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Introduction

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Introduction

1. Delivering the vision for the University
2. A changing external environment
3. Notable developments
4. A year of successes
5. Looking ahead
6. Challenges for 2012-13



1. Delivering the vision for the University

- A leading global university
- Five strategic goals to achieve this vision
- A step change in performance and a major investment plan





2. A changing external environment

- Teaching funding cuts
- A new dynamic in the admissions round and the new fee regime
- Research funding cuts
- Tightening visa restrictions for international students and staff
- Increased pressure to promote fair access



3. Notable developments

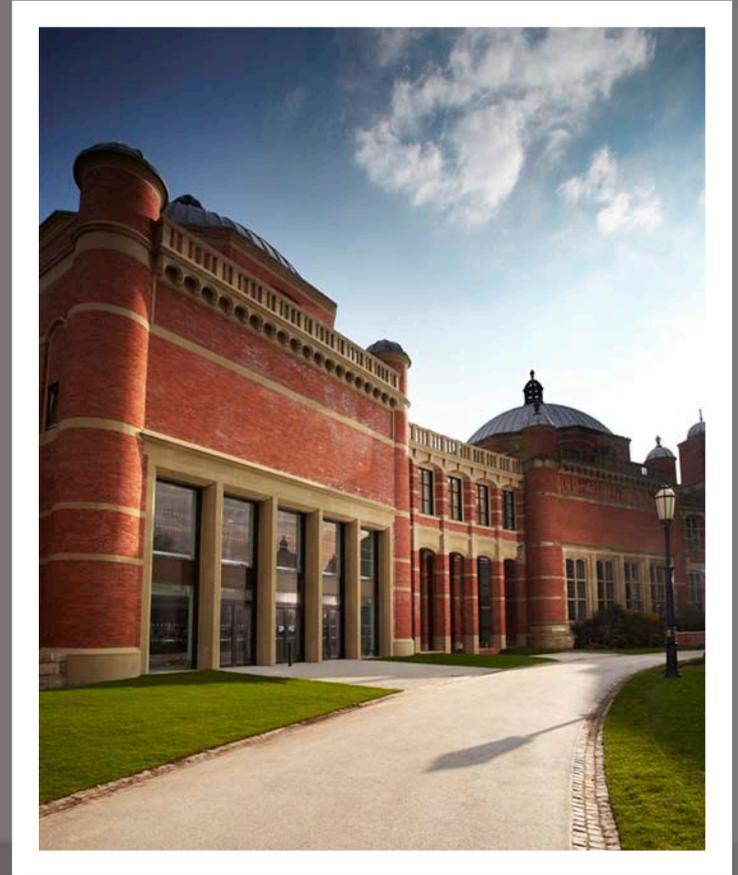
- The Bramall Music Building
- Strategic International Collaborations
- Birmingham Foundation Academy
- Birmingham Fellows
- Enhancing Public Engagement with Research
- Birmingham Health Partners launched
- The University's Olympic success



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The Bramall Music Building

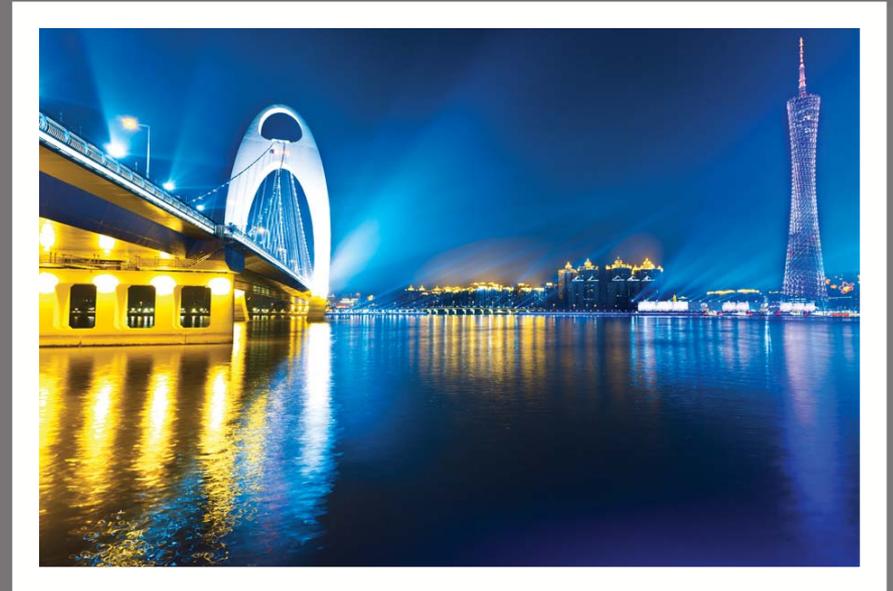
- ❑ Music ranked 2nd in the UK in RAE
- ❑ £16m investment in an outstanding music building
- ❑ Available to students, staff, and the local community





