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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.

# Bishop Auckland College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based across 2 campuses. The main site is in Bishop Auckland within the local authority of County Durham

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Natalie Davison-Terranova

**Corporation Chair:** Pamela Petty

## **Main offer includes:**

Bishop Auckland College offers qualifications from entry level to higher education across a range of curriculum areas, the largest of which are childcare, health and social care, technology, engineering and sport, matching closely the local labour market and emerging areas. South West Durham Training, the college's specialist subsidiary company, offers training for the engineering and manufacturing sectors

The college offers specialist provision for particular groups of learners including learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs), access programmes for adults looking to return to learning and community based employability programmes for long-term unemployed adults. The college was successful in its application for a direct Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) contract and is now in its third year of delivery but also offers franchised provision from the University of Sunderland

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college has the following specialisms:

Apprenticeships - identified as an outstanding feature in their April 2016 Ofsted inspection

Adult employability and community programmes - identified as an outstanding feature in their April 2016 Ofsted inspection

Engineering and manufacturing - delivered through their subsidiary company, South West Durham Training, which was graded outstanding by Ofsted in July 2014

Health and social care

Teacher training

Counselling

Preparation for life and work (foundation learning)

Plumbing and gas

Sport and public services

**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 £13,689,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Derwentside College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in Consett within the local authority of County Durham

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Karen Redhead

**Corporation Chair:** Tony Edwards

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers classroom based technical programmes from entry level to level 4. The college delivers courses in areas that support local and regional priorities, including significant provision in health and social care, engineering, hospitality and catering, construction, business administration management and preparation for life and work. The college specialises in delivery of apprenticeships with the largest volume of apprenticeships in the North East and delivers across 7 sector subject areas, health, public services and care, engineering and manufacturing technologies, construction, planning and the built environment, information and communication technology, retail and commercial enterprise, education and training and business, administration and law. The college also delivers a significant volume of employability programmes in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus, including sector based work academies

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college's apprenticeship business model is based on outstanding employer engagement and business development, a high quality delivery model and the effective use of ILT and e-learning

The college has developed a range of traineeship programmes in collaboration with significant regional employers including Nissan, Calsonic, Unipress and County Durham and Darlington NHS Trust

The college also has a strong focus on provision for the long term unemployed delivering employability programmes in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus, including sector based work academies

## **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 £13,181,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# East Durham College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based across 3 sites. The main site is in Peterlee within the local authority of County Durham

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Suzanne Duncan

**Corporation Chair:** David Butler

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers provision in all 15 sector subject areas (including land based) from entry level with progression routes to level 3 in all subject areas and to level 4 in care and early years, sport, hair and beauty, performing arts and initial teacher training. The University of Sunderland validates the college's level 4 foundation degree offer. Apprenticeships are offered in the following occupational areas – engineering and manufacturing, construction, land based (horticulture, equine, floristry), business administration and hairdressing. Traineeships are offered in engineering, construction, horticulture and retail

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

## **Specialisms:**

Land based occupations (equine, agriculture, horticulture, animal science, floristry, arboriculture) - foundation to level 3 offer, including apprenticeships. Level 4 offer planned

Sport – level 2 to level 4 offer, specialist academies in football, boxing, rugby and dance

Health Care and Early Years - level 2 to level 4 offer

Engineering – level 2 to level 4 offer (for September 2016), including apprenticeships and higher apprenticeships

Hairdressing and barbering – level 1 to 4 offer, including apprenticeships

Foundation – including specialist autism provision

14 to 16 delivery – co-sponsorship of the Apollo Studio Academy and direct recruitment

## **Partnerships:**

East Durham College is a co-sponsor of Apollo Studio Academy (14 to 19)

**The college receives funding from:**

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was £18,176,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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



# Gateshead College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based across 6 delivery sites. The main site being at the centre of the Baltic Business Quarter in Gateshead

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Judith Doyle

**Corporation Chair:** Robin Mackie

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers a range of provision from entry level to higher level and degree programmes, with the focus primarily on technical provision and apprenticeships but also an academic A level offer. Specialist provision is developed for particular groups of learners including learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities, young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs), access programmes for adults looking to return to learning, and sector based work academies to move the unemployed into sustainable jobs. The college offers apprenticeships up to and including higher level, covering all available sector subject areas. They have a high degree of specialisation in terms of provision in engineering and manufacturing, including automotive and low carbon technologies, creative and digital technologies, creative arts, sport and leisure, health and care, building services, service industries, hair, beauty and catering and business services

In the following areas, the provision is small in scale and more academically focussed science, humanities and social sciences

