

Look into the future...

Do you want to go to university or straight into work? Or maybe it's a little too early to ask! Keep your options open at Citysixth – City of Wolverhampton College's sixth form at college.

Our Citysixth provision offers a variety of study options for a wide diversity of learners. Apprenticeships, diplomas, and NVQs, as well as the more traditional A-Levels and GCSEs are just some of the choices on offer.

Many of our courses start at Entry Level through to Advanced or, in some cases, to Foundation Degrees. If you think you haven't got the right qualifications to do the course of your choice or you really don't know what to do after leaving school you might find our Foundation Studies Programme is right for you.

Many of our students chose college because the subjects they want to study, such as Law or Motor Vehicle, are not available at school. Others want to learn in a more grown up environment, where they are treated like adults.

Every year more than 18,000 students choose to study with us and gain the qualifications they need to either go straight into employment or move on to university – and you can join our success story!

Did you know?

Last year our media students scooped a national award for their film at the First Light Movies 2010

Did you know?

Last year one of our Apprentices was named West Midlands Advanced Apprentice of the Year

Did you know?

Our drama students appeared on Radio 2 last year singing songs from Godspell!

Did you know?

One of our music students is living the dream as a member of boyband One Direction!

Did you know?

Our horticultural students scooped three bronze medals for their show gardens at BBC Gardeners' World Live 2010

Students Pitch their Business ideas for Enterprise Week

Budding entrepreneurs from City of Wolverhampton College hoped to make their mark in the business world when they entered Wolverhampton's very own Dragons' Den.

Business students pitched their ideas in front of a panel of judges from the local business community as part of the Education Challenge, the UK's largest one-day enterprise competition for schools and colleges.

The students were asked to create a business selling jewellery that they could launch this December on a market stall, taking advantage of the most profitable time of the year to work in one of Britain's local markets.

College students then entered "the Wolves Den" and presented their ideas in front of a panel of judges. Funky Fashion Fix were named the winners, with their idea of selling jewellery donated by charity New Life, to raise money for disabled children.

The team are now waiting to find out if they have made it through to the regional competition, where the winning team will be entered into the UK finals in London with the chance of winning a trip to meet a market-trader to test their business idea and a business coffee morning with Peter Jones from Dragons' Den.

Our Business and Professional Studies department offers a wide range of courses designed to give you a good grounding in your chosen subject area and prepare you for work in a wide range of sectors, from education and retail to legal and medical.

Students supplement their classroom studies with a variety of trips and days out, and in the past our learners have enjoyed visits to far-flung destinations such as Barcelona and Paris. Public Services students take part in drill registrations and enjoy a "passing out parade" while all students in the department are able to boost their skills by undertaking additional qualifications such as leadership and management, finance and enterprise skills.

94% of our Citysixth students agree that teaching on their course is good



92% of Citysixth students say they have a good relationship with their lecturer



95% of students felt welcome on their first day in college

Meet Hannah...

Hannah was awarded our Student of the Year Award this year for her contribution to college life.

An initially shy and reserved student, Hannah overcame her lack of confidence to pursue her desire of becoming a peer mentor and helping other learners gain their qualifications.

Hannah has developed into an inspirational peer mentor with a real empathy for other people. She now has the confidence to speak up, and has instigated many ideas that are used as part of the mentoring scheme.

Students Honoured at Glittering Awards Ceremony

Hardworking students from City of Wolverhampton College were recognised for their achievements at a glittering awards ceremony this December.

Staff and pupils turned out in force to acknowledge the success of 34 students in the Student of the Year 2009-10 awards evening, which were held in the new Construction Innovation Centre at the Wellington Road campus.

Around 180 people gathered to watch the students - many of whom have had to overcome significant barriers to learning - pick up their trophies from former student and Olympic gold medalist Tessa Sanderson.

The most prestigious award of the night - the Graham Award - went to Hannah Jackson, who overcame her lack of confidence to become a mentor to other students and help them gain their qualifications.

Other award winners included Sam Nickell, who picked up the West Midlands Police Award for Positive Citizenship, and Sarween Jamil who received the Gilbert Mould Memorial Award for achieving in the face of obstacles.

As part of the event the construction block was decked out in extravagant floral and topiary designs by Floristry students from the Cedars Horticultural Centre.

Principal and Chief Executive Ian Millard said: "This event is about putting Further Education in the spotlight, and celebrating the tremendous achievements of our students."

"Each of these students worked incredibly hard last year, sometimes battling difficult personal issues to secure some excellent results and their talents and achievements are truly inspiring."

"These award winners are important role models and a true inspiration to their peers, parents and the entire city. They all have a bright future ahead and should be very proud of what they have achieved."



