

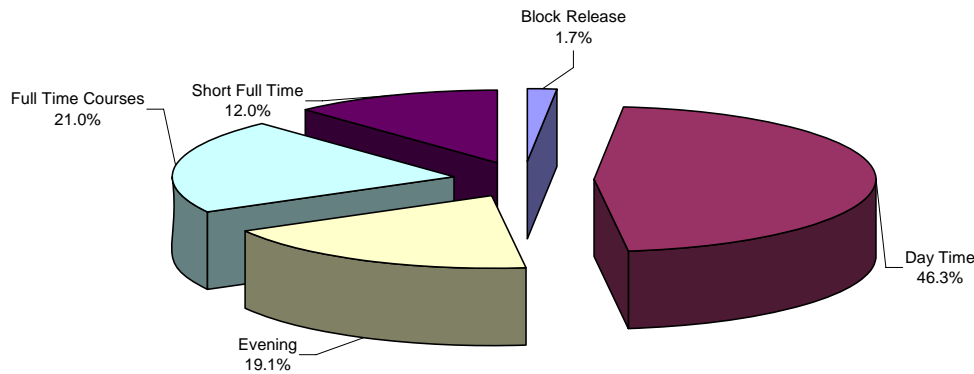
CITY COLLEGE COVENTRY

ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08

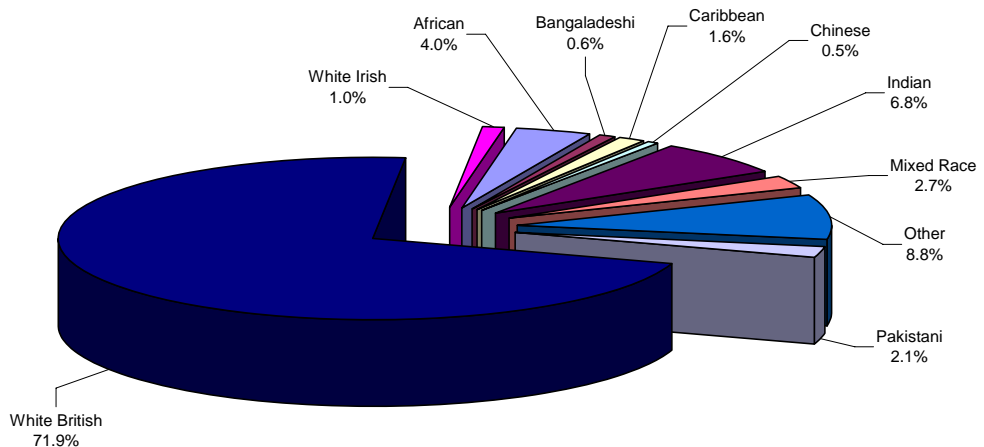
This Annual Report is intended to give students, staff, employers and other stakeholders an overview of the activities of the College in 2007/08. Further information can be obtained from the college's website at www.covcollege.ac.uk or by writing to the Customer Liaison Co-ordinator, City College Coventry, 50 Swanswell Street, Coventry, CV1 5DG.

Our Students

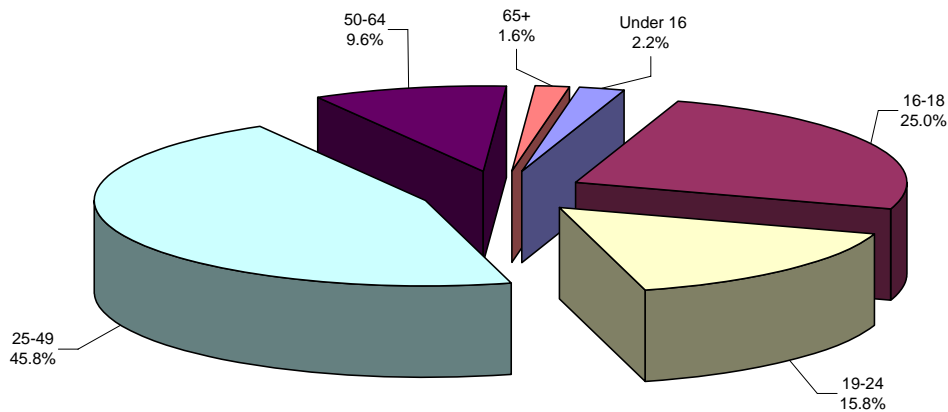
11,349 students enrolled at the College in 2007/08 following a total of 21,778 qualifications. Students attended in different ways as follows:



The College is proud to serve a diverse range of students. 54% of students were male and 46% female. The breakdown of the ethnic origin of our students was:



We had students aged from 13 to 90. The age profile of our students was:



Educating Students with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (SLDD) are a most important and successful part of our work. We welcomed 554 students who had sight, hearing impairment, were dyslexic, had mobility impairment or other physical disabilities.

Our Staff

During the year, the college employed 772 staff of whom 416 were teaching and 356 were support staff. 583 staff were permanent and 189 part-time hourly paid. The College is accredited as an Investor in People and Positive About Disability. All teaching staff were appropriately qualified in their respective disciplines; 87% of full-time lecturers and 58% of part-time lecturers were also teacher qualified. Of the permanent staff, 11% have self-identified as belonging to an ethnic minority compared with a figure of 16% for the population of Coventry and a figure of 7% of staff in FE colleges in England. 2% of staff have self-identified as being disabled. The College's staff are the bedrock of our students' success.

