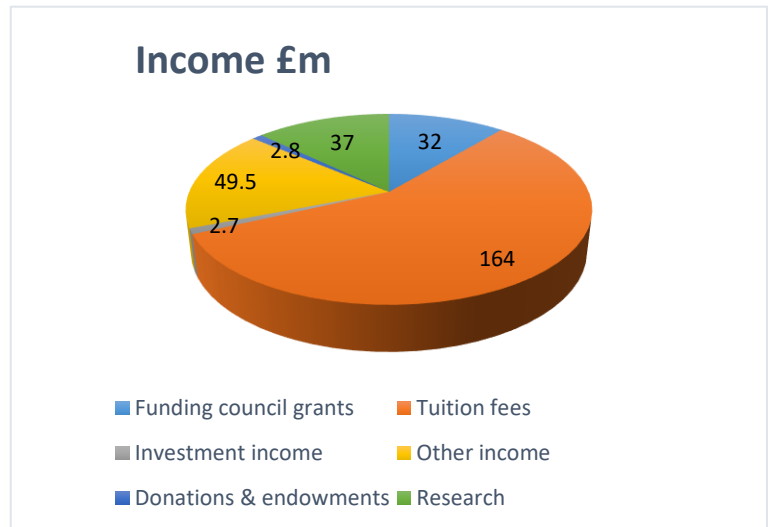


How does my tuition fee contribute to University income?

The largest source of income comes from tuition fees, this only makes up around just over half of the University's total income. The rest of the income comes from funding organisations grants, research, and donations. Other income includes things like accommodation, catering, conference and sports income.

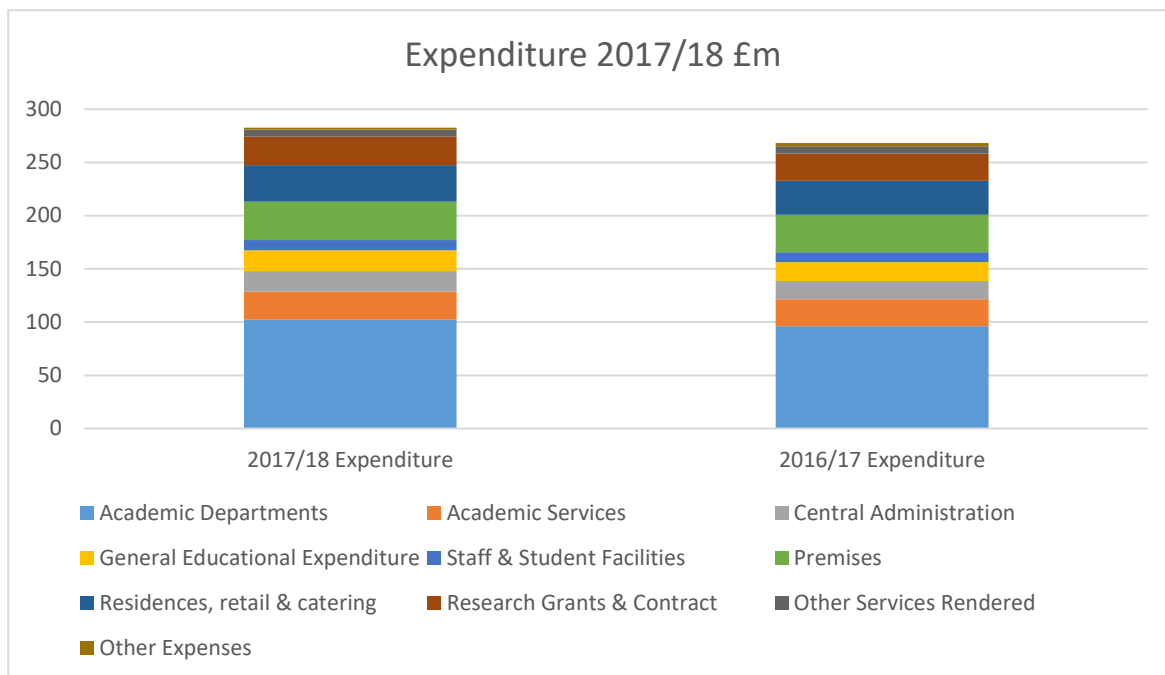


Does the University have a lot more income now that tuition fees have gone up?

No, the way Universities are funded has changed. Under the old system the University received much more of its money from the taxpayer via grants from the Funding Council. The University would receive grants for teaching and investment in buildings. Since the introduction of the higher tuition fee these grants have reduced each year so the University has swapped one source of income for another.

It seems that I pay a lot per teaching hour, what is all the income spent on?

