



# Denton Community College

## Prospectus 2024/25



Outcomes Focused, Child Centred



# THE JOURNEY BEGINS

# Vision and Values

## Vision

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## Values

1. We care passionately about the education and welfare of young people.
2. We believe that all young people, irrespective of background or ability will be successful in our Trust.
3. We are not and will never be selective. We believe that local schools are for all children.
4. We are always inclusive. Our mechanisms to support the most vulnerable child to succeed and overcome barriers to learning are a key aspect of our work.
5. Our approach to education recognises that outcomes are paramount and also allows children to gain experiences and values which prepare them fully for life in modern Britain. This includes workplace skills and appropriate advice for future progression.
6. We have high expectations of behaviour.
7. We adopt the local authority admissions protocol and work closely with them.
8. We would always wish to act in such a way that has a positive effect on a neighbouring school or community. We care passionately about children in all schools, not just our own.
9. That all employees act with integrity and embrace the value that 'we are a Trust '.
10. We work regionally and nationally to develop approaches to Multi-Academy Trust improvements that influence the wider school-led system.



**SHAPING THE  
FUTURE**

# Welcome

## *...a message from our Principal*

I am delighted that you have chosen Denton Community College for your child for September 2025. We look forward to working with you over the next five years to ensure they maximise their potential both academically and socially.

Here at Denton Community College our vision and values underpin all of the work that we do.

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Denton Community College is an inclusive school and values the contribution made by students, staff, governors, parents and members of the local community. Our commitment to collaborative learning to achieve success will lead to enhanced life chances for students can be summed up with the phrase ‘Outcomes Focused, Child Centred’. We know that to students and parents, high quality qualifications and strong levels of support mean everything in continuing on in the next phase of further education, and the world of work and employment.

I know I speak for all students, staff and governors when I say that we are incredibly proud of the hard work and achievements of all of our students and we look forward to welcoming you to contribute to this as all our students are the most important people in our school. Our focus on learning is a driving force behind all that we do and students experience a rich and challenging curriculum, both inside and outside of the school, providing opportunities to continue to excel in the wider community.

Enrichment opportunities outside of the classroom allow students the chance to make new friends, and experience opportunities based on interest. We have regular clubs including sports, music, drama and art, to name a few as well as trips and charity events too! I feel very privileged to be the Acting Principal here and I hope your child thoroughly enjoys their next 5 years with us. I look forward to seeing them achieve their potential and aspirations and being part of the Denton Community College community.

Donald Cumming  
Acting Principal  
Denton Community College



# COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION

# A focus on learning

Learning at Denton Community College has a focus on mastery and challenge to ensure your child is capable of utilising their knowledge and skills across a broad curriculum. Our culture places a large emphasis on a love of learning. Our teachers work with colleagues from our family of schools to share their best ideas and pedagogical knowledge to develop interesting and engaging approaches to teaching.

Our classrooms are learning-centred where student experiences are active, social and student-led. We believe that children learn best when there is consistency and continuity in our approach so we employ Teaching and Learning routines in every classroom throughout the school.

Collaborative learning is all about engagement. Learning environments promote collaborative learning to drive student progress. We believe that students make good and outstanding progress when they work both independently and collaboratively and when they are highly engaged in their learning.

For our students to take full advantage of this provision we expect pupils to be committed to learning, to strive to achieve their very best and rise to the challenges and opportunities they encounter.

At Denton Community College, we view homework as a learning entitlement. Homework consists of meaningful and worthwhile tasks or projects designed to extend the learning outside of the classroom. We are delighted to be offering our students some fantastic opportunities to develop their knowledge outside the classroom. They will be given a 'Love to Learn' project every half term to complete from home and their productions will be celebrated on social media and in school. In addition to this, students will be able to go 'Above and Beyond' every half-term by completing additional tasks in all their subjects to deepen their knowledge and take ownership of their own learning. Who will be 'Love to Learn' and 'Above and Beyond' champion? Let the competition begin...



**CHALLENGING  
AND ENGAGING**



# A broad and balanced curriculum

We support our students to achieve their very best through offering a broad and balanced curriculum. In Year 7, 8 and 9 students study a wide range of subjects including:

**Art**  
**Computer Science**  
**English**

**French**  
**Geography**  
**History**

**Life**  
**Maths**  
**Music & Drama**

**Physical Education**  
**Science**  
**Technology**

At Key Stage 4 students study a more personalised curriculum and have the opportunity to study subjects in which they excel.

