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Cumbria Area Review

College annex

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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.

Barrow Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria

Local Enterprise Partnership: Cumbria

Principal: David Batten

Corporation Chair: Mike Phipps

Main offer includes:

Barrow Sixth Form College has now merged with Furness College as of 1 August 2016. The sixth-form brand has been retained by Furness College in order to provide continuity to its A level offer and to retain the sixth-form ethos which is highly regarded by stakeholders

The college maintains a broad sixth-form curriculum of 27 A levels and 3 GCSEs. It also offers a level 3 programme of Cambridge Technicals (technical alternative to A Level) in subjects including business, health and social care, ICT, science and performing arts. Moreover, 6 Cambridge Technicals at level 2 are offered. 90% of students study at level 3 and 10% study at level 2. The top 3 sector subject areas in 2014 to 2015 were: science and mathematics (43.6%); business administration and law (29.7%); and languages, literature and culture (15.2%)

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

Specialisms:

Law

Sciences

Dance, Performing Arts

English Language

Sport and PE

Partnerships:

The college retains a strong partnership with Beaumont College, a college for individuals with learning difficulties and disabilities, based in Lancaster.

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £3,977,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Carlisle College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in the north of Cumbria

Local Enterprise Partnership: Cumbria

Principal: Elaine Price

Corporation Chair: David Carter

Main offer includes:

The college offers predominantly technical education and training. The range on offer is from pre-entry to higher education covering both classroom based learning and apprenticeships and advanced apprenticeships. Key areas of apprenticeship delivery are health and social care, engineering, professional services and construction. The broad curriculum offer reflects the diversity of the Carlisle district employment base. The curriculum covers 14 out of the 15 subject sector areas with the exception of horticulture and agriculture which are covered by Newton Rigg College some 20 miles away, which is a specialist land based provider

The higher education offer provides specific skills for local employers in engineering, business management, computing and teacher training

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

Specialisms:

The college has specialist arts resources with a new arts complex opened in 2014

Other specialist areas include engineering with the college setting up an advanced manufacturing centre (food and drink) and professional services, in particular AAT accounting, business and computing

Partnerships:

The college is a member of the Carlisle secondary learning consortium

Skills development partnership with Stobart Group and Carlisle airport

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: £12,562m

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [December 2009](#) and was assessed as good

Furness College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria

Local Enterprise Partnership: Cumbria

Principal: Andrew Wren

Corporation Chair: John Butler

Main offer includes:

Furness College has now merged with Barrow Sixth Form College as of 1 August 2016. The merged college retains the name of Furness College and the sixth-form brand has been retained by Furness College in order to provide continuity to its A level offer and to retain the sixth-form ethos which is highly regarded by stakeholders

The college curriculum covers all technical education areas outside of horticulture and agriculture and current provision extends from entry level through to level 6. The college's largest curriculum areas are engineering and manufacturing technologies, health, public sector and care

The college delivers apprenticeships across 20 different frameworks

The college works in close collaboration with BAE Systems in the delivery of their apprenticeship programme

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

Specialisms:

Engineering and advanced technology

Partnerships:

The college is a key member of:

The Furness Education and Skills Partnership linking business and education in south Cumbria

The National Forum for Engineering looking at quality education and training in engineering

The National Skills Academy for Nuclear

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: £14,244m

Ofsted inspections:

The college was inspected in [March 2015](#) when it was assessed as good

Kendal College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is situated in South Lakeland on the edge of the Lake District National Park

Local Enterprise Partnership: Cumbria

Principal: Graham Wilkinson

Corporation Chair: Cath Dutton

Main offer includes:

The college offers a broad curriculum, embracing all technical education areas, with the exception of land based provision and has an expanding A level offer

The college particularly focuses on 6 sector skills areas, namely:

arts, media and publishing

health, public services and care

hospitality, retail and commercial enterprise

construction, planning and the built environment

information and communication technology

business, administration and law

The college offers over 32 apprentice pathways available locally and regionally

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

Specialisms:

Biologistics and biopharmaceuticals

Health and social care

Hospitality and catering

Partnerships:

The college offers HE programmes partnered with the University of Central Lancashire and the University of Cumbria. A new relationship is developing in life sciences with the University of Teesside

South Lakes Federation including 12 secondary schools and the University of Cumbria

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: £9,819m

Ofsted inspections:

The college was last inspected in [November 2010](#) and was assessed as outstanding

Lakes College West Cumbria

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is located at Lillyhall, West Cumbria, between the towns of Workington and Whitehaven

Local Enterprise Partnership: Cumbria

Principal: Chris Nattress

Corporation Chair: Mark Stranger

Main offer includes:

The college offers a broad curriculum across all technical education areas with the exception of agriculture and horticulture

The largest sector subject areas are health and social care, childcare, engineering and manufacturing technologies, and construction and civil engineering

Apprenticeships are available in a wide range of subject areas including construction, engineering, health and social care, childcare, business and IT, with the largest current provision within the health and social care sector

Higher education is offered as a progression route across many of the curriculum delivery areas, particularly engineering with a substantial number of learners being employer-sponsored part-time students

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

Specialisms:

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), working closely with the nuclear sector

Care

Heavy civil engineering

Partnerships:

National Nuclear College, including development of the northern hub

University of Cumbria

Sport England

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: £13,416m

Ofsted inspections:

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



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