

Inspire. Aspire. Perform.

Prospectus 2022/23





Destination DCC

Welcome to Denton Community College

I would like to thank you for taking an interest in our school and I hope this prospectus will provide you with a better understanding of what we stand for and the curriculum we offer.

Our School motto of '**INSPIRE, ASPIRE, PERFORM**' unites us and underpins everything we do at Denton Community College. This vision forms our ethos, drives our curriculum and reminds us of our common goal to ensure all students reach their full potential.

We see it as a privilege to be entrusted with the education of young people and understand that every child is different. As an inclusive centre for learning, we never lose sight of this and are adaptable, flexible and creative with our provision.

We recognise that every child that passes through our door forms part of the future of our school, our wider community and the wider world.

Mr Greg Rule (Headteacher)

A young woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a dark school uniform with a white shirt and tie, is smiling and looking off to the side. The background is a blurred classroom setting with shelves. Overlaid on the image are several core values in large, bold, white and purple text. A green vertical bar is on the far left.

COURTESY

RESPONSIBILITY

EMPATHY

INCLUSION

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

Core Values

As a stakeholder of Denton Community College, whether student, staff or governor, we strive to ensure that all our work is characterised by our core values.



Inspire, Asp



We are not just another secondary school.

At Denton Community College we pride ourselves on being a successful and inclusive learning community. Through high expectations regarding attitudes and achievement, we support our students to become the best that they can be. Our aim is to prepare our young people to be both ambitious and successful in an ever changing world. We know we are investing in our futures by inspiring lifelong learners who value their role in society and hold ambitions to write their own futures.

We will:

- **Inspire lifelong learners.**

We provide a curriculum and classroom experience which will inspire all our students to become lifelong learners.

- **Provide confidence to aspire & achieve.**

Strengthen our community by building confidence in the young people of Denton so they aspire to achieve.

- **Focus on individual performance.**

Ensure inclusive practice breaks down barriers to learning, removes excuses and allows students to perform to the best of their ability.

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The Three Learning Communities

The College is organised around three distinct but integrated learning communities: The Homebases

Our learning communities have evolved and been refined over time to support the growth and development of our students during their time at Denton Community College. Our Homebase structure has been formulated to enable our students to not only learn and achieve, but feel part of their own community within the school.



ONE INSPIRE

Learn to become independent students who interact in a mature way

To ensure the transition from primary to secondary school is as smooth as possible for our learners, Years 7 & 8 are grouped together in the Inspire Homebase. We find this provides Year 7 with some familiar faces to help them settle in, whilst at the same time giving Year 8 the opportunity to demonstrate their growing maturity. In the Inspire Homebase young people learn to interact in a mature way with both their teachers and their peers. They build confidence and develop a sense of belonging to Denton Community College.



TWO ASPIRE

Students are encouraged to look towards their future

In Year 9 students are encouraged to look ahead and develop aspirations for their future. They are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities the College can offer in terms of vocational and academic studies to support these aspirations. In the Aspire Homebase learners will continue to be supported and challenged to maximise their progress.



THREE PERFORM


The perform Homebase for Years 10 & 11 focuses on achievement

This is the learning community where students are expected to demonstrate personal responsibility and are tutored to become much more independent. With professional help and guidance, our students will be supported in making important decisions regarding their Post-16 pathways into both education and employment. This is the area where students hone their knowledge and skills so that they can perform to the best of their abilities at the end of Key Stage 4.



Body & Mind.

Superb sports &
Performing Arts
Facilities.

A photograph of three students in school uniforms. A young man in the center, wearing a dark blue Nike t-shirt with 'SN' and a small logo, is smiling and looking towards a young woman on the right. The woman is also smiling and looking at him. A third student is partially visible on the left, wearing a dark blue hoodie. They are standing on a green sports field with a green fence in the background.

Absolutely the best
environment to
promote ambition and
stimulate success
in 11-16 year olds.



Educating your body and mind.

Our students benefit from expert teaching from subject specialists across the whole curriculum.

