

Appendix 1

College Profiles for Deeside and Yale College

Deeside College

Deeside College is a large further education college delivering full-time and part-time academic and vocational courses which mainly serves the area of North East Wales. The College offers provision in all learning areas and is the largest provider of land-based courses in Wales. Full-time course provision from pre entry level to level 3 for both vocational and academic courses, including Essential Skills and the Welsh Baccalaureate, is provided for approximately 3,500 students. Over 10,000 students are enrolled on part-time courses, which include a wide range of community courses and provision up to level 6 and customised training for employers. Employer engagement is an important part of the College's offer and includes a substantial Work Based Learning contract.

The College has an excellent quality profile and has a Category 'A' Financial Health categorisation and operates from four main sites and a number of community centres that are strategically placed across the areas served. The College employs over 850 staff in teaching and business support roles and has a turnover of £35 million.

Deeside College's mission is "Supporting learners to achieve their full potential in a positive environment, through dedicated and innovative professionals".

Yale College

Yale College is the main provider of tertiary education in Wrexham with approximately 3,500 full-time and 10,000 part-time students. There are two campuses, offering a curriculum ranging from pre entry through to higher level programmes. The College offers 40+ A/AS levels, 70+ vocational routes, work based vocational programmes, as well as Professional Development Programmes. Adult and Community Education is offered at Grove Park and at over 30 outreach centres. The College also provides pre-16 provision for approximately 650 learners as part of the Wrexham 14-19 curriculum offer. The College also leads on a sizable Work Based Learning contract as part of a consortium arrangement with other providers.

Yale College has developed core values clearly articulating the on-going commitment to ensuring that exceptional teaching and learning remains at the heart of college life. The College employs over 800 staff, has an annual turnover in excess of £25 million and a Category 'A' Financial Health categorisation.

The College's mission statement is to 'Provide all learners with the highest quality education and training, foster partnerships and contribute to the social and economic development of Wrexham and the wider community'.