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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP  
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Dear Margaret,

We spoke in the House today about the way in which the University of Liverpool has fared in the allocation of grant exercise recently carried out by the University Grants Committee.

The UGC's allocation to Liverpool for 1981-82 and its provisional indications for later years provide for a 13% fall in income from recurrent grant plus home student fees between 1980-81 and 1983-84. Some of this will be made up by overseas students paying full cost fees but it is too early to say how much.

The UGC target numbers for the University provide for a fall in home students of 2% on numbers in 1979-80. This covers a projected fall of about 8% in arts-based students and a rise of about 2% in science-based students.

... I attach a copy of the letter which Dr Parkes sent to the Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool setting out the figures and recommendations which relate specifically to that University.

*All good wishes*  
*Yours ever*  
*Rhodes*  
DR RHODES BOYSON



# UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMITTEE

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Your reference

Our reference 44/52/021  
(Circular Letter 10/81)

Date 1 July 1981

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Dear

1. This is the separate letter for your institution which is referred to in my general letter of 1 July. This letter deals with specific matters which are the direct concern of your institution, but it should be read in the general context of my first letter. I begin with mainly factual matters, including the numbers of part-time, extra mural and continuing education students that the Committee has used in determining provisional grant for 1983-84. Paragraph 3 conveys the Committee's specific advice on the pattern of academic change which may be implied by the grant and student numbers set out in the annex to my first letter. All comparisons are with reference to 1979-80 figures.

We have been asked on behalf of the Chairman of the Education, Science and Arts Committee of the House of Commons whether we will supply the Committee with a copy of this letter and the equivalent letters to other institutions. I would be glad to know as soon as possible whether you are prepared to agree that this one should be provided. If so, copies of each letter will be laid in the Library of the House of Commons. If not, it will be for the Select Committee to decide whether to ask you for the letter.

2. I reproduce below the information for your own institution given in the annex to my general letter, together with the additional figures referred to in paragraph 1 above. Details of the equipment and furniture grant for 1981-82 are also given in the annex to this letter.

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3. The Committee's advice on particular subject areas is as follows:

ARTS

The Committee recommends a small decrease in overall student numbers in Arts and Social Studies, with a substantial decrease in Business and Management Studies. It recommends that within the reduced total, Latin American Studies should be maintained. The University is invited to consider discontinuing Italian and Linguistics.

SCIENCE

The Committee recommends increases in student numbers in Physical Sciences and in specialist courses in Mathematical Sciences. It invites the University to consider the possibility of increased cooperation between the Departments of Architecture and Building Engineering. It recommends that the intake to Nursing and the student numbers in Civic Design should be maintained at their present level.

MEDICINE

A smaller than average reduction in the level of funding in Clinical Medicine is assumed with medical intake being maintained at its present level but with a decrease in postgraduate numbers.

4. The Committee would wish to discuss further with the University the long-term viability of Business and Management Studies.

5. Provision is included within grant for the fees for nuclear reactor inspections at Risley, for external maintenance costs associated with Phase II of the Oxford Street Development project, and for support for a second year of the Diploma course in Bovine Reproduction. Responsibility for financing the Diploma course will pass to the University after the end of the 1981/82 academic year but the associated student load will continue to be taken into account in determining grant.

Yours sincerely

*Edward Parkes*

EDWARD PARKES

Grants

(a)	Recurrent grant for 1981/2				28.21
(b)	Provisional grant for 1982/3 at 1981/2 prices				27.01
(c)	Provisional grant for 1983/4 at 1981/2 prices				26.13
(d)	Furniture and equipment grant for 1981/2				2.09237
<u>Full-time home and EC student numbers for 1983/4 (or 1984/5)</u>					
(e)	Arts	(1979/80	3090	)	2850
(f)	Science	(1979/80	2950	)	3060
(g)	Medicine	(1979/80	1020	)	1000
(h)	Total assumed for grant	(1979/80	7060	)	6910
<u>fte of other students assumed for 1983/4 (or 1984/5)</u>					
(i)	Part-time excluding extra-mural				490
(j)	Extra-mural				600
(k)	Continuing education				210

## EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE GRANT FOR 1981-82

1. In arriving at the general equipment and furniture grant for academic year 1981-82 (Column 1, below) the Committee has taken into account levels of activity in research and other relevant matters mentioned in the foregoing letter. As I explained in my letters of 3 May 1979 and 18 June 1980, the replacement of furniture and its initial provision in relation to minor building projects may be met either from general recurrent income or from the equipment and furniture grant. The Committee has again asked me to convey to you their continuing hope that where the equipment and furniture grant is used for these purposes the expenditure will be less than 7% of the grant.
2. For a third and final year, the Committee has agreed to earmark part of the general equipment and furniture grant specifically for the purchase of equipment in the field of microprocessors. (Column 2). The Committee has asked me to request a report on the purposes to which this earmarked grant has been applied as soon as possible after the end of the academic year.
3. Grants related to the cost of initial furnishing of specific building projects, together with details of the relevant projects, are shown in Column 3.
4. The total equipment and furniture grant is given in Column 4. This will be credited to the University in the usual way.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Equipment and Furniture Grant 1981-82 £M.	Earmarked Grant for Microprocessors £	Specific Furniture Grant Amount Project £	Total of Columns 1, 2 & 3 £M
1.99	35,000	24,790 - Marine Biol. Stn., 2nd. of 3 42,580 - Oxford St. Residential Development, Phase I, 2nd. of 2 <u>67,370</u> - Total	2.09237