

THE COLLEGE IN NUMBERS

4,000

16-18 year olds
study at the
college full-time.

1,000

full-time
students aged
19 and over.

**10,000 –
15,000**

part-time
learners.

100%

pass rate in 25
A2 and AS
subjects,
including
Economics,
English, Physics
and Biology,
with 100% in all
languages at A2
level.

1,500

visitors to the
college website
every day.

600

different
qualifications,
from Entry
Level right
through to
Foundation
Degree.

97%

of students
agree that
the college
gives them
good chances
to learn.

The full version of our Annual Report will be available in January 2010. Please check www.wolverhamptoncollege.ac.uk/annualreport for updates, further details or to order your copy.



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our latest Annual Report.

The last year has been a very successful one for the college and we have delighted in the successes of our 18,000 students, many of whom are now moving on to university or making their first steps on the career ladder.

As well as opening a number of new facilities at our Wellington Road Campus and expanding into Telford, this year saw us awarded the Training Quality Standard – the highest training accolade possible – in recognition of the excellent training and development solutions we provide to employers.

Throughout 2008/9, we have also demonstrated our continued dedication to supporting employers, helping companies upskill their workforce and remain competitive in the economic downturn.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and Board of Governors for their continued dedication and for making 2007/8 such a successful year.

We invite you to join us in celebrating our success.

Ian Millard
Principal and Chief Executive

This year has been a great year for the Students' Union and for students at the college, who have been able to get involved in a whole range of activities.

We have organised a number of events such as a health fair, RAG week, a talent show for Children in Need and much more, raising just under £10,000 for charity in the process. We have also managed to get the ball rolling on a new community room for students at Paget Road.

The Students' Union represents the student in all their needs throughout their college life, and one of our most successful areas this year

has been in assisting the many students who come to us looking to volunteer.

In 08/09 we helped around 200 young people from across the city find voluntary work out in the community and boost their CVs.

It has always been said that college years are the best years of your life, and we aim to make that come true – we are now working on making 09/10 an even more successful year for our students!

Nico Spencer
Students' Union President

city of wolverhampton college

2008/09
ANNUAL REPORT

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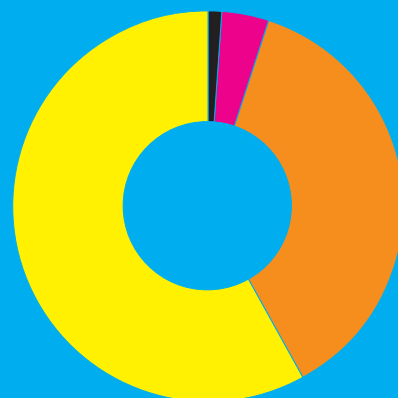
**CELEBRATING
SUCCESS**

2008/09 AT-A-GLANCE

September
Wolverhampton Student Among Top 10 in Country
A student from City of Wolverhampton College was celebrating after scoring one of the top 10 results nationally in her Psychology exam, according to Edexcel, the UK's largest awarding body. Belinda Jane Dewhurst achieved one of the highest overall marks in her Psychology exam, which was sat by 4,538 candidates.

October
College is Recognised for Work with Young People
City of Wolverhampton College scooped two awards at a special event to celebrate the outstanding achievements of young people. Student Michael Davies was named Young Achiever of the Year at The Prince's Trust 'Celebrate Success Awards West Midlands' after getting his life back on track, while Prince's Trust Co-ordinator Sharon Beech was presented with the Leadership Award.

November
Floristry Students Flying High
Floristry students were flying high after their circus inspired design won them a place in a national competition.



Teaching on my course is good

- Agree Completely 58%
- Agree Mostly 37%
- Disagree Mostly 4%
- Disagree Completely 1%

December
Students Honoured at Glittering Awards Ceremony
Hardworking students from City of Wolverhampton College were recognised for their achievements at a glittering awards ceremony. Staff and pupils turned out in force to acknowledge the success of 33 students at the Student of the Year 2007-08 awards evening.



January
Former Travel Student Scoops Top Award
A former travel student from City of Wolverhampton College scooped a top award for her work. Amanda Martin was named Co-operative Travel's Trainee Travel Advisor of the Year, after beating off the competition from more than 100 nominations.

February
Student Charms in Competition
A young designer from City of Wolverhampton College was looking forward to seeing her work on sale at jewellery stores across England. Art student Chelsea Selkirk won a competition run by Wolverhampton's high street retailer, HPJ Jewellers, to create a new charm for their range of bracelets.

City of Wolverhampton College has been awarded the Training Quality Standard - the highest training accolade possible - in recognition of the excellent training and development solutions it provides to employers. The college is one of the first in the country to get the full approval first time round.
"Over 90% of employers would recommend the college to others."
TQS FEEDBACK REPORT, OCTOBER 2009

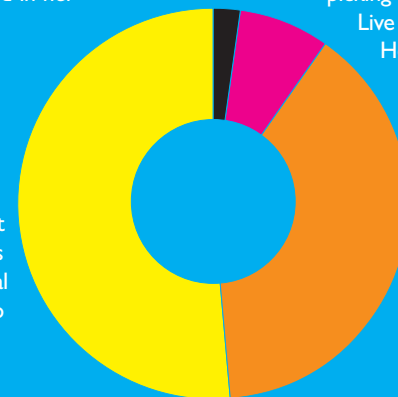
March
Student is One of Best in World
A Wolverhampton student picked up an award for scoring one of the highest marks in the world in her exams! Anita Povall was awarded the World Silver Medallion after coming second in the world in her Business Administration Level 3 course.

April
Innovative Programme for Young People Comes to the Midlands
A global youth programme that helps raise the aspirations of young people was launched at the college this April. PX2, a two day programme that encourages young people to succeed, was launched by world renowned motivational speaker Lou Tice. The programme aims to empower 14-19 year olds by giving them the tools they need to think positively about themselves and their communities.

May
Construction Innovation Centre is Officially Opened
City of Wolverhampton College's new multi million pound construction centre was officially opened. The state-of-the-art Construction Innovation Centre was officially unveiled on Friday May 8 in a special People's Opening. The centre boasts workshops for brickwork and electrical installation, and classrooms dedicated to skills such as carpentry, plumbing, painting and decorating and welding and fabrication.



June
College Looking to Impress with Metaphysical Design
Lecturers at City of Wolverhampton College are celebrating after picking up a silver medal at this year's BBC Gardeners' World Live Show, with a design based on the space-time continuum. Helen Wood and Darren Rudge, lecturers at the college's Cedars Horticultural Centre, impressed judges at the event, which took place at the NEC, with their show garden Continuum. The college also achieved a clean sweep in the Birmingham Borders competition at the show, with students coming first second and third, for their imaginative borders.



I would recommend the college to a friend

- Agree Completely 51%
- Agree Mostly 39%
- Disagree Mostly 8%
- Disagree Completely 2%

July
Hairdressing Students are a Cut Above
Budding stylists at City of Wolverhampton College proved they were a cut above by picking up a clutch of medals at a national styling competition. Talented hairdressing apprentices and students scooped top awards in the Francesco Photographic Competition 2009, held at The Gatehouse Theatre in Stafford. The campus was delighted to win six of the nine possible awards in the college category.

August
Students Thrilled with A Level Results
Students at City of Wolverhampton College celebrated an excellent set of A Level results this year. Results showed a 100 per cent pass rate in 24 A2 and AS subjects, including Economics, English, Physics and Biology, with 100% in all languages at A2 level.

* Statistics taken from the 'Student Perception of College Survey' February 2009.