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This directory provides a sense of the vital role colleges play in our economy, communities and society, as well as offering a perspective on how they can make a huge contribution to our economic growth and social mobility.

There is a college in every major community in Yorkshire and the Humber, and they demonstrate very clearly the empowering qualities of a college education. They give adults the skills to find new jobs, and deliver the A-levels, degrees and professional qualifications that employers need.

College success rates have improved significantly for students of all ages. Colleges inspire and engage the disaffected while at the same time meeting the needs of high-achieving students. They have shown a capacity for responsiveness in their willingness to meet the needs of businesses, employers and students.

These are difficult times financially, and the entire public sector is expected to take its share of the pain. At the same time, Britain is recovering from recession and requires the skills and innovation to ensure that our economic recovery is matched by a better skilled workforce. Colleges are well placed to support that recovery.

In this directory, we provide a snapshot of colleges today, providing some of the key facts and a real sense of the value of their contribution.

Yorkshire and the Humber has 35 colleges, comprising general FE (21), sixth form (eight) and specialist (six). Each year they provide more than 238,000 students with learning opportunities in subjects as diverse as aerospace engineering, textiles, basic skills, applied maths, equine skills and floristry.

For more than 100,000 young people each year, colleges are their first-choice option for either academic or vocational courses. Overall, 137,000 adults choose to study in our colleges, acquiring the skills and qualifications that enable them to pursue specific careers or retrain for new opportunities.

Higher education is provided by 22 of the region’s colleges and 20,000 students choose to obtain a degree in this way.

Colleges make a significant contribution to the economy of Yorkshire and the Humber. Collectively, they employ more than 25,000 people and have an annual turnover of £777 million.

This directory provides the most up-to-date information available in September 2012. I hope you find it a helpful and valuable resource.

Caroline Rowley, Regional Director
AoC Yorkshire and the Humber
London 2012 proved to be a golden success story for colleges in Yorkshire and the Humber. Six of Britain’s Olympic and Paralympic gold medals were won by alumni from the region’s colleges. In addition there were many other medallists and competitors from the further education sector in Y&H.

Former Bradford College student Nicola Adams made history by becoming the first-ever Olympic women’s boxing champion.

Nicola, who was the first athlete to go through the Bradford Police and College Academy Boxing Club, dispatched the three-time world champion, China’s Ren Cancan, in the flyweight final.

College principal Michele Sutton said: “We are so proud of Nicola’s amazing achievement. She is an inspiration to the college community as well as to all aspiring sports men and women.”

Nicola is also a former student of Leeds City College, where she studied for a National Diploma in Software and Development.

It was a double gold success for Dearne Valley College, where boxing champions Luke Campbell and Anthony Joshua studied for their fitness instructor qualifications.

Luke won the bantamweight final while Anthony took the super heavyweight title.
Tutor Mick Blythe said: “We’re extremely proud of Luke and Anthony’s achievements – their hard work and determination has paid off. They are a true inspiration to young people and we’re pleased to have played a part in their Olympic legacy.”

There were celebrations at Kirklees College after Ed Clancy led Britain’s cyclists to golden glory in the team pursuit and took a bronze medal in the individual omnium. Ed was a student on the BTEC Public Services course at the former Huddersfield Technical College.

Principal Peter McCann said he hoped that Ed’s success would inspire others, adding: “He has proved that anything is possible with enough focus, determination and the right support and direction. We are incredibly proud of his achievements.”

Finally, it was success at the double for former Calderdale College student Hannah Cockroft, who won two gold medals. Wheelchair racer Hannah powered to victory in the T34 100m and 200m. She also became the first Paralympic athlete to break a world record in the Olympic Stadium with her time of 18.05 seconds in the 100m.

Hannah completed a Level 2 Diploma in Sport at Calderdale College, which honoured her with an Inspire Award in 2011.

Principal Chris Jones said: “We are extremely proud of Hannah’s success. Staff and students cheered her on while watching her on the screens in the college cafe, and we have been celebrating her achievements ever since.”
The Association of Colleges (AoC) represents and promotes the interests of colleges and provides members with professional support services. It aims to be the authoritative voice of colleges – based on credible analysis, research, advocacy and consultation with colleges – and the first-choice destination for guidance and advice for members.

AoC was established in 1996 by colleges themselves as a voice for further education and higher education delivered in colleges at national and regional level.

Its membership includes general and tertiary further education colleges, sixth form colleges and specialist colleges in England.

As AoC is a not-for-profit organisation created by colleges for colleges, subscription and commercially generated revenue together sustain its work in representing and promoting the interests of colleges and in the provision of support services.

