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Sh-ambleside!

WHEN Cumbria university launched in 2007, created from a motley collection of former colleges, much was made of the fact that young Cumbrians would no longer have to leave the county to pursue higher education.

The new university had one shining gem, the world famous former Charlotte Mason College in Ambleside. Named after its founder, the pioneer of modern child-centred education, the college maintained its reputation with generations of teachers. It was also the only campus Cumbria had in the Lake District, although the fells and lakes feature prominently in all the university's promotional literature.

So when Cumbria university realised it had a cash crisis, with its deficit standing at £28m according to leaked briefing papers, and the axe was sharpened, there was only one choice for the chop: Ambleside campus.



The board of governors will consider proposals for a two-year mothballing of the Ambleside site in February. The move is intended to save £1.75m a year, a third of what the 600 students and staff are believed to contribute to the local economy, and peanuts compared to the university's deficit.

Meanwhile students are seeking legal advice after they were told they would be transferred to campuses in Penrith and Lancaster, despite having chosen their university on the basis of its location. Some have two-year contracts with Ambleside landlords. There's no help on offer to fund travel to Penrith, more than 20 miles away, or Lancaster, which is 34 miles away and not in Cumbria at all. Luckily so far no one has been moved to the university's other teacher training centre – in, er, Tower Hamlets, East London.

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- 1p 1 Which of the following quotes contains sarcasm on the part of the writer of the article?
- A “The new university had one shining gem” (lines 9-10)
 - B “the axe was sharpened” (lines 24-25)
 - C “there was only one choice” (lines 25-26)
 - D “The board of governors will consider proposals for a two-year mothballing” (lines 28-30)