Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Wigan and Leigh College

UKPRN: 10007500

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 College metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes. Most students continue with their studies and progress to highly skilled employment or further study. The metrics indicate high levels of student satisfaction with teaching, assessment and feedback and academic support for full-time students. While the College is below benchmark in relation to assessment and feedback and academic support for part-time students, the Panel deemed this was effectively addressed in the provider submission.

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

- a strong emphasis on widening participation supported by teaching which encourages high levels of student engagement and commitment to learning and study with appropriate levels of contact hours and small class sizes
- an emphasis on learning in relation to technical skills or professional body requirements that enhances employability
- course design and assessment practices which provide scope for high levels of stretch, including students engaged in international visits, community events and linking with local employers
- a learning environment that facilitates personalised learning and supports the development of independent study and research skills
- implementation of an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching supported by weekly staff development sessions, and a developmental peer observation process.

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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