

School of Engineering

Riverside College is highly popular and successful Further Education college located in Widnes. It is situated at the hub of the Mersey Gateway, within easy reach of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester. We currently cater for over 3,900 16-18 students, 2000 adults, 350 Higher Education Students and over 500 Apprentices. We also won Employer of the Year at the Halton Business Awards in June 2025.

The department house a new state-of-the-art Hydrogen Training Centre; a cutting-edge facility that underscores the college's dedication to advancing green energy initiatives, which opened in 2024. We look forward to the opening of our new Green Skills Centre, a specialist facility focused on renewable energy training, equipping future engineers opening in 2026.

The department offers a wide variety of enrichment activities, including Karting competitions, E-sports competitions which provides students with outstanding opportunities to engage in competitions and industry projects and receive excellent mentoring. Furthermore, the department offers a range of trips, where students are given the opportunity to enhance their study within their vocation, making the topics realistic and enabling students to relate them to the real world. Students are regularly visited by guest speakers from a range of partner employers with whom the college has developed strong industry links.

Following an Ofsted inspection in April 2024, the College has been given the highest possible rating of **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted, for a second time. After a meticulous review of the College, inspectors made the following judgements:

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS	OUTSTANDING
The quality of education	Outstanding
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Education programmes for young people	Outstanding
Provision for learners with high needs	Good
Adult learning programmes	Outstanding
Apprenticeships	Outstanding



What is it like to work at Riverside College?

Inspectors said:

"Senior leaders and managers have a very clear rationale for their aspirational curriculums. "

"Leaders carefully consider the courses they provide for students, apprentices and those who have high needs."

"They have a strong sense of community and are passionate to provide life-changing opportunities for young people and adults, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, to achieve their personal and career goals."

"Staff feel appreciated for the contribution they make to the college."

"Students and apprentices enjoy their learning at Riverside. They display extremely positive attitudes and would recommend the college to friends, family and peers."

You will be working in the College's brand new £3.6 million Construction & Engineering Green Skills Centre which boasts state of the art equipment and outstanding workshop environments.

The School of Engineering offers courses and apprenticeships from entry level through to level 3 courses in the following areas:

- Motor Sport
- Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Engineering Maintenance Technician
- Engineering Manufacturing and Technical Support
- Performing Engineering Operations
- General Welding
- Pipe Welding
- Metal Fabricator
- Engineering and Technology



We have established excellent relationships with local, regional and national employers including STFC, Howdens, Bell Group, United Infrastructure, Kier Construction, National Gas, Heroux Devtek, InterGen, Endress Hauser, Fresenius Kabi, Greencore, Culina Group. The College was also actively involved in meeting the skills needed for the Mersey Gateway project. This Major £600 Million construction project delivered a new six lane toll bridge over the River Mersey and aims to provide 4640 new jobs in the area.

Another key driver for our Engineering curriculum is to meet the needs of the Local Enterprise Partnership.

We offer a full programme of support for all staff, including exceptional CPD and development opportunities.

Due to high levels of growth in 16-18 and apprenticeships across the school, we are looking for an experienced and talented Engineering Lecturer to join our Engineering and Motor Vehicle team.

Over recent years, significant investments have been made in teaching, learning and support for students, which we believe are key to our success.

Riverside College is committed to:

- Providing learning experiences of outstanding quality
- Investing in teaching and learning
- Offering students distinctive and valuable opportunities to develop personally, professionally and academically
- Supporting every individual to reach their full potential
- Seeking opportunities for growth



Thank you for your interest in Riverside College.

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