AoC’s structure includes a busy national office in London, an active network of nine regional offices and a very wide range of member networks through which college staff, governors and students inform and shape AoC policy and activity.

**AoC in Yorkshire and the Humber**
The Association of Colleges Yorkshire and the Humber (AoC Y&H) supports colleges and contributes to the region’s social and economic agenda. One of its key roles is to represent colleges in the political arena to the
government, to MPs, in the media and with other national organisations.

AoC Y&H champions the region’s 35 member colleges and supports them in delivering maximum social and economic benefit for people, businesses and communities. It engages in the debate about the future of colleges by responding to government consultations, providing evidence to Select Committees and MPs, and issuing briefings.

It has four key objectives:

- To raise awareness about, improve the image of and enhance the reputation of the sector.
- To represent the sector and influence education and skills policy.
- To support members through information, advice and events.
- To be a fully consultative membership organisation.

The work of AoC Y&H is guided and directed by the Regional Committee, comprising principals and chairs of colleges from across the region.

Members are elected by the colleges themselves to work on their behalf.

AoC Y&H also organises and contributes to a range of regional networks and forums which enable senior managers to share information, disseminate good practice and receive regular updates from key national and regional bodies.

Meetings are held termly. If you would like to attend or contribute please contact Kirsty Oldroyd at the AoC Y&H office.
Strength

- Every year colleges educate and train more than three million people
- 853,000 16 to 18-year-olds choose to study in colleges (compared with 435,000 in maintained school and academy sixth forms)
- 45,000 16 to 18-year-olds started an apprenticeship through their local college
- More than two million adults study or train in colleges
- 58,000 14 to 15-year-olds are enrolled at a college: 3,000 full-time and 55,000 part-time
- Colleges provide 33% of entrants to higher education
- Half of all foundation degree students are taught in colleges
- 67% of colleges teach foundation degrees
- Colleges deliver 81% of HNCs and 59% of HNDs
- 170,000 students study higher education in a college
- 257 colleges provide undergraduate and postgraduate level courses
- Colleges educate 42,000 students from outside the UK: 19,000 from the EU and 23,000 non-EU students

Success

- The further education success rate in colleges is 82.5%
- The apprenticeship success rate in colleges has increased to 74%
- The average A-level or equivalent point score per student in sixth form colleges is 809.7 (compared with 779.9 in maintained school sixth forms)
- Research shows students at sixth form colleges are more likely to get top grades at A-level than those in school sixth forms
- One-third of A-level students aged 16 to 18 study at a college
- English is the most popular A-level undertaken at colleges, with more than 26,000 16 to 18-year-olds entered for the exam
- More than 900,000 courses in STEM subjects are undertaken by students at colleges

Social mobility

- Ethnic minority students make up 21% of students in colleges, compared with 13% of the general population
- 14% of 16 to 18-year-olds in colleges were eligible for, and claiming, free school meals at age 15, compared with 8% in maintained school sixth forms and academies
- 80% of those studying English for Speakers of Other Languages do so at a college

Source
College Key Facts Summer 2012
Association of Colleges
130,000 college students are aged over 60
220,000 unemployed people undertake education and training in colleges; 98% of colleges recruit via Jobcentre Plus

Satisfaction and standards
- At their most recent inspection, 97% of colleges were judged satisfactory or better for their overall effectiveness; in 67% of colleges it was good or outstanding
- More than three-quarters of people think that colleges make an important contribution to their local communities as an educator and employer
- 89% of students are fairly, very or extremely satisfied with the quality of teaching in colleges
- 78% of students are satisfied with the quality of higher education courses taught in colleges
- Higher education students in colleges are more satisfied with assessment and feedback (73% compared with 68%) and academic support (78% compared with 76%) than their peers in universities
- 59% of large employers who train their staff do so through a college
- 84% of employers who train through a college are satisfied with the service provided
- Employers view 17 to 18-year-old college leavers as better prepared for work than school leavers of the same age (74% compared to 66%)

Sound investment
- The total college income in England is £7.7 billion
- Colleges employ 228,000 people, 117,000 of whom are teachers and lecturers
- Staff costs (excluding restructuring) total £4.8 billion, accounting for 63% of total college spending
- Students aged 19+ in further education generate an additional £75 billion for the economy over their lifetimes
- The economic returns to adult apprenticeships are around £18 per £1 of Government funding
- 45 colleges are either lead or co-sponsors of academies
- 26 out of the 33 University Technical Colleges (UTCs) involve colleges as a sponsor or lead partner

Sport
- More than 50,000 students compete in inter-college sports competitions
- An average of 20 sports are offered per college
- More than 40 London 2012 Olympic competitors studied at a college
- 14 of Team GB’s London 2012 Olympic medals (six of which were gold) were won by past and present college students
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Askham Bryan College is one of the country’s foremost land-based colleges. It provides education and training at all levels from introductory courses for school-leavers to apprenticeships and honours degrees.

