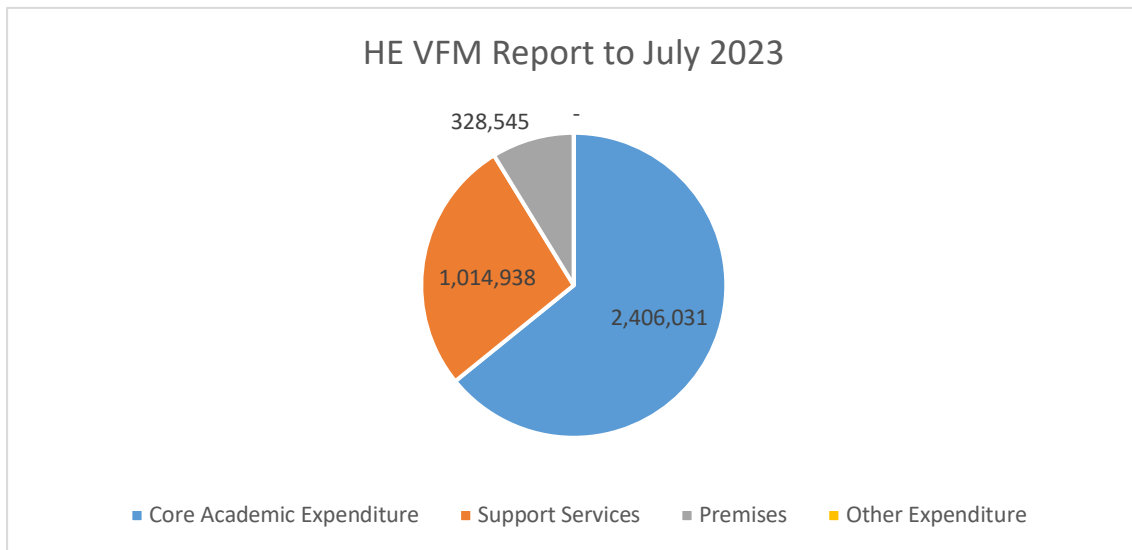
- Adding value through our innovative teaching
- Adding value through our work to create employability
- Adding value through student support
- Adding value through student engagement and governance
- Value for money from the learning environment and external engagement
- Travel opportunities add value to the student experience
- Adding value in the local context.

Where does our money come from?



90% of our income is from student fees / loan income, with 10% of our income being received in the form of recurrent and other funding body grants from the Office for Students. Any surplus income is reinvested back into the University Centre, with investments including facilities improvements.

How do we spend our money?



All our income is spent at the University Centre to deliver teaching and learning, deliver support services, and provide teaching and learning spaces as well as recreational space for our students.

Over the last 5 years we have invested heavily in our multi-million-pound University Centre, which offers a dedicated place of study for those on our degree programmes and Access to Higher Education courses. During the 2022/23 academic year, the organisation invested £329k in its University Centre facilities with £250k having been invested in the creation of an aspirational and multi-functional “Graduate Outcomes Zone”, which constitutes a ‘one-stop’ area with specialist staff in which the demands of students in terms of academic, pastoral and moving on to either employment or further study support will be met. The creation of this area serves to enhance student experience, to provide specialist careers advice and to deliver positive graduate outcomes which shall meet the specialist skills needs of industry and employers and raise the number of students entering graduate level employment.

Furthermore, the organisation has invested in:

- Access to a dedicated Student Services Team
- Access to Financial Support Services
- Access to a dedicated team of Personal Development Coaches to assist with pastoral support and academic progress
- The Provision of Facilitator support time where applicable.