At Denton Community College we already have a strong reputation in creative subjects. The creative and expressive arts are a great way for students to get involved, enjoy learning and develop confidence.

The work on show in the Art Department is always a testament to the creativity of our students and staff. Anyone who has been to one of the performances will know how good Performing Arts is at Denton Community College.

The curriculum will be supported with events and trips to broaden learning experiences and make students' time at Denton Community College exciting and memorable.



**TOMORROW IS  
COMING... BE READY**

# Library

The Library is a hub of our school where we develop a love of reading. At Denton Community College 'We are Readers'. The Library is an important part of the reading culture that we adopt.

Students frequently visit the library as part of the KS3 Reading Routes programme, to select the next book of their choice. The Reading Routes programme also involves DEAR (Drop Everything And Read). The purpose of the programme is to explore different genre of books along different routes such as comedy central, adventure, explorer and international globe trotter. Over time, students develop their ability to compare related texts for differences and similarities across themes.

Each Reading Route contains 5 books and takes place over a half term. Students are praised and rewarded each time they complete a book, but some students have already managed to complete a full route, and read all five books!

Many students in Year 7 complete their reading route books each half term and as a reward last year they had the opportunity to choose a free book from our fabulous book vending machine!

## Pop Up Library

We have a 'pop up' library which runs on our Boulevard during lunchtimes, whilst we develop our new Learning Resource Centre - which will be built this term. Students can exchange books, speak to our librarian about new books to discover and have their passion for reading celebrated. We also run reading catch-up sessions with trained staff during lesson times.

## Drop Everything And Read

Drop Everything And Read Reading is one of our daily activities. Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) lessons form another strand of our reading programme. These are weekly lessons where teachers use the DEAR workbooks to develop fluency and confidence with their classes. Your child will be given a reading route book and a DEAR workbook when they join us, and will be expected to have them in school every day.

We hope that you will continue to encourage reading at home and look forward to rewarding your child for completing their reading routes as students here at Denton Community College!



**BE PART OF  
THE ACTION**

# iAspire Challenges

Students at Denton Community College work to further enhance their education and development through our iAspire challenge system. We challenge every student in the college to carry out a wide range of different activities that allows them to practice and gain key skills that are transferable to their further education and chosen career. The challenges are also designed to ensure that our students leave us with a significant amount of 'culture capital' which gives them a broader understanding of the developing world around them.

We believe that the experiences that the students get through these challenges are invaluable, and therefore we celebrate their success throughout the year. This is done through celebration assemblies every half term, with students achieving landmark challenges receiving a badge to proudly display on:

- iAspire 1** Regularly attend an after-school club
- iAspire 2** Represent the school or a community-based club in either: a production, a sporting event, or an academic event
- iAspire 3** Take part in a residential, an outward bound or cultural experience
- iAspire 4** Read at least one book from each 'Reading Route' and write a book review on each
- iAspire 5** Actively engage with 'Love to Learn' projects
- iAspire 6** Commit to producing PROUD work every lesson
- iAspire 7** Take part in meaningful encounters with providers, employers and school careers
- iAspire 8** Be actively involved in a social action project, student voice and school 'POP UPs
- iAspire 9** Plan, organise or participate in a fundraising event in the school
- iAspire 10** Contribute to the sustainable development of the school and or Random Acts of Kindness culture



**DEVELOP YOUR  
AMBITIONS**

# We go the extra mile

At Denton Community College we provide each child with the opportunity to participate in an after-school enrichment activity.

The sessions are held at lunchtimes and after the school day. After-school activities take place between 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm, although with prior arrangements sporting fixtures may go on longer than this.

All students have the opportunity to participate in their choice of enrichment activities, although throughout the academic year they may be required to attend booster or intervention sessions.

## Examples of some of the activities that have taken place:

- Homework club
- Netball club
- Football club
- Basketball club
- French club
- Tennis club
- Art club
- Chemistry club
- Sports Leaders
- Laser quest club
- Board games club
- Drama club
- Music club/Choir
- Netflix club
- Darts club
- Bike Maintenance club



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