The main residential campus is at York, with additional centres located across the North of England – in Guisborough, Bradford, Harrogate, Scarborough, Thirsk, Wakefield and Newton Rigg College in Penrith, Cumbria.

Askham Bryan boasts first-class facilities, including five farms across York and Penrith, national training centres for forestry, game and wildlife, the National Academy for Landscaping and the new National Centre for the Uplands.

The college also benefits from excellent relationships such as that with Flamingo Land, which offers students real work experience opportunities with zoo animals.

Specialist areas

- Agriculture
- Countryside Management
- Animal Management and Veterinary Nursing
- Equine
- Horticulture and Landscaping
- Adventure and Public Services
- Land-based and Motorsport Engineering
- Floristry
- Sports Turf
- Arboriculture
- Sport

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Rated outstanding at its 2010/11 Ofsted inspection, the college offers a wide range of study options from basic education through to higher education courses.

Students are given the opportunity to train for a career, improve job prospects, qualify for a university course or simply learn a new skill.

The college’s state-of-the-art Old Mill Lane campus opened to students in 2011. In addition there are seven other sites, including a dedicated sixth form college, a working farm and a purpose-built sports academy.

Together they offer an excellent range of facilities, learning resource centres, student support services and committed teaching staff to help students achieve their full potential.

**Specialist areas**

- A-levels
- Vocational qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- Part-time courses/adult learning
- 14-16 provision
- Higher education courses
- Employer engagement
- Student services
- Learning support
- Job-focused short courses for unemployed adults

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Bishop Burton College offers a diverse curriculum specialising in land-based, animal, equine and sports-related courses, including a commercial farm and estate plus equestrian, animal management and sports facilities.

The college – centered around a stunning campus – has had huge investment allowing it to deliver more than 80 full-time courses to over 3,000 students.

It has a fantastic culture of volunteering among students, making them attractive to employers as young people prepared to go the extra mile. Valuable industry experience is provided through a number of enterprises, including a 360-hectare fully mixed farm and an equine centre with Olympic-standard arena.

Bishop Burton is at the forefront of cutting-edge research and has strong links with employers. It recently acquired Riseholme College near Lincoln, providing further education diplomas and work-based apprenticeships.

**Specialist areas**
- Agriculture
- Equine
- Sport
- Animal Management
- Environmental Conservation
- Land-based Engineering
- Public Services
- Travel and Tourism
- Business
- Art, Design and Fashion

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Bradford College has been delivering high-quality education and training for 180 years. It is one of the largest further education colleges in the region and the largest provider of higher education in England outside the university sector.

It offers a wide range of vocational qualifications, from basic skills and apprenticeships through to undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, and has a number of niche courses which attract students from across the country. It is the only provider of higher education ophthalmic dispensing provision in the North of England.

The college has a national reputation in many fields, with two Olympic Podium Awards for its women’s boxing programme and global media coverage for its International Food Academy.

It also sponsors two academies and is behind the development of an innovative international food and travel studio school. Plans are now in hand for a new, £50 million campus.

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- Travel and Tourism
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Sport and Public Services
- Computing and IT
- Hospitality and Catering
- Business and Enterprise
- Science
- Arts and Media
- Early Years, Teaching, Health and Care
Calderdale College is the largest provider of further education courses and work-based learning as well as the sole provider of higher education awards in Calderdale.

The main campus is at Francis Street, Halifax, but the college also delivers building, construction skills, hairdressing and beauty at its North Halifax Skills Centre and art and design in Todmorden. In addition it has a Construction Academy at Ryburn High School, the Mark Riley Hair Academy in Brighouse, a construction centre in Baliff Bridge and the Southfields Farm Project in Shelf.

The college provides inspiring learning for life through a wide range of full-time and part-time courses, and also engages with a network of employers to offer work experience, real-life projects, job opportunities and apprenticeship places. Ofsted recently recognised it as “a good college with outstanding features”.

Specialist areas

- Project Management and Accountable Body for the European Social Fund Work Place Learning contract
- Calderdale Training (services to business)
- Apprenticeships and Work-Based Learning
- Vocational qualifications
- Further education
- Higher education
- School Links courses for 14 to 16-year-olds
- Enterprising Culture throughout the college
- Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Learning and Skills
- Partnerships with a range of organisations including sporting, farming and catering

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The college’s individualised learning environment offers a unique approach to learners who are deaf or hearing impaired and have specific communication and language needs.

Pathways include Life, Work and Living and encompass a choice of day or residential provision, catering for all levels and abilities.

