

What our priorities are and how we are doing

This section covers strategies and plans, performance indicators, audit, inspections and reviews.

Annual Report

Bishop Auckland College's Annual Report can be requested through the Freedom of Information by emailing quality@bacoll.ac.uk.

Self-Assessment Report

Bishop Auckland College's Self-Assessment Report for the current year and the previous three years are available upon request, please email quality@bacoll.ac.uk.

Mission Statement, Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities

Our Mission: *The passion that drives us*

Get the skills, get the job: High quality vocational learning that creates bright futures for all.

Our Vision: *Shaping the Future*

The Bishop Auckland College Group will continue to evolve by responding to individual, community and business needs with high quality specialist provision that builds prosperity for all people and catalyses local economic regeneration.

Our Values: *Guiding all of our activities*

These are the values that guide all of our activities:

- Caring** ✓ We are passionate about people and concerned for the wellbeing of all students and staff
- Ambition** ✓ We empower students to aim high and achieve their full potential
- Respect** ✓ Regardless of our differences, everyone is valued and treated with kindness
- Equality** ✓ We are inclusive and enable all members of our community to thrive
- Excellence** ✓ We strive for exceptional standards in everything we do
- Resilience** ✓ When faced with challenges, we work together to adapt and bounce back more determined than before

Culture and Values

Bishop Auckland College is a great place to study or work and our culture is quite distinctive. The College staff are an exceptionally tight-knit community of people who are absolutely dedicated to our students, our College and our local communities. Most of our staff and students originate from the local area and understand our context – the challenges and the enormous opportunities – very well.

Bishop Auckland College is a unique, diverse and inclusive environment in which everyone is supported to grow, develop and really flourish. We treat each student as an individual because we know that everyone is different. Every individual has their own unique talents, circumstances, challenges and aspirations. Every student brings something special and it is this diversity and

richness of ideas that makes college life interesting, fun and vibrant. Our culture is such that all students, staff and visitors feel welcome, safe, respected and valued, and we always stay true to our core values.

We know that positive and productive relationships are the key to unlocking the potential within each and every young person or adult learner, and ensuring that everyone has a bright future. For this reason, our staff are absolutely dedicated to really getting to know our students - what motivates them, their career aspirations and any extra support they might need too. We can do this because our class sizes are smaller than in some colleges and because we have a fantastic team of caring and dedicated staff. We understand that some of our students face difficult challenges and our approach is clear: where barriers exist, we focus relentlessly on supporting students to climb high and overcome them. For all students, our intent is always the same: from the moment they are welcomed into our College community, we aim to transform the life chances of every student, helping them to progress into fulfilling careers and contribute to the productivity and prosperity of our local economy.

Whilst we are rightly proud of our unique internal culture, Bishop Auckland College is an outward-facing organisation that recognises the critical importance of collaboration in order to lead change and influence local agendas. Through our many partnerships with employers and other stakeholders, we have established our place at the heart of our community and as a key partner in the regeneration of Bishop Auckland and south Durham. We are entrepreneurial, ambitious and we expect excellence – from ourselves and from our students.

Our Ambitions: (Strategic Priorities and Key Performance Indicators)

1. Vocational courses supporting local people into employment

Effective partnerships and business planning mean that courses respond to actual local priorities, helping to build prosperity in south Durham.

2. Expert staff; inclusive teaching, assessment and support

Inclusive and effective teaching, assessment and support mean that all students are engaged, inspired and enjoy learning.

3. Outstanding student outcomes

Progress, achievement and positive destination rates reflect best-in-class performance for all areas of activity.

4. Reputation for excellence

Students, parents, employers, staff and other stakeholders are proud of Bishop Auckland College and passionate about the role that we play.

5. A thriving and environmentally conscious business

The college operates as an efficient and environmentally conscious business, constantly innovating to build capacity, improve value for money, achieve excellence in business operations and reduce our carbon footprint.

For more information regarding our Mission Statement, Vision, Values and Strategic Priorities please see the [Strategic Plan 2021-2024](#).

Teaching and Learning Strategy

Bishop Auckland College's Teaching and Learning Strategy can be requested through Freedom of Information by emailing quality@bacoll.ac.uk

Academic and Quality Standards

Some of Bishop Auckland College's Policies and Procedures can be found through the website.

Alternatively, if you are not able to find a policy or procedure, this can be requested through Freedom of Information by emailing quality@bacoll.ac.uk

Most recent Ofsted Inspection Report

Bishop Auckland College was last inspected by Ofsted in November 2021.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/31/130657>

Bishop Auckland College's Nursery was last inspected by Ofsted in August 2019.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/16/314055>

External Review Information

Information relating to audits that have been carried out by external organisations and external Quality Assurance can be requested through Freedom of Information by emailing quality@bacoll.ac.uk.

Corporate Relations

A full list of employers that engage with Bishop Auckland College are available upon request regarding:

- Work Placement
- Technology Employers
- Apprenticeship Employers

Please send request to quality@bacoll.ac.uk