Denton Community college was designed to support the delivery of a 21st Century curriculum to the young people of Tameside. We have superb sports and performing arts facilities, modern science labs and classrooms fitted with the latest touch screen delivery systems. Whilst our curriculum provides students with the knowledge they require, it also develops key skills such as teamwork and adaptability. Not only does our curriculum build confidence in our students, it strengthens their self-esteem and self-reliance. We encourage all our students to make use of our facilities both within their timetabled lessons and as part of a broader extracurricular experience.

An exciting & curriculum

Years 7, 8 & 9

Our Key Stage 3 curriculum is based around the national curriculum. Alongside this we ensure our students develop critical skills and competences that enable them to taking increasing responsibility for the progress of their own learning.

Our curriculum provides students with the opportunity to experience subjects such as art & design, computing, dance drama, English, French, food technology, geography, German, history, mathematics, music, PE, PHSE, product design, RE, science, Spanish and textiles.



& varied



Years 10 & 11

The Key Stage 4 curriculum at Denton Community College provides our students with the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills across a suite of subjects, matched to their interests and aspirations.

In addition to the core subjects of English, mathematics and science the curriculum also includes studies in citizenship, PHSE and RE. Students are then able to complete their suite of subjects from a range of GCSE and vocational courses such as BTECs. These include:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Child Development
- Computing
- Dance
- Drama
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Hospitality & Catering
- Music
- PE & Sport
- Photography
- Physics
- Textiles

Extending the curriculum

Here at Denton Community College we believe it is essential that all our students have experiences that go beyond the standard curriculum. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities outside of lessons that raise aspirations, help to raise cultural capital, build resilience and develop student leadership.

Drop-down days

Several times a year the whole school comes together to have an altogether different learning experience. These Drop Down Days have been used to cover topics such as:

- Staying safe online
- Managing personal finances
- First Aid
- Team-building & resilience
- Revision techniques
- Healthy Relationships
- CVs and careers





Beyond the school gates.

Enjoying a professional theatrical performance, being inspired by a visit to a university or even spending time in a different country, these can be life-changing experiences for our young people. We know the positive impact on learning or aspirations that a well-chosen visit can have. Here at Denton Community College we offer a varied and exciting range of trips for our students, which have included:

- World War I Armistice, Paris
- Shakespeare at the Rose Theatre, York
- The Galleries of Justice Museum
- Year 7 Manchester University
- Sports Camp in the Dordogne, France
- Year 7 residential, Anglesey
- Geography, history and photography field trips
- Barcelona
- Performing Arts visit to London
- Manchester Cathedral & Buddhist Centre
- CERN
- Normandy
- Italy (Pompeii, Vesuvius & The Amalfi Coast)



Future Leaders

Developing leadership skills such as responsibility and integrity is something we are passionate about here at Denton Community College. It fills us with pride to see students taking on leadership roles across the school with the same dedication and commitment they give to their studies.

Here at Denton Community College students have leadership opportunities such as:

Student Council

Subject Ambassadors

Sports Leaders

Community Ambassadors

Digital Leaders

iDEA Award

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Prefects

Senior Prefects



Extra curricular activity and special needs provision.

What we offer our students

Denton Community College firmly believes in offering its students a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Students have the opportunity to join our many sports teams including basketball, volleyball, football, netball and badminton for both boys and girls. In addition to our sporting opportunities we offer a range of clubs and societies across all curriculum areas including art and technology, science, history, geography and computing. Or being a part of our whole school performances whether on stage or behind the scenes. The range of extra-curricular activities we have to offer should appeal to all of our students and support their development and achievement.

Special Educational Needs

To support us in identifying and meeting the needs of all our students, we have a large highly skilled, SEND & Inclusion Team. This team supports the learning of students in lessons and with our bespoke Inclusion area. The team includes:

- SENCO
- Assistant SENCO
- Inclusion Manager
- SEND Teacher
- Learning Mentors
- Level 3 Teaching Assistants
- Level 2 Teaching Assistants

Students with special needs will be given appropriate and suitable additional help and support. Sometimes this will be in normal lessons or, after consultation with parents/carers, in small groups or with individual tuition.

