



Facts & Figures

Locations

Deeside College

Kelsterton Road, Connah's Quay, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 4BR.

Northop College

Holywell Road, Northop, Mold, CH7 6AA.

Coleg Llysfasi

Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2LB.

Wrexham Training

Felin Puleston, Ruabon Road, Wrexham, LL13 7RF.

Centres in the community

Futures@Holywell, High Street, Holywell, CH8 7LH.

Student numbers

Full-time students: 3,500

Part-time students: 10,000

Work-based learners: 700 apprentices and 2,000 other work-based learners

Courses on offer

Full-time courses

Entry level to level 3, vocational and academic, including Key Skills and the Welsh Baccaalaureate qualification.

Part-time courses

Level 1 to level 6 including Basic Skills, taster sessions, day release courses, continuing professional development, and customised training for employers.

Work-based programmes

Foundation Modern Apprenticeships, Modern Apprenticeships, Modern Skills Diploma, Skill Build.

Corporate information

Turnover

Approx £40m per annum, of which over 30% comes from non-core Further Education funding.

Number of staff

Over 1000 employees including teaching, business support staff and managers.

Company history

1952: Flintshire Technical College opens its doors to students

1966 - 1974: Flintshire College of Technology

1974 - 1993: Kelsterton College – North East Wales Institute (NEWI)

1993 - 2009: Deeside College

2009: Merger with Welsh College of Horticulture

2010: Merger with Coleg Llysfasi

2009 - present: Deeside College

Awards

2009

- National Training Awards Modern Apprenticeship of the Year
- Fforwm Award for Innovation in the Delivery of the Welsh Baccaalaureate Qualification
- Welsh VQ Hero
- NIACE 'Workplace Learner of the Year' Award
- RHS Tatton Gold Award
- EEF Apprentice of the Year
- Silver Gilt Royal Welsh
- Most Promising Welsh Apprentice Awards
- 1st Place - UK Skills, Floristry
- Level 5 Green Dragon
- Envirowise Public Sector Waste Minimisation Campaign - Green Star
- Community Learning Tutor of the Year
- Welsh Baccaalaureate Student of the Year

2008

- The Welsh Livery Guild 'Best College of Further Education 2007-08' Award
- Leading Wales Award – Principal David Jones
- EEF apprenticeship awards for Airbus and RD Precision apprentices
- City and Guilds Medals of Excellence for one tutor
- RoSPA Commended Award for Education & Training Sector
- Fforwm Annual Awards 2008:
 - Effective Partnership Working
 - Apprenticeship Frameworks
 - Digital Learning Resources
 - Innovation in the Management of Vocational Awards

2007

- Association of Colleges' UK Beacon Award – the Welsh Assembly Government Award for College Engagement with Employers in Wales
- UK Further Education Colleges' Marketing Network
- Award for Public Relations 2007
- National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)'Tutors and Mentors Inspire' Awards for two tutors
- Fforwm award for Plugging the Skills Gaps in the Workforce by Offering 'Real World' Training Opportunities
- RoSPA Commended Award for Education & Training Sector
- Basic Skills Agency's Quality Mark

2006

- Fforwm award for Basic Skills 2006
- RoSPA Occupational Health & Safety Gold Award
- The Wales Management Award for Sustainable Development in the Public Sector
- Tourism Training Forum for Wales Exemplar Award

2005

- Wales Quality Centre Learning Prize
- Beacon Award in Occupational Health & Safety and Environment Management Training
- Investors In People (IiP) award including Recruitment & Selection model
- City and Guilds Medals of Excellence for two tutors
- NIACE 'Tutor of the Year Award' for two tutors

2004

- The Special National Training Award for Wales and the UK
- Fforwm Award for 'Innovative Developments in the Use of On-line Learning'

2003

- NWOCN Award for Quality in Access to Higher Education courses
- NWOCN Award for Innovation for voluntary sector training
- World Open Learning Centre Award for Learning Resource
- Centre Manager of the Year award

2002

- The Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education
- Wales Quality Awards – Gold and Service Sector prizes

1996

- Investors in People status

College philosophy

Investment in estate

- Over £15m capital investment during 2003-2008
- Capital investment £3.8m during 2006-2007
- Annual refurbishments to departments across the college
- Engineering Centre
- Indoor Athletics Stadium
- Lifestyle Fitness suite
- Learning Zone & Conference Centre
- Construction Centre
- Health Care, Early Years & Basic Skills Centre
- Futures@Holywell Centre
- Flintshire Learning Core Development Centre

Environment & sustainability

- Deeside College is the first college in Wales to receive Fairtrade University status
- The college has the Welsh Assembly Government's top Green Dragon level 5 status for sustainable development
- Students study sustainable development during Welsh Baccalaureate and personal tutorial programmes
- The college uses recycled paper for all printed and inhouse publicity materials

- Automatic lighting and solar power have been introduced to reduce energy consumption

Fund-raising for charity

- Staff and students raised over £32,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, the college's nominated charity for 2006-2007
- Staff and students raised over £34,042 for the Alzheimer's Society, the college's nominated charity for 2007-2008
- Staff and students raised over £26,726 for NSPCC, the college's nominated charity for 2008-2009
- Staff and students raised over £32,682 for Papyrus, the college's nominated charity for 2009-2010
- Staff and students raised over £51,062 for the RNLI, the college's nominated charity for 2010-11
- The nominated charity for 2011-2012 is Cancer Research UK