Strategic International Collaborations

- Major partnership with Guangzhou Municipal Government, China
- Growing cultural relationships in Chicago
- Central to UK Government initiative in Brazil





Birmingham Foundation Academy

- New recruitment initiative to increase undergraduate numbers
- Over 700 applications in 6 months recruitment period
- More than 60 students will start the programme this autumn





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Birmingham Fellows

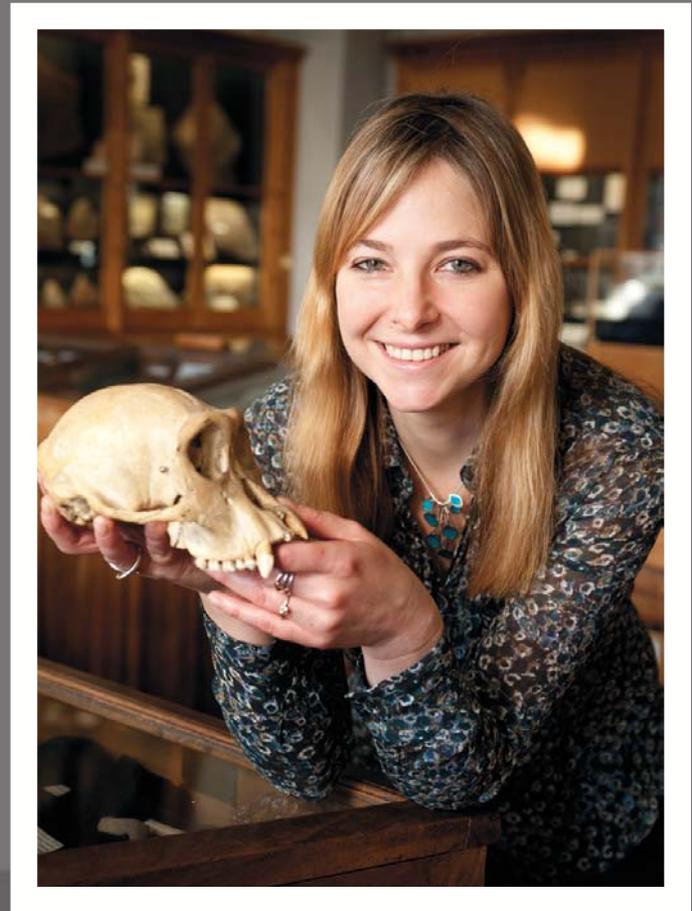
- Attracting the next generation of leading researchers
- 1,400 applications from around the world
- 34 exceptional individuals appointed





Enhancing Public Engagement with Research

- Alice Roberts – Professor of public engagement in science
- Broadcast credits include; Coast, Time Team and Horizon
- A major advance in the engagement of the wider public in science





Birmingham Health Partners launched

- Major new working agreement launched, December 2011
- Builds on existing partnership in Cancer, Biomedical Research and Clinical Haematology
- Secured a multi-million Government investment in Translational Medicine with UHB





The University's Olympic success

- Hosted Jamaican track and field team – July 2012
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- Strengthening our range of academic sports science





