Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Greater Brighton Metropolitan College

UKPRN: 10004736

TEF Silver

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

Greater Brighton Metropolitan College was formed from a merger between Northbrook College, Sussex and City College Brighton on 1 April 2017. In assessing Greater Brighton Metropolitan College, the TEF Panel reviewed and took account of the provider metrics and the provider submissions for both colleges involved in the merger, according to the process and criteria specified in the TEF guidance.

The provider metrics indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions of students progress to employment and highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the benchmark for some student groups. Very high proportions of students also continue with their studies, although the provider is below benchmark for one group of students. There are very high levels of satisfaction, in some cases outstanding, for teaching on my course, assessment and feedback, and academic support; although the provider is below benchmark for some specific student groups. The Panel deemed that all instances of below benchmark performance are largely addressed in the provider submissions.

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

- an institutional culture that values and facilitates excellent teaching, as exemplified by the provider's support for higher education staff to achieve teaching qualifications and share good practice
- a strategic commitment to widening participation and personalised support, leading to high levels of engagement and a commitment to learning by students from all backgrounds
- high levels of employer engagement in programme design in order to ensure that students acquire knowledge and skills most highly valued by employers
- the identification of new learning needs for ensuring that course design and assessment practices maintain high levels of rigour and stretch
- high quality physical and digital resources that are used by students to enhance learning.

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Overall, the TEF Panel judged that the combination of evidence in the provider metrics and the provider submissions for both constituent colleges, and therefore for the resultant merged provider, best fits the descriptor for a Silver award.