Do you Have a Passion for Creative Arts?

If you are thinking of a career in the Creative Arts sector then City of Wolverhampton College is the place to be! We are recognised as a centre of excellence for the Creative and Performing Arts and are just one of 20 colleges across the country to be named a Founder College of The National Skills Academy for Creative & Cultural Skills.

We offer a wide range of full and part time programmes in Art & Design, Media, Music Technology, Performing Arts and Journalism and each year we welcome around 800 students keen to gain their qualification with us.

Not only do our students pick up that all important qualification, but our great links with employers mean that there are a wealth of opportunities for real work experience, where students are able to put together valuable portfolios and show reels.

We have recently joined up with the city's newest concert hall – The Slade Rooms – giving our students the opportunity to work at one of the region's biggest venues.

We also have links with the British Youth Film Academy, and each year students from a range of disciplines are able to work alongside industry professionals to produce full length feature films.

Media students can make the most of our in house media productions company, MediaCove, and gain industry experience, spending time with professional film makers.

What's more, if you study on a Creative Arts course, you may be able to go on an extended work experience placement to Florence or come along to one of our European short trips organised by the school!



Meet Byron ...

Byron was an exceptional student throughout his course, and his hard work paid off when he achieved excellent A Level results, obtaining two grades at A*, putting him in the very top for results in the country. Byron moved to the UK at the age of 14 and coped

with the transition to the country very well. He was a model student who impressed all his lecturers with his dedication and enthusiasm. He said: "I came to college for a change of atmosphere, and have really enjoyed my time here. It's so much better than school and the tutors are so knowledgeable – the results speak for themselves!"

Byron has achieved a scholarship to read Law at the University of York. We have an excellent record in A Level courses, with many of our students progressing on to university each year. Students are able to choose from a wide range of both academic and vocational courses and can come up with a combination that best suits their plans for higher education or a career. What's more, our learners can make the most of an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities, including sports, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, languages, university modules and sign language.

To find out how you can get on track for the future drop into our open evening on Monday 7th February between 4.30pm and 8pm.



Do you see yourself flying high with a career in the travel industry?

Then City of Wolverhampton College can help!

We offer a range of courses to give you a good insight into this dynamic, fun and rewarding industry.

A qualification in Travel and Tourism could lead you to a university degree in travel and tourism operations and management, transport planning, air traffic control, adventure tourism, business studies or hospitality.

Alternatively, you might take a job with training or an Apprenticeship as, say, a retail travel consultant, resort representative, call centre team member, business travel assistant or airport information assistant.

To help your career take off you can gain valuable work experience in our own travel shop, run in conjunction with Midcounties Co-operative Travel, where you will assist real customers with their holiday requirements. In addition, Level 2 students are guaranteed an interview with Co-op Travel at the end of their course, and last year 75% were offered full time employment with them!

To find out how you can become one of our jetsetters come to our open evening on 7th February between 4.30pm and 8pm!

Meet Katrina ...

Beauty student Katrina was an exceptional student throughout her course and her excellent ability in Nail Art saw her achieve way beyond her level of study, scooping a bronze regional medal and being highly commended in the UK Skills competitions. Her Nail Art is now going to be displayed at the London IMAX show while Katrina is competing in the Worldskills UK Nail Technology competition in March. Katrina oozes enthusiasm and never stops smiling. Her passion and drive has not only motivated her fellow students but also inspired staff to strive for excellence in the department.

Katrina said: "This course is a great course to go on and the facilities are excellent. We get to work with real clients in a commercial salon, which builds your confidence and is good experience for when we start our careers. The tutors are also very helpful and friendly."

Our beauty students learn their trade at the Metro One Campus and hone their skills by working with real clients in our state-of-the-art beauty salon. Meanwhile spa students have the opportunity to work in our brand new Spa Academy, boasting a Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room, carrying out specialized techniques in a commercial environment.

We run courses from beginners level right through to Level 3 in Beauty Therapy, Massage, Nail Services and Spa Therapy along with a wide range of part-time courses.

To find out more ring College Direct on 01902 836000.



Meet Capriena...

When Capriena Linton embarked on her Level 1 Hairdressing course at City of Wolverhampton College she dreamed of owning her own salon, and just a few years later she opened Butterflies Boutique, in Wolverhampton. Capriena, who completed her Level 1, 2 and 3 at college said: "I had always cut the hair of friends and family and after I had had my children decided to turn my hobby into a career."

"I enrolled at college to learn the technical skills I needed and found the course was excellent. "The facilities were really good and working in a training salon was very useful as hairdressing is such a hands on job you need that experience. The lecturers were fantastic and they knew their stuff and I can honestly say the course got me where I am today."

