

Key Facts

TELFORD COLLEGE
of Arts and Technology



Strength

- Every year the College recruits in excess of 17,000 students
- Over 10,000 students are taught on employers' premises every year
- The College, with an annual turnover of £27M, is the largest provider of further education in Shropshire
- The College employs over 800 highly skilled people
- The College is committed to achieving its objectives through partnership working
- The College has a retention rate across the board of 92%
- The College's Sports Academy is in its fifth year, and each year goes from strength to strength working alongside the council and community, and is at the forefront of national best practice

Mission Statement

"To meet the needs and aspirations of individuals, communities and employers for high quality vocational and adult learning"

Success

- The College is one of a small number nationally to be graded as "Outstanding" in all categories by Ofsted
- Overall student success rates at Telford College are 88% which places it as one of the highest performing colleges in the country
- The College is recognised as a Learning and Skills Beacon College
- The College has won more national awards for the quality of its provision than any college in the United Kingdom
- David Sherlock - Chief Inspector of the Adult Learning Inspectorate named Telford College as one of the "best of the best" in his annual report in 2006
- 2,278 students gained qualifications in basic literacy and numeracy, a success rate of 95%
- The College is the only further education college nationwide to have a Super Dome as part of its superb sports facilities
- Each year the College holds TCAT Celebrates where we enjoy the successful achievements of students and staff

Skills

- The College specialises in providing vocational education
- The College is a Centre of Vocational Excellence in Engineering
- The College is the largest and most successful provider of training on employer premises in the United Kingdom
- Over 200 students annually gain higher level professional qualifications and foundation degrees at the College
- Over 1,000 pre-16 learners access the College each year for vocational qualifications

Social Mobility

- 51% of College students come from electoral wards with a historically low participation rate in Further Education
- The proportion of enrolments from ethnic minority groups exceeds that of the community profile
- 10% of the College's students are less than 21 years old
- The average age of a student at the College is 32
- 94% of our students attend part-time
- The College provides training on over 800 companies premises nationwide

Learning Resources

- The College has outstanding resources to facilitate high quality learning
- Over £23M has been invested in improving the learning environment in the past decade
- The Super Dome, in conjunction with Telford and Wrekin Council, provides football for players of all ages in the Telford Area
- The College invested more than £2 million in technology and equipment in the Engineering Centre of Vocational Excellence and it was noted in the Ofsted report that it had outstanding provision including significant expansion in achievement of level three qualifications

Citizenship and Sustainability

- The College is committed to playing a leading role in the life of its local community
- Staff and students have raised over £20K to support the Severn Hospice
- The College is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles and this is reflected in the curriculum enrichment programme and the health promoting strategy
- The College has an extensive Learner Involvement Strategy which encourages all of our students to shape the College's processes and procedures



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