Using Total Communication the college offers an extended curriculum which is highly supportive and person-centred.

Learners are able to develop their identity and feel they belong to a supportive community with a shared culture.

**Specialist areas**

- Independent Living Skills
- Vocational Work Programmes
- Life Skills
- Personal and Social Development
- Day/residential provision
- Work preparation programmes
- 1:1 support
- Individualised transition support
- A Total Communication environment
- Wide variety of social, leisure and sporting activities

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It is a successful, friendly and supportive college with well-equipped specialist facilities across a wide range of employment areas, offering a stimulating and inspirational learning experience in safe and secure environments.

The college has many pathways leading to employment and enhanced careers. Study options available for post-16s include A-levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships at a range of levels. For adult learners and employers, the college offers a diverse range of degrees and professional programmes plus many part-time courses.

Programmes are taught by highly qualified staff with a wealth of industry experience who are committed to helping students achieve their chosen qualification.

**Specialist areas**

- The Aviation Academy
- Centre for Construction and Heritage Skills
- Centre for Rural and Equine Studies
- Sport, Sport Therapy, Outdoor Activities, Public Services
- Travel and Tourism
- Hospitality and Catering
- Art, Media and Performance
- Academy of Hair and Beauty
- Business, Management and IT
- Health, Care and Early Years

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Dearne Valley College (DVC) serves the communities of Rotherham, Barnsley and Doncaster, which make up the Dearne Valley.

The college specialises in a wide range of vocational qualifications, from foundation level to higher education, with a provision that aims to meet local needs and interests.

It offers many full-time courses for 16 to 18-year-olds, adult provision, access courses and, increasingly, work-based programmes including apprenticeships.

The college prides itself on its flexible, entrepreneurial spirit and approach and has established a network of links with a range of education and training providers, schools, voluntary and community organisations, local industry and businesses.

Its core values put the learner at the centre of everything it does. The college is also passionate about high quality and prides itself on providing a respectful and supportive environment.

Specialist areas

- Apprenticeships
- Leisure Industries
- Public and Social sectors
- Beauty, Hair and Catering
- Maths, English and ICT
- Engineering, Design and Technology
- Construction and Built Environment
- Higher education
- Business Development
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Doncaster College is a large provider of further education in South Yorkshire and also one of the largest providers of higher education in the region. During the last academic year, more than 20,000 people enrolled on more than 500 part-time and full-time courses at the main campus, the Hub, and at the University Centre at High Melton.

The Hub, which is on the Waterfront development in the centre of Doncaster, opened in September 2006. It has some of the best educational facilities in the country, including state-of-the-art IT facilities, a 100-seat lecture theatre, a 200-seat drama studio and a huge two-floor learning resource centre. Students also benefit from a number of realistic working environments.

The University Centre, Doncaster is the Hub’s sister campus, set in 126 acres of idyllic countryside six miles out of town. It is home to many of the college’s higher education courses and incorporates the Stables Conference Centre as well as the Relate Institute, Britain’s first centre of excellence for relationship studies.

**Specialist areas**

- Apprenticeships
- Engineering and Construction
- Hospitality and Catering
- Childcare, Health and Social Care
- Public Services
- Basic Skills and ESOL
- Skills for Life and LDD
- Art, Design and Performing Arts
- Hair and Beauty
- Higher education

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East Riding College welcomes more than 1,600 full-time FE students each year, with thousands more taking part-time, higher education and work-based courses.

The college is committed to providing high-quality teaching and learning through a curriculum which constantly evolves according to the needs of learners and industry.

The main campuses are in the historic market town of Beverley and the popular coastal resort of Bridlington, with a smaller site in Hull.

The stunning campus in Bridlington opened in 2009 and has proven to be very popular with students and staff alike. In Beverley, the college has planning permission for a new campus as part of the Flemingate redevelopment and is working to progress these plans.

Ofst ed recognised in its 2011 inspection report that learners make “exceptional progress”, and judged leadership and management and capacity to improve as outstanding. East Riding College is also a Beacon college.

Specialist areas

- Business, Administration and IT
- Construction, Motor Vehicle and Engineering
- Creative Arts, Media and Music
- Early Years and Care
- Foundation programmes
- Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy
- Hospitality and Catering
- Leisure, Public Services, Sport, Travel and Tourism
- Trade Union Studies
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Each year the college has on average 1,100 new applicants, all of whom have different aspirations and ambitions.

It offers support to all its students by providing professional advice and guiding them along their chosen career path, whether it is going to university, seeking employment, applying for an apprenticeship or simply learning new skills.

The college has recently invested significantly in new and refurbished learning spaces, including a stunning learning centre, innovative classrooms and specialist facilities for computing, media and science.

