Published Histories of British and Irish Chemistry Departments

I was asked by our Committee in 2011 to compile a list of published histories of British and Irish university chemistry departments, and published a preliminary version in our Winter 2015 Newsletter (issue 67, pp. 5-7 online, pp. 8-12 hard copy). The list below embodies suggestions and corrections from readers and has been brought up to date. If there are any errors or new information please let me know (w.griffith@ic.ac.uk).

Most of these histories have been taken from a series of papers which appeared in the Journal of the Royal Institute of Chemistry from 1953-1958. All of these are entitled ‘Schools of Chemistry in Great Britain and Ireland’ and numbered, followed by the name of the University or college – only the latter part is give below. Thus, the full title for the Durham article is: ‘Schools of Chemistry in Great Britain and Ireland. XXII - The University of Durham.’ Since many of these articles are over sixty years old the titles in some cases are no longer appropriate but have been retained since these are historical documents.


In 2007 the college became part of Aberystwyth University.


In 1985 the college amalgamated with Royal Holloway, University of London (RHUL).


In 1996 the college became part of the University of Wales, Cardiff, and in 1999 became known as Cardiff University.


The college became in 1956 the Royal College of Science and Technology, and in 1964 became part of the University of Strathclyde.


KCL is a self-governing College of the University of London.


The college is now part of the University of Leicester.


*See also* what were or are constituent colleges of the University of London.


In 1962 the College became part of Keele University.


*The Chemistry Department at Queen Mary College*. R. Bonnett and J. Light, Queen Mary College, October 1985. Has photographs of all the staff of 1985, and was published to celebrate the centenary of the college.

As Queen Mary University London, QMUL is a self-governing College of the University of London. For other books on QMW in general, see G. Goodwin, *Queen Mary College* (1939); G.P.Moss and M.V. Saville, *From Palace to College* (1985) and R. Valentine, *The making of Queen Mary, University of London* (2012).


The college is now part of the University of Swansea.


The college is now part of the University of St. Andrews.


In 2004 the college merged with the University of Manchester.


UCL is a self-governing College of the University of London.

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