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to sixteen



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# OUR **VISION**

Stoke Studio College offers a strong foundation for a successful career. Offering excellent teaching and learning, one-to-one coaching, real **work experience** and the development of core **personal skills** including teamwork and communication, students will leave us confident and with a sense of purpose.

# OUR **ETHOS**

Our ethos centres on being professional, inclusive and adopting a **strong work ethic.**



# OUR **MOTTO...**

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Expect Excellence

# OUR FOCUS

For most people, being successful in life depends in a large part of being successful at work.

Our aim is to ensure that young people are successful at work and that they have the core skills and qualifications that will help them to be **successful in life.**

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Stoke Studio College has a curriculum designed to ensure that young people are ready for the next step in their career, able to demonstrate and use a wide range of skills which are not taught automatically in a traditional education setting. Employers sometimes talk of new recruits being poor at English and Maths, not being punctual or just lacking the softer skills to be successful in the workplace. We will ensure that when our students leave us they will be ready from day one, whatever their progression route.

**Project-based learning is a core value of the Studio College and enables you to develop a wide range of employability skills to complement your academic achievements.**



## WHAT IS A **STUDIO COLLEGE**?

Studio Colleges are a new type of pioneering 13-19 state school for young people of all abilities who want to succeed in life. They are based on extensive research and best practice from Britain and around the world and offer **a unique, practical and project-based approach to learning**. The curriculum specialises in enterprise projects and real work. Students aged 16-19 specialise in one discipline, leading to university, an advanced apprenticeship or full time employment.



## WHAT HAPPENS IN A **STUDIO COLLEGE**?

The key elements of a Studio College are tried and tested; students enjoy project-based learning, and they learn enormously from working with employers and getting an insight into the world of construction, engineering, manufacturing and business. Stoke Studio College brings all this together with the **curriculum rooted in the real world**. It is a bold and different approach and helps students develop the skills they need to succeed.

## WHAT CAN I **STUDY**?

This college delivers qualifications in Construction, Engineering the Built Environment and a full range of GCSEs. Academic excellence is important; **students are expected to work hard to achieve their goals**. Stoke Studio College delivers its courses in a format designed for students who want something different and prefer to work in a mature and business-like environment.

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# WHY CHOOSE STOKE STUDIO COLLEGE?

At Stoke Studio College we will encourage you to be an independent, creative thinker who can develop solutions to problems, an expert of the future.

- Do you want to be part of creating solutions?
- Do you want to think about how to solve problems for people and how to suggest solutions for problems that people don't even know about yet?
- Do you want to develop your practical skills?
- Do you want to increase your personal skills and confidence?
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- Do you want to learn how to create wealth?
- Do you want to work alongside employers, in a project team?

Students at Stoke Studio College have a passion for their subject- wanting to understand our world, how it works, and how we use our knowledge to invent our future. Students with different strengths and ideas work together on exciting experiences and projects. All students gain enterprise skills and understand how to work effectively in a real work environment with support from their lecturers and personal coaches (pastoral mentors).

Achieving academic and technical qualifications, at 16 some students will go on to start an apprenticeship, others a great job with training, or further study.

What makes us different is a focus on offering a curriculum that offers the opportunity to study technical subjects and delivering these qualifications in a different way. We take learning out of a traditional classroom setting on many occasions; real-life themed project based learning in the school and the surrounding community consolidates the relevance of what is taught.

# IS THIS SCHOOL **RIGHT FOR ME?**

We understand that choosing a school that is right for you is an important decision to make.

You should now have more information about what we aim to achieve at Stoke Studio College and the exciting learning environment that we provide.

You can be confident that this type of school is endorsed by local and national employers who are telling us that we need to take this approach to education to ensure that students are more fully prepared for progression on to the next steps in their learning, the world of work and life.



# THIS SCHOOL IS **RIGHT FOR YOU** IF YOU...

- Have an interest in developing skills related to Business, Manufacturing, Engineering or Construction
- Are excited by the concept of project based learning
- Want to work things out, think for yourself and respond to the challenge of solving problems
- Relish the idea of being treated as an adult and working in a mature and business like environment
- Would feel supported by having a personalised learning plan
- Want to build positive relationships with learning coaches and personal coaches
- Want to be an independent learner and a future expert

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# COURSES AT STOKE STUDIO COLLEGE

- Construction and Building Excellence
- Manufacturing and Design Engineering

## BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Construction

This course is aimed at learners who are aiming at moving into entry-level roles in the construction sector, such as a Trainee Site Technician, a Trainee Surveyor, a Trainee Architectural Technician or a Craft apprenticeship. The course covers a wide range of construction subjects such as sustainability in the construction industry, use of science and maths in construction, construction drawing techniques, construction processes and operations, construction methods and techniques in joinery and brickwork. This course is equivalent to **1 GCSE** and has a mixture of coursework and external examinations.

