

Improving the Ofsted Judgement

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Meeting the needs of Young People &
Employers

Stockton Sixth Form College

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Outcomes for Learners

- New MIS system
- Rigorous interrogation of data
- Ambitious targets set
- Results pleasing: excellent retention, improved pass rate and high grades at AS
- Further areas for improvement to be addressed



Areas for Improvement

- High grades, especially at A2
- Value-added, especially at AS
- Small number of consistently under-performing subjects including Chemistry, Art & Design,...
- Narrow the gap between the progress made by boys as compared to girls



Teaching, Learning & Assessment

- New diagnostic assessment tool – BksB
- Extensive training delivered
- New lesson observation process
- Lessons graded >2 trigger re-observation
- Performance managed for those who don't quickly improve



Other Developments in T, L & A

- Outstanding practice recognised and celebrated
- Collaborative links established with Durham University, Egglecliffe school
- Plans to take a number of SCITT students on placement



Leadership & Management

- New model of governance adopted
- More diverse GB = challenge, ambition
- New Principal appointed from 'outstanding' college
- Rejuvenating links with partner schools and other stakeholders



Public Image & Reputation

- New Marketing Manager>>corporate identity, new website = increased visibility
- Schools Liaison team established
- Enrolment targets not met but decline halted
- Public perceptions survey commissioned and ongoing



Programmes for Young People...

- Revised approach to enrolment to add value
- Alternatives to A level/GCSE on offer
- BTECs at L2 and L3 proved very successful
- Excellent and outstanding outcomes on ALL our vocational courses
- Creative approach to in-year enrolments



...And Employers

- Positive destinations exceed many other local providers
- Our students seek employment and apprenticeships as well as university places
- >50% want to stay 'local'
- Links forged with Economic Regen. team at SBC



Looking to the Future

- Courses with unconventional start dates to run over 4 days; work, work experience or volunteering on the 5th.
- Also, courses to foster enterprise and entrepreneurial spirit, in collaboration with Thornaby Academy and with SBC's help.
- We are eager to work with local post-16 providers, SBC and schools for the mutual benefit of colleges and the community.