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

## **Specialisms:**

- Advanced manufacturing and engineering
- Logistics
- Motor vehicle
- Sport
- Creative and cultural
- Education, health care and childcare
- Provision for learners with high needs
- Catering
- Building Services
- Utilities
- Retail

- Hair and beauty

**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 £44,424,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

The [college was inspected in June 2015](#) and was assessed as outstanding

# New College Durham

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in Durham in the local authority of County Durham

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** John Widdowson

**Corporation Chair:** Gary Ellis

## **Main offer includes:**

GCE A level provision, offering choice to students who prefer not to study in a school environment, alongside an extensive range of technical and professional courses. The further education provision is broadly based delivering across all sector subject areas (SSAs) with the exception of SSA 03 - agriculture, horticulture and animal care. The college also has a more specialised higher education offer where it has developed a range of professional and technical degrees, using its foundation degree awarding powers, to help meet local and regional higher skills needs. These degrees also provide progression pathways for the college's own students, in many cases where those progression pathways are not available in local higher education institutions. The college also offers a range of honours degrees in professional and technical disciplines such as social work, podiatry and business management

Apprenticeships form a growing element of the college offer and are delivered directly by the college as well as in partnership with other organisations. The last 2 years have seen growth in the numbers of higher apprenticeships

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

## **Specialisms:**

Taking into account recruitment and quality indicators, plus the progression opportunities offered by the college to level 4 and above, the college has a particular focus in the following curriculum areas: construction and the built environment, engineering and manufacturing, digital media and design and health and life sciences. All of these areas have progression opportunities for full and part time students to level 4 and above

## **Partnerships:**

The college is lead sponsor for both Consett Academy and North Durham Academy

**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 £43,810,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

The [college was inspected in June 2009](#) and was assessed as outstanding

# Newcastle College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in Newcastle upon Tyne with specialist provision at a range of sites within the North East LEP area

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Tony Lewin

**Corporation Chair:** Jamie Martin OBE

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers technical based provision as a division of NCG. Having recently secured both taught and foundation degree awarding powers the college delivers technical provision from entry level up to level 7 and from age 14 onwards. The college has provision in all except one sector skills area

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college offers a broad range of further education and higher education courses from entry level to level 7 with a strong focus across health, public services and care; retail and commercial enterprise; business administration and law; arts media and publishing; information and communication technology; agriculture, horticulture and animal care; engineering, manufacturing and technology; construction and planning; leisure travel and tourism

The college also has specialist facilities including the aviation academy and the railway academy

## **Partnerships:**

The college is lead sponsor for Newcastle Discovery School

## **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 £58,800,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Newcastle Sixth Form College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in Newcastle upon Tyne

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Gerard Garvey

**Corporation Chair:** Jamie Martin OBE

## **Main offer includes:**

Newcastle Sixth Form College, another division of NCG, delivers a purely academic programme, with the majority at level 3 incorporating an offer of 28 different A level subjects. The scale of provision ensures students are able to undertake a broad range of subject combinations. The college also delivers a level 2 GCSE programme to a small number of students (9% of cohort) as part of a 3-year access to A level study programme

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college specialises in delivery of A level study programmes with the focus being on progression to higher level study which, for the majority of A level students, is progression into higher education

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

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the college's total income was £5,400,000

## **Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Northumberland College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in Ashington, Northumberland, however they have a number of campuses across the county including a specialist land based campus at Kirkley Hall

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Marcus Clinton

**Corporation Chair:** Jacqui Henderson CBE

## **Main offer includes:**

The college works across every sector skill area with an offer from foundation up to level 5 and increasingly level 6 working with university partners. The college has developed new provision in a number of areas for 2016 to 2017, including foundation degrees in event management and working with older adults; a level 6 top-up for the HND in tourism management; a career college for year 12 students specialising in land and tourism and a 5 day HNF and foundation level academy at Kirkley

Plans for 2017 to 2018 include a science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) centre driven curriculum, new level 6 counselling opportunities, higher education options in engineering and new STEM subjects and a level 6 top-up for all new land based foundation degrees. The career college for 14 to 16 year olds will commence fully, offering routes in rural, tourism and hospitality and STEM

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

## **Specialisms:**

Land based provision at Kirkley Hall supporting land based curriculum, leisure via outdoor education and increasingly tourism and hospitality

Wind technology – through the wind hub and renewable technology centre in partnership with the Port of Blyth and BZEE housed in a new facility at the port to train offshore wind turbine service technicians

The college is experiencing a rapid growth in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) students and those attracting high needs funding and with complex needs with the development of a specialist base at Kirkley Hall to expand the offer