Franklin is a student-centred college, which aims to create the best learning environment for its students.

**Specialist areas**

- Business, Finance and Law
- Creative Arts and Media
- Health and Care Services
- Humanities
- ICT
- Languages, Literature and Culture
- Science Technology
- Mathematics
- Sport and Leisure

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It is a specialist provider of AS and A-level courses, offering a broad range of subjects and subject combinations.

In addition, there is a wealth of enrichment activities, a work-shadowing programme, generous pastoral and learning support and specialised careers advice.

Greenhead is a Beacon college, featuring regularly at the top of the national performance tables for sixth form colleges. All aspects of provision have been judged to be outstanding at the most recent Ofsted inspection.

Students are drawn from Huddersfield and the surrounding area. More than 90% of them progress to higher education, with around 30 students going to either Oxford or Cambridge universities each year.

Specialist areas

- Business, Economics and Law
- Computing
- Creative and Expressive Arts
- English
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Physical Education
- Sciences
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Alongside further education courses, the Grimsby Institute Group delivers more than 100 higher education courses from the £20m UCG.

Learners are at the heart of everything it has to offer, from unrivalled teaching and social facilities to outstanding support and learning resources.

The Grimsby Institute’s mission is “to deliver accessible high-quality education and training to all our communities”.

**Specialist areas**

- 16-19 further education
- Adult further education
- Higher education
- Apprenticeships
- Commercial and Business Development
- The Graduate Salon
- The Gallery Restaurant
- Engineering and Renewable Energy Centre
- Lincolnshire Rural Activities Centre
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There is a programme to suit everyone, whatever their background, thanks to a huge choice of courses and levels including higher education and apprenticeships, and ranging from catering and photography to sport and hairdressing.

As well as catering to individual learners, the college’s commercial division allows local employers to benefit from a range of tailored training solutions, including apprenticeships, which enables them to upskill their workforce while improving productivity.

A friendly student services team is on hand to help all students with information and advice on financial issues, childcare and counselling.

**Specialist areas**
- Art, Design, Media and Fashion
- Performing Arts
- Society, Health and Development
- Catering
- Hair and Beauty
- Hospitality, Public Services and Sport
- Access/Foundation Learning
- Technology (Construction, Vehicle Servicing and Repair)
- Apprenticeships
- Business, Professional and IT

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It empowers students to maximise their independence and employability skills, minimise the effects of their disabilities and achieve success throughout their adult lives.

The emphasis is on “seeing the ability” in every student to enable them to achieve their optimum level of independence and vocational skills. Each student follows a personalised programme with appropriate support from the multi-disciplinary staff team and access to foundation learning qualifications. Transition planning toward long-term goals is ongoing through the annual review process.

Ofsted inspectors reported in 2011: “Care, guidance and support are outstanding . . . The support learners receive in a range of therapies, and in the use of access technology, is outstanding.”

**Specialist areas**

- Independent Living Skills
- Mobility and Travel Training
- Information and Access Technology
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Sports and Fitness
- Therapy and Specialist Services
- Vocational Pathways
- Personal and Social Development
- Music, Dance and Drama
- Arts and Crafts

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Support for students is outstanding, and exceptional for those with complex needs.

The college is in the top 10% in the country for student performance at Advanced Level (ALPS 2012).

**Specialist areas**

- Health and Social Care
- Children’s Care, Learning and Development
- Business and IT (vocational)
- Media and Film
- Modern Foreign Languages
- English Language
- Sport (vocational and academies)
- Maths/Use of Maths
- Foundation Level – Introductory Diploma
- Support for students with learning difficulties and disabilities and complex needs

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The group is recognised as one of the best further education establishments in the country, having been graded outstanding in every area in its most recent Ofsted inspection.

It offers a wide variety of further and higher education courses, from A-levels to NVQs, foundation degrees and degrees, full-time or part-time. There are more than 1,000 different courses to choose from, with something to meet all needs.

Financial support is available to ensure young people have every opportunity to achieve their educational goals. The group offers a bursary of up to £840 or £1,225 per year to new, full-time 16 to 18-year-old students.

**Specialist areas**

- Apprenticeships
- HE provision within an FE environment
- Skills for Life, including Maths and English
- Huge choice of subject areas
- Large part-time provision
- Employer-responsive education and training
- Dedicated faculty for renewables-based courses
- A-levels
- GCSEs

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It currently has approximately 2,200 students. The majority of these are local school leavers but there are also around 120 international students.

The college has an excellent reputation locally, regionally and nationally, and its students’ results have often led to it being recognised as one of the top-performing colleges in the country.

