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import re #importing regular expression
reader = open("aston.txt","r") #opening the file aston.txt
contents = reader.read()
                          #reading the contents of the file
print(contents) #solution 1 printing the contents of the file
list_without_spaces = re.split(' |, \n', contents) #splitting the data of contents on the ba
list_excluding_apostrophes = [] #initialized an empty list which would store the words wi
for i in list without spaces: #iterating over each element of the list
   if i.endswith("'s"): #check if the word in the list ends with 's(apostrophe s)?
        i = re.sub("\'s$", '', i) #replace the string with an empty space where there is oc
   list_excluding_apostrophes+=[i] #adding string to the list. So, this codes results in
list_without_special_charaters=[] #initialized a list which would contain the words exclud
for x in list_excluding_apostrophes: #iterating over element in the list
   if x.isalnum()==False: #check to see if the word is not alphanumeric which means atleas
                          #initialized an empty alpha string which would extract all the a
        alpha string=""
        for chars in x: #iterating over each character of the element of the list
           if chars.isalnum()==False: #check to see if the particular charcter is non-alph
                chars = chars.replace(chars,"") #replace that character with empty characte
           alpha string += chars #adding the character to the string
        list_without_special_charaters += [alpha_string] #adding the string to the list -
   else:
          list_without_special_charaters+= [x] #the string is already alphanumeric. So no
list_without_special_charaters[:] = [item for item in list_without_special_charaters if ite
unique words list = [] #initialized a list which would store the unique words
for s in list_without_special_charaters: #iterating through each element of the list
    if s not in unique words list: #if that element is not the new list- unique words list
          unique_words_list+= [s] #adding the string to the list - concatinating it
print(unique words list) #solution 2
_nsre = re.compile('([0-9]+)') #regex code
#defining function which would sort the elements of the unique words list
def natural sort key(s):
   return [int(text) if text.isdigit() else text.lower()
           for text in re.split(_nsre, s)]
unique words list.sort(key=natural sort key) #calling the function natural sort key
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Aston University

Aston University is a public research university situated in the city centre of Birmingham, England. Aston began as the Birmingham Municipal Technical Sc hool in 1895, evolving into the UK's first College of Advanced Technology in 1956.[5] Aston University received its royal charter from Queen Elizabeth II on 22 April 1966.

In 2017, Aston received recognition Times Higher Education for the second be st teaching quality in the UK.[6] For 2018, it was ranked in the top 55 univ ersities in the UK by all major domestic and international league tables. As ton was ranked by QS as the 42nd best university in the world under 50 years old in 2015.

Aston pioneered the integrated placement year concept over 50 years ago,[7] [8][9] with more than 70% of Aston students taking a placement year, the hig hest percentage in the UK.[10]

History

Predecessor institutions

The origins of Aston University are a School of Metallurgy formed in the Bir mingham and Midland Institute in 1875. The Birmingham Municipal Technical Sc hool separated from the Institute in 1895, teaching chemistry, physics, metallurgy and electrical engineering. In 1911, commercial classes were introduced and grew into an independent School of Commerce by 1916.[11] The school changed its name in 1927 to the Birmingham Central Technical College,[11] to reflect its changing approach to teaching technology.

In 1951, the Technical College was renamed the College of Technology, Birmin gham[11] and work began on the Main Building at Gosta Green. In 1956, it became the first elite designated College of Advanced Technology and underwent a major expansion.[11] It moved into buildings that were constructed between 1949 and 1955 to a design by Ashley & Newman. Princess Margaret laid one of the first foundation stones at the base of the new building in 1951. The bui

lding is one of Europe's largest, freestanding brick buildings.[14][unreliab le source?] In 1955, the College of Advanced Technology was opened by Her Ma jesty The Queen.[15] The college expanded again to a design by the City Arch itect of Birmingham Alwyn Sheppard Fidler between 1957 and 1965.[16]

University status

It officially became the University of Aston in Birmingham on receipt of its Royal Charter on 22 April 1966 and the first Chancellor of the University, L ord Nelson of Stafford, was installed on 10 May. The Charter of the University outlines objectives appropriate to a technological university: "to advance, disseminate and apply learning and knowledge by teaching and research, for the benefit of industry and commerce and of the community generally: and to enable students to obtain the advantage of a university education, and such teaching and research may include periods outside the University in industry or commerce or wherever the University considers proper for the best advancement of its objects." The emphasis given to the sandwich course system, and the maintenance of strong links with industry, arises naturally from the institution's history. The motto of the University is the same as that of the City of Birmingham – Forward.[17]

In 1983, Aston University, in partnership with Birmingham City Council and L loyds Bank, established Birmingham Technology Ltd., which manages the Aston Science Park adjacent to the university site. The establishment of the Aston Science Park and Aston University's contribution to the city of Birmingham w as fully recognised when the area was granted its own postal address "The Aston Triangle" in 1984, emphasising the campus as an official district of Birmingham. The logo of the establishment takes from the shape of the area.[18]

2000 to present

Aston University hosted the British Science Festival in September 2010, said to be Europe's largest public science event.[citation needed]

Since May 2011, Sir John Sunderland has been the Chancellor of Aston University.

The university is a lead sponsor of Aston University Engineering Academy, a university technical college (UTC) which opened in September 2012. The UTC is for students aged 14 to 19 wishing to pursue further study and careers in engineering, and is located at the edge of the Aston University campus.[19]

In October 2014, Aston announced plans to launch Aston Medical School in Oct ober 2015.[20] The University also announced a £35 million cash injection f or a major upgrade of the campus, including a new £19 million revamp of Ast on Business School and improvement work to the Aston Institute of Photonic T echnologies and the School of Languages and Social Sciences.[21]

In February 2017, Aston University launched its online programme website. Fo ur of their MSc programmes are offered 100% online to students in the UK and worldwide, including the Aston Business School's MBA.[citation needed]

In July 2017, Aston became the first University in the UK to have degree app renticeship graduates.[22][23] Aston began working in close partnership with Cappemini, to create the first degree apprenticeship: Digital and Technology Solutions in 2012.[24]

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