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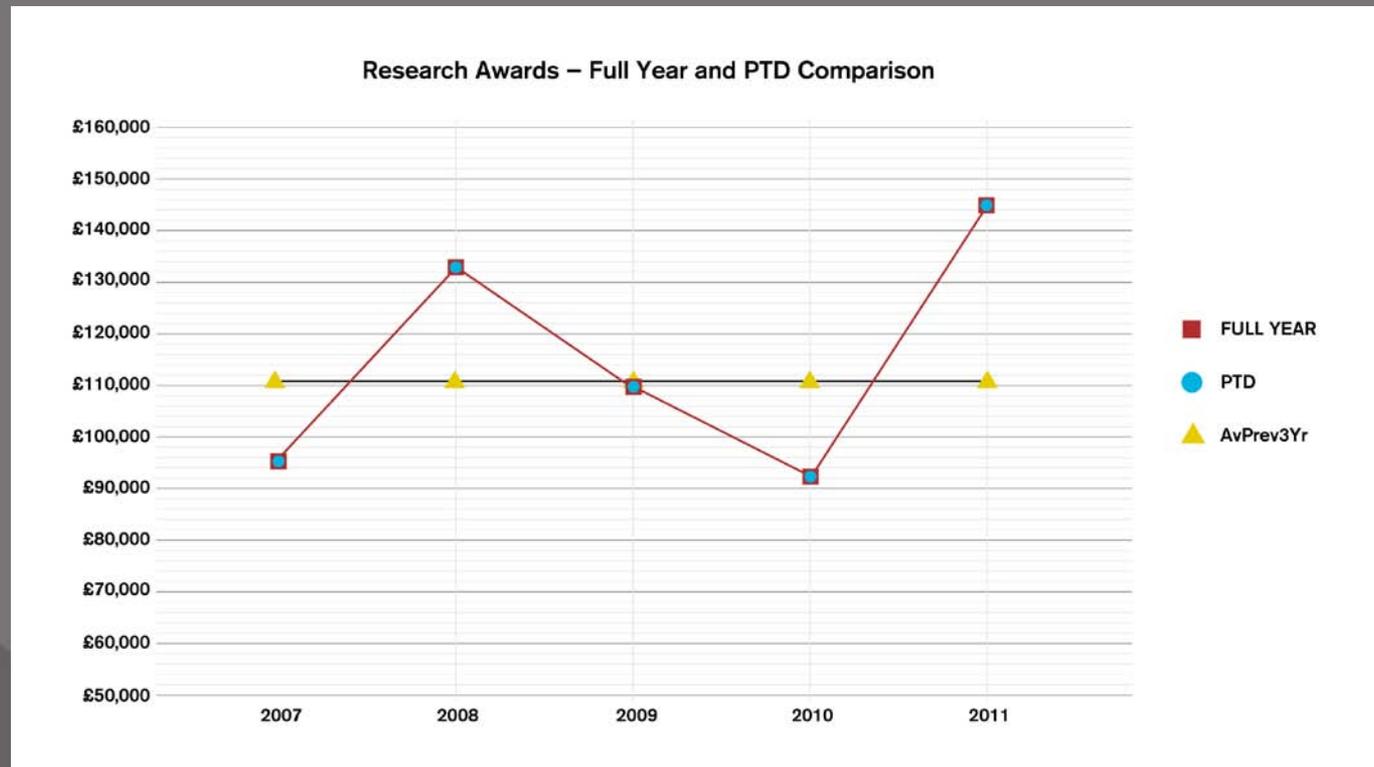


