



## Particularly successful schools and colleges 2004/05

Overall 89% of students who came to New College Durham completed their course, of those 87% achieved a qualification.

Therefore overall 77% achieved their aims, which puts New College Durham into the top 25% of all colleges in England and Wales.

The Sixth Form Centre at New College Durham achieved excellent results in the summer of 2005, with 98% pass rate at A Level. 19 subjects had 100% pass rates at A Level.

### **Ofsted Inspection said:**

- Overall pass and retention rates for students, aged 16 to 18, and for adults have improved and are high.
- Many students aged 16 to 18 achieve grades, which are higher than those predicted by their GCSE performance at school.
- Success rates for adults on higher level professional courses are particularly high.
- The standard of students' work and the development of their skills are good.
- In business administration, management and professional and humanities, students produce good written work.
- In literacy and numeracy, students develop good use of language and number skills.
- Students of construction, engineering, sport, leisure and tourism, hairdressing and beauty therapy and care and early years develop good practical skills.

### **16 to 18 year olds**

- Retention rates are high at levels 1 and 2 and have improved to above the national average.
- In some construction apprenticeship programmes, there is a 100% retention rate of learners recruited in 2003/04.
- Pass rates in GCE A-level humanities subjects were very high, with a large number of students achieving high grades. In these subjects, many students achieved significantly higher grades than predicted by their GCSE grades.
- The pass rates of work-based learners who remain on their programmes are high.

### **Adult learners**

- Retention rates are now well above the national average at all levels including higher level professional courses where there are significant numbers of students.
- Success rates are very high on all types of level 3 courses and particularly high on long GCE A-level and college based vocational courses.
- Success rates on long NVQ courses, many of which are provided for adults in the workplace, are consistently high.

<b>Lessons Observed: 140</b>			
	<b>Good or Better</b>	<b>Satisfactory</b>	<b>Less than Satisfactory</b>
Teaching	76.4%	22.9%	0.7%
Learning	76.4%	22.9%	0.7%
Attainment	61.6%	35.5%	2.9%

Attendance during Inspection	78.5%
Students per Lesson	10.7

<b>Provisional Grades : Curriculum</b>		
	<b>FE</b>	<b>WBL</b>
<b>AoL</b>		
Construction		3
Engineering	3	3
Business	2	3
Sports, Travel and Tourism	2	
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	2	
Care	2	3
Visual Performing Arts and Media	3	
Humanities	1	
Literacy/Numeracy (Foundation)	2	

<b>Provisional Grades : Cross College</b>	
Educational and Social Inclusion	2
Student Support and Guidance	2
Leadership and Management	2

**Note**

1 = Outstanding

2 = Good

3 = Satisfactory