Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Gateshead College

UKPRN: 10002638

TEF Silver

This award was made in June 2017 and is valid for up to three 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 the College achieves excellent outcomes for its students. The metrics for part-time (majority mode) students are generally at or above benchmark, with retention being substantially above the provider's benchmark level. Progression to highly skilled employment or further study is substantially below benchmark, and the Panel deemed this was addressed effectively in the provider submission. The metrics for full-time (minority mode) provision are generally at or marginally below benchmark levels, with progression to employment, skilled employment or further study that is substantially above benchmark.

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

- the provision of personalised learning and individual tutorial support alongside formal group teaching scheduled during the day and in the evening to meet diverse student needs
- course design practices that use information from prior attainment and career aspirations to provide scope for good levels of stretch and enable students to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding that are highly valued by employers
- an institutional approach to digital resources that enables students to work flexibly and to progress via distance learning and the College's virtual learning environment where personal circumstances require
- a developing culture that facilitates excellent teaching through regular opportunities for the continuing professional development of its staff.

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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