

Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

Head of School, Construction

Riverside College is a highly successful Further Education college, conveniently located in Widnes at the heart of the Mersey Gateway and within easy reach of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester. The College supports approximately 7,000 learners each year across 16–18 study programmes, adult education, Higher Education and apprenticeships. It was also named Employer of the Year at the Halton Business Awards in June 2025.

The successful candidate will work with talented and supportive colleagues in a very friendly environment and with a genuinely supportive management team who is committed to putting teaching and learning first. The Head of School will be responsible for managing, leading and supporting our highly experienced, dedicated and supportive Construction team. The ideal candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to maintaining high standards whilst supporting students and be capable of fostering a positive and collaborative staff culture.

You will be based within the College's outstanding construction and engineering facilities, which include specialist workshops and industry-standard equipment. In May 2026, the College opened its new £8 million Green Skills Centre, significantly expanding capacity for high-quality training in construction, engineering, advanced manufacturing and green technologies.



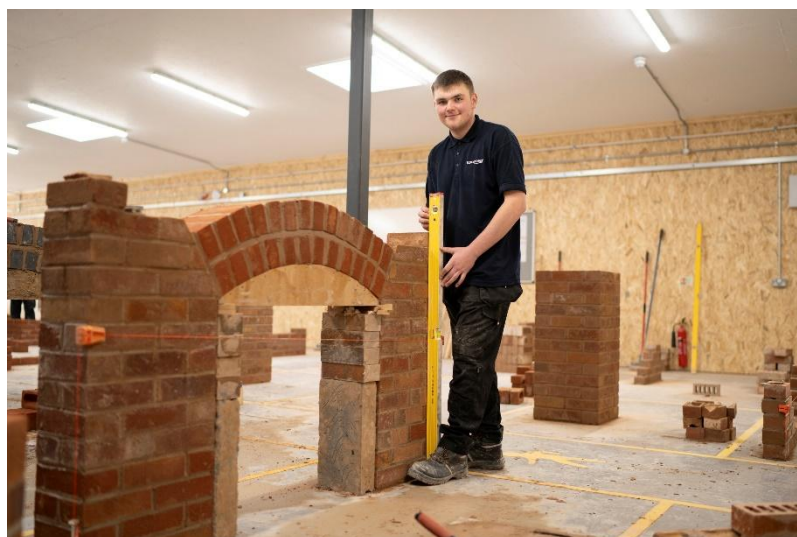
Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

Through our close partnerships with NWCTEC, BACH and leading construction employers such as Halton Housing, we ensure that our training remains responsive to industry developments and provides staff and students with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the sector.

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 2026:

- 99% Vocational Pass Rate
- 100% T Level Pass Rate

Riverside College has strong partnerships with key construction and housing-sector employers, including Halton Housing, Plus Dane Housing, Bell Group, Kier Construction, United Infrastructure and Howdens, helping us to shape industry-responsive training and provide staff and students with the skills required by the sector.

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

www.riverside.ac.uk



Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

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.



Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

Riverside College is committed to the well-being of all its staff and students. For staff, the college offers condensed hours which leads to a 2pm finish on a Friday, well-being days throughout the year and a competitive salary. We offer a full programme of support for all staff, including exceptional CPD and development opportunities.

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 **Andy James**, Assistant Principal Curriculum via email andy.james@Cronton.ac.uk



www.riverside.ac.uk

