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## Introducing the Devon Colleges Group

As Devon's four principal and high-quality further and higher education colleges, Plymouth, Exeter, Petroc and South Devon have a proven track record of effective collaboration, with a long history of serving local communities. Working together we are raising the education and skills aspirations of residents and employers in Devon and beyond; supporting individuals to achieve and succeed.

Each year, we contribute approximately £130m to our local economy, whilst achieving an even bigger long term impact through increasing and improving the education and skills of local students and businesses.



"This document shows that across Devon we have a vibrant, innovative and forward thinking further education sector. I am delighted that Exeter College can play an active part with the other colleges across Devon to help make Devon the best place to live, work, learn, visit or start a business. What this document shows is that whatever your ambition, interest or need, we, as a collective, can help."

**John Laramy, Principal and Chief Executive, Exeter College**



# £138m

Contribution to local  
economy

# 50,000+

Students each year

Together, our four award-winning Devon colleges play a pivotal role in the educational, economic, social and cultural prosperity of the region. We are purposefully committed to collective and strong collaborative working for the benefit of those working and living in Devon and the wider region. Sustaining an effective partnership, we work closely with, and alongside, other education providers and our strategic partners to ensure that there is a wide range of world class learning opportunities throughout Devon, which are available to all.

The four colleges deliver education, skills and training to over 50,000 students each year - from young people aged 14 - 19 to adults; from entry to Degree and higher level; from the most able to some of the most disadvantaged; to those in the workplace and to those studying on our college campuses.

The Devon Colleges Group is working closely with Plymouth & Devon Chamber of Commerce to deliver Local Skills Improvement Plans, by working collaboratively with local and regional businesses to understand requirements and develop curriculum accordingly.



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Ofsted rated good  
or outstanding

## Who are we?

The Devon Colleges Group is comprised of large, successful colleges, individually and collectively characterised as:

- ▲ high-quality, responsive, and efficient education and training organisations, each judged by Ofsted as delivering 'Good' or 'Outstanding' provision
- ▲ strong and well-established centres of technical, professional and academic expertise, employing some 3,000 highly qualified, professional staff
- ▲ fully aligned with the region's strategic and economic priorities - working together to secure the right outcomes for individuals and the economy
- ▲ providing for our local and regional communities with an impact on the region of nearly £1bn per annum
- ▲ dynamic and responsive, with a fundamental core purpose to work closely with employers, individuals, and parents to develop the best key education and skills pathways to employment and higher education
- ▲ supporting over 6,000 apprentices each year with high-quality technical learning and guidance, including adults that take advantage of the opportunity to explore new careers or study higher and degree apprenticeships
- ▲ enjoying strong local and national reputations and high status within the further education and wider education sectors
- ▲ sustaining good or outstanding financial health and delivering excellent value for public investment
- ▲ providing significant learner choice, recognising the importance that our customers place on the curriculum we offer, its location and how we best deliver it
- ▲ offering university-level education to over 3,200 students
- ▲ offering more opportunities for adults to improve their prospects with funded courses to engage and provide the skills and learning they need to progress into, or within, work; or equip them for an apprenticeship or other learning.

6,000+



Supported every year

£1bn

Total impact on the  
regional economy

3,200+

University-level  
students

## Closer college collaboration - the benefits

Aside from the advantages to students, there are other significant benefits to the collaboration between the colleges which include:

- ▲ data sharing and joint analysis of Local Market Information to further improve approaches to new developments, particularly in response to skills supply and skills demand
- ▲ quicker identification of gaps in provision, specialisms, and the avoidance of unnecessary duplication
- ▲ more innovative approaches to curriculum planning, design, and delivery across the region
- ▲ exploration of new models of delivery (including virtual and employer contracted)
- ▲ stronger customer relationship management for the employers we work with
- ▲ strategic joint marketing and closer alignment to the region's priorities and presentation of the colleges offer in one place
- ▲ improved communication of the technical and professional education offer and clearer branding of the further education sector
- ▲ shared public relations campaigns and guidance about key educational changes and initiatives such as the Apprenticeship Employer Levy, Advanced Learner Loans, and funding
- ▲ collaborative quality improvement strategies, planning and support
- ▲ good practice sharing and continuous professional development, sustaining quality
- ▲ increased capacity, flexibility, and supportive approaches to respond to employer needs
- ▲ more effective and efficient procurement, particularly at a local and regional level
- ▲ exploration of wider opportunities for shared services and improving value for money
- ▲ an increased level of joint bidding to expand valued local activity, delivery, and curriculum development.