It has also received AoC Beacon awards for its work with international students as well as with local schools and the wider community.

The college is committed to providing top teaching, learning and social facilities for its students. Recent developments have included a new performing arts centre.

**Specialist areas**

- Performing Arts
- Creative Arts
- Physics and Electronics
- History
- Sport
- Maths
- Business
- Chemistry
- IT
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Kirklees College is a large, vocational further education college with 20,000 students, providing learning opportunities at more than 40 centres. The student body includes 4,500 16 to 18-year-olds and 500 higher education students.

With main centres in Dewsbury and Huddersfield, the college benefits from seven specialist centres comprising animal care, art and design (Batley School of Art), construction, engineering, equestrian, and music, media and performance.

It enjoyed a 95% pass rate in 2010-11, placing it joint fourth by The Data Service in a table of 70 similar further education colleges in England.

In the 2012-13 academic year, Kirklees College will open a brand new, state-of-the-art campus in Huddersfield. Furthermore, in August 2012 it opened a new specialist engineering and motor vehicle centre.

The college’s mission is: “creating opportunity, changing lives”.

**Specialist areas**

- Art and Design
- Animal Care, Equine and Countryside Conservation
- Business, Computing and ICT
- Childcare and Education
- Construction
- Engineering and Motor Vehicle
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality, Catering and Travel and Tourism
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Courses and training are on offer for everyone from 14 to 19-year-olds and adult learners to businesses. Provision includes full-time and part-time academic and vocational qualifications from basic skills to apprenticeships, and from A-levels to foundation and honours degrees.

There are six main campuses – Horsforth, Joseph Priestley, Keighley, Park Lane, Technology and Thomas Danby – plus a number of community centres across the city. Leeds College of Music was added to the group in August 2011.

The college is renowned for key specialisms including engineering, sport, creative arts, hospitality, retail and financial services, health and caring services.

Specialist areas

- A-levels and GCSEs
- Computing Technologies
- Construction and Land-based Studies
- Creative Arts
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Caring Services
- Hospitality, Travel and Catering
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The college combines academic and vocational excellence in all its undergraduate programmes. It focuses on putting students’ talents to practical use so that their creativity is channelled towards a successful career or postgraduate study.

Students and staff create a unique community of vibrant, ambitious and deeply creative artists and designers.

The college is based in Leeds, an internationally acclaimed centre for teaching and learning in addition to being a leading hub for creative and digital industries.

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- Fashion
- Fine Art
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Photography
- Textiles
- Visual Communication
Leeds College of Building is the only specialist further and higher education construction college in the UK.

The college delivers a comprehensive range of courses related to construction and the built environment, including apprenticeships, further and higher education and business training.

Building and construction courses are available at all levels and range from practical, work-related programmes designed to prepare students for work in a variety of trades, to academic courses that will help them progress to further study.

The college has approximately 8,000 students and is located on six sites across Leeds.

It is often commended on the high-quality tuition, facilities and resources that it provides, and this is reflected in the success rates of its students.

Specialist areas

- Apprenticeships
- Full-time courses
- Higher apprenticeships
- Higher education
- Learning support
- On-site assessment and training
- Part-time courses
- Renewable energy and sustainability
- Business training
- Team Education (14-16 provision)

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It has excellent facilities in its award-winning buildings, including extensive IT in every classroom and open-access computers. In addition there is a suite of science laboratories, specialist art, graphics and textiles studios, a design workshop, darkroom and media studio, editing suite, drama and dance performance areas and a music technology suite with practice rooms and DJ room linked to a multi-track recording studio.

The college offers individual support for 16 to 19-year-olds and works closely with parents, carers and local schools to ensure that young people achieve their full potential.

Students’ personal development is encouraged through a comprehensive range of enrichment opportunities including trips abroad, sports teams, performance, study conferences and community projects.

**Specialist areas**

- 35 A-level subjects plus vocational courses at Levels 1, 2 and 3
- Art and Design
- Science
- Media and Performing Arts
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NEW College Pontefract

NEW College is a thriving, dynamic, friendly and successful community which offers sixth form provision for approximately 30 high schools across the Wakefield district.

The mixture of different characters, backgrounds and personalities generates an open and inclusive atmosphere.

With more than 1,750 sixth form students the college offers principally A-Levels and GCSEs (or equivalent full-time programmes). It has consistently been the top-performing A-level institution across the Wakefield district.

The college’s mission statement is: “To provide dynamic, high-quality learning experiences in a supportive, young adult environment, enabling academic success and personal growth.” It is large enough to offer a wide choice of subjects, yet is still able to enjoy a friendly sense of community.

The quality of its staff and the warm relationships that exist throughout the college make it an exciting and enjoyable place in which to learn.

