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College offers students good prospects

NEIL Bates is chief executive at Prospects College.

He said: "Prospects is the leading specialist provider of engineering and construction skills training and apprenticeships in the Thames Gateway.

"For more than 40 years, the college has been preparing young people for careers in the engineering and construction industry.

"If you are aged 14-19 and interested in gaining qualifications which lead to a job and an apprenticeship, Prospects College is the ideal choice.

"We work closely with local employers to make sure the training we provide meets their requirements and we provide a vacancy matching service to help all our students get a job.

"We have invested heavily in our training centres, which offer a modern, state-of-the-art learning environment.

"All our trainers and lecturers are industry-trained and qualified practitioners, up-to-date with the latest business practices.

"Last year's Ofsted inspection confirmed the high quality of the training offered at Prospects.

"All aspects of the colleges provision were judged by inspectors to be either 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

"The support we provide to help students achieve was considered to be exceptional and excellent.

This year's student success rates are the best ever and well above the national average: 76 per cent achieved a full apprenticeship award (equal to five GCSE A*-Cs) and in engineering 83 per cent were successful.

"Results for advanced apprentices (equal to two A-levels) were equally impressive at 82 per cent.

"Prospects is dedicated to helping young people get the experience, skills and qualifications needed for careers in construction and engineering industries.

"If you want to work, earn and learn, there can be no better choice than Prospects College.

"For more details, visit www.prospectscollege.com or call 0800 3893589."

FACTS AND FIGURES

School Name: Prospects College
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Number of students July 2008:
(boys: 994, girls: 56)

Number admitted September 2008:
1,200

Number admitted September 2009:
1,400

Average number of pupils per class (11-16): 15

Provision for Special Needs:
Standard provisions
- basic/functional skills tutors

Key features: A specialist vocational college offering training and qualifications for young people aged 14 years and upwards interested in careers in engineering, aviation and construction industries.
The college has two fully equipped, industry-standard, technical training centres in Southend and Basildon.

Notable extra-curricular:
Construction trade school, football teams and young engineers club

Top three achievements 2008/2009

1. Very good Ofsted report inspection with some aspects of provision judged to be "outstanding"
2. Student success rates well above the national average
3. 95% of apprentices in full time employment

Success rates

Whole college success rate (equivalent to five GCSE A-C) 76%
(engineering 83%, construction 70%)