Welcome to Heriot-Watt

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- 1821 - The world's first Mechanics’ Institute, Edinburgh School of Arts established to “address societal needs by incorporating fundamental scientific thinking & research into engineering solutions”
- 1966 - Royal Charter granted
- 29k students studying globally ~10k at UK campuses, ~3k at Dubai Campus, ~300 at Malaysia Campus, ~10k at Approved Learning Partners and ~6k Independent Distance Learners
- 6 Schools & 2 Postgraduate Institutes
  - Built Environment
  - Engineering & Physical Sciences
  - Management & Languages
  - Life Sciences
  - Textiles & Design
  - Mathematical & Computing Sciences
  - Edinburgh Business School
  - Petroleum Engineering
University Strategic Plan 2013-18

- **Key priorities**
  - Learning, Teaching and the Student Experience
  - Research Intensification
  - Internationalisation

- **Enabling strategies**
  - Financial sustainability – target 50% income growth
  - Effective professional services – target 25% of income

- **KPI Targets**
  - NSS – top 10%
  - Graduate employment – top 10%
  - Entry tariff – top 25%
  - Retention – top 25%
  - Wider access – 14%
Information Services – Strategic Challenges

Areas for specific strategic focus:

• Developing and delivering excellent support for students & staff.

• Developing and deploying information resources & facilities that match rapidly changing needs.

• Developing and managing high quality IT infrastructure & information systems to meet rapidly escalating expectations.
Promoting the role of libraries, library services and librarians

“The first *industrial revolution*, triggered by James Watt's improved steam engine in the mid-1770s... did not produce many social and economic changes until the invention of the railroad in 1829...

Similarly, the invention of the computer in the mid-1940s... it was not until 40 years later, with the spread of the Internet in the 1990s, that the *information revolution* began to bring about big economic and social changes”

*Peter Drucker*
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