

DENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



PROSPECTUS
2020/2021

WELCOME TO DENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



I would like to thank you for taking an interest in our school and I hope this prospectus will provide you with a better understanding of what we stand for and the curriculum we offer.

Our School motto of 'INSPIRE, ASPIRE, PERFORM' unites us and underpins everything we do at Denton Community College. This vision forms our ethos, drives our curriculum and reminds us of our common goal to ensure all students reach their full potential.

We see it as a privilege to be entrusted with the education of young people and understand that every child is different. As an inclusive centre for learning, we never lose sight of this and are adaptable, flexible and creative with our provision.

We recognise that every child that passes through our door forms part of the future of our school, our wider community and the wider world.

Mr Greg Rule (Headteacher)

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OUR CORE VALUES



CORE VALUES

As a stakeholder of Denton Community College, whether student, staff or governor, we strive to ensure that all our work is characterised by the following values:

COURTESY

EMPATHY

INCLUSION

INTEGRITY

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

OUR VISION

We will:

- Provide a curriculum and classroom experience which will inspire all our students to become lifelong learners.
- Strengthen our community by building confidence in the young people of Denton so they aspire to achieve.
- Ensure inclusive practice breaks down barriers to learning, removes excuses and allows students to perform to the best of their ability.



SCHOOL MOTTO

**INSPIRE,
ASPIRE,
PERFORM**

INSPIRE ASPIRE PERFORM THE HOMEBASES



THE THREE LEARNING COMMUNITIES

THE COLLEGE IS ORGANISED
AROUND THREE DISTINCT BUT
INTEGRATED LEARNING COMMUNITIES:
THE HOMEBASES

These Learning Communities have been specially developed and refined over time to suit the abilities of young learners as they grow and develop during their time at Denton Community College. The Homebases have been specifically formulated to enable students to achieve success in their ambitions.

ONE INSPIRE

LEARN TO BECOME
INDEPENDENT STUDENTS
AND TO INTERACT IN A MATURE WAY

To ensure that the transition from primary school to secondary school is as smooth as possible for our learners, Years 7 and 8 are grouped together so that they settle into Denton Community College. In the Inspire Homebase, children learn to interact in a mature way with their tutors, to face future challenges with confidence and to develop a sense of belonging to Denton Community College.



TWO ASPIRE

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO LOOK TOWARDS THEIR FUTURE

During their third year at College, students are encouraged to look towards their future and to understand the opportunities that the College can open up for them in the areas of vocational and academic studies. In Aspire Homebase, the theme is a combination of ambition for exam and career success.



THREE PERFORM

THE PERFORM HOMEBASE
FOR YEAR 10 AND 11

The learning community in which students are expected to take much more personal responsibility and work towards success in their studies and exams. They are tutored to become more independent. With professional help and guidance, they will be encouraged to make important decisions in preparation for post 16 learning. This preparation can take a variety of paths depending on ability and personal aspiration, with a view to making decisions about a future career path, be it the world of work or further or higher education.



SUPERB SPORTS AND PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES

EDUCATING YOUR MIND AND BODY

Our students benefit from expert teaching across all subjects in the school curriculum.

We are particularly fortunate to have superb sports and performing arts facilities at College. Together these subjects help students to grow in confidence, encourage self-esteem, self-reliance, teamwork and adaptability – skills that will benefit the rest of their lives.

All our students are encouraged to make use of the facilities both within their curriculum studies and as part of a broader 'extra curricular' experience.



Absolutely the best environment to promote ambition and stimulate success in 11-16 year olds.



AN EXCITING AND VARIED CURRICULUM

YEARS 7, 8 AND 9

Our KS3 curriculum is based on the national curriculum and we ensure the students develop critical skills and competencies that enable them to take increasing responsibility for their own learning progress.

Our curriculum provides our students with the opportunity to experience subjects such as art & design, computing, dance, English, food technology, French geography, history, mathematics, music, PE, product design, RE, science, Spanish and textiles.



No two children are the same so we take a personal and responsive approach to every young person's learning.



YEARS 10 AND 11

The curriculum provides access to knowledge, skills and attributes matched to the aptitude, ability and aspiration of all students.

In addition to the core subjects of English, mathematics and science, students can choose from a wide range of subjects and qualifications such as GCSEs, BTECs and other vocational courses. RE, PE, social and health education and citizenship are also studied by all students.

EXTENDING THE CURRICULUM



Here at Denton Community College we believe that it is essential that all our students have experiences that go beyond the standard curriculum. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities in lessons, leadership opportunities and some very exciting school trips. These help students to understand our school values, build self-confidence and also develop their knowledge of the wider world.

DROP-DOWN DAYS

Several times each year the whole school comes together to have an altogether different learning experience. Last year our PSHE day involved students learning about:

- Staying safe online
- Managing personal finances
- First Aid
- Team-building & resilience
- Revision techniques
- Healthy Relationships
- CVs and careers



FUTURE LEADERS



Developing leadership skills is something we are passionate about here at Denton Community College and it is something that we take very seriously – responsibility and integrity are two of our core values. It fills us with pride to see students taking their leadership roles in school with the same dedication and commitment that they give to their studying.

