

1960s-70s



The official crest of The Open University, showing the distinctive television masts, film reels and television screen, to acknowledge the unique and innovative teaching style of the University.

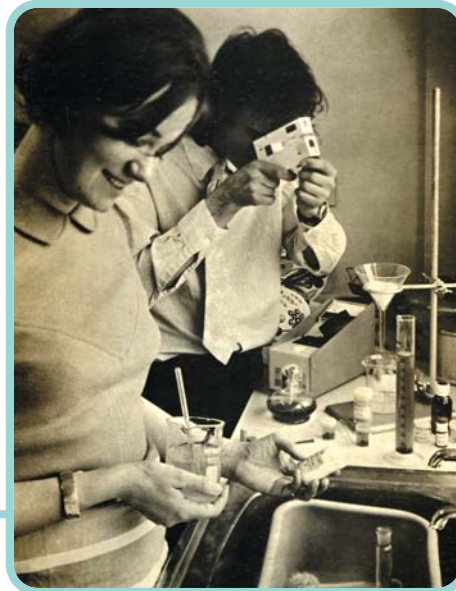


Image taken from the cover of the 1972 BA degree handbook, showing students using an Open University science home experiment kit.

23rd April 1969: The Open University is granted a royal charter and officially becomes a University.

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23rd June 1973: The Open University's first graduation ceremony is broadcast live on BBC2. Among the first honorary graduates is Lord Campbell of Eskan, Chairman of the Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

The Queen visits The Open University campus.

The first Open University courses are launched. The first broadcast is aired at 10am on the 3rd January.

4th August 1970: By the closing date of the first year for Open University course registration, 42,821 applications had been made for the 25,000 available places.

October 1969: University staff move from London to the Walton Hall Campus in Milton Keynes. The Vice-Chancellor, Walter Perry, orders 100 pairs of slippers for all staff, to protect the carpets in the new buildings from the mud of the building work on campus.



The visit of The Queen and Prince Philip to The Open University in 1979.