



Blackpool Multiversity

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Introduction



The building



What will
it do?



A bigger trigger
for uplift in
Blackpool?

The building

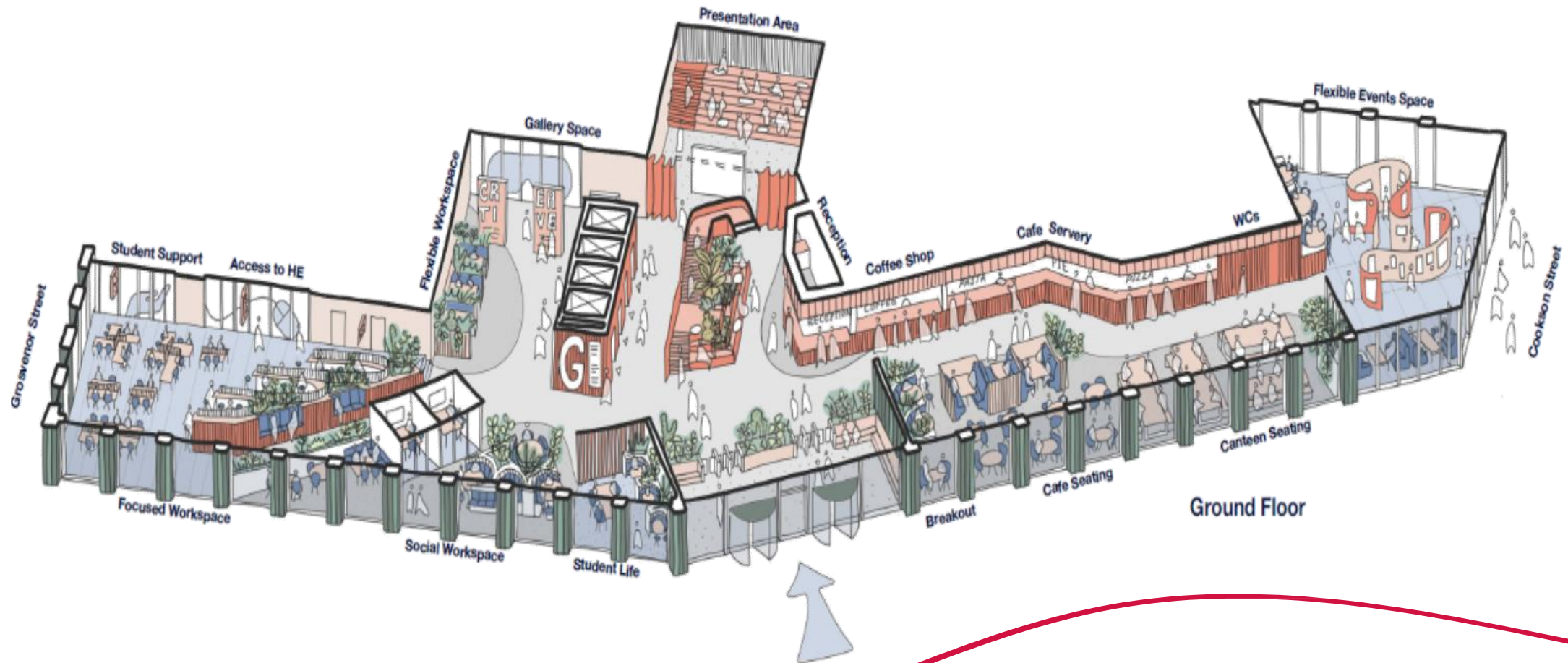




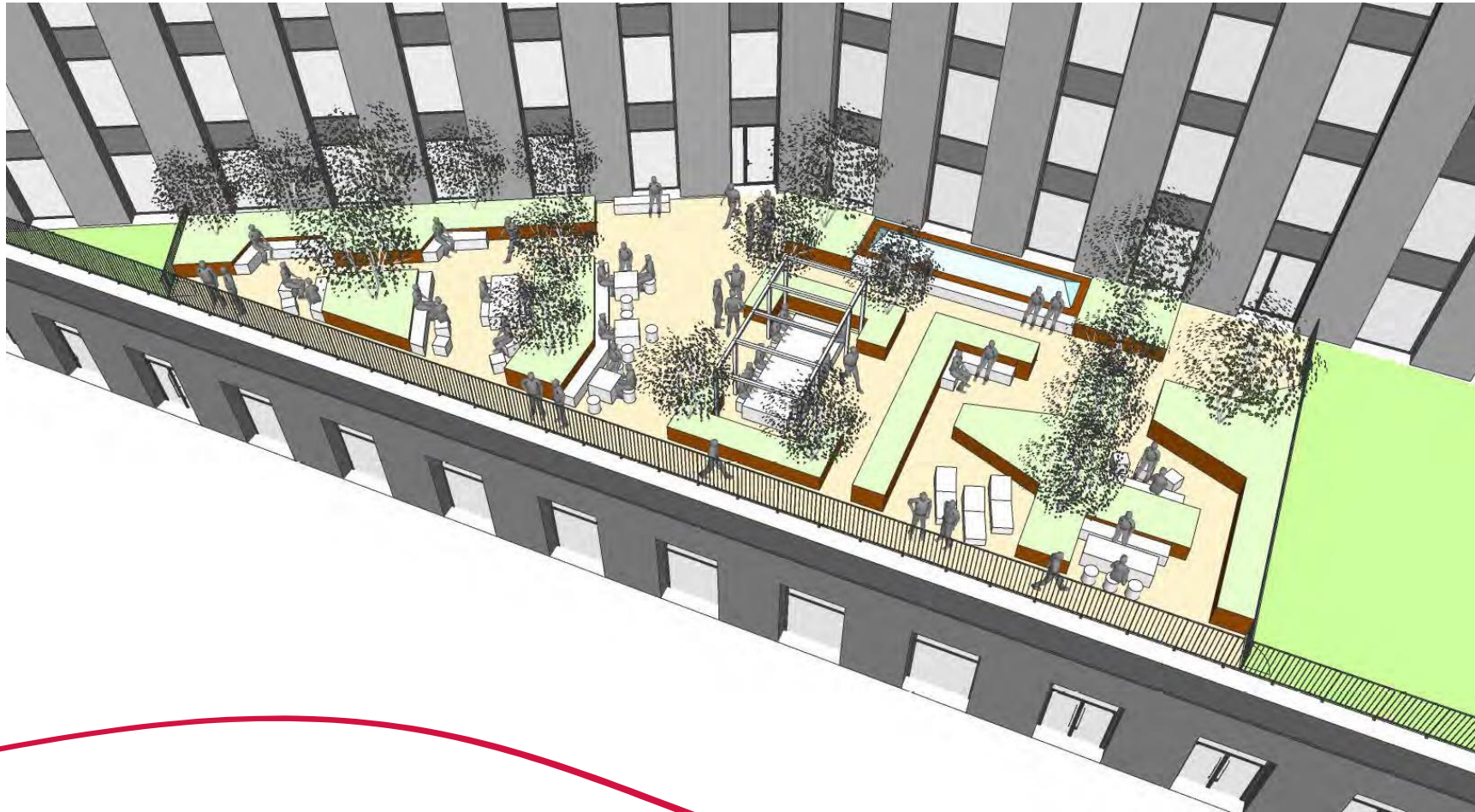




Ground Floor – Artist's Impression



Roof Terrace - Concept



Social study spaces



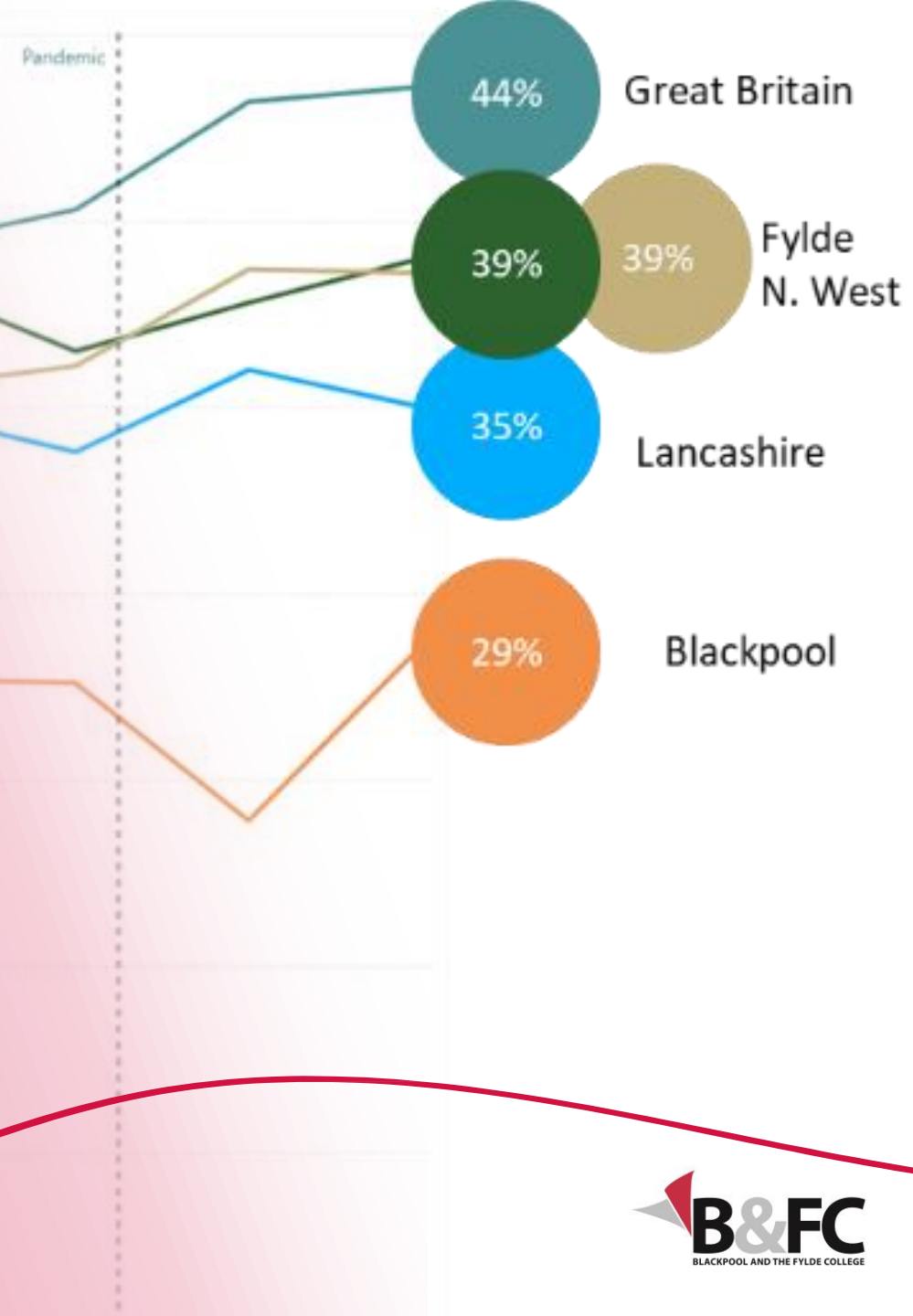
Current timeline



What will it do?

Blackpool needs a higher skills base

% of population with level 4+ qualifications



Why are higher skills important for Blackpool?

- In the next 10-15 years across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre:
 - Reduction in occupations requiring low skill levels at levels 1 and 2
 - Significant increase (+50,000 jobs) in **occupations requiring level 4+ qualifications**
- Graduates have higher rates of employment:
 - No qualifications (47%) | Level 2 (70%) | **Level 4+ (87%)**
 - Graduates are also less likely to claim benefits, live longer, have children who are more likely to be successful at school
- Higher earnings potential:
 - On average, graduates overtake those who choose not to study HE, earning at least **20% more by their mid-20's** (37% more by age 31)
 - Graduate earnings grow by **72% between the ages of 23-31** compared to 31% for non-graduates

Sources

- Lancashire Skills Hub Evidence Base
- Universities UK – Graduate Employment Outcomes 2024

Higher education at B&FC



B&FC is one of the largest college-based providers of HE in the UK



Delivering HE for over 35 years



Over 2,600 students study HE at B&FC each year



60 undergraduate courses up to Bachelors Degree level



30 higher level and degree apprenticeships

What makes HE at B&FC unique?