Leadership opportunities include:

- Senior Prefects
- School Council
- Form Representatives
- Sports Leaders
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- iDEA award
- Digital Leaders



BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

Enjoying a professional theatrical performance, being inspired by a visit to a university or even spending time in a different country: these can be life-changing experiences for young people. We know the positive impact on learning that a well-chosen visit can have and we offer a varied and exciting range of trips to our students. To give you an idea of what will be available to your child, have a look at some of the trips that we ran last year:

- World War I Armistice, Paris
- Shakespeare at the Rose Theatre, York
- The Galleries of Justice Museum
- Year 7 Manchester University
- Sports Camp in the Dordogne, France
- Year 7 residential, Anglesey
- Geography, history and photography field trips
- Barcelona
- Performing Arts visit to London
- Manchester Cathedral & Buddhist Centre



A FANTASTIC STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

We ensure that all students are looked after by our warm and nurturing student support team. Our staff are always happy to talk to you – to give support and to celebrate successes. The team includes:

- Head of year - who will stay with your child's year group for all five years
- Form tutor – students start every day in their form group
- Learning mentors
- Behaviour support mentors
- Family support worker
- Safeguarding staff
- Attendance support staff



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND SPECIAL NEEDS PROVISION

WHAT WE OFFER OUR STUDENTS

Denton Community College firmly believes in offering its students a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Our professional standard sports and performing arts facilities and tuition means that we can include basketball, volleyball, badminton, drama club, table tennis, trampolining, football and fitness classes in our extra-curricular provision.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Students with special needs will be given appropriate and suitable additional help and support. Sometimes this will be in normal lessons or, after consultation with parents/carers, in small groups or with individual tuition.

The College has a Code of Practice for our special needs provision which meets the specific needs of each student. This is in line with the advice given by the Tameside Local Authority on current Government legal requirements.

The College recognises the requirements laid out in the Special Needs and Disabilities Act. A copy of the Accessibility Plan/Disability Equality Scheme is available on request.

FREE BREAKFAST

MAGIC BREAKFAST

Denton Community College offers a breakfast funded by Family Action and Kellogg's. Our Breakfast Club means every young person has the chance to start the day in a safe, warm environment so they are in a position to begin lessons on time and the right frame of mind for learning.



INSPIRING PARTNERSHIPS

Willmott Dixon work closely with our young people to inspire the next generation of engineers within the construction industry.



Brother UK offers a mentoring programme to young people in Years 10 & 11 to help them develop a wide range of employability skills and give them an insight into a variety of job roles.



The Greenpower Challenge allows a team of young people to work with mechanics and engineers to design and build an electric go-kart. Students use their scientific and mathematical knowledge combined with technology skills to create a final design.



TAKING A PRIDE IN YOUR APPEARANCE



A SENSE OF BELONGING

All students attending Denton Community College are expected to look smart and take a pride in their appearance during the College day, as well as when travelling to and from school. We operate a dress code which all students are expected to adhere to.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Purple blazer with the College logo
- College tie
- White shirt or blouse with collar
- Charcoal grey trousers fitted to the waist. New for 2020 charcoal and purple check pleated skirt. Charcoal grey sweatshirt with green trim (optional)
- Black shoes with low heel (trainers, canvas pumps, mules, boots and sling backs are not acceptable)
- Plain black or charcoal socks or tights

Please note that none of the following will be allowed:

- Extreme hair styles by colour or cut
- Nail varnish/nail extensions
- Make up
- Facial or other visible piercings

Please also note that jewellery must not exceed a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Any hair ties or scrunchies should be plain and preferably in College colours, i.e charcoal or purple. A full copy of our uniform policy can be found on our website.

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

The wider educational experience that Denton Community College offers to young learners has many important advantages that help them take their place in the challenging modern world.

We are proud of our year-on-year record of improved levels of achievement. We constantly encourage our young people to understand and believe in their own potential, to take responsibility for their own development and to take pride in their successes.

WHERE LIFE IS AS IMPORTANT AS LEARNING

Although the College spearheads its educational drive in ensuring that our young learners achieve all they are capable of academically and vocationally, we place emphasis on the importance of interacting well socially, with their own peer groups and the adult world they are growing into.

WHERE LEARNING BECOMES SECOND NATURE

In the lifetimes of most of the parents/carers of our learners the world has changed beyond recognition with technological and social revolutions that have changed the way we live. We strive to ensure our students are given the well-rounded education they deserve and our premises, equipment and resources create a positive environment in which to achieve this.

All students, whether gifted and talented or in need of additional support, are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

HOW TO JOIN US AT DENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OPEN MORNINGS

Denton Community College would also like to extend an invitation to all future parents and carers to visit us during the school day.

Open tours offer a perfect introduction to our community during a normal school day. You will have the opportunity to take part in a guided tour of the building and speak to staff and students. These visits are ideal if you are unable to attend our annual Open Evening.

Open tours take place every Thursday between 9 am and 10 am, places can be reserved by emailing info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk

QUALIFYING FOR GRANTS

If you think your child may qualify for grants such as free school meals call 0161 342 3708 or free travel please contact Tameside Education Welfare on 0161 342 2498 or the general Tameside Council number 0161 342 8355.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

The public have access to a number of documents. These will be available at the College on request.

THEY INCLUDE:

- Local Authority Curriculum Policy and associated documents
- Governors' curricular aims and objectives
- Accessibility Plan/Disability Scheme
- Child Protection Policy
- Schemes of Work for each subject
- Arrangements for consideration of complaints
- Minutes of open items of Governors' meetings

GUIDANCE BOOKLET

All parents/carers of students in a Tameside primary school will receive guidance in a booklet called 'Moving On' which details Local Authority procedures for making an application to join Denton Community College.

OUR PARTNERS





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