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¹ Please note that the information on the colleges included in this annex relates to the point at which the review was undertaken. No updates have been made to reflect subsequent developments or appointments since the completion of the review.

Birkenhead Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Wirral

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Kathryn Podmore

Corporation Chair: Lyn Eaton

Main offer includes:

A broad sixth-form curriculum of A level and AS subjects as well as a range of technical level 3 provision. Additionally, some BTEC level 2 technical courses are offered

Details of the college offer can be reviewed on the [Birkenhead Sixth Form College](#) website

Specialisms:

Students are able to undertake mixed programmes of technical education courses alongside A levels. Provision includes an art foundation programme

Partnerships:

The college has established a multi-academy trust (Wirral Academy Trust) which it is a member and sponsor of. The trust includes one academy: The Birkenhead Park School

A partnership with the University of Liverpool is well established to deliver a foundation programme in health and veterinary studies

The college works with a range of employers to enhance curriculum delivery and provide enrichment opportunities. They also work with 'Inspiring the Future', an organisation which links professionals from a range of businesses with educational institutions

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £7,279,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [December 2012](#) and was assessed as good

Carmel Sixth Form College

Type: Catholic sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in St Helens

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Mike Hill

Corporation Chair: Donal McCormack

Main offer includes:

Carmel Sixth Form College offers a range of provision from pre-entry to level 5. The majority of provision is at level 3, covering A levels and general technical qualifications

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Carmel Sixth Form College](#) website

Specialisms:

As a Catholic sixth-form, the college aims to develop students' understanding and awareness of social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues

The college offers higher education (HE) provision, predominantly in science and engineering subjects

Partnerships:

The college has partnerships with the universities of Liverpool and Salford and works with a range of employers, particularly in sport and medical sectors. Other active partnerships include membership of the Association of Catholic Sixth Form Colleges, the Maple Group of Colleges and North West Sixth Form Colleges

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £10,406,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [July 2007](#) and was assessed as outstanding

City of Liverpool College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Liverpool

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Elaine Bowker

Corporation Chair: Peter Grieve

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas, from entry level to level 7. The offer includes apprenticeships, classroom based technical provision and A levels in a range of subjects

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [City of Liverpool College](#) website

Specialisms:

Specialist areas include ICT, computing and digital, childcare and education, motor vehicle engineering, hospitality and catering, engineering, creative and performing arts, access to HE, health and social care and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL). Work for large employers strongly aligned to key priority sectors including logistics, digital, health and social care, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and visitor economy

Partnerships:

The college owns an independent training provider First4Skills which it acquired from administration. The college has established a shared services company, Shared Educational Services Limited (SharEd), which aims to deliver significant efficiencies and provides the opportunity to realise significant savings and improved services to other providers

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £63,827,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [November 2015](#) and was assessed as requires improvement

Notice of concern:

The college is subject to a [notice of concern for financial health](#) issued by the Skills Funding Agency

Hugh Baird College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Bootle in the borough of Sefton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Yana Williams

Corporation Chair: James Brown

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas including apprenticeships, employer-led learning and higher education. The college also offers some 14 to 16 provision.

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Hugh Baird College](#) website

Specialisms:

Specialist areas within the HE offer include a visual merchandising programme at foundation degree and a BA “top-up” level and a foundation degree in festival management. Through its Port Academy Liverpool initiative, the college is developing a particular specialism around maritime engineering. The college has a number of high needs places

Partnerships:

The college works with Liverpool John Moores University and is in the process of formalising this partnership. They also have a partnership with Colossal Training Limited, a Blackpool based independent training provider, supporting growth of the maritime economy

The college works with Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council and is involved in work to support the regeneration of Bootle

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £19,159,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [February 2015](#) and was assessed as good

King George V College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is located close to the centre of Southport in the borough of Sefton, Merseyside

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Anne-Marie Francis

Corporation Chair: Julian McInerney

Main offer includes:

The college offers a wide range of A level subjects alongside a smaller number of BTEC extended diplomas and subsidiary diplomas. An increasing number of mixed programmes consisting of A levels and subsidiary diplomas are offered

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [King George V College](#) website

Specialisms:

The college specialises in level 3 academic provision. Particular areas of specialism include ancient history and classical civilisation and geology

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £4,859,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [December 2015](#) and was assessed as requires improvement

Notice of concern:

The college is subject to a financial [notice to improve](#) from the Education Funding Agency

