



Access Agreement – May 2005

1.0 Introduction

Cornwall College has a proven track record both in delivering high quality vocational higher education (H.E.) and in promoting widening participation in H.E.

In response to the Higher Education Act, 2004, this Access Agreement sets out the terms of the variable tuition fees charged by Cornwall College to H.E. students on those undergraduate courses at the college directly funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

2.0 Fee Limits

The new fees will be charged to students entering full time courses from September 2006 onwards. Fees for part time students will remain the same for 2006 – 2007 (subject to possible cost of living rise).

2.1 Level of Fees

All students who are eligible for EU tuition fees will be charged a variable annual fee of £3000 per student for an Honours Degree Programme and £2000 per student for a Foundation Degree/HND programme.

Students who are classified as overseas students will pay a separate tuition fee and are not covered by this agreement.

3.0 Use of Additional Fee income/bursary

All those full time students covered by this agreement will receive a bursary in the form of a fee waiver to the value of £800 for all those on Honours Degree and Foundation Degree/HND Programmes.

4.0 Outreach Activities

- The College has an extensive range of outreach activities and community learning locations promoting Widening Participation. It will seek to enhance these, building particularly on making clear progression routes to work-related Higher Education opportunities.

- The College will continue to play a significant part in the Aim Higher initiative across the County, hosting H.E. taster days and H.E. awareness raising events.
- The College will place a stronger focus on promoting internal F.E. to H.E. progression particularly from Widening Participation groups.

5.0 Monitoring

It should be noted that the total number of students on the College's directly funded HEFCE courses is very small and therefore the setting of detailed milestones is not appropriate. However, the College will be noting the impact of these measures on Widening Participation as part of the monitoring of its total H.E. provision.

An annual monitoring report on H.E. recruitment levels and patterns, referencing key Widening Participation indicators and the impact of fee waiver arrangements will be presented to the College Management Team, the Strategic Operations Team and the H.E. Sub-Committee of the Academic Board.

6.0 Providing Information to Prospective Students

The College proposes to use a number of methods to publicise its tuition fees and fee waiver arrangements. The key ones are:

- An insert (sticker) in the (already printed) prospectus
- College website
- Local Press/ + H.E. Adverts
- Information packs sent to all prospective students from September 05

7.0 Summary

Widening participation is central to the College's mission and we are confident that this Access Agreement underlines our commitment in this respect.