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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.

Accrington and Rossendale College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is located just outside the town centre of Accrington, which is in the district of Hyndburn

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Linda Mason

Corporation Chair: Brian Stephenson

Main offer includes:

The college has a technical focus offering provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. Their offer includes classroom based provision and apprenticeships. They also offer higher education provision including access and foundation degrees, HNC and higher apprenticeships

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

Specialisms and Partnerships:

The college's specialisms include hospitality and catering, with a commercially focussed curriculum; construction including higher level provision; digital skills; health, including niche provision in alcohol and substance misuse work, mental health work and counselling; professional and sport

Partnerships:

University of Bolton, Liverpool John Moores University, University of Huddersfield and Buckinghamshire New University, Microsoft, Risual, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, East Lancashire Health 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: £14,893,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Notice of concern:

[The college was issued with a notice of concern](#) in November 2015 following a judgement of inadequate financial health based on the review of their 2015-17 financial plan. As part of the notice, the college have been required to provide their management accounts to the agency on a monthly basis for scrutiny

Blackburn College

Type: General further education college

Location: Blackburn

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Thomas Moore

Corporation Chair: Phil Watson

Main offer includes:

Technical and academic provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. Courses provided include A levels, NVQs, BTECs, and apprenticeships. The college is the largest further education provider of higher education in Lancashire, offering higher national diplomas and degrees up to masters level

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

Specialisms:

The college delivers significant volumes of higher level provision. They have worked with the University of Lancaster for over 20 years and work with a number of other university partners. Specialist areas include science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), supported by a dedicated STEM centre and health and social care with a dedicated centre for health, well-being and society. The college has a regional automotive technology hub

Partnerships:

Lancaster University, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, East Lancashire Hospitals Trust, University of Cumbria, University of Central Lancashire, University of South Wales, Pearson Education

The college also play an active role in a range of business networks in the 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: £44,453,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in November 2007](#) and was assessed as outstanding²

² Blackburn College was inspected in March 2017, shortly after the close of the area review, and was judged as requires improvement

Blackpool and The Fylde College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Blackpool with 4 main campus locations across the Fylde coast

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Bev Robinson

Corporation Chair: Alan Cavill

Main offer includes:

Delivering technical and professional education and training from entry level to level 6 to 16 to 18 year olds and adults. Provision includes apprenticeships, traineeships, 16 to 19 study programmes and higher education

Details about the college offer can be reviewed on the [Blackpool and The Fylde College website](#)

Specialisms and Partnerships:

The college's specialisms include health and social care, with close links with the NHS and social services. Other specialisms are creative and digital, advanced IT and software development, engineering, project management, visitor economy and maritime provision, which includes an industry standard maritime engineering centre. The college is the hub for the National College for Onshore Oil and Gas

The college offers a range of over 60 degree programmes with a focus on employment, working with Lancaster University. The college also plays an active role in a range of business networks in the area and is a member of Blackpool Challenge Board

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: £51,162,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

The Blackpool Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in a single campus, on the borders of Blackpool and Wyre boroughs

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Jill Gray

Corporation Chair: John Boyle

Main offer includes:

The college offers a broad range of academic and technical provision including A levels, BTECs and GCSEs programmes

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

Partnerships:

The college is a designated teaching school and sponsors the Fylde Coast Academy Trust (FCAT), a growing multi academy trust. They have a strong focus on school improvement. The college is a member of Blackpool Challenge and the Blackpool School Improvement Board

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £11,385,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Burnley College

Type: General further education college

Location: Within the town centre of Burnley

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Hugh Bramwell

Corporation Chair: David Meakin

Main offer includes:

A broad range of academic and technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults including A-levels, technical classroom based provision, apprenticeships and higher education

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

Specialisms:

The college's specialisms include engineering, science and advanced manufacturing construction, health and social, digital, sports and tourism, science and technology, energy and finance. The college has its own apprenticeship company, Themis. The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have a campus co-located at the college

Partnerships:

UCLan, Burnley Borough Council, Warrington Borough Council

The college also has partnerships with a range of industry led advisory boards and are a member of Digital Lancashire

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: £24,508,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Cardinal Newman College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Preston

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Nick Burnham

Corporation Chair: Richard A Ainscough

Main offer includes:

A broad range of academic and technical provision at level 3, also offering some provision from pre-entry to level 7

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

Partnerships:

The college is a strategic partner of the Preston based Catholic Teaching Alliance and is a member of the Caxton Group, a collaboration between 4 sixth-form colleges. They also work with Middlesex University to provide higher education in further education. The college is in a formal relationship with Edge Hill University as its School Direct partner

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

[Skills Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £14,550,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Lancaster and Morecambe College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based between Lancaster and Morecambe

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: David Wood

Corporation Chair: Roy Thorpe

Main offer includes:

Technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults with a focus on levels 1 to 3. Their offer includes apprenticeships, classroom based provision and HNDs. The college has a discrete catchment area in the north of the county

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

Specialisms:

The college has particular expertise in high needs provision and has a large proportion of high needs learners. The college tailors its employer faced provision to the predominantly service based economy in the 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: £13,451,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Myerscough College

