Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

West Kent and Ashford College

UKPRN: 10007419

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 students achieve excellent outcomes with regard to progression to employment and to highly skilled employment or further study. Course design provides sufficient stretch to enable students to progress and develop transferable and professional skills. In majority full-time mode, which accounts for around two-thirds of provision, the College is above benchmark in five of the six areas.

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

- course design and assessment practices that provide scope for high levels of stretch
- close working relationships with employers and professional bodies, with employers contributing to curriculum planning and supporting the drive to align skills development with labour market demand
- an annual curriculum health check which audits the quality of assessment and feedback and which has led to an improvement in the quality and timeliness of assessment feedback
- personalised learning to maximise retention, attainment and progression, through termly personal tutorials and the use of personal development planning
- the provision of high quality physical and digital resources in response to feedback from students, enabling them to enhance their learning and develop independent study and research skills
- an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, and which requires staff to engage with continuing professional development which is then monitored through performance review.

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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