These are exciting times for the South West, and like our colleagues across the Devon Colleges Group, we're inspired by the opportunities and immense potential these changes bring for Plymouth and the region. This brochure gives a taste of how our four colleges are collaborating to build new relationships, develop meaningful opportunities for individuals and businesses, and create impactful solutions that extend beyond college walls. By working together, the Devon College Group is building a stronger future for communities across the South West."

Jackie Grubb, Chief Executive and Principal, City College Plymouth



## Working together for our communities' success

Each member of the Devon Colleges Group:

- ▲ agrees that the effective collaboration of the colleges in Devon is key to delivering the skills our regional economy needs, both now and for the future
- ▲ has a shared vision which is focused on driving regional economic growth and productivity
- ▲ is strongly and resolutely committed to supporting the achievement of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership (HotSW LEP) strategic economic plan
- ▲ is committed to close partnership working with the combined authorities in the informed development of their devolution and economic and skills plan.
- ▲ is collectively committed to bringing greater local knowledge, information and influence with decision makers and funding bodies to support education and skills aspirations.
- ▲ ensure that collectively we continue to deliver high-quality and relevant education and training for all, responding quickly to emerging needs and changing patterns of demand
- ▲ provide a co-ordinated approach and greater focus on identifying areas of strength and specialisation, without diminishing our key local offer
- ▲ combine our efforts to enable the colleges to deliver training that may otherwise not be viable
- ▲ provide greater transparency around data and agreed measurable outcomes
- ▲ significantly contribute to a higher wage economy, wealth creation and individual prosperity in Devon and the wider region.



Acting as an individual organisation and as part of the Devon Colleges Group, each college has pledged to:

- ▲ play a critical role in the analysis of current and future economic, educational and skills needs, provision and gaps, building further on the existing evidence base
- ▲ effectively deliver Devon's growth ambitions within a prompt timescale. We want to see businesses grow more quickly, make best use of funding to invest in workforce skills, and ensure that Devon residents have the right skills to access good jobs

## Key outcomes

The Devon Colleges Group key outcomes include:

- ▲ ensuring that Devon has the right mix and balance of provision, including the staff expertise, curriculum, and infrastructure capacity to deliver on local, regional, and national agendas
- ▲ raising the profile of technical and professional education across the region
- ▲ closer collaboration to better serve employers and individuals across the region
- ▲ ensuring that more revenue stays in the region and that its use is better coordinated
- ▲ working with others to improve the availability and use of impartial information, advice and guidance to inform choices
- ▲ straightforward and meaningful engagement and communication with stakeholders including the Combined Authority, HotSW LEP, Devon & Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Devon & Cornwall Business Council, Federation of Small Businesses, and other key business organisations.



The Devon Colleges Group shows the commitment of Devon's four colleges of further education to collaboration. Each of our fantastic colleges has its own unique strengths and its own part to play in addressing skills gaps in the region. Working together, we offer our communities a full spectrum of opportunities to learn and develop the skills that employers are looking for."

**Laurence Frewin, Principal and CEO,  
South Devon College**

# Our Apprenticeship Offer

The Devon Colleges Group offers a huge range of high-quality Apprenticeship programmes, covering all the key industrial sectors. The table below demonstrates the breadth of the course offer currently available.

With programmes at Level 1 through to Intermediate Level, Advanced Level 3 and Higher Education (Levels 4 and 5), there is sure to be an offer to meet your training need.

	Business Management and Administration				Construction				Digital Industries and IT				Education and Training			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exeter College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petroc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Environment, Health and Safety				Financial Services Banking and Insurance				Food and Drink				Freight, Logistics and Distribution			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exeter College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petroc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Hair and Beauty				Healthcare, Nursing and Dentistry				Hospitality and Tourism				Legal Services			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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- A Apprenticeships
- B Advanced Apprenticeships
- C Higher Apprenticeships
- D Degree Apprenticeships

	Manufacturing and Engineering				Marine Engineering				Performing Arts, broadcast and Media				Power and Utilities			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Retail Sales and Customer Services				Sales and Marketing				Science and Research				Sports and Leisure			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Transport (Including Automotive)			
	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exeter College	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petroc	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓

# Our Adult Learning Offer

The Devon Colleges Group offers a huge range of high-quality adult learning programmes that develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to progress and be successful in employment, further study and to support social and personal development.

The table below demonstrates the breadth of the course offer currently available. With adult education funded programmes from entry level through to higher education (Level 4 and above), there is sure to be an offer to meet the education and training of adults in Devon.



