

Response from Exeter College

The College is appreciative of the opportunity to take part in the review of the BABM programme. We note recommendations for further development and set out our response below.

To improve lines of Communication for students and To Raise awareness of HE students of each other

Response: The College is introducing a new Student Portal in September 2007 that includes a discrete HE space. The Course Team and Learning Centre Staff will offer all students training to use the portal. The College will further develop the HE Students Forum in 2007 with at least two meetings per year with the Deputy Principal and the HE Development Manager. The Students Forum will be consulted on key development issues and will be asked to form a committee to manage the HE Study Centre. The HE Study Centre is being refurbished and is due to be open by the end of 2007. This will be used as both a work and social space by HE students and will be a central information point for hard copy for Students Forum, Student Welfare and Careers. The HE Development Manager will investigate the possibility of a Students Newsletter. Further to this, the College is planning to hold its first HE Student Awards event in October 2007.

To review student handbook content and format

Response: As part of the development of the new portal, course teams have been asked to review the content and format of student handbooks for 2007. All HE student handbooks are to be available on the new portal and will include detailed module information, assessment schedules, assessment briefs and links to resources.

Ensure reviews and benchmark discussions are recorded

Response: All course teams are required to record team meetings and reviews in course quality files on the HE CUG. These are monitored by the Teaching, Learning, Development & Quality Manager.

To further develop employer relationships and work placements

Response: Other HE Course teams in college have successfully developed virtual employer forums and have recently won a HELP CETL Award to further develop this work. Good practice in HE is shared via a HE Newsletter, HE Development Operational Group and HE Conference. The HE Advanced Practitioner supports course teams in developing teaching and learning and will ensure that the BABM team are supported in the further development of employer relationships and work placements.

Offer more opportunities for career development information

Response: The College holds a number of Careers publications at Learning Centres. The HE Study Centre will be a central point for hard copy of these publications. The HE Development Manager will investigate a HE Careers section on the portal with links to up to date information.