Knowsley Community College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Knowsley

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Anne Pryer

Corporation Chair: Mark Flinn

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas including apprenticeships, employer-led learning and higher education

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Knowsley Community College](#) website

Specialisms:

The college plans to grow its HE and access to HE for adults to allow progression through to HNC/HND. The college has, together with St Helens College, established a Northern Logistics Academy. The college has a number of high needs places

Partnerships:

The college has developed partnerships to deliver niche and specialist provision to meet employer need and to enable a multi-partner approach to meeting skills needs across Liverpool City Region

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £14,926,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [March 2016](#) and was assessed as requiring improvement

Notice of concern:

The college is subject to a [notice of concern for financial health](#) issued by the Skills Funding Agency

Riverside College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in the borough of Halton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Mary Murphy

Corporation Chair: Alan Bennett

Main offer includes:

The college offers 16-18 study programmes, adult learning programmes, apprenticeships, provision for learners with high needs, traineeships and higher education. The most significant departments are engineering; health and social care; and mathematics and science. The college has a broad A level offer which is delivered at its specialist sixth-form college at Cronton

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Riverside College](#) website

Specialisms:

The college has had substantial growth in A level and apprenticeship provision over recent years. In partnership with Warrington and Halton NHS Trust and Chester University, the college has developed a unique programme for patient support assistants

Partnerships:

The college works with a wide range of employers across the Liverpool City Region

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £22,293,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [September 2015](#) and was assessed as good

Southport College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in the metropolitan borough of Sefton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: John Clarke

Corporation Chair: John Fell

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. The offer is wholly technical education and includes apprenticeships and classroom based provision. The college has a small number of high needs places

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Southport College](#) website

Partnerships:

In relation to its higher education offer, the college works in partnership with the University of Central Lancashire, the University of Chester and the University of Cumbria. The college has formed a collaborative partnership with the main post-16 providers in the Sefton area

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £11,904,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [April 2016](#) and was assessed as good

South Sefton College

Type: Foundation sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Litherland in the metropolitan borough of Sefton

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Dr Frank McCann

Corporation Chair: Judith Simmons

Main offer includes:

South Sefton College is a 16 to 18 school, established by the local authority in 2009 when 7 local schools were brought together in a partnership to have South Sefton College as their sixth-form. All sixth-form students follow level 3 programmes of study

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [South Sefton College](#) website

Partnerships:

The 4 Sefton colleges have agreed to merge following an Association of Colleges Create recommendation from a review commissioned by them

The college receives funding from:

The college is currently maintained by the local authority

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the college's total income was: £2,626,116

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [September 2011](#) and was assessed as good. The college was re-inspected shortly after the end of the review in [November 2016](#) and assessed as requires improvement

St Helens College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in the metropolitan borough of St Helens

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Jette Burford

Corporation Chair: Roy Clarke

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. The offer is mainly technical education and includes apprenticeships and class room based provision and a small number of A level places. The college has a small number of high needs places

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [St Helens College](#) website

Specialisms:

- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with an emphasis on engineering and higher technical courses
- business, management and professional logistics – including levels 4 and 5
- health and social care – including levels 4 and 5

Partnerships:

The college has several key partnerships:

- Waterside training which is a joint venture apprentice training company with NSG Group (Pilkington Glass)
- the Northern Logistics Academy – a joint venture with Knowsley College
- a partnership with Future Energy to create a smart meter training academy
- a digital skills partnership with O2

Higher education partners are Chester University, University of Central Lancashire, Sheffield Hallam University and Liverpool John Moores University

The college is the sponsor of Sutton Academy providing some back office services in finance and HR and guidance within the governing body

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £25,791,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [February 2014](#) and was assessed as good

Wirral Metropolitan College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Wirral

Local Enterprise Partnership: Liverpool City Region LEP

Principal: Sue Higginson

Corporation Chair: David Clark

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. The offer is mainly technical education and includes apprenticeships and class room based provision and higher education. The college has a number of high needs places

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on [Wirral Metropolitan College](#) website

Specialisms:

The college has developed specialist provision in a range of subjects and provides specialist provision for learners with complex learning needs

Partnerships:

The college has strong partnerships with employers and university partners in the areas of health, science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and is a specialist provider of trade union education, on behalf of the TUC, for Merseyside

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £22,184,000

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [December 2015](#) and was assessed as requires improvement



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