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- By Paul Revell

The implementation of the University's integrated Finance, HR and payroll system (OneUni) has continued, incorporating an increasing range of financial and reporting activity across the Institution. The cloud-based infrastructure supporting system has facilitated regular incremental improvements, rather than traditional, large annual updates.

The use of internal purchase ordering from in-house teams e.g., Print Services prevents external spend leakage, and encourages the development of high standards in customer focus across campus. Costs savings and efficiencies have totalled £673,682 this year. The ability of OneUni to manage contracts in a central database, aligned with internal cost centres has meant that individual budget managers have been better informed about the services they use, the performance of the suppliers who provide those services and by extension, ensure their accountability for the quality of services experienced by students.



UKUPC

UK Universities Purchasing Consortia



Procurement Awards

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In order to demonstrate confidence in the University's high standards of procurement and supply chain management, the in-house team have been benchmarked for their performance by several national bodies during this period.

The Government Opportunities UK National Awards is open to all procurement teams in the public sector. York St John's team were shortlisted as finalists for the 'Procurement Team of the Year,' putting them in the top ten of public sector teams considered in the category.

The UK Universities Procurement Consortia (UKUPC) awards are open to all higher education institutions in the UK. York St John was shortlisted in the top 3 teams for the 'Outstanding Procurement Initiative' award.

Campus Security

- By Vicky Betts

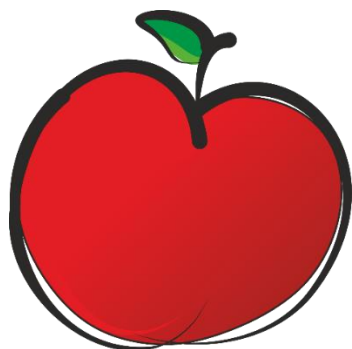
The University believes that its students should be able to see how their financial investment in the Institution is being used. The recent contract award to local security firm, Gough and Kelly was undertaken with Student Union representation on the tender award panel.

Campus safety is a top priority for students and their views were critical in ensuring the right business was chosen. York St John students will also be given the opportunity to take up part time work through this relationship e.g., as stewards during sporting events at the LNER Stadium in York.

Being able to offer flexible employment opportunities to students allows them to manage their personal finances without interrupting their academic commitments.

Food Sustainability

- By Vicky Betts



The University's in-house catering service is also in the process of undergoing its 'Food for Life Award' assessment, by the Soil Association. This is a broad ranging food accreditation that considers the amount of freshly prepared food on site, the use of ingredients that comply with high standards of production and an engagement with wider education in a responsible food culture. The University uses the Pagabo framework, to acquire catering supplies from Pelican Procurement. 23% of annual spend with suppliers was conducted through some form of collaborative procurement, either using public sector frameworks or frameworks specifically tailored to the higher education sector



Upcoming Opportunities

- By Paul Revell

In the next few months there are several contracts to supply goods and services at York St John that are coming up for tender.

Tenders are published using the Delta portal - a collaborate platform shared across over a dozen institutions across the North East of England.

If you are interested in learning more about upcoming opportunities to supply York St John University or wish to enter a bid, email us at procurement@yorksja.ac.uk

- Student travel (Q2 2024)
- Open day and events shell scheme (Q2 2024)

Graduation 2023

- By Vicky Betts

York St John has managed to be early to market when engaging with key suppliers as they enter the Higher Education sector. Graduation Attire are an innovative young business, who deliver ceremonial robing, photography, and logistic services for graduations.

As well as incorporating Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) in their robes to speed up the gowning and returns process, their use of recycled materials in their fabrics will see every York St. John student save the equivalent of 30 plastic bottles from landfill waste during the 2023 graduations.

Procurement Ethics

- By Paul Revell



The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) are the professional body who oversee the profession internationally. After assessing the performance and knowledge of the in-house team, CIPS awarded the Institution their Corporate Ethics kitemark, in recognition of the high standard of social, environmental and ethical understanding incorporated in the policy and practices of the University. This external validation serves as proof of the exceptional quality of work being done to ensure that the University continues to receive best in class professional services.



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