



THANET COLLEGE

Key Facts

- Thanet College is the largest local provider of training and further education in the area and a Centre of Vocational Excellence in Catering and Hospitality.
- Inspected by Ofsted in May 2003, it was recognised for offering a breadth of the curriculum and providing good guidance and support for students.
- Thanet College is strong in its responsiveness to employer needs and effective in partnership arrangements and community links.
- Its mission: "We aim to be the College of choice for the local community and employers".

Location and Facilities

- Based in Broadstairs, the college is set in 12 acres by the sea.
- It offers a wide range of flexible courses for all ages and backgrounds.
- Thanet College also works with local employers to provide company tailored training.

Student Facts and Figures

- Approximately 2,000 full-time students, 6000 part-time students.
- 140 full time students are from outside the EU.

Faculties and Departments

- Course available include GCSEs, AS/A Levels, GNVQs, Advanced VCEs, NVQs and other respected vocational qualifications in a wide range of subject areas.
- Specialist subjects include Business Management Training, Catering and Hospitality, Health and Social Care, Interactive Media, Interior Design.
- Other subjects:
 - Business & Retail
 - Care
 - Computing & IT
 - Construction
 - Early Years
 - Creative Arts
 - Engineering & Technology
 - Fitness Instruction
 - Hairdressing, Beauty & Holistic Therapies
 - Hotel and Catering
 - Public Services
 - Secretarial & Administration
 - Travel & Tourism
 - Personal & Work Skills
 - Life Skills
 - Access courses



Links with Business and Training

As one of East Kent's leading providers of 'work-based' learning, Thanet College has a strong reputation for working with a wide range of local employer organisations of all sizes and across many sectors.

Thanet College offers 'work-based' learning to help companies incorporate new technology and quality standards. Initiatives such as apprentice schemes and training courses tailored to specific employers' needs has proved increasingly popular for business.

- Part of 'Train to Gain', the Learning and Skills Council's (LSC) flagship service to help businesses in Kent, Thanet College identifies the training businesses need to succeed.
- 'Train to Gain' gives employers access to a specialist Skills Broker, Skills South East, who will develop a training plan that is right for the business and its staff.
- This free, independent and impartial advice will lead employers to quality training providers.

The recently established business centre **Hartsdown House** in Margate offers local companies a high quality training environment. Within this site there is a wide range of courses, all leading to nationally recognised qualifications, with something for most industry sectors. Delivery methods are flexible so employees will not necessarily have to come to college, but learn at work with the help of highly trained workplace assessors.

Training Solutions at Thanet College

New dedicated business line - 01843 605032

New dedicated apprenticeship line - 01843 605036

Future Activities and Highlights

Plans for a proposed £43 million investment to Thanet College will strengthen its clear commercial advantage in developing significant business opportunities for the future in East Kent. This will further provide high quality education and training for employers and the local community.

Thanet College holds a number of Assurance Awards:

- Investors in people Award since 1997
- Positive About Disabled symbol user since 1998
- Centre of Vocational Excellence status in Catering and Hospitality since 2003

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