Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Heart of Worcestershire College

UKPRN: 10007977

TEF Silver

This award was made in June 2017 and is valid for up to two years.

The TEF Panel reviewed the provider metrics and provider submission according to the process and criteria specified in the TEF guidance.

The provider metrics supplemented by the submission indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies, notably exceeding the provider benchmark. Very high proportions of students progress to employment or further study, although the College is below benchmark for part-time student progression to highly skilled employment. The Panel deemed this was largely addressed in the provider submission. The metrics for the substantial minority of full-time students indicate outstanding levels of student satisfaction with assessment and feedback, and high levels of satisfaction with teaching on my course, and very high levels of satisfaction with academic support, which was at levels notably above the provider benchmark.

The Panel considered the College submission in relation to the TEF criteria and its judgement reflects, in particular, evidence of:

- a highly effective approach to retention through the use of personalised pastoral and academic support, with students commenting on the facilitative ethos that encourages a return to education after a substantial period of absence
- course design that offers high quality employment-related assessment, and extracurricular activities that enable students to reach their full potential and acquire knowledge, skills and attributes that are valued by employers
- strategic assessment practices centring on reflective improvement that encourages peer and tutor partnership, stimulating students to engage and actively commit to their studies
- good quality digital and physical resources that meet student needs, including well developed learning and teaching spaces with dedicated resources for cyber security and engineering
- an institutional culture that facilitates excellent teaching and encourages the sharing of good practice across the College.

Overall, the TEF Panel judged that the combination of evidence in the provider metrics and the provider submission best fits the descriptor for a Silver award.

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