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# **Sheffield City Region Area Review**

**College annex**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

# Sheffield College

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** College estate is located in Sheffield. It was formed by the merger of 6 FE colleges in 1993. Currently, its campuses are city campus (in the city centre, formerly Castle College), Hillsborough campus (which replaced Loxley College in Stannington, and Parson Cross College in 2005), Olive Grove campus and Peaks campus. The college has recently sold another campus at Norton

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Paul Corcoran (Chief Executive) and Heather Smith (Principal)

**Corporation Chair:** Richard Wright MBE

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults from entry level to level 6, including full degrees, covering all subject sector areas. Provision includes A level, GCSE level, community based courses, apprenticeships, employer-led learning and higher education

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

## **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: £54.22m

## **Ofsted inspections:**

[The college was inspected in January 2016](#) and was assessed as requires improvement

# Barnsley College

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** College estate is located in Barnsley, serving Barnsley and surrounding areas of South Yorkshire. The college is the main provider of post-16 education in Barnsley Metropolitan Borough and the destination for around 80% of school leavers in the town

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Chris Webb

**Corporation Chair:** Simon Perryman

## **Main offer includes:**

The college provides a broad range of provision covering all areas of learning; including programmes for 14 to 16 year olds; 16 to 18 year olds and adults. The offer covers both academic and technical courses. Nine departments offer apprenticeship programmes: construction; engineering; land based industries; catering, hospitality and tourism; business and management; hair and beauty; early years and care; sports and public services and fashion, arts, media and entertainment. The college also delivers a range of programmes for unemployed individuals with the aim of supporting them back to work

The college is in discussion with universities to deliver degree apprenticeships

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college's apprenticeship programme is regarded by the college as their flagship with a growth in higher level apprenticeships at the university campus

## **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: £41.7m

## **Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Chesterfield College

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** College estate is located in Chesterfield. Chesterfield College is a large general further education college, formed by the merger in 1984 of Chesterfield Art College and Chesterfield College of Technology, before becoming Chesterfield College. In 2003 the college also took over North East Derbyshire Tertiary College in Clowne

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Stuart Cutforth

**Corporation Chair:** Frank Smith OBE

## **Main offer includes:**

Chesterfield College offers provision for both 16 to 18 and adult learners in 14 of the 15 sector subject areas with the exception being land based provision. The college offers over 700 courses, catering for a wide range of learners including foundation courses, A levels, 40 apprenticeship frameworks, technical (work related) qualifications, diplomas and degrees

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college's specialisms include:

- creative arts and media
- public services
- sport
- foundation studies
- engineering and motor vehicle
- apprenticeship provision in all areas – both technical frameworks and across the service sector

## **Partnerships:**

The college currently has an apprenticeship training agency arrangement with Derbyshire County Council (with over 100 apprentices)

## **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: £40.4m

**Ofsted inspections:**

[The college was inspected in October 2013](#) and was assessed good

# Doncaster College

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** College estate is located in Doncaster. Doncaster College is the only general further education and higher education college in the Metropolitan Borough of Doncaster, in South Yorkshire

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** George Trow

**Corporation Chair:** Paul Pascoe

## **Main offer includes:**

The curriculum is entirely technical (acknowledging that of the 17 secondary schools in the Borough, all are now academies)

The key areas of the technical curriculum are STEM, creative and performing arts, service industries (hospitality, retail, hair and beauty, HSC, childcare, floristry, sport and public services), land based courses, English, maths and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), life skills and sports academy (levels 1 to 3). The college offers 26 apprenticeship frameworks across all disciplines and higher education courses in humanities education and social sciences, art, business enterprise and sport, and in STEM (about 1,000 students funded directly by HEFCE), validated by Hull University

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

## **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: £30.69m

## **Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Dearne Valley College

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** College estate is located in Dearne Valley. Until recently provision was substantially on 2 sites: the larger campus at Manvers Park and the smaller site established in the centre of Wath-upon-Deerne. The latter has now been closed

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Martin Harrison

**Corporation Chair:** Vicky Martin

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers technical provision for young people, provision for adults including unemployed individuals, apprenticeships, schools links provision for 14 to 16 year olds and higher education. The most significant curriculum areas are health, public services and care; construction; hospitality and catering, sport and leisure, travel and tourism; hair and beauty; preparation for life and work, foundation learning, the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT), English, maths and ICT

