

School of Construction

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 3,600 16-18 students, over 2000 adults, 2000 part time adults, 350 Higher Education Students and over 500 Apprentices. We also won Employer of the Year at the Halton Business Awards in June 2025.

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 Skills Centre which boasts state of the art equipment and outstanding workshop environments.

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

- Brickwork
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Plumbing and Gas
- Electrical Installation
- Painting and Decorating
- Multi Trade Skills



Outstanding Results in 2025:

99% A Level Pass Rate

99% Level 3 Pass Rate

84% High Grades Level 3 Business

99% Pass Rate across Vocational Business programmes

We have established excellent relationships with local, regional and national employers including MEGGER, CEF, Kew Tech, Plus Dane, Electrorod, Bell Group, Getrag, Ford Transmissions, Kier Construction, Jaguar Land Rover, People's Ford, Glen Dimplex and MITIE. 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 Construction 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 Lecturer to join our Construction 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
- Offering an Oxbridge programme in partnership with local high schools



- Supporting every individual to reach their full potential
- Seeking opportunities for growth

Thank you for your interest in Riverside College.

If you would like further information or an informal discussion, please contact Joe Armstrong, Head of Department for Construction on 0151 257 2800