The College has a Code of Practice for our special needs provision which meets the specific needs of each student. This is in line with the advice given by the Tameside Local Authority on current Government legal requirements.

The College recognises the requirements laid out in the Special Needs and Disabilities Act. A copy of the Accessibility Plan/Disability Equality Scheme is available on request.



Free Breakfast.

Magic Breakfast

Denton Community College offers a free breakfast funded by Kellogg's and Family Action to every student.

Our Breakfast Club means no young person should start the day hungry at Denton Community College. Upon arrival in our schoolyard students will be greeted by staff with breakfast items, from bagels & toast to breakfast bars & fruit. Students can help themselves so they can begin lessons on time and ready for learning.



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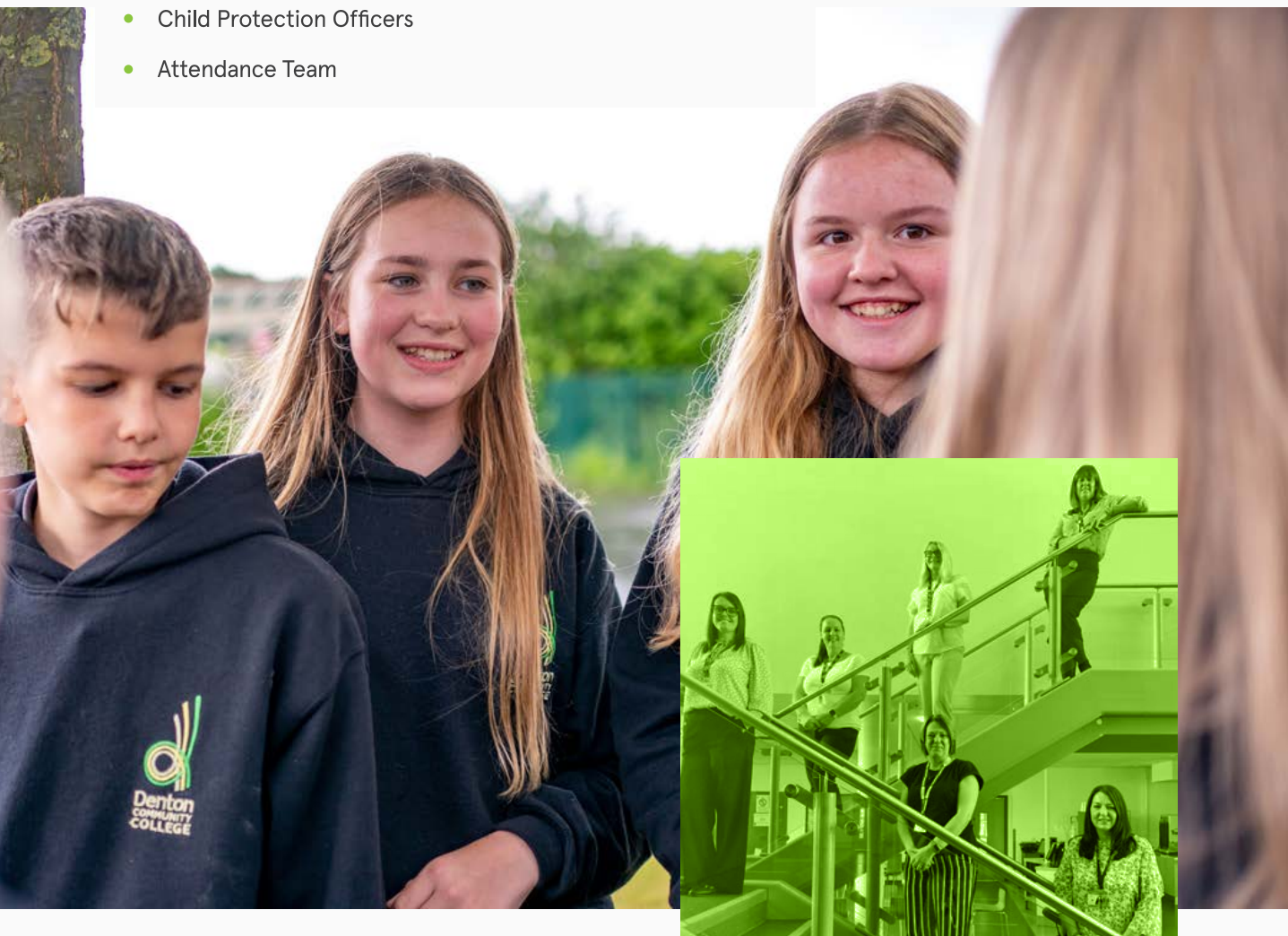
**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