Areas graded 1 in the latest self-assessment report are leisure, travel and tourism and arts and media



**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 £18,146,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# South Tyneside College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based in South Shields

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Dr Lindsey Whiterod OBE

**Corporation Chair:** Andrew Watts

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers a mixture of further education and technical provision across 14 sector subject areas from level 1 up to level 7 with good success rates. Apprenticeship provision is delivered at all levels across a number of those same subject areas including business, accountancy, engineering and the creative industries

The college is world-renowned for being a specialist in marine education and training, offering programmes at all levels and across the whole spectrum of marine education and nautical sciences

The college also sponsors a multi-academy trust, which will provide opportunities, following the proposed merger with Tyne Metropolitan College, to expand working with trust partners north and south of the river

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

## **Specialisms:**

The college has an internationally renowned marine school, which delivers programmes ranging from new entrant at level 2 and 3, through progression to higher education programmes at levels 4 and 5 and professional development programmes at levels 5 and 6

The college also has a growing specialism in engineering and advanced manufacturing, which underpins the development with partners of an international advanced manufacturing park. Other areas of specialism include health, public services and care, retail and commercial enterprise and preparation for life and work

## **Partnerships:**

The college sponsors the South Tyneside Academy Trust

**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 £31,236,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Sunderland College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based on 4 campus sites across the city of Sunderland and the adjoining town of Washington including a new city centre campus that opened in September 2016

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Ellen Thinnesen

**Corporation Chair:** Rob Lawson

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers a broad curriculum in 13 of the 15 sector subject areas with a particular focus on provision in sport, ICT and digital, health and social care and provision for high needs students. A recently opened new city centre campus offers mechanical and electrical engineering and manufacturing, motor vehicle engineering, construction industries, travel and tourism, food, hospitality and catering, and hairdressing, beauty therapy and barbering. Apprenticeships are offered to reflect market demand and local regional priorities, particularly in health and social care, digital-IT and advanced manufacturing and engineering. In addition, the college offers frameworks in business, customer services, sales and tele-sales

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

## **Specialisms:**

Sunderland College is currently one of only 4 colleges in the UK allowed to deliver the NextGen skills academy course, which leads directly to level 4 and 5 in games design

The college is the only provider in the area to offer classroom delivery of the General Dental Council (GDC) approved diploma in dental nursing

Provision for learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities was judged to be good by Ofsted in June 2016. The foundation learning programme (FLP) courses support a large proportion of learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities to progress academically at pre entry to level 1

GCE A level provision resulting from the merger of 2 tertiary colleges and further enhanced by the formation of the sixth-form partnerships dating back to 2002, which resulted in strong ties between the college and the 11-16 secondary schools in and around Sunderland. The college, despite growing sixth-form competition, continues to attract large numbers of A level students. In 2015/16, there were 405 AS level and 340 A

level students, studying 33 subjects. The A level pass rate has been 99% for the past 7 years

Access to higher education diplomas - the college successfully runs a large access to higher education programme, preparing students for progression to higher education. The access pathways offered link in particularly with the employment sector and North East LEP skills priority of health and wellbeing, including nursing, education, counselling, health science and social work pathways. The college received external recognition in March 2016, being awarded outstanding commitment to the student experience from One Awards and one of their students won the higher learning higher earning award

Travel and Tourism – Hays Travel Academy places the college in a unique position, linking in with Hays Travel and operating a fully functioning Hays travel agency alongside the Hays Travel Academy, which has seen an increase in HND applications this year

**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 £38,345,000

**Ofsted inspections:**

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

# Tyne Metropolitan College

**Type:** General further education college

**Location:** The college is based on 2 campuses in Wallsend and North Shields in the local authority of North Tyneside

**Local Enterprise Partnership:** North East LEP

**Principal:** Anne-Marie Crozier (Acting)

**Corporation Chair:** Bill Midgley OBE

## **Main offer includes:**

The college offers a broad curriculum across all 15 sector subject areas. Pathways from foundation to level 5 are available in a number of technical areas and support the college's reputation for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) provision, particularly in engineering and sports and health science. Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College campus delivers A level provision alongside a creative industries curriculum (levels 2 to 5) and access to higher education. Apprenticeship provision is responsive to market demand with specialisms in healthcare, leisure and management

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

## **Specialisms:**

The specialist areas identified by the college and judged at the latest self-assessment point are sport, engineering and manufacturing and learners with high support needs. Each of these areas continue to perform well. The college has a number of niche specialisms such as pharmacy, dry-lining and floristry

## **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 £15,343,000

## **Ofsted inspections:**

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



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