4. *A year of successes*

- Research
- NSS
- Recruitment
- Employability



Outstanding Research Grant capture



5 Year comparison of research awards



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Research

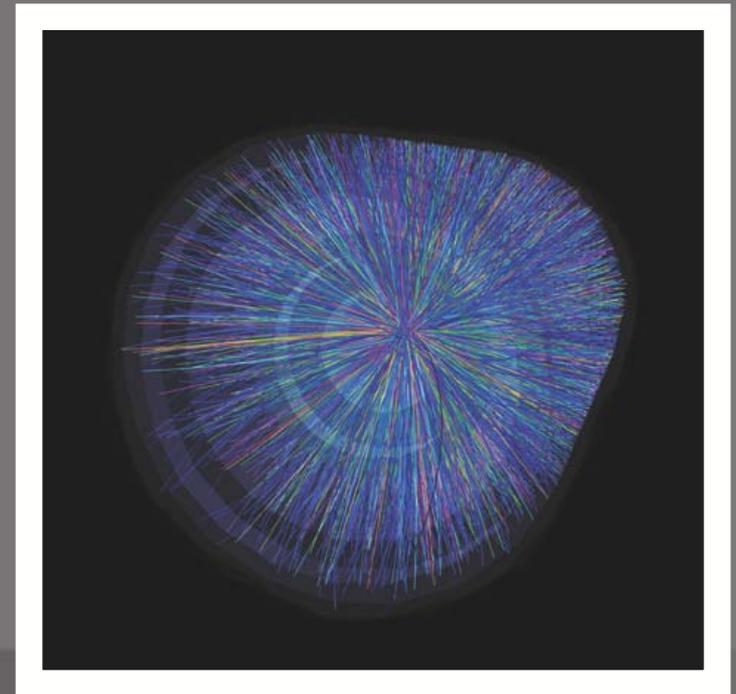


Receiving the Queen's Anniversary Prize 2011



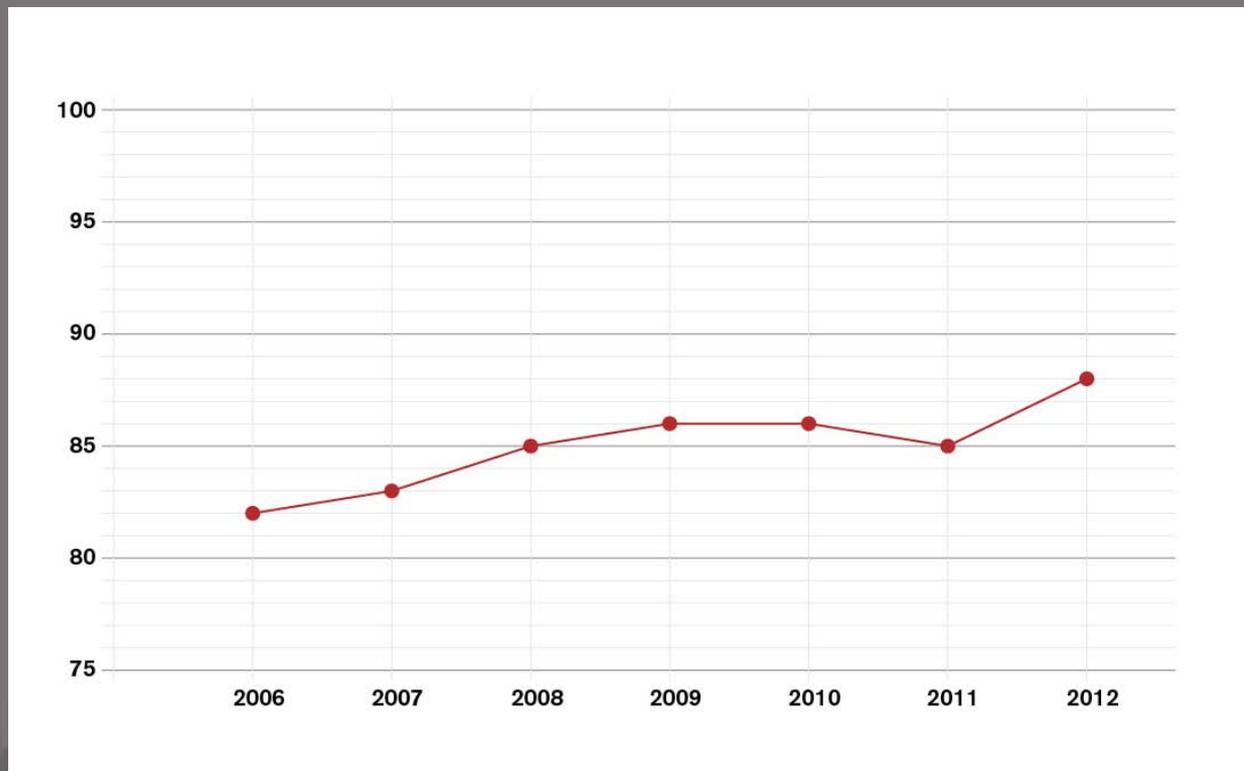
Birmingham research at the forefront of academic advances

- Birmingham's role in identifying the Higgs Boson
- Major advances in the development and use of artificial intelligence
- Developing a new generation of powerful antibiotics
- £20m Government investment in Surgical reconstruction and Microbiology
- Leverhulme funded research project challenged the Government view of a 'broken society' in the UK