Quality



Overall: **Gold**

Student experience: **Gold**

Student outcomes: **Gold**

Teaching Excellence Framework

Expertise

FDAP

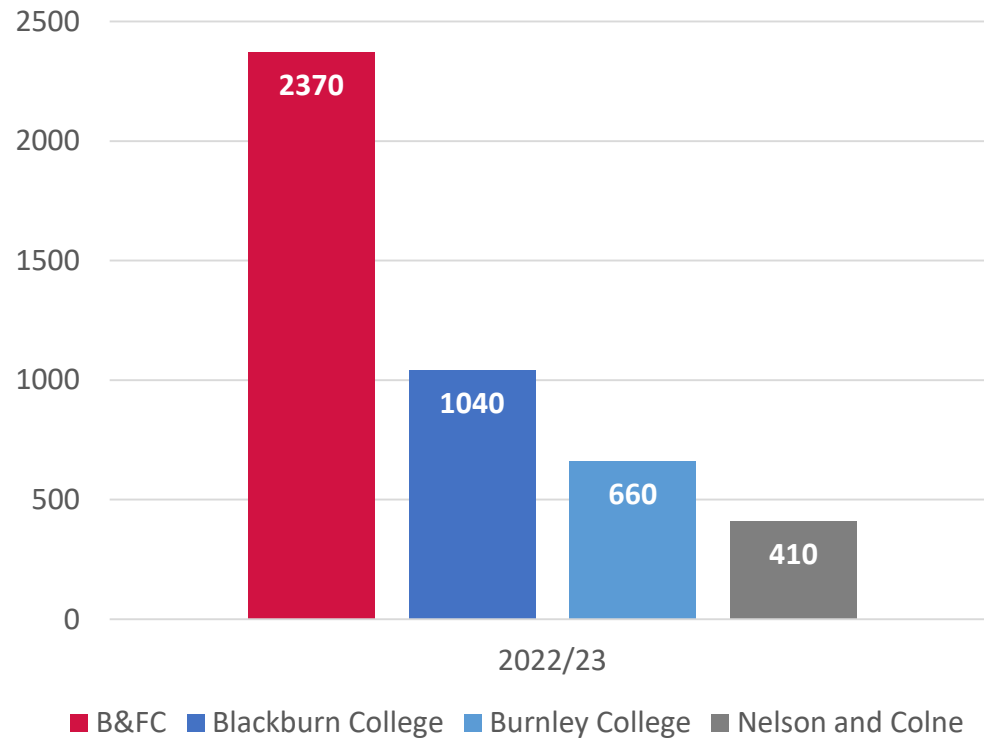
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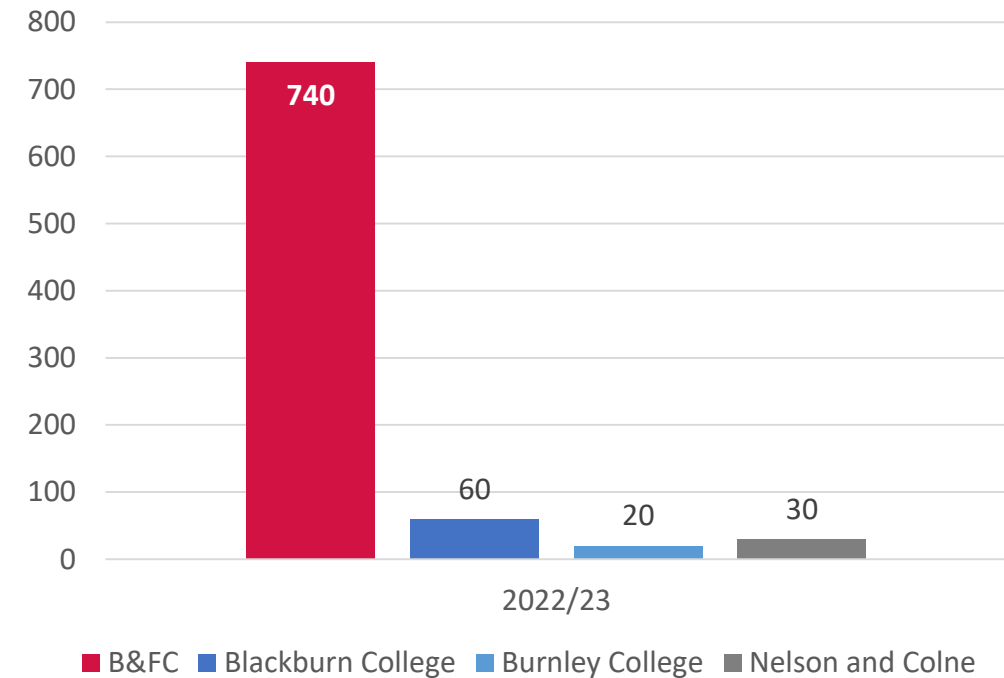
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Largest in Lancashire

