



Heart of Worcestershire College SEN Facility

State-of-the-art brand new inclusive Special Educational Needs (SEN) facilities

Summary

In May 2017, Heart of Worcestershire College officially opened the doors to their state-of-the-art SEN facilities; leading the way for SEN provision across Worcestershire. The brand new facilities, unveiled at the Worcester and Redditch campuses, were developed to fundamentally transform how local post 16 specialist provision can be shaped to best meet the needs and preferences of young people and their parents at this important transition to adulthood.

The Background

- The facilities include a sensory room, a mocked up 'flat' to be used to support learners to develop independence skills, refurbished classroom areas.
- The facilities also include improved access to online facilities which support independent learning, in preparation for employment or living independently.
- The specialist base area provides outstanding resources to learners with high needs and will offer the specialist facilities needed within the heart of the College to support the College's values of inclusivity.

Key facts

LEP: Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership

Location: Redditch, Worcester

Project completion: May 2017

LGF funding: £298,000

Estimated potential outputs: The project has fundamentally transformed how local post 16 specialist provision can be shaped to best meet the needs and preferences of young people and their parents.



The Benefits

- The SEN facility won the award for Excellence Practice in Further Education at the Nasen SEND awards 2017

Gary Woodman, Chief Executive of Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership, said: "Worcestershire LEP has invested funds for the new refurbishment of Heart of Worcestershire College's Skills Base Centres, to help provide specialist equipment for young people with special educational needs. With these new state of the art facilities, Heart of Worcestershire College will be able to provide relevant and sustainable life skills for a greater number of students."