

Higher Education Strategic Statement

We celebrate diversity and aim to offer a more inclusive approach to encourage those individuals who view the cost of a traditional university programme as prohibitive or those unlikely to give up a job to take a more traditional HE route. We provide such individuals with an alternative route to gain a Higher Education qualification and so to benefit from the increased confidence, knowledge and abilities provided by higher level learning. We believe this is essential in terms of ensuring a stable and productive society for the future.

Strategic drivers for Higher Education Provision

- Solent and Enterprise M3 LEP priorities
- Opportunities for internal progression of students both adult students at AHED & Sixth Form students
- Being demand led
- Responding to employers priorities and needs (employability)

Our core values in relation to Higher Education Students are to promote and sustain:

- high aspirations, expectations and pursuit of excellence
- independent, responsible and self-directed learners
- outstanding teaching and learning
- integrity and, open and honest communication
- a spirit of critical enquiry and creative thinking
- caring and responsive support and guidance
- an enjoyable and stimulating learning environment
- widening participation, diversity and individuality

The HE student Charter our **Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategy** along with our **Scholarly Activity and Research Protocol** are at the core of our Higher Education culture and ethos.

Aims for Higher Education

Overall strategic aim is to extend the College's provision of higher education courses and so widen access to higher education programmes in the area, enabling local students to study locally.

Within this context the college will seek to develop programmes which:

- Meet the academic quality and standards of HEI partners and professional/ statutory bodies as appropriate
- Satisfy the requirements of the QAA as well as Peter Symonds College quality assurance processes
- Provide progression for existing level 2 and 3 students
- Meet the needs of employers supporting their development and growth
 - through inclusion of employability skills
 - through content
 - through delivery methods

- are economically viable to deliver

Aims

- a) Increase Higher Education provision at the College to reflect the needs of college students, the local community and employers and to capitalise on areas of expertise. The aim is to grow to a level of 500 student by 2020.
- b) To support the aim of 500 students by 2020 by further developing the College's higher education infrastructure for the delivery of Higher Education. This includes ensuring an effective staffing infrastructure to develop and support HE staff as we grow as well as reviewing our accommodation plans.
- c) Develop and effectively manage partnerships in the development and delivery of Higher Education. To work with employers, students, partner HEIs and other key organisations to develop a Higher Education based curriculum, which seeks to increase the employability of students and meet the needs of the community.
- d) Maintain high standards of learning, teaching, student achievement and progression. To maintain high standards of high quality learning and teaching within the Higher Education programmes, to develop responsive and Higher Education specific systems and to provide a range of support services to ensure student achievement and progression to employment or further learning.
- e) Widen participation in Higher Education. To engage with a broad range of potential learners through targeted marketing and recruitment activities to attract those who otherwise may not have access to or consider Higher Education.