The University uses the income to provide the best student experience that it can. Obviously this includes paying for the highest quality academic staff but also includes all the academic and student services that students use such as the library, IT facilities, student services, teaching support, sports and arts facilities, bursaries and placements as well as the buildings that all these services are housed in. The University does well in national league table rankings because it delivers these services very well. Calling it a 'tuition fee' is misleading as the fee pays for so much more than tuition.



Research is at the heart of the University’s activity and directly impacts on the quality of teaching. Research income is spent on high quality, often world class, research which informs teaching and helps attract the best academics to the University. All this activity needs high quality facilities so some of the income is spent on maintaining and servicing the buildings to make sure that the Universities facilities are among the best in the sector. Central administration such as management, human resources, finance, communications and planning provides an efficient support service to the academic, research and other University activity.

But the University makes a profit, why?

In 2017/18 the University made a surplus before gains and losses of £5.4m. It’s important to remember that the University is a charity; it has no shareholders or owners that it has to pay money to. All the surplus, or profit, is re-invested to further improve the University. The University needs to make a surplus so that it can pay for new buildings and for the refurbishment of the older buildings as well as to continue to invest in academic staff and facilities.

Financial Statements 2017/18 (£m)	
Income	288.0
Expenditure	282.6
Surplus before gains and losses	5.4

So am I paying for a building which will only be built after I’ve finished my studies?

No, the University has spent over £100m in the last two years on new buildings and equipment. To do this the University has borrowed money and so some of the

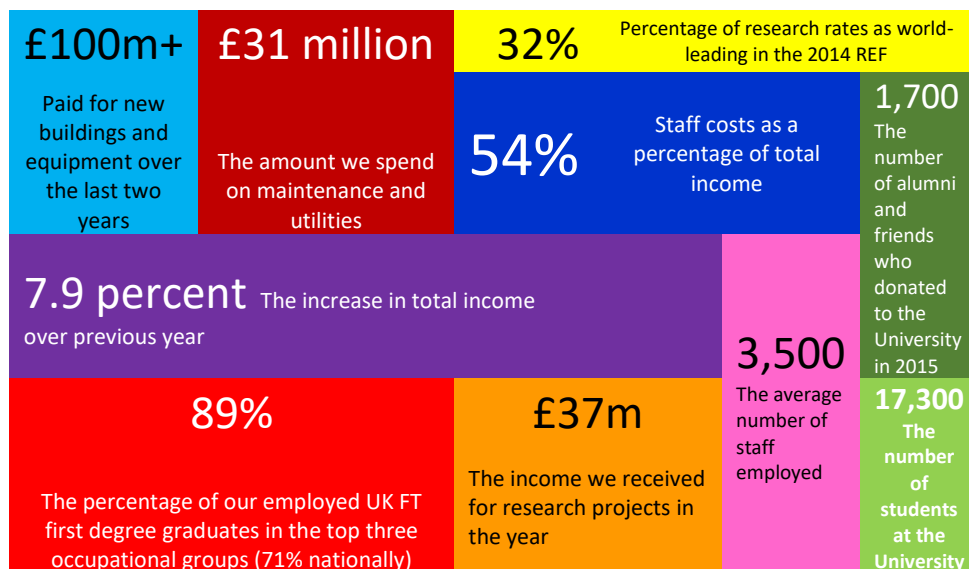
income pays for the interest on the loans and to repay the amount that has been borrowed.

So my fee pays for more than tuition but is it good value?

That's a difficult question to answer; value can mean so many things. The University is ranked highly in all the major national University rankings and has been ranked 4th in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2018. The University also achieved a score of 86% in the Student Satisfaction Survey 2018.

In purely financial terms a government study estimated that the current value of lifetime earnings comparing a graduate to a non-graduate is roughly £168k for men and £252k for women.¹ Of course this study makes lots of assumptions and no-one is the average graduate but the study did find that those graduates with higher degree classifications had higher earnings on average than those with lower qualifications. Because the University attracts the best students, gives a high quality education and student experience then Bath is amongst the best Universities in the country in terms of both degrees awarded and graduate employability.

Of course, important though they are, a University experience is about more than qualifications and employability. Many graduates will say that their experience at University played a big part in shaping who they are and that's why providing the best student experience and facilities is so important. It also helps that we have a Students' Union that is consistently ranked as among the best in the country offering plenty of opportunities for development and volunteering as well as over a hundred different societies to join.



More information on the University's strategy and financial statements can be found at:

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/finance-procurement/about-us/statements/>
<http://www.bath.ac.uk/about/organisation/strategy/index.html>

¹ BIS Research paper No 112. The impact of university degrees on the lifecycle of earnings: some further analysis.