Type: Specialist land based college

Location: The college is based in the borough of Wyre, near Preston, with satellite campuses across the north west

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Ann Turner

Corporation Chair: Stephen Rigby

Main offer includes:

A specialist land based and sports college with residential provision. They provide technical provision to 16 to 18 year olds and adults. Their offer spans from entry level to masters degrees, and includes apprenticeships

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

Specialisms:

Specialisms include farriery, veterinary nursing, and a masters qualification in arboriculture and urban forestry and sports turf provision. They have a land based technologies and competitive motorsport engineering centre. The college has a large number of high needs learners

Partnerships:

The college is a member of the National Land Based College (NLBC), the virtual college launched in 2016. They work with the University of Central Lancashire in relation to their higher education offer as well as a range of other universities. Other partners include LANDEX, CULTIVA and a number of local authorities

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: £27,757,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Nelson and Colne College

Type: General further education college and tertiary college

Location: Nelson

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Amanda Melton

Corporation Chair: Stephen Barnes

Main offer includes:

Technical and academic provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of sector subject areas. Provision includes apprenticeships, traineeships, 16 to 18 study programme and higher education. In 2016, the college took over the contract for community learning provision across Lancashire county, which it delivers via Lancashire Adult Learning

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

Specialisms:

Areas of specialisation include child, health and social care, science, engineering and manufacturing technologies and languages, literature and culture

Partnerships:

In 2013, the college established Pendle Education Trust, a multi-academy trust incorporating 3 primary schools. The college is developing a consortium of adult learning providers in Lancashire, working with Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council and Blackpool Borough Council. Other partnerships include East Lancashire Hospitals Trust, Burnley Football Club, Lancashire County Council and Pendle Leisure 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: £13,251,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in April 2008](#) and was assessed as outstanding

Preston's College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in Preston

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Lis Smith

Corporation Chair: John Boydell

Main offer includes:

Preston's College offers a broad range of technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults and some provision for 14 to 16 year olds through high school partners. The college offers qualifications ranging from entry level to level 7, including classroom based provision, apprenticeships and higher education

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

Specialisms:

The college's specialisms include dance (up to level 7), aeronautical, mechanical and materials engineering, counselling, health professional (levels 2 to 7), construction, pharmacy and dental nursing. They are also a specialist provider of high needs provision

Partnerships:

University of Central Lancashire, University of Derby, Lancashire Teaching Hospital Trust, Leyland Trucks, Lancashire and City Deal Construction Hub

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: £26,969,000

Ofsted inspections:

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

Runshaw College

Type: General further education college

Location: The college is based in the areas of South Ribble and Chorley in Lancashire

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Simon Partington

Corporation Chair: David Sherliker

Main offer includes:

A range of academic and technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults including a broad selection of A levels, technical classroom based provision, apprenticeships and higher education, ranging from level 1 to level 5

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

Partnerships:

The college works with a range of 11 to 16 and post-16 partners. They also work with the University of Central Lancashire and other higher education institutions

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: £29,262,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in May 2008](#) and was assessed as outstanding

St Mary's College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Blackburn

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Frank Dixon

Corporation Chair: Nick McNeil

Main offer includes:

Academic and technical courses at level 3, including a broad range of A level subjects and BTECs. The college also offers some provision from entry level to level 7. They offer access to learning programmes for adults within the local community. The college runs 3 nurseries for 0 to 4 year olds

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

Partnerships:

The college is part of the Diocese of Salford and works closely with the other colleges within the diocese and also with the Greater Manchester Catholic Collegiate. They work with Liverpool Hope University and University of Central Lancashire to offer degree level programmes

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: £7,023,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in September 2013](#) and was assessed as good³

³ St Mary's College was inspected in March 2017, shortly after the close of the area review, and was judged as requires improvement

Thomas Whitham Sixth Form

Type: Local authority maintained 16 to 19 school

Location: The school is based in Burnley

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Head teacher: Brendan Conboy

Corporation Chair: Mike A Smith

Main offer includes:

A range of academic and technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds including A levels, BTECs and GCSEs

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

The school receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was £1,698,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [school was inspected in March 2016](#) and was assessed as good

West Lancashire College

Type: General further education college and tertiary college

Location: The college is based in Skelmersdale

Local Enterprise Partnership: Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

Principal: Denise Williamson (interim)

Corporation Chair: Les Abernethy

Main offer includes:

Technical provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults, including courses from entry level to level 7. The college offer traineeships, apprenticeships and class room based technical programmes

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

Specialisms:

Performance arts and technologies; transport and logistics; hospitality and catering; nursing; midwifery and social care; and construction and engineering technologies

Partnerships:

The college delivers teacher education in partnership with Edge Hill University and UCLan. They also work with the Digital Advantage project, which provides digital industry skills from industry experts for 16 to 18 year olds. Other partners include Blackburn Rovers and Greenslade Community Farm

The college receives funding from:

The college is funded through the Newcastle College Group. This includes funding from the Skills Funding Agency and Education Funding Agency.

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in May 2016](#) and was assessed as good⁴

⁴ This relates to the inspection of Newcastle College Group as a whole. West Lancashire College was inspected as part of the group and not separately



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