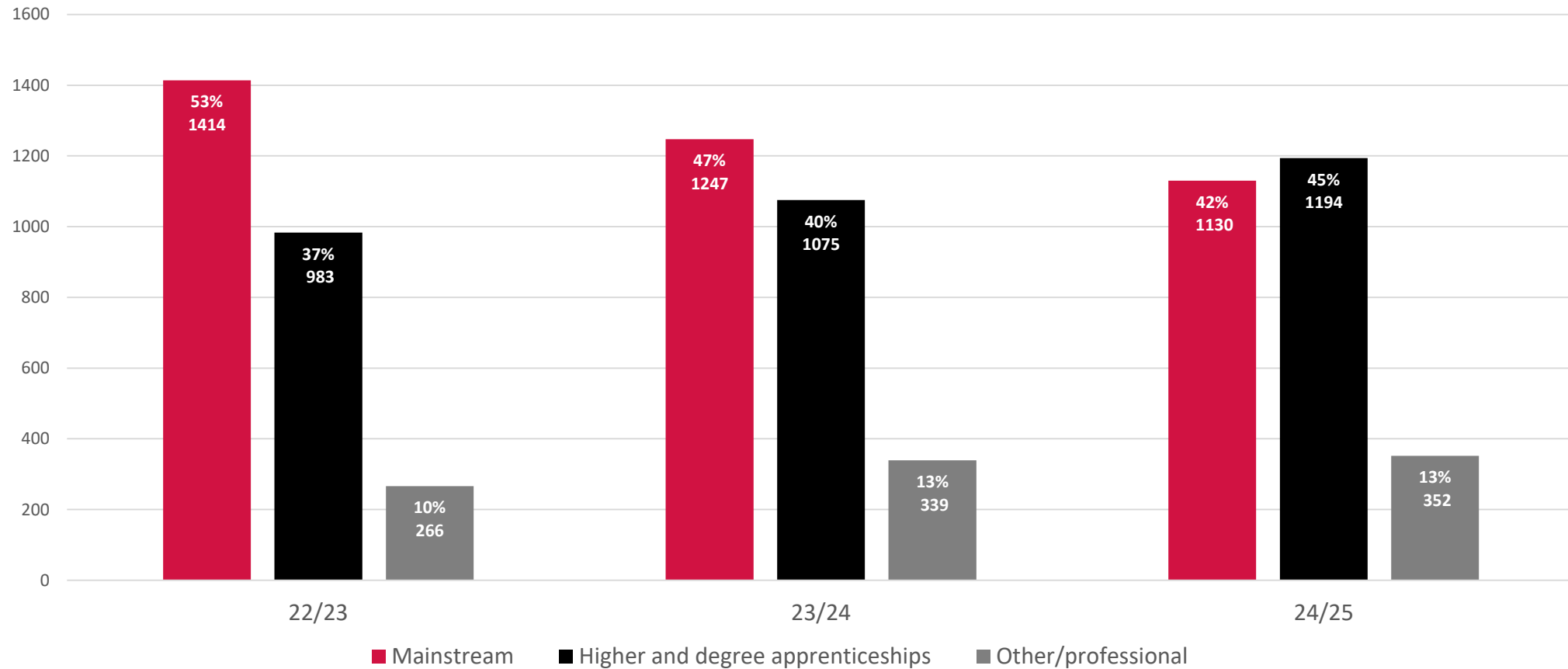
College-based Higher Education



College-based Higher & Degree Apprenticeships



B&FC: The Shift to Apprenticeships





Our students

Mainstream HE

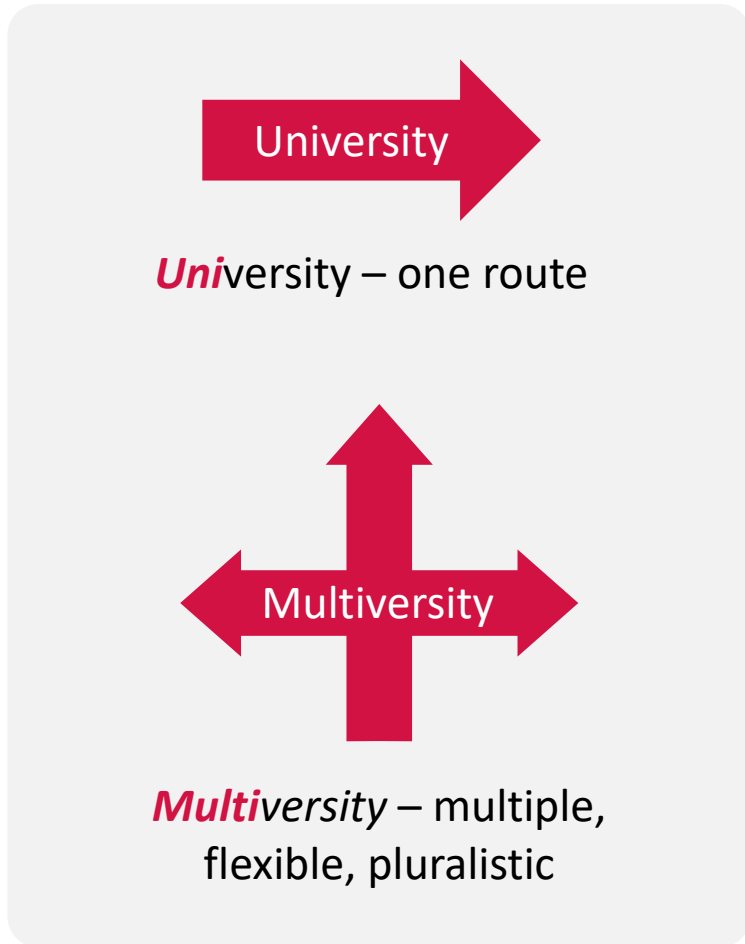
- 58% male, 42% female
- Mature: 65% of our students are over 21 years old at the start of their course
- Local: 79% have an FY (65%) or PR (13%) postcode

Higher and Degree Apprentices

- 65% male, 35% female
- Mature: 51% of Higher and Degree apprentices are over 21 years old at the start of their course
- National: 33% have an FY (17%) or PR (16%) postcode

Why Multiversity?

Why 'Multiversity'?



Changing from the traditional three-year degree to:

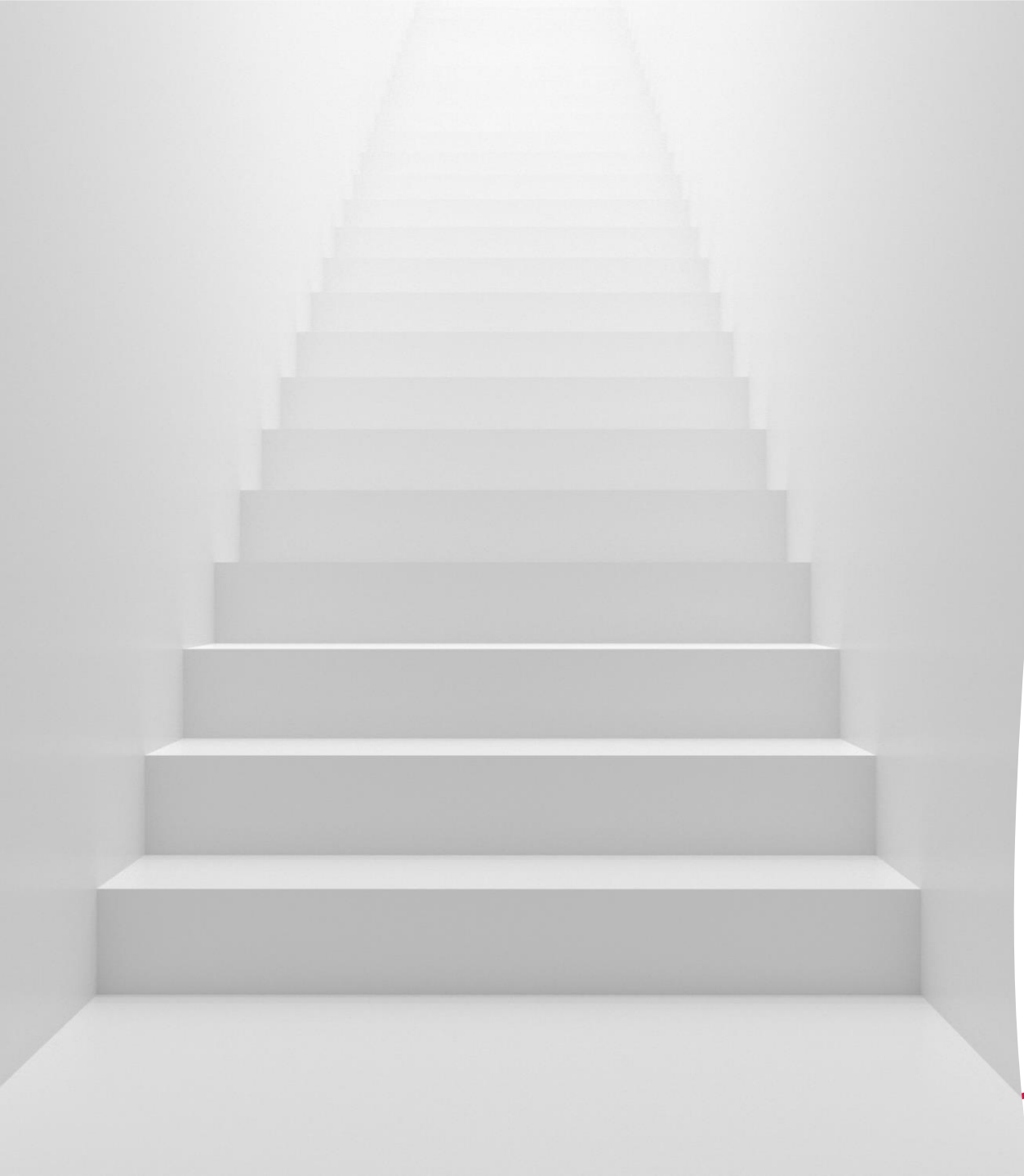
- Foundation degrees
- Higher and Degree apprenticeships
- New higher technical qualifications 
- Lifelong Learning Entitlement 2027/28
 - Funding for modular study
- Flexible routes of learning
 - For example: in person, online, blended/hybrid, condensed timetables and accelerated degrees

A Multiversity Plus?

- A visible and metaphorical landmark
- Delivering more than courses
- Partnerships with business
- A place of innovation, entrepreneurship, and knowledge exchange
- An asset for economic and community growth
- Outward facing events
- University and college partnerships

A dark, atmospheric photograph of Blackpool Pier and the Great Wheel at dusk. The pier extends into the sea, and the Ferris wheel is visible on the right side. The sky is a deep, dark blue, and the water reflects the light from the pier and the wheel. The overall mood is serene and slightly mysterious.

Can the Multiversity trigger an **uplift**
for Blackpool and the Fylde Coast?



Next steps

- Detailed curriculum planning is currently underway
- Spring/summer stakeholder engagement events



Register your interest

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Stakeholder Engagement

Thank you