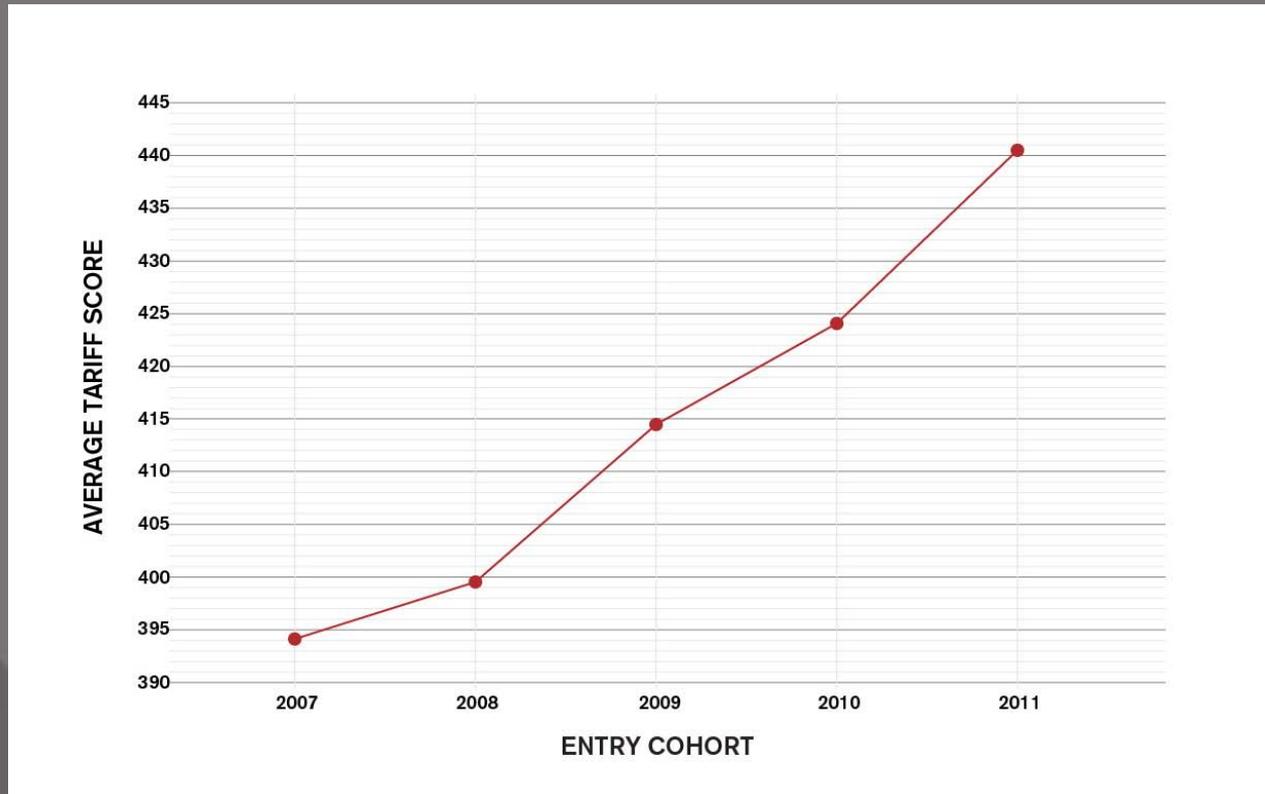
Outstanding improvements in NSS results



NSS – Overall satisfaction 2006–12, University of Birmingham



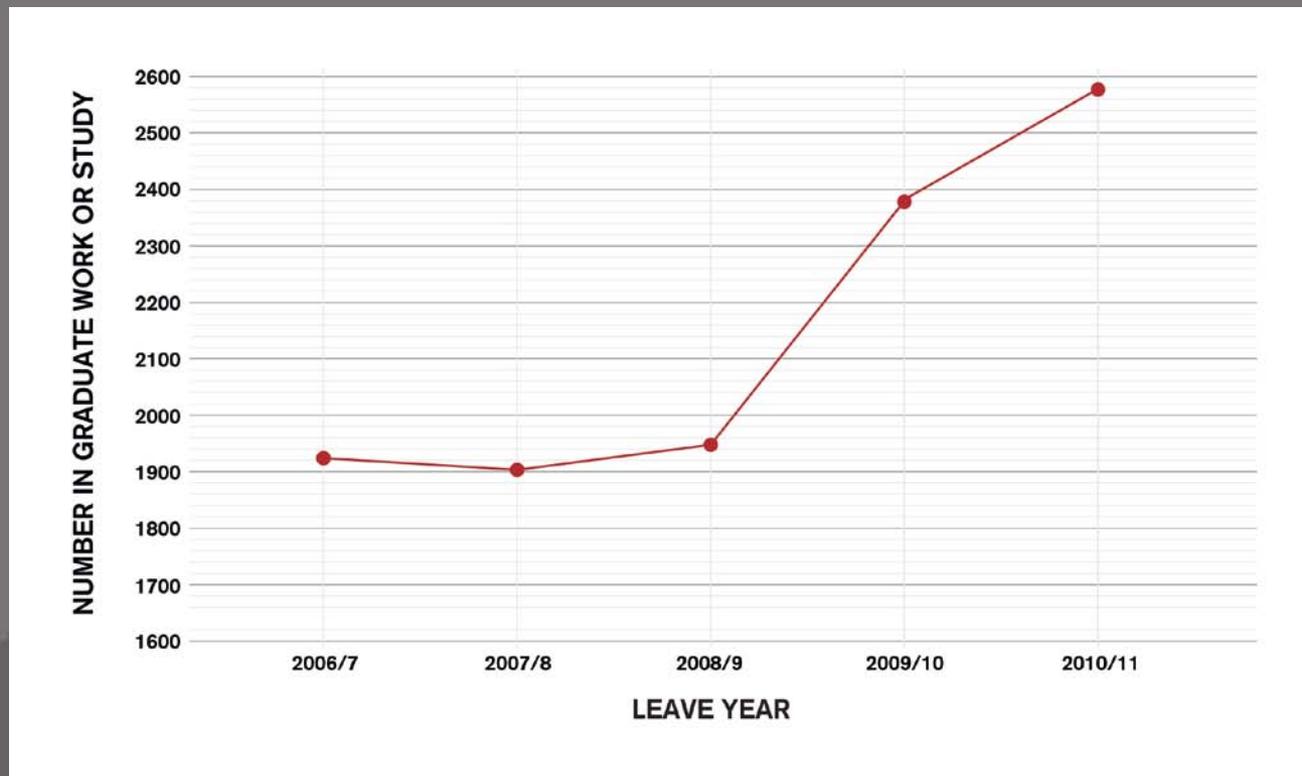
2011 Undergraduate recruitment



Highest average A level grades for a decade



Employability success for Birmingham graduates



Number in graduate work or study 2006–11



Improving our energy efficiency



Carbon Footprint 1989–90 to 2020–21



5. Looking ahead

- Launch of Circles of Influence II
- Estates developments
- University School
- Undergraduate Curriculum Review
- Liberal Arts and Pharmacy



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Launch of Circles of Influence II



Circles of influence



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Estates developments



An outstanding new sports centre



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Aston Webb Student Services Hub



Putting students at the heart of our institution