## BTEC Level 2 Award in Engineering

This course is aimed at learners who are aiming at moving into entry-level roles in the engineering sector, such as maintenance, manufacturing, electronic and general engineering. The course covers a wide range of engineering subjects and activities including workshop skills such as using hand tools and machines, making and testing electronic circuit, engineering materials, engineering mathematics and science. This course is equivalent to **1 GCSE** and has a mixture of coursework and external examinations.

Students at our college receive a first class, rounded education. Each student has a personal coach who works with them to plan their learning, review their progress and support them, ensuring they achieve their academic potential and are well prepared to progress onto further education or work. They follow the core curriculum in Key Stage 4 in the following subjects:

**GCSE English, GCSE Mathematics,  
GCSE Science, GCSE Language,  
GCSE Humanity and GCSE ICT**

PE and PSHE are additional subjects taken by every student. These elements of the curriculum are delivered primarily at the Discovery Academy and the Excel Academy with whom we work in partnership. In addition, all students will study 2 BTEC Diplomas in one of the following subjects, learning through a project-based approach, related to real life situations.



# WHERE OUR **COURSES** LEAD

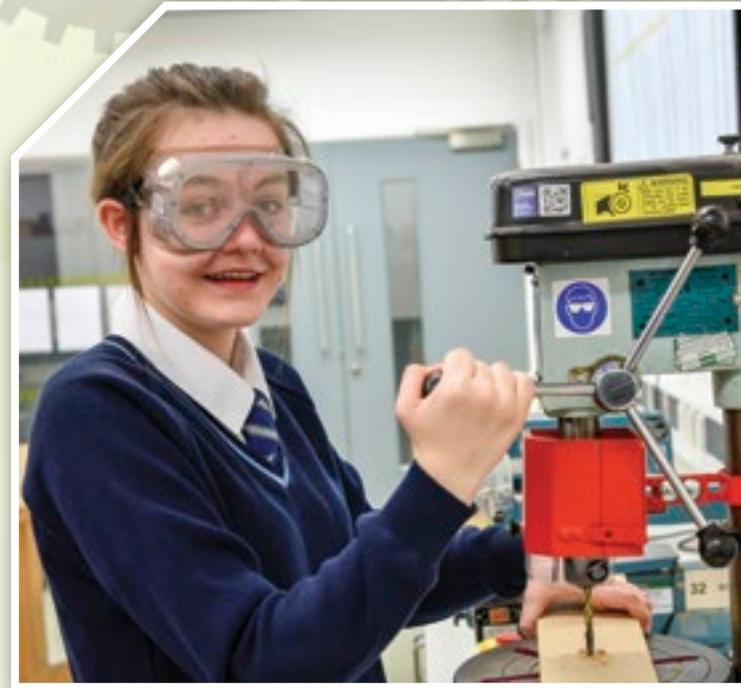
Students who complete the qualifications offered at Stoke Studio College are well placed to progress in a variety of directions.

## Construction progression routes

- The Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment that is also on offer at the Studio College
- Intermediate of Advanced Apprenticeships in a wide range of construction trades and professions such as quantity surveyor, architect, site supervisors, structural engineer, construction manager, civil engineers, maintenance engineers, building control officer.
- Employment in the various trades within the construction sector

## Engineering progression routes

- The Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Engineering that is also on offer at the Studio College
- Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeships in a wide range of engineering disciplines such as engineering manufacture, fabrication and welding, engineering maintenance and technical support
- Employment in entry level roles in the engineering sector



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and Coaching

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# OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

## SUPPORTING YOU IN YOUR LEARNING

Stoke Studio College understands that each student has their own abilities and talents, we want each of them to maximize their achievement and have a range of support available to ensure that they are able to do so. We set the bar high and encourage our students to strive to achieve their best. Academic excellence, a positive attitude and a willingness to develop new skills and take all the opportunities offered are the expectations we have for all students.

Our Teaching staff deliver the curriculum and ensure that students develop the skills and knowledge which employers are looking for. Students also work in mixed groups on projects, sometimes involving employers, to secure extensive subject and vocational knowledge as well as employability and enterprise skills.

All students have coaches, someone who looks at how they perform and offers advice and guidance on how to improve. Each of our students is supported by a personal coach who will help with all aspects of college life, helping them stay on track, achieve their full potential and enjoy their time with us.

