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The programme has improved my learning experience; it gave me everything I needed. The best thing about being at College is gaining better qualifications because if it was not for this programme I wouldn't have achieved.

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inspire student, aged 15, Bedworth

# inspire

at **North Warwickshire & Hinckley College**

Alternative provision for young people



North Warwickshire  
& Hinckley College



**I'm happy I have been given  
a second chance to try new  
things and complete new  
qualifications.**

**inspire** student, aged 16, Nuneaton





## What is inspire?

**inspire** is an inclusive alternative provision programme. It enables young people who are experiencing challenges at mainstream school to stay in education.

## How inspire can help your school

Through an inspiring vocational offer, we have a programme designed to encourage the inclusion of young people who may be at risk of disengaging from education. We offer full-time or part-time provision, a wide range of vocational courses taught by expert staff in industry-standard facilities, as well as an academic core of English, Maths and Science. Young people remain on roll at school but attend **inspire** either part-time or full-time for an agreed period.

## About our College

**inspire** is part of North Warwickshire & Hinckley College, a high performing general Further Education college. It is a first choice for any young person who wants to develop essential knowledge and practical skills to progress into further training and education and/or employment, or to set up their own enterprise.

**Our excellent links with over 1,000 employers and universities help young people build successful futures and achieve their goals.**



## Aims of the programme

inspire offers a combined academic and vocational curriculum with the following aims:

- Commitment to progression through regular reviews and expert careers advice
- Embedded Literacy and Numeracy across the learning programme
- ICT capability
- Personal and social skills
- Self-discipline and daily reflection
- Enquiry and evaluation
- Valuing the contribution of others and working as a team

“Thank you all so much for making me what I am today.”

inspire student, aged 15, Nuneaton



## Vocational offer

Each young person will receive an individual learning programme designed specifically to meet their particular interests and needs. Students are able to focus their learning in a wide range of areas including:

- Childcare
- Construction
- Engineering
- English, Maths and Science
- Fashion & Textiles
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Media & Performing Arts
- Motor Vehicle
- Sport
- And many more (subject to demand)

## Benefits to students

Students joining the programme will benefit from:

- Comprehensive 1-1 personal coaching, tutorials and support that focuses on academic retention, achievement and progression
- Flexible programmes designed with students' interests at heart, whilst embedding Literacy and Numeracy Skills; the opportunity to achieve up to 5 GCSEs or equivalent
- Opportunities for work experience, including community projects, in-line with students' preferred area of interest
- Small group teaching delivered in a professional and supportive environment
- Work towards the achievement of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, highly valued by employers and educational establishments
- Access to sport qualifications and/or enrichment activities, as well as use of the College's Sport & Fitness Centre, restaurants and salons
- Opportunities to compete in local and regional skills competitions including national WorldSkillsUK competitions

## Our promise to schools and students

- High quality provision taught by experienced qualified staff
- A programme of study agreed with the school before commencement with clear outcomes for students
- A behaviour management agreement
- Weekly reports for the induction period followed by monthly progress reports incorporating both academic and behavioural progression
- An opportunity to join our advisory group of schools
- Regular reviews based on school and students' needs
- Attendance at Child Protection/Common Assessment Framework Meetings
- Dedicated email address and help line with daily ring back to ensure all your queries are promptly answered
- An **inspire** named contact for your school and student



## Introducing students to inspire

All young people who join **inspire** will be invited to attend an extensive induction, where they will try out and chose their vocational areas with guidance and support from qualified staff, meet their personal coaches, and have the chance to get to know their peers and build new friendships. Students will be allocated to teaching and learning groups for Maths, English and Science and any other subjects as appropriate.


Upon completion of the **inspire** programme, and at key points within their programme, each young person will receive careers advice, as well as information and guidance delivered by the College's Guidance Team. Many former **inspire** students have progressed into further study programmes enabling them to have a successful future ahead.

## Success

Since launching the **inspire** programme in 2011, we have:

- Supported over 60 young people to re-engage in learning
- Helped **inspire** learners secure places on to full-time post-16 courses, and ensured post-16 plans are in place for remaining students in liaison with Warwickshire County Council
- Achieved 100% pass rate on Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze)
- Given students the opportunity to take part in competitions including the National AHT hairdressing competition in Blackpool
- Encouraged positive involvement in community projects, for example volunteering, production of wooden toys, birdhouses, and other community projects





I can't thank you all enough  
because without you, my son  
wouldn't be where he is today.

Parent of **inspire** student, Nuneaton

## Enrichment

The College provides a full range of enrichment activities including:

- Skills competitions
- Residentials in the Peak District as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Supported volunteering opportunities in the local community
- Sporting activities including the opportunity to play in North Warwickshire & Hinckley College's Football Academy
- Gym membership
- Participation in Student Union activities including fundraising for local and national charities
- Providing students with an active role in the Student Voice by volunteering as student representatives at the Student Parliament meetings hosted by the Principal



To find out more or make a referral about this programme:

Call **024 7624 3000 (ext 3115)**

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