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West of England Area Review

College annex

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¹ Please note that the information on the colleges included in this annex relates to the point at which the review was undertaken. No updates have been made to reflect subsequent developments or appointments since the completion of the review.

Bath College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: There are two main campuses, one in the city of Bath named Bath College City Centre, and the other in Radstock named Bath College Somer Valley

Local Enterprise Partnership: West of England LEP

Principal: Matt Atkinson

Corporation Chair: Carole Stott

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Adult Learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the college website

Specialisms:

The college offers visual arts and a new construction skills centre is to be built at the Somer Valley Campus

Partnerships:

The College has formalised partnerships with a number of its feeder schools. It has a university centre which delivers programmes both validated and franchised by 4 HEI partners: Plymouth University (PU), University of the West of England (UWE), University of Gloucestershire (UOG) and Bath Spa University (BSU)

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £20,000,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in January 2013](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

City of Bristol College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college is based in within Bristol City Council and South Gloucestershire Council local authority areas

Local Enterprise Partnership: West of England LEP

Principal: Lee Probert

Corporation Chair: Jo Matthews

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the college website

Specialisms:

College offers CAA approved European Aviation Safety Agency programmes

Partnerships:

City of Bristol College sponsors a university technical college

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £47,728,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in January 2016](#) and was assessed as grade 4: inadequate

Notice of concern:

The [college is subject to notices of concern](#) issued by the Skills Funding Agency

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: South Gloucestershire and Stroud College is located within the Stroud District of Gloucestershire and on the border of South Gloucestershire and North Bristol. The college has 5 main campuses with the head office being at the Stroud Campus. Other major sites are the Filton Avenue Campus (oldest campus – academic, foundation and technical education provision), WISE (new campus for sport and the arts), Queen’s Road (art school) and the Bristol Zoo Gardens (animal management)

Berkeley Campus will open in 2016 with the first phase of the formation of the Gloucestershire Science and Technology Park

Local Enterprise Partnership: West of England LEP and Gloucestershire LEP

CEO & Executive Principal: Kevin Hamblin

College Principal: Sara-Jane Watkins

Corporation Chair: John Huggett

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the college website

Specialisms:

Existing specialisms include sport; visual and performing arts and business and IT

The college is also recognised as a centre of excellence in purchasing & supply

Developing specialisms include cyber security; engineering; nuclear industry skills training and support; advanced manufacturing; and renewable energy

Partnerships:

The College working in partnership with the University of Gloucestershire to develop a cyber-security and renewable technologies centre at levels 3, 4 and 5

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College sponsor the SGS multi-academy trust. The trust includes a specialist 4-19 School (opening Sept 2017); a university technical college focussed on advanced manufacturing and digital technologies (opening Sept 2017) and a 11-16 secondary school in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £33,600,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in November 2014](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

St Brendan's Sixth Form College

Type: Sixth-form college

Location: The college is based in Brislington

Local Enterprise Partnership: West of England LEP

Principal: Michael Jaffrain

Corporation Chair: Olive Barnes

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the college website

Specialisms:

The college is one of sixteen catholic sixth-form colleges in England and Wales and one of only two in the south-west. The curriculum is predominately A levels. St Brendan's obtained UKBA approval in October 2013 (Highly Trusted Status in 2015) and is now accredited to recruit fee-paying international students, which was one of the key objectives of its international strategy

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £9,053,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in October 2012](#) and was assessed as grade 2: good

Weston College

Type: College of general and further education

Location: The college is based in Weston-Super-Mare in North Somerset and is spread across 3 campuses in the town

Local Enterprise Partnership: West of England LEP

Principal: Paul Phillips

Corporation Chair: Jude Ferguson

Main offer includes:

Provision for 16 to 18 year olds and adults across a range of subject sector areas

Apprenticeships

Employer-led learning

Higher Education

[Details about the college offer](#) can be reviewed on the college website

Specialisms:

The college offers a significant amount of provision for students with high needs

Art and design

Growing engineering and construction provision

Significant expansion of engineering and construction provision.

Expanding a high quality higher education offer with its key partners UWE and the University of Bath Spa

Partnerships:

Weston College sponsors a growing multi-academy trust, which includes a college sponsored free school

The college receives funding from:

[Education Funding Agency.](#)

[Skills Funding Agency.](#)

[Higher Education Funding Council.](#)

For the 2014 to 2015 academic year, the [college's total income](#) was: £53,131,000

Ofsted inspections:

The [college was inspected in December 2013](#) and was assessed as grade 1: outstanding



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