

## School of Foundation Studies

(Discrete provision for students' with LDD)

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 2,000 adults, 350 Higher Education Students and over 500 Apprentices. We were also highly commended in the Employer of the Year Category at the Halton Business Awards June 2023.

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	<b>Outstanding</b>
Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Personal development	<b>Outstanding</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Outstanding</b>
Education programmes for young people	<b>Outstanding</b>
Provision for learners with high needs	<b>Good</b>
Adult learning programmes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Apprenticeships	<b>Outstanding</b>



## 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 is committed to:

- Providing learning experiences of outstanding quality
- Investing in teaching, learning and assessment
- Offering students distinctive and valuable opportunities to develop personally and professionally and academically
- Supporting every individual student to reach their full potential
- Over recent years, significant investments have been made in teaching and learning and support for students at Riverside College, which we believe are key to our success.

## Outstanding Results 2024:

99% A Level Pass Rate

99% Level 3 Pass Rate

100% in 29 A Levels

100% in 20 Vocational Subjects (including BTEC and UAL)



We are looking for a EHCP Programme Area Lead (maternity cover) to join our talented and supportive management team and play a pivotal role in providing high quality education and an outstanding learning experience to all our students. The EHCP Programme Area Lead will be based in the Foundation Studies department, leading on curriculum designed for young people with learning difficulties, disabilities, or those who need extra support to transition into college. The Foundation Studies curriculum offers the following three pathways:

- Pathway to Independence
- Pathway to Progression
- Pathway to Vocational

The Foundation Studies department provides a safe, nurturing and supportive environment whereby students can prepare for further study, adult life and employment, with a strong emphasis on community inclusion and living a fulfilled independent life.

The Additional Learning Support team work closely alongside the Foundation Studies team to provide additional support for students who are identified as having a special educational need or disability. These students will have a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) Statement of Special Educational Need or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. Additional support aims to develop resilience and independence to support people to cope with the transition to further study or training and to aid their personal development and employability.

We are looking for an inspirational leader with significant experience, who has a proven track record of success in working with a team to deliver exceptional provision.

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Riverside College is committed to:

- Providing learning experiences of outstanding quality
- Investing in teaching and learning facilities, £25m invested since 2021
- Offering students distinctive and valuable opportunities to develop personally, professionally and academically
- Celebrating student success
- Supporting every individual student 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 Jo Martin Head of Foundation Studies and ALS on 0151 257 2800 or email [joanne.martin@riversidecollege.ac.uk](mailto:joanne.martin@riversidecollege.ac.uk).