- A** Up to Level 1
- B** Level 2
- C** Level 3
- D** Level 4 and above

	Accountancy and Financial Services				Administration and Customer Services				Aerospace				Animal Care and Management			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exeter College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petroc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Arts, Craft and Design				Automotive				Business, Leadership and Management				Construction and Building Services			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exeter College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Petroc	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Digital Industries and IT				Education and Training				English, Maths and ESOL				Hair and Beauty Services			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Health and Social Care				Hospitality and Tourism				Humanities and Social Science				Law and Legal Services			
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City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Manufacturing and Engineering				Marine				Performing Arts, Broadcast and Media				Retail, Sales and Marketing			
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South Devon College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Science, Environment and Sustainability				Sports and Leisure				Warehousing, Logistics and Distribution			
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City College Plymouth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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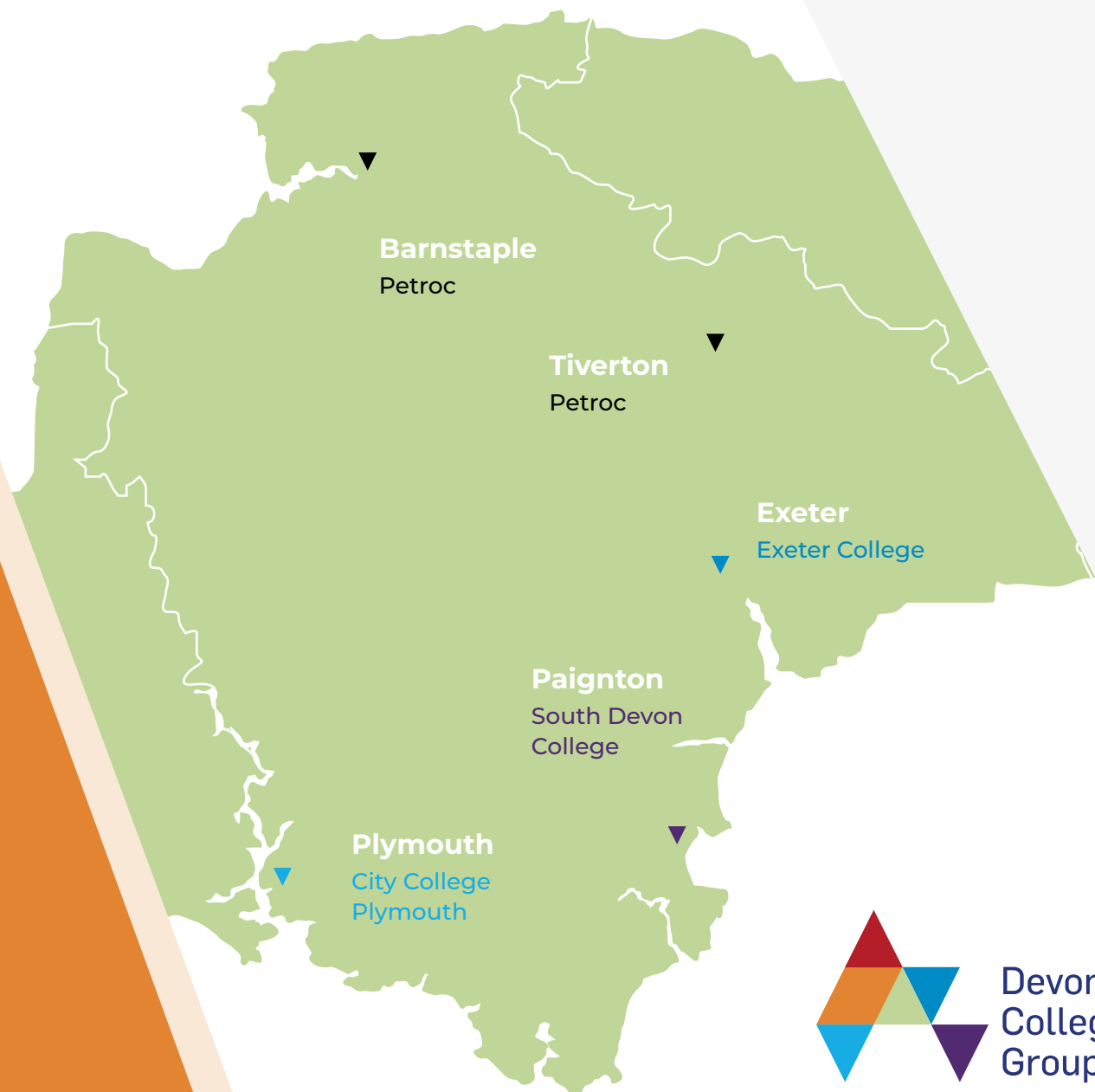
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“Modern colleges provide the glue that connects the different parts of our communities and economy, transforming lives through learning: doing so much more than people think. The DCG demonstrates the maturity of the Devon colleges’ partnership and our ability to work strategically together. The four colleges are the institutions at the centre of improving life in the county, working with others across the whole system, for the benefit of the people of Devon.”

**Sean Mackney, Principal and CEO of Petroc**





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