## **Official Statement on Negative Media**

Like other institutions, Warnborough has been a victim of misinformation and mischief. Two former associates led a series of bad-mouthing campaigns against Warnborough between 2006 and 2009, involving an Irish accreditation agency and the newspapers. This information was then used to write the Wikipedia article on Warnborough deliberately in a negative light. These former associates even managed to become editors of the Wikipedia article in order to prevent the correction of misleading information, a role they maintain to this day.

Despite the wrong information published by newspapers or Wikipedia:

- 1. Warnborough was never closed down, nor did it ever become bankrupt.
- 2. Warnborough was never sued by Oxford University, nor did it owe Hertford College any money.
- 3. The President of Warnborough has never been, let alone 'flee' to Canada.
- 4. In 1995, an agent set up a separate 'Warnborough College' company without our knowledge in the USA to recruit students and collect fees (which were not given to us). When the students sued him, he disappeared leaving us (the real Warnborough College) to be sued.
- 5. Warnborough took HETAC to court after it refused to give us accreditation following a smear campaign involving the Irish Independent newspaper, and we won. HETAC was abolished by the Irish government after this. Its sister agency, FETAC, was closed down by the government due to allegations of fraud, misuse of public money and other offences. The NQAI was closed down too.

Over the years, Warnborough has been accredited by the Oxford University Delegacy of Local Examinations, The British Council, Independent Schools Inspectorate, ASIC (recognised by CHEA in the USA), ISO 9001, institute of Certified Bookkeepers, Investors in People, NCFE, Association of Business Executives, the ACCPH, and the ATHE. Warnborough College Ireland is currently accredited by the International Education Accreditation Council (IEAC). These organisations accredit and/or affiliate with us because we are *bona fide* and provide a quality education backed up by evidence.

Our students have gone on to study at other prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Yale, the University of Warwick, the University of London, Oxford Brookes University, and Edinburgh University. Our students have direct degree pathways to the University of South Wales, University of Winchester, and others.

Warnborough College's President, Dr Brenden D Tempest-Mogg, is a distinguished academic and administrator, with degrees from 4 top universities. He has been a Justice of the Peace for 38 years, and was honoured with the RECON Community & Leadership Award by the UK Minister of Education in 2009. He is a founder member of the Chartered College of Teaching. Similarly, the Warnborough Council consists of distinguished worthies from the professions, industry and academia.

We sponsor the annual Kent Arts Conference (incepted in 2013) which brings together arts professionals from around the world.

In 2018, Warnborough College Ireland - together with 11 other major European, Russian and Serbian universities - won a €1 million grant under the ERASMUS+ programme for a strategic partnership project to upgrade vocational and technical teachers in Russia and Serbia. In 2019, Warnborough College together with 4 other educational associations across Europe (EARLALL, Skillman and Cumulus) won a grant of half a million Euros to create a framework for Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) for EU adoption.

In 2020, Warnborough received a grant worth €250,000 from the European Union together with Catholic Education Flanders, the National Education Institute of Slovenia, Fontys University, and University College Leuven-Limburg to develop adaptive expertise in teachers across 4 European countries. Since then, our partnerships with university and industry partners have grown to include those from Estonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Kenya, Norway, Poland, Spain, Turkey, and Zambia for projects.

We have partnered with the International Vocational Education and Training Association (IVETA) to run two successful Futureland conferences in Dublin and Malta with speakers and participants from Irish governmental departments and agencies. Together with IVETA, we have run over 10 international conferences both online and physically in countries such as Bulgaria, Portugal and the USA. At the same token, Warnborough has been represented by fielding keynote speakers at international conferences and events such as EAPRIL, ECER, NORDYRK and the upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-Commonwealth Forum in Botswana.

We have dual degree partnerships with Universidad Superior de Guadalajara in Mexico and Nyarkotey University College in Ghana.

These are examples of the recognition afforded to us by other educational institutions and governmental organisations.

More information can be found by checking us out on the social media platforms listed here, or by visiting our main website at <a href="https://www.warnborough.edu">www.warnborough.edu</a>

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