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Details of QAA and RAE gradings and newspaper league table listings of higher-graded departments.

Hull's commitment to excellence in teaching and research has been recognised by education agencies over the years, with many departments being rated amongst the best in the country.

The University's Chemistry Department is consistently ranked in the top five in major league tables. The Guardian newspaper placed Hull third out of 60 in a table of UK Chemistry departments in 2003 and it was rated as "excellent" by the Sunday Times University guide.

The Guardian also ranked the Social Work and Drama Departments amongst the best in the country. And Spanish fared similarly well in The Times' league tables.

The University of Hull Business School is regarded as one of the most successful business schools in the UK. It was awarded a score of 23/24 following a Subject Review Visit by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) in December 2001 – a score only topped by eight of the 165 review visits completed by the agency in that year.

The QAA commended the school for "high levels of student attainment", "the impressive academic and pastoral support provided", and the "excellent range of teaching and learning resources".

The Business School also achieved a 4 rating (research showing national and international excellence) in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise. Only sixteen other business schools achieved a higher rating from a total of around 100 submissions to the RAE.

The school was also placed 38th out of 90 in The Times' league tables and 26th out of 113 in The Guardian.

The RAE officials also awarded the Departments of Geography Law, Politics, English, History and Music a Grade 5, during their last visit and rated the departments of Biological Science, Drama, French, Philosophy, Spanish and Social Policy (including Criminology) a Grade 4.

Computer Science's commitment to excellence in teaching was also recognised by the QAA, which awarded the highest level of approval possible to the department in March 2003.