Specialist areas

- Business
- English
- Health and Social Care
- ICT
- Law
- Maths
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Psychology
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The college’s traditionally strong links with local authorities, community groups, voluntary organisations, trade unions and private sector companies enable it to contribute to social and economic regeneration through education and training in the community and in the workplace.

It has pioneered an innovative mix of full-time and part-time programmes of study which offer accredited pathways starting from basic literacy and numeracy through to higher education.

The college is committed to equal opportunities and offers a high level of support, enabling students aged from 19 upwards to make maximum use of their time and the facilities available.

Specialist areas

- Access to Higher Education Diploma
- Foundation Learning Tier
- Skills for Life (Literacy and Numeracy)
- Teacher training
- Trade Union Studies
- Personal and Community Development
- Training for voluntary and community sector
- Employability Skills
- Childcare and Parenting
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Its attractive campus, state-of-the-art resources, committed and dedicated staff and excellent facilities provide a truly remarkable learning environment for students, who are encouraged to combine A-levels with vocational courses.

Students are given the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge needed to progress either into employment or on to higher lever courses. Increasing numbers progress on to one of the many higher education programmes at the college’s own University Centre.

In addition to full-time courses, the college offers a wide range of part-time, apprenticeship and business-led courses, all delivered by a team of friendly and vocationally experienced staff.

Specialist areas

- Art, Design and Performing Arts
- Engineering and Motor Vehicle
- Business and IT
- Health and Social Care
- Childcare, Education and Counselling
- Travel and Tourism
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Skills for Life and ESOL
- 14-16 provision
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It also provides highly effective post-16 progression for many students from inner-city Leeds.

Notre Dame offers courses in more than 30 A-level subjects, GCSEs and a variety of vocational courses, and enjoys very high levels of examination success. The pass rate at A-level is approaching 99%, and at AS-level is more than 90%. The achievement rate for vocational courses at Levels 2 and 3 is outstanding.

The college has a strong tradition of excellent pastoral care for students, and offers an outstanding range of enrichment activities. More than 500 students progress to university each year, and this number continues to rise.

Specialist areas

- A-level and AS-level provision across a wide curriculum portfolio
- Applied courses in Business, Science, Health and Social Care, Sport and ICT
- Extensive enhancement opportunities
- Philosophy, Theology and Ethics provision for all students at Levels 2 and 3
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The college continues to invest in new facilities, which include the Wentworth Building, beauty salons and nail bar, and a science lab and hospital room.

In addition there are new workshops for theatre production, media make-up, motor vehicle and construction and engineering, and students are also able to benefit from the Roland Music Academy and a purpose-built farm.

Commercial training solutions are available to businesses, with a choice of more than 2,000 courses. Growing partnerships with major organisations including Rotherham United FC and global make-up experts Illamasqua mean that it’s an exciting time to join the college.

Specialist areas

- Performing Arts, Art and Design
- Catering and Hospitality
- Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy
- Business, Management and Computing
- Childcare and Care
- Health and Science
- Humanities, Languages and Communications
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Its A-Level and vocational course results place it among the best of all education and training providers in England.

The college has more than 6,500 full-time and part-time learners, including over 150 studying higher education courses in association with the University of Hull and Huddersfield University.

It is a leading provider of workforce development programmes, including apprenticeships, and specialises in support for the power engineering and health care sectors.

The college has invested more than £35 million in an entirely new campus.

Specialist areas

- Power Sector Engineering and Construction Skills Training
- Healthcare, Sector Workforce Training and Development
- Music Technology, Media and Performing Arts Academy
- A-Levels across 23 different subject areas
- Hospitality and Catering Academy
- Vocational courses
- Specialist 14-16 provision
- Apprenticeships
- Foundation degrees
- Distance and flexible learning courses
The Sheffield College offers part-time and full-time academic and vocational courses for young people and adults at four main campuses. As the largest training provider in the city, it attracts 20,000 students annually.

The college has a national and award-winning reputation for enterprise education, with advice, support and mentoring available to all students. The curriculum offer includes foundation degrees, A-levels, access courses, vocational diplomas, GCSEs and foundation level courses.

Vocational facilities are among the best in the region and include the £65m Sheffield City College. About 850 apprentices train with the college at any one time, and 500 employers support the apprenticeship programme.

Strategic partnerships include working with the NHS to train apprentices, health care assistants and hospital support staff. The unemployed are helped to find work through training tailored to local employers’ needs, or progress to self-employment via business start-up courses.