"Every day as a hairdresser is different and you get to meet so many people - it's something I could do forever."

Our Hair and Beauty department consists of around 480 students who work in some of our most impressive facilities in the heart of the city. We run three modern training facilities, where students provide a professional hairdressing service to real clients under the guidance of staff. What's more, our hairdressing school is one of just 30 in the country to be awarded the prestigious Wella Centre of Excellence Award!



Students from City of Wolverhampton College became some of the final visitors to walk around Ironbridge Power Station in December.

First year students toured the plant, which is due to close in 2013, as part of their BTEC Engineering qualification.

The group were given a presentation by the guides who explained electricity generation and were shown a fully operational coal-fired power station, before having the chance to walk within touching distance of the turbine generators.

Did you know that the UK will be looking for 324,000 more scientists and engineers by 2014? City of Wolverhampton College runs a number of engineering courses that can help you enter this exciting industry, from qualifications in electronics and computer servicing to fabrication and welding. What's more, we have a great achievement rate, are popular with local industry and have great links with the engineering department at Wolverhampton University. To find out more ring College Direct on 01902 836000.

always looked after my sisters.

"I have made a lot of new friends while on the course and learnt things from my different placements.

"The tutors are also really supportive and help you a lot."

If you would love to work with children and young people then City of Wolverhampton College could be for you. We offer a wide range of childcare qualifications, from entry level to level 3 and every year around 200 students choose to gain their full-time qualification with us.



Meet Stephanie...

Stephanie Laban enjoyed studying for her childcare GCSE at school, and decided to carry on the subject at college.

She showed real commitment to her studies and through sheer persistence and a determination to achieve her dream of pursuing a career in midwifery has moved on to study with the Open University.

Stephanie proved herself to be a conscientious and dedicated student, producing work at distinction level, and her ability to always see her jar as half full inspired staff and students alike.

Stephanie said: "My family encouraged me to study childcare because I have a large family and have

Fancy a Full-time Course?

It's easy...

Get an application form, complete it and return it to us. You can get a form from the 2011-12 full-time prospectus, from College Direct on 01902 836000, download one from www.wolvcoll.ac.uk or complete and submit it on-line.

Once we've had your application, we will be in touch to arrange an interview with your tutor to discuss any special arrangements for your interview.

The Interview

We will invite you to talk about your future plans, your studies and what you have done so far. You will also get the chance to tell us about yourself and your needs. Your tutor will tell you what you need to join the course (such as exam grades), what the course covers, how you will be assessed and any financial support you can get. If the tutor feels the course is for you, your tutor will make an offer.

If they think it's not quite right, our Advice and Guidance team will be on hand to point you in the right direction.

The Offer

We will write to tell you what was discussed and to confirm any conditions regarding the offer. Some courses run open days that are designed to help make the move from school to college much easier. They will help you find out more about the course and meet some of your fellow students. Once you have your exam results you will come along to an enrolment day. Your tutor will take a look at your results and give you details of when and where your course starts.

The Essentials

When you apply you can choose two study options, so don't worry if you still haven't quite made up your mind. The most important thing is that you enrol on the right course for you.

Make the most of our Advice and Guidance team. They are here to help you choose the right course and help you understand finance, benefits and welfare issues. They can also help if you don't get the results you need. Call them on 01902 317689.

Meet Tom...

Hospitality student Tom struggled at school and joined the college with no formal qualifications. Despite this, he was determined to succeed and after three years of hard work and determination has progressed from a pre-NVQ course in bakery to a Level 3 Bakery manufacturing course.

Tom is a highly motivated student who has thrown herself into college life. A sociable individual, he can often be seen behind the counter of the college bakery shop, where he is a willing volunteer.

If you want to be the next Gordon Ramsay, or fancy opening up your own restaurant, then we can help!

Our range of courses allow learners to experience all the careers the hospitality industry has to offer, from food preparation and cooking to pub management. Students are based at our high-tech facilities at Metro One Campus, and it's within this culinary classroom that students have the chance to learn their trade – it's not every day that your coursework is actually ordered, eaten and evaluated by your customers!



Meet Amy...

Motor Vehicle student Amy initially started working life as an office clerk, but took the daunting step to change career and move into what is a traditionally male-dominated profession. Amy is a hardworking and conscientious student who has given 100% towards the course and made exceptional progress.

She is respected by her colleagues and is a valued member of the team, combining her studies with a position within a busy garage. Amy said: "I went round all the colleges and this one felt right. The staff are really friendly and are all really interested in teaching you and sharing their knowledge. "The course is really good and I have learnt loads. The course is unique in that you can work with real clients on their cars." Amy hopes to eventually work in Mechanics.

