

## Where are we?

Chesterfield is a historic market town and local government district in Derbyshire located on the edge of the Peak District. Lying north of Derby, it is the largest town in Derbyshire with a resident population of approximately 99,000. In recent years, the economy in and around Chesterfield has been going through a period of structural change as new manufacturing industries and service based sectors replace traditional heavy industries.

Recent developments within the town include the new Junction 29A that will provide increased access to the town from the M1 motorway, and the relocation of Chesterfield Football Club to the B2net stadium.

The main companies currently operating in Chesterfield include:

- Chesterfield Borough Council
- North East Derbyshire District Council
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Royal Mail
- CSC IT Services
- Fusion Group
- CPP Group Plc
- URS/Scott Wilson
- CS2 Lawyers

## Our Mission

**Chesterfield College aims to provide outstanding education and training for all learners, employers, partners and staff.**

## Our Vision

**Our vision is that by 2015 we will become recognised nationally as an outstanding college by learners, employers, partners, regulators and people who work for us.**

We aim to achieve this vision through striving to be outstanding in all we do and by:

1. Meeting the needs and developing the potential of learners, apprentices, employers, partners and our staff
2. Developing, delivering and constantly reviewing the training and education we provide to ensure it remains responsive and relevant to the needs of learners and employers
3. Delivering our services efficiently
4. Raising the college profile and its reputation locally, regionally and nationally
5. Developing close strategic relations and partnerships
6. Providing first class facilities and 21st century technology which support the high technology/low carbon agenda
7. Creating a framework of systems and business processes that are responsive to local and national priorities

## Our Values

**Underpinning our vision and mission are our core values.**

We aim at all times to:

- Put the learner first
- Have a genuine culture of inclusivity where all people and communities are valued
- Operate with openness and honesty
- Act with integrity and recognise our responsibilities
- Work as a team respecting, supporting and valuing each other
- Seek continuous improvement

## About the College

Chesterfield College is a large general Further Education college that serves a wide catchment area in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Sheffield and beyond - west into the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, east into Bolsover and south into Amber Valley and the outskirts of Derby.

In 2009/10 Chesterfield College enrolled 11,000 learners of whom 575 were pre-16, 4,800 were 16-18 and 5,625 were adult learners. 2,000 learners travelled to College from outside Chesterfield each week on contract buses.

The majority of learners (89%) were on programmes funded by the Young Peoples' Learning Agency and the Skills Funding Agency. In addition, 560 learners were on higher education programmes funded by the Higher Education Funding Council. During the year, 1,200 learners undertook NVQs in the workplace through Train to Gain, 800 trainees were on Apprenticeships and a further 125 were on Entry to Employment programmes.

The College currently has 601 full-time equivalent permanent staff of whom 271 are teaching staff.

The Principalship within College is made up of the Principal, three Deputy Principals for Learning & Standards, Planning, Funding & Resources and Enterprise, Engagement & Innovation together with the Clerk to the Corporation. The College has undergone a curriculum restructure with the curriculum now divided into seven vocational areas:

- Art, Design & Creative Industries
- Business Services, Travel & Tourism
- Care Industries & Provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Engineering
- Hair, Beauty & Hospitality
- Sport & Public Services

The curriculum also includes the Sixth Form Centre and an Adult & Continuing Education Centre.

The Business Enterprise Unit (BEU) was restructured in February 2009 and is led by an Executive Director and supported by an experienced team. There has been substantial growth in the delivery of employer responsive and the BEU is now well placed to deal with employer demands in a flexible and professional manner. The College has achieved significant growth in the delivery of employer responsive provision via direct delivery and partnership working.

## Course options

Chesterfield College offers the widest range of courses in the area for school leavers and adult learners. Levels of study range from Entry Level through to Higher Education including Skills for Life, GCSEs, A Levels, National Diplomas, NVQs, Access to Adult Education and a range work based apprenticeships and employment-based training options. Higher Education courses include Higher National Diplomas (HNDs) and a range of Foundation Degrees that are validated by one of the College's university partners – Sheffield Hallam University and Leeds Metropolitan University.

## Facilities available

Provision is delivered over three campuses: Infirmary Road, Chesterfield and Clowne campus are the main bases for 14 – 19 delivery and Tapton House focuses on Higher Education. Facilities provided by the College include state-of-the-art hair, beauty and construction workshops at Clowne, a fully licensed training restaurant at Infirmary Road which is open to the general public, and nursery provision. Chesterfield College provides excellent sports facilities with two gymnasia equipped with the latest in aerobic exercise equipment, a private football field, flood-lit astro turf pitches and two sports halls. All the sporting facilities are open to staff, students and the general public.

## College success

The College is one of a small group of general Further Education colleges nationally that hold Beacon status in recognition of its excellent provision. It has also been awarded the full Training Quality Standard (TQS) and is now recognised as one of the best UK organisations in the country to deliver employer training and development solutions. The College was also the first organisations in the country to receive the Standard for Excellence in Creative Media, an award that replaces the Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) award for Design Practice.

We also hold Investors in People, and the Matrix award for Information, Advice and Guidance, and are committed to employing, keeping and developing the abilities of disabled staff, as recognised by Jobcentre Plus through the award of the Two Ticks Positive about Disabled People symbol.

### Chesterfield College

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### A Further Education Corporation

**The College is committed to equal opportunities for all**

“Chesterfield College provides good teaching and opportunities for learning to its students. Provision is outstanding in visual and performing arts. Pass rates have been good for the last three years and retention rates improved significantly to around or above the national average”

Excerpt taken from the Ofsted Inspectors Report, 2008

