



Unlocking Potential....Changing Lives

Darton College is one of 9 secondary schools in Barnsley which has participated in an extensive BSF rebuilding programme. We have recently moved into the £28 million bespoke world class facilities including specialist technology, performance and sporting venues as well as innovative learning spaces within 5 skills areas. It primarily serves the villages of Darton and Kexborough and the College itself is situated in Kexborough within five minutes of Junction 38 on the M1.

The College is currently 11-16, with 980 students on roll.

The College has very strong links with its five main feeder Primary Schools.

The College has approximately 120 staff, half of whom are teachers. The current structure of the Senior Leadership Team is Principal, two Vice Principals and three Assistant Principals and a College Executive Business / Commercial Manager.

The College is organised on departmental lines with 16 Curriculum Team Leaders, the Inclusion Team currently work together to offer a more integrated provision; this consists of leadership by an Assistant Principal with five Heads of Year, an INCO, LSU Manager, a Hub Manager and two Achievement Leaders.

The College has been addressing the issue of the under performance of its students over the last year or so. We are determined that students' standards and progress are good or better at both KS3 and KS4. As part of that we are working hard to appoint a staff with high level teaching skills and enthusiasm and a real commitment to ensuring that every student achieves and is able to maximise their life chances. This is having an impact, in 2011, 90% of our students achieved 5+ A* - C.

The College was inspected by Ofsted in January 2010. The College was graded "Inadequate" overall and was subject to Special Measures. The work that has been done since that inspection has had a hugely positive effect on learning and the school was removed from Special Measures in June 2011 with a Satisfactory grading but with many Good and some Outstanding features. The full report is available on www.ofsted.gov.uk The next step for the College is to continue its journey and work towards becoming an 'Outstanding' College.

The College has a strong reputation in the community and we work closely with many local groups and agencies.