Principal’s open session

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Aberdeen 2040

The University’s strategic direction continues to follow our 1495 Foundational Purpose:

“Open to all and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the service of others.”

We achieve this purpose through excellence in our core mission of education and research.

The 2040 statement of purpose seeks to translate this into a contemporary context, and have continued resonance for the next 20 years.
Aberdeen 2040

The Aberdeen 2040 strategy has four main themes:

• Inclusive
• Interdisciplinary
• International
• Sustainable
INTERDISCIPLINARY CHALLENGES

- Health, nutrition and wellbeing
- Social and cultural inclusion
- Energy Transition
- Data and AI
- Environment & biodiversity
Brexit

• How will the University be affected by Brexit?

• What will happen to me as an EU student after Brexit?

• Will new students from the EU have to pay tuition fees in the future?
Student experience and employability

• What makes the university unique?

• Will the University continue to offer Erasmus+ opportunities after Brexit?

• Are there plans to introduce student work placements as part of courses?
Looking to the future

• What is the university doing to fight climate change?

• Will graduation ceremonies continue to be performed using some Latin and would you prefer to conduct the ceremony in Scots?

• What is the University doing to encourage participation in sport and support elite athletes?

• Where do you see the University in 10 years time?
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