## SAFEGUARDING YOUNG PEOPLE

Student safety and well-being is paramount, and we are required to take any reasonable action necessary to ensure the safety of our students.

If any member of staff is concerned that one of our students may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect or any form of abuse they will inform our designated Safeguarding Officer.

Our policy is consistent with national standards for safeguarding procedures.



# FINANCIAL **SUPPORT**

## **Free breakfast**

At the Studio College we offer a free breakfast club for all our students from 8am to 8.45am daily, where they can get cereal and drinks before starting their classes.

## **Reduced cost bus travel**

Smart Pass- anyone who lives within Stoke-on-Trent and plans to travel within Stoke-on-Trent can apply for a Smart Pass. It can be used 7 days a week and saves the hassle of wondering about the cost of your journeys.

Students under the age of 16 are eligible to purchase a Child Smart Pass from a range of outlets displaying the pink PayZone symbol or on-bus. We are not able to sell these passes at the college.

Students aged 16 can purchase a Smart Pass from the college

## **Subsidised travel**

there is also support available for students who:

- Live over 3 miles away from either Stoke Studio College, Discovery Academy or Excel Academy
- Qualify for Free School Meals

For more information on these offers, please contact the Stoke Studio College office on **01782 603171**



## LINKS WITH **EMPLOYERS**

Strong links with employers lie at the heart of our curriculum. Employers are keen to support the school, to grow new talent and to shape their workforce of the future.

### **Employers are involved with:**

- Advising on the content of the curriculum and the qualifications we offer
- Delivering sessions or master classes to students
- Mentoring students and providing careers guidance
- Delivering mock interviews
- Designing real life project briefs
- Sponsoring competitions
- Supporting educational visits to their premises

In years 10 and 11, students will be offered up to 6 weeks per year on work experience, some of this may be scheduled to take place during college holidays.

This enables students to link what they learn at college into a real life environment and make a practical connection.

## INFORMATION FOR **PARENTS**

### **What do I need to know?**

Enabling a young person to make a decision about selecting a school which is right for them can be difficult; our experience of education will be different to theirs, and their future holds opportunities and technologies different to anything you have already experienced.

Stoke Studio College believes that a strong relationship with parents, guardians and carers is essential. We will keep you up to date with what is happening at college with regular newsletters, parents' evenings and events. In addition our website

**[www.stokestudiocollege.co.uk](http://www.stokestudiocollege.co.uk)**

contains further information on:

- The curriculum
- Staff
- Dates of events and open evenings
- Term dates
- School policies
- Frequently asked questions

Our students are encouraged to set high expectations for themselves in terms of both their academic outcomes and skills development. The college environment will be supportive, happy and designed to encourage all learners to take pride in their attainment.

If you have a particular question that is not answered by this prospectus please email **[adminsupport@stokestudiocollege.co.uk](mailto:adminsupport@stokestudiocollege.co.uk)** and we will get back to you.

# OPEN DAYS

If you are interested in applying for a place at Stoke Studio College you are welcome to attend one of our open events. These give you the chance to find out more about us meet representatives of the team and see our facilities.

Please see our website for details of dates and times [www.stokestudiocollege.co.uk](http://www.stokestudiocollege.co.uk)

## HOW TO **APPLY**

We would be delighted to receive your application to study at Stoke Studio College, and If you are applying in Year 9 or 10 then please send your completed form to:

Stoke on Trent City Council Admissions  
Children's and Young People's Services  
Floor 2, Civic Centre  
Glebe Street  
Stoke-on-Trent  
ST4 1HH



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# WHAT ARE THE **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

We are an inclusive college and do not stipulate formal entry requirements at Key Stage 4. What we are looking for are young people who have a real interest in the subjects we offer, who want to work hard and who will make full use of the approach to learning that we offer. Stoke-on-Trent City Council will allocate places based on our admissions policy. The new intake of students will receive confirmation of their place by letter, which will contain all information regarding their first weeks at the college.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS **FOR STUDY AT AGE 16 AND BEYOND**

If you decide to progress onto one of our 16-19 courses, there are entry requirements and your personal coach will discuss the options available to you based on the results you expect at the end of Year 11.

To access the Level 3 qualifications we offer (the BTEC extended Diplomas) you will need to have achieved or be predicted to achieve at least five GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Mathematics.

To access the Level 2 qualifications we offer, you will need to have achieved or be predicted to achieve at least four GCSEs at grade D or above including English and Mathematics.

**For further details about these courses  
please see our 16-19 Course Guide**

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The Studio College is an independent educational establishment which is part of 'The College Academies Trust'.

All our policies can be accessed from our website.

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