

Manchester College Achieves Outstanding Result

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Ofsted Find MANCAT Outstanding

MANCAT (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) has received the best inspection report for a college of its size from Ofsted and Adult Learning Inspectorate. The report, which was published in March 2007, gave the college an overall Grade 1 and recognised a number of key strengths.

The team of inspectors spent almost a week visiting the college's various campuses, speaking to staff, students and other key stakeholders before publishing their findings. The report stated that MANCAT (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) was outstanding in the vast majority of the areas it was inspected in, with the other areas all being rated as 'good'.

The college's key strengths were identified as being:

- * Very marked increase in success rates since the last inspection
- * High overall success rates for learners aged 16-18 in 2005/06
- * High standards of learners' work
- * Strong progress of learners from areas of high deprivation
- * Outstanding teaching and learning
- * Outstanding support for learners
- * Outstanding responsiveness to the needs of learners and all client groups
- * Very strong links with local schools
- * High standards of tutorials
- * Very good information and guidance for learners
- * Outstanding leadership
- * Strong culture of quality improvements
- * Excellent accommodation and resources

MANCAT (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) provides courses for 16 - 18 year olds (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/16to18/index.htm>), courses for International Students (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/international/index.htm>), Higher Education courses (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/he/index.htm>), and Adult courses in Manchester (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/adult/index.htm>).

All staff at MANCAT (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) are understandably delighted with the report which has also drawn high praise from political figures.

QUOTES

Quotes Attributed to Sir Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council (<http://www.manchester.gov.uk>)

"Education and training that gives people the skills and confidence needed to access the many jobs being created in Manchester is a crucial component of the city's regeneration. "

"MANCAT (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) is making a significant contribution through relevant teaching, through their close partnerships with a range of schools, and not least through their role as a lead sponsor of Manchester's Academies programme. "

"MANCAT's (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) work in targeting hard-to-reach learners, particularly from the most deprived wards, is especially important."

ABOUT MANCAT

Manchester College of Arts and Technology (MANCAT) (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>) is a large general further education (GFE) college. The college has 13 centres for sixth form study, some on secondary school campuses, and nine centres for adult study. Centres are located in the east, south, north and centre of Manchester. The main administrative offices are at the MANCAT Openshaw Campus. The college's mission is "Enhancing the knowledge and skills of the whole community".

Around 40% of learners and 80% of full-time learners are from Manchester and the remainder from the neighbouring boroughs, cities and counties of the North West. Manchester has two sixth form colleges and two GFE colleges including Manchester College of Arts and Technology (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>).

In 2005/06, the college had 23,967 Learning and Skills Council (LSC) funded learners. Of these, 83% were adult learners and the remainder were aged 16-18. Some 88% of adult learners were part-time and 78% of learners aged 16-18 were full-time. The proportion of male learners aged 16-18 was 61% and 55% of adult learners were female. Around 33% of learners were from minority ethnic groups. In 2005/06, the college had 428 learners aged 14-16.

The college offers courses in all subject sector areas. The highest number of learners are in preparation for life and work; construction and the built environment; health, public services and care; arts, media and publishing; business, administration and law; language, literature and culture; and engineering and manufacturing technologies. The college provides Learndirect and Train to Gain (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/corporate/train2gain/index.htm>) provision. The college is involved in four Centres of Vocational Excellence (COVEs). It leads two in construction and automotive and is a partner with two other colleges in CoVEs for computer networking and media. The college leads the Manchester New Technology Institute (NTI) (<http://www.manchesternti.com/>) in partnership with Manchester Metropolitan University (<http://www.mmu.ac.uk/>).

RELATED LINKS:

MANCAT - Manchester College of Art and Technology (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/>)
MANCAT main website

Manchester College Ofsted report (<http://www.mancat.ac.uk/ofsted/index.htm>)
Information on the Ofsted report for MANCAT is available via this link.

Manchester New Technology Institute (NTI) (<http://www.manchesternti.com/>)

Manchester New Technology Institute, Technology Courses for Adults and Professionals.

Manchester NTI Blog - Courses, Funding, Students (<http://blog.manchesternti.com/>)

Latest News on courses, funding and students from the Manchester New Technology Institute

Manchester City Council (<http://www.manchester.gov.uk>)

Manchester City Council home page

Manchester Metropolitan University (<http://www.mmu.ac.uk/>).

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