

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON CITY COLLEGE**

For over 100 years, City College Brighton and Hove has ensured that the very best in further education is available in Brighton. In recent years, the College has undergone an £8.2 million refurbishment programme providing a new Library Resource Centre, Refectory and Training Restaurant in the centre of the city. We have over 1,000 full-time and part-time staff – this makes us one of the top ten employers in the city. Staff include lecturers, business/student support staff, caretakers, administrators and management.

City College is a general Further Education College with around 16,000 full and part time students. We're a Centre of Vocational Excellence in Digital Design, Hospitality, Business & Finance and Retail. We offer all kinds of courses from basic skills up to Foundation Degrees, as well as GCSEs and A-levels. There are over 650 courses ranging from carpentry and catering to astronomy and robotics. Our youngest student is 14 and our oldest is in her nineties.

City College is opening a new site on Wilson Avenue which will host our Visual and Performing Arts programme as well as Journalism and Music Technology. Our Adult Education programme is run at our Connaught Centre in Hove and we train plumbers and electricians at our Preston Road site. Brickwork is taught at Francis Street and our horticulture programme is based at Stanmer Park.

Over 2,000 companies work with City College to develop their staff - we can deliver either 'off the shelf' courses or develop bespoke, flexible learning programmes through our City Business Skills Centre.

We have 14 – 16 year olds studying vocational subjects with us one day per week who are at school the rest of the time, 16 – 18 year olds on academic or vocational programmes, apprentices and adults studying for full or part time qualifications. We also have over-18's doing adult education courses such as yoga and painting and we also cater for adults with learning difficulties. In recent years, International students are increasingly part of the community at the College. An important part of our work is delivering Foundation Degrees in collaboration with the University of Brighton.

The College has recently achieved full AfBC (Action for Business Colleges) accreditation and as part of that is developing a new 'one stop shop' for the local construction industry. The development of a Work Based Learning and Work Experience Centre is paramount and will be achieved through partnership working with a number of key stakeholders in the City.