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

## **Specialisms:**

Sports provision

## **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: £12.5m

## **Ofsted inspections:**

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



# The RNN Group

**Type:** College of general and further education

**Location:** The RNN Group is a large general and further education college formed from the recent merger between Rotherham College of Arts and Technology and North Nottinghamshire College (1st Feb 2016). The combined college estate is located in North Nottinghamshire, one main site in Worksop, and 3 main sites in/near Rotherham - Town Centre Campus in Rotherham, Dinnington Campus (in the East of the Borough) and Rawmarsh Road Rotherham, which is focused on the construction trades

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** John Connolly

**Corporation Chair:** Ken Barrass

## **Main offer includes:**

The combined college (North Nottinghamshire and Rotherham College of Arts and Technology) provides a broad range of provision covering all areas of learning: including programmes for 16 to 18 year olds and adults; provision for unemployed individuals; young people not in education, employment or training (NEET); learners with learning difficulties/disabilities; access to higher education; and higher education courses including an expanding range of HNC and HND awards and degrees. Their offer covers both academic and technical courses including a wide range of apprenticeship standards

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

## **Specialisms:**

North Nottinghamshire College: The National Fluid Power Centre (National Specialism) provides an industry led range of full cost programmes in hydraulics, pneumatics and electro-hydraulic control and automation and is recognised within the industry as a national centre of excellence, is accredited to ISO9001-2008, and has recently entered a submission for a Queen's Award for sustainability

Rotherham College of Arts and Technology: The college has a strong reputation in accounting. The higher education provision has grown by around 40% in 3 years and the £3m Engineering Centre of Excellence trains over 600 learners per year, covering level 1 to level 6, including 150 apprenticeships

## **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: £46.1m

**Ofsted inspections:**

[Rotherham College was inspected in May 2013](#) and was assessed as good

[North Nottinghamshire College was inspected in December 2012](#) and was assessed as good

# Longley Park Sixth Form College

**Type:** Sixth-form college

**Location:** College estate is situated in the north of Sheffield. The college was founded in 2004 specifically to serve the immediate area and to raise aspirations with particular reference to higher level qualifications and entry to university. Over 75% of students live within 2 miles of the college

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Mo Nisbet

**Corporation Chair:** Cath Orange

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers provision in the following 11 out of 15 sector subject areas. The college offers both academic and technical provision. In 2014 to 2015, 71% of all students had a technical programme as a core aim. The college's AS / A2 offer is narrower than most sixth-form colleges, 19 AS and A2 subjects are offered and recruited to. It is common for a Longley Park Sixth Form College student to blend academic and technical provision with a high proportion of students studying BTEC courses alongside A levels

The college does not offer apprenticeship programmes and there are no immediate plans relating to higher education provision

The college does hold a relatively small Skills Funding Agency adult skills budget, but this relates to 19+ learners following sixth-form provision. Adult classes are not offered either on campus or in the community by the college

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college has identified the following specialisms:

- A level provision
- Health & care
- Creative arts & media
- Core English & mathematics

## **The college receives funding from:**

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £6.36m

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Thomas Rotherham College

**Type:** Sixth-form college

**Location:** College estate is located in Rotherham serving Rotherham and the surrounding areas of South Yorkshire. The majority of students (68%) are Rotherham residents. The second largest group of students (18%) are from Sheffield and Barnsley (8%). The remaining students are from Doncaster, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** Sheffield City Region

**Principal:** Dr Richard Williams

**Corporation Chair:** Paul Jagger MBE

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers a wide sixth-form curriculum. In 2015 to 2016, 94% of learners study at level 3. They select from 32 AS and A2 subjects, 8 BTEC certificates, 8 BTEC subsidiary diplomas, 4 BTEC diplomas and 1 extended diploma. 6% of learners are studying on a level 2 programme of study in the current academic year, 2015 to 2016. They select from 6 GCSE subjects and the use of maths, personal finance, and the diploma in personal training and the award in nutrition for healthy living

The percentage of learners having a technical element to their programme of study has increased significantly over recent years. Blended academic and technical programmes are becoming more common

There is a very small apprenticeship offer and senior leaders are in discussion with Sheffield Hallam University about the possibility of offering a level 4 in sport programme from 2017

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

## **Specialisms:**

Senior leaders at the college believe the following are outstanding: economics, history, modern foreign languages, further mathematics, GCSE mathematics, art, PE, childcare and health and social care

## **The college receives funding from:**

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £6.90m

**Ofsted inspections:**

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



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