Student Support Team

We ensure that our highly skilled student support team looks after all our students. Our staff are always happy to talk to you, give support and celebrate the achievements of our students. The team includes:

- A Head of Year for each year group. They will stay with their students throughout their five year journey through Denton Community College
- Form Tutors who will stay with their students throughout their five year journey through Denton Community College
- Assistant Heads of Year
- Child Protection Officers
- Attendance Team





Inspiring Pa



The Greenpower Challenge allows a team of young people to work with mechanics and engineers to design and build an electric go-kart. Students use their scientific and mathematical knowledge combined with technology skills to create a final design.



Willmott Dixon work closely with our young people to inspire the next generation of engineers within the construction industry.



Brother UK offers a mentoring programme to young people in Years 10 & 11 to help them develop a wide range of employability skills and give them an insight into a variety of job roles.



Partnerships

Taking pride in your appearance.

All students attending Denton Community College are expected to look smart and take a pride in their appearance during the College day, as well as when travelling to and from school. We operate a dress code which all students are expected to adhere to.

School uniform

- Purple blazer with College logo
- Denton Community College purple tie
- White button shirt or blouse which will allow a tie to be clipped to the collar
- Charcoal grey tailored trousers which are fitted to the waist
- Denton Community College tartan skirt (To the knee)
- Plain black (polishable) low heel shoes
- Optional Item – Charcoal grey jumper with a green collar trim or DCC logo
- Optional Item – One pair of stud earrings (only one stud in each ear lobe) and one wrist watch

These items are not accepted as part of the Denton Community College uniform:

- Black or light grey trousers or skirts
- Jersey or stretchy trousers or skirts
- Shirts or blouses with a logo
- Sweatshirts or jumpers not identified as uniform
- Trainers (sports branded) or footwear identified as not acceptable
- Visible jewellery in addition to the identified stud earrings and a wrist watch
- Facial or tongue piercings

Taking responsibility

The wider educational experience that Denton Community College offers to young learners has many important advantages that help them take their place in the challenging modern world.

We are proud of our year-on-year record of improved levels of achievement. We constantly encourage our young people to understand and believe in their own potential, to take responsibility for their own development and to take pride in their successes.

Where life is as important as learning

Although the College spearheads its educational drive in ensuring that our young people achieve their full potential, we place emphasis on the importance of interacting well socially with their own peer group, as well as the adult world they are growing into.

Where learning becomes second nature

In the lifetimes of most of the parents/carers of our learners the world has changed beyond recognition with technological and social revolutions that have changed the way we live. We strive to ensure our students are given the well-rounded education they deserve and our premises, equipment and resources create a positive environment in which to achieve this.

All students, whether gifted and talented or in need of additional support, are given the opportunity to reach their maximum potential.



How to join DCC

Qualifying for Grants

If you think your child may qualify for grants such as free school meals call 0161 342 3708 or free travel please contact Tameside Education Welfare on 0161 342 2498 or the general Tameside Council number 0161 342 8355.

Public Documents

The public have access to a number of documents. These will be available at the College on request.

They include:

- Local Authority Curriculum Policy and associated documents
- Governors' curricular aims and objectives
- Accessibility Plan/Disability Scheme
- Child Protection Policy
- Schemes of Work for each subject
- Arrangements for consideration of complaints
- Minutes of open items of Governors' meetings

Guidance Booklet

All parents/carers of students in a Tameside primary school will receive guidance in a booklet called 'Moving On' which details Local Authority procedures for making an application to join Denton Community College.



Our partners



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme



Start your new chapter with us.

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