**Specialist areas**

- Built Environment
- Business and Enterprise
- Catering and Hospitality
- Childcare and Health and Social Care
- Construction
- Creative Industries including Media and Photojournalism
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Science including Animal Care and Dentistry
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism/Uniformed Public Services

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Shipley College is a welcoming, successful institution with support for learners, employers, and equality and diversity all rated as good by Ofsted in 2010.

Based in the World Heritage Site of Saltaire, it has some of the most remarkable estate in the country and plays host to a number of yearly events including Saltaire Festival and the Saltaire Arts Trail.

The college offers a range of full-time courses and apprenticeships for young people and part-time courses for both vocational training and leisure pursuits.

It has an excellent local reputation for delivering high-quality, flexible training for employers. Strong links have also been developed with community centres in North Bradford to provide additional, local venues for students.

Shipley College welcomes school-leavers, mature students and businesses to share in its success and make the most of their potential by becoming part of the college community.

Specialist areas

- Art and Design
- Business and IT (inc hardware and software)
- Children’s Care, Learning and Development
- Health and Social Care
- Horticulture, Gardening and Floristry
- Media and Games Development
- Sport, Coaching and Football Development
- Travel and Tourism
- Foundation Learning (including Basic Skills and ESOL)
- Lifestyle and leisure programmes for adults

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Thomas Rotherham College has 1,500 full-time 16 to 18-year-old students mainly enrolled on Level 3 academic programmes, but with a growing number of BTEC alternatives in subjects where A-levels are offered. It has a Level 2 programme with progression lines internally and externally to Level 3, and also offers a small-scale apprenticeship programme.

The sports centre is open to public membership and gives adults the opportunity to enrol for recreational activities including foreign language classes.

The college combines up-to-date facilities with an impressive site dating back to the late 19th century, providing an inspiring setting for study and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

It has a strong ethos of student support, both pastoral and curricular, and a track record of helping students to secure progression to competitive higher education courses (including 29 Oxbridge offers in six years), prestigious apprenticeships and high-quality employment.

**Specialist areas**

- Psychology, Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Languages, Literature and Culture
- Arts and Media
- Sport
- Business and Law
- Social Sciences
- Information and Communication Technology
- History, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- Health Care
- Environmental Studies

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Wakefield College has provided education and training in Wakefield and its surrounding area for almost 150 years. It is the only general further education college located in the Wakefield District and offers learning in a wide range of subjects at all levels from pre-entry to degree.

Each campus has particular specialisms from construction at Castleford and music and sport at Thornes Park to A-levels at the Wakefield City Sixth Form Centre. All campuses offer high-quality facilities to support learning and make the college experience an enjoyable one.

The Services to Business team is based at the Wakefield City Campus and delivers bespoke training to employers as well as leading on the college’s highly successful apprenticeship programme. The college also works with schools to provide programmes for a significant number of 14 to 16-year-old students.

Specialist areas

- Sixth Form Centre
- Games Development and Media
- Athlete Development Programme
- Engineering and Construction
- Apprenticeships
- Adult learning opportunities
- Children’s University
- Performing Arts
- Higher education
- Training for businesses

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York College is the largest provider of A-level and vocational programmes for 16 to 19-year-olds in the region. It offers more than 40 A-level subjects and in excess of 80 vocational programmes.

The college has several state-of-the-art facilities including the Alan Ayckbourn Theatre, Ashfields restaurant, a spa and nail bar, a 3G sports pitch and multi-use games area, engineering and construction workshops, art and design studios and a three-floor learning centre equipped with the latest technology.

It has consistently maintained a high standard of achievement due to the finest quality teaching and learning. This is underpinned by a strong pastoral and support system focusing on the individual needs of students.

The college also provides higher education programmes including honours degrees, foundation degrees and professional qualifications such as AAT Level 4.

Specialist areas

- More than 40 A-level subjects
- More than 80 vocational courses
- Many higher education programmes
- Huge range of adult learning classes
- Dedicated business development unit
- Ongoing international programme
- Football, Rugby and Basketball Development Centre

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Yorkshire Coast College is located in the heart of Scarborough and serves individuals and employers in the town, across the North York Moors and from neighbouring coastal communities including Whitby and Filey.

It is part of the Grimsby Institute Group and provides further education opportunities for all ages from 14 upwards.

Specialist provision is available for learners requiring additional support, and there is a small number of higher education programmes.

Learners are at the heart of everything the college has to offer; from unrivalled teaching and social facilities to outstanding support and learning resources.

Its mission is “to deliver accessible high-quality education and training to all our communities”.

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**Specialist areas**

- Further education 16-18
- Further education 19+
- Higher education
- Apprenticeships
- Creative Arts
- Aura – Hair and Beauty Salon
- Fledglings Restaurant
- The Underground – Music Department
- Costume Design
- Motor Sport

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