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Programme Management

Riverside College is an outstanding (Ofsted 2024), highly popular and successful sixth form college conveniently located in Widnes and at the hub of the Mersey Gateway, within easy reach of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester. Cronton Sixth Form College currently caters for over 3,900 16-18 students, over 2000 adults, 350 Higher Education students and over 500 apprentices. We also won Employer of the Year Category at the Halton Business Awards in June 2025.

Following an inspection in April 2024, the College has been given the highest possible rating of **OUTSTANDING** by Ofsted for a second time**.** After a meticulous review of the College, inspectors made the following judgements:

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS	**OUTSTANDING**
The quality of education	**Outstanding**
Behaviour and attitudes	**Outstanding**
Personal development	**Outstanding**
Leadership and management	**Outstanding**
Education programmes for young people	**Outstanding**
Provision for learners with high needs	**Good**
Adult learning programmes	**Outstanding**
Apprenticeships	**Outstanding**



What is it like to work at Riverside College?

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Inspectors said:

"Senior leaders and managers have a very clear rationale for their aspirational curriculums. “

“Leaders carefully consider the courses they provide for students, apprentices and those who have high needs.”

“They have a strong sense of community and are passionate to provide life-changing opportunities for young people and adults, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, to achieve their personal and career goals."

"Staff feel appreciated for the contribution they make to the college."

“Students and apprentices enjoy their learning at Riverside and Cronton Sixth Form College. They display extremely positive attitudes and would recommend the college to friends, family and peers.”

Outstanding Results 2026:

99% Level 3 BTEC pass rate, with 79% Distinction*/Distinction grades
100% T Level 3 pass rate, with 95% high grades





Over recent years, significant investments have been made in teaching, learning and support for students, which we believe are key to our success. The wellbeing of students is at the heart of the College, with many ongoing initiatives.

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The College has undergone many developments to enhance teaching and learning for our students. In 2023, we opened our brand new Health and Well-Being Centre and soon to be opened is our industry-leading Sports facilities. In 2019 we opened our contemporary theatre with state-of-the-art technology providing students within the Centre of Excellence for Performing Arts a cutting edge performance space. We also have opened our IDEA Centre for Engineering and STEM programmes which boasts high quality teaching rooms and workshops, enabling the students to experience an understanding of all the latest technology in a real life work environment.

Riverside College is committed to:

- Providing learning experiences of outstanding quality
- Investing in teaching and learning facilities, £25million invested since 2012
- Offering students distinctive and valuable opportunities to develop personally, professionally and academically
- Celebrating student success
- Supporting every individual to reach their full potential
- Seeking opportunities for growth

We are seeking a dynamic, enthusiastic and committed individual to join our successful team.

If you would like further information or an informal discussion, please contact Donna Elston, Head of Student Services for Kingsway on 0151 257 2800