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Outstanding research
and learning facilities



A library for the 21st century



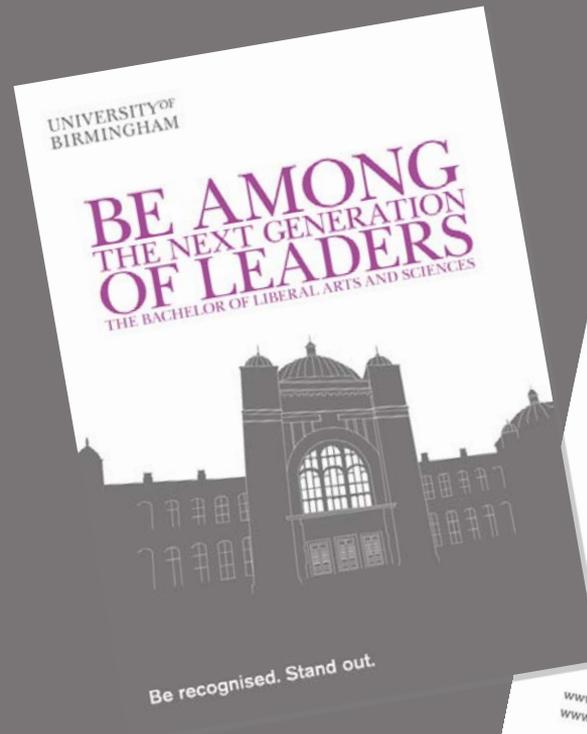
The UK's first University Training School

- **November 2011** – concept of a Training School developed
- **February 2012** – submission of formal application via Free School framework
- **July 2012** – Department for Education approval for a University of Birmingham Training School
- **September 2014** – proposed opening for years 7 and 12



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Educational Innovation



New programme opportunities and curriculum review



6. Challenges for 2012-13

The priorities for 2012-13:

- Sustaining research momentum
- Sustaining NSS improvement
- Admissions
- Adjusting to new realities in home and international recruitment
- Financial consolidation
- Selective investment



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Yes we can





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Q&A