Our Sites & Our Courses

August 2007 saw the opening of the first phase of the College's new build and re-location to Swanswell in the city centre and the vacating of the former Tile Hill and Maxwell Centres. The new building is home to Construction, Engineering, Vehicle Engineering, Health, Care and Early Years, Computing, Music Technology, Media and Multi-Media and learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. It is a landmark building with state-of-the-art facilities, particularly information technology. We were pleased that the City Council's Adult Education Service also chose to operate out of our new building.

The Butts Centre is in the city centre and during 2007/08 housed Business and Professional Studies, Science and Humanities, Sport and Public Services, Creative and Performing Arts, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and English as a Foreign Language for international students. The Butts Centre was also home to the Student Access and Support Unit which provides support to students with disabilities all over Coventry and

Warwickshire. The Centre closed in December 2008 and all provision moved to Phase 2 of the new Swanswell development, which is now fully operational.



An artist's impression of the new City College Coventry in Swanswell

The College also ran courses at other venues. The Charterhouse is a grade one listed former monastery where we run tailor-made courses in management and professional development as well as an open programme for employed individuals. We also occupied four out-centres serving our communities locally and offering basic skills, ESOL and I.T. courses. They were:

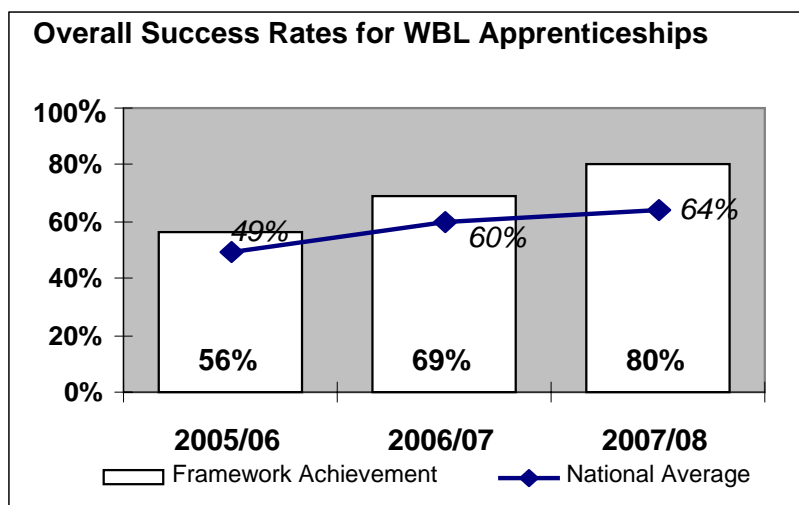
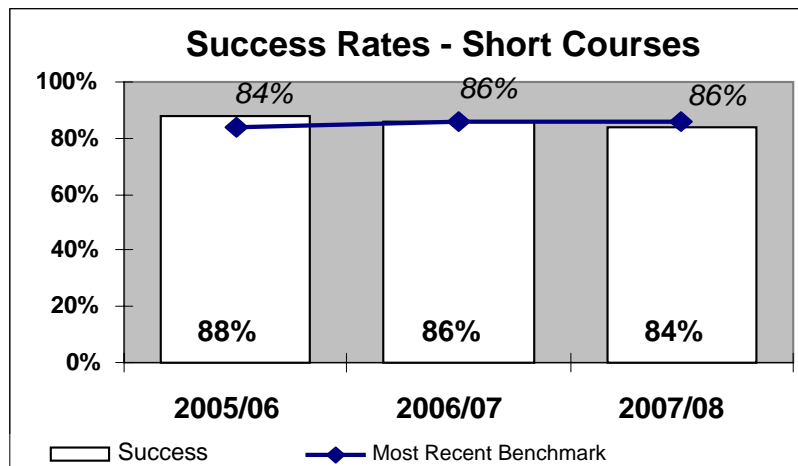
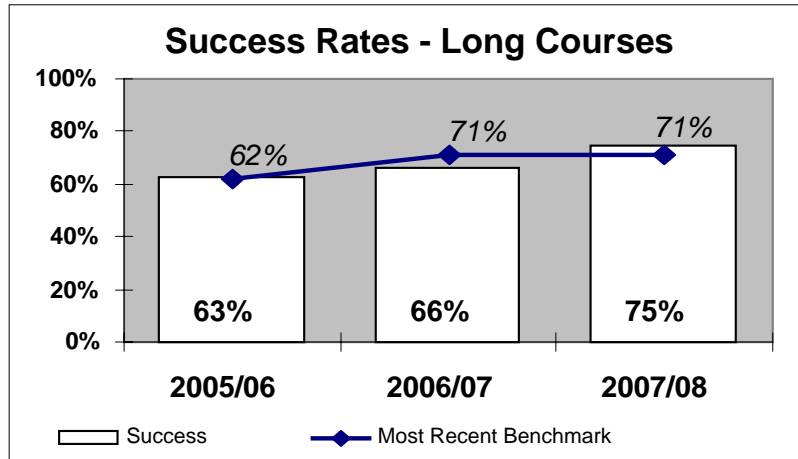
- The Indian Community Centre (Cross Road)
- The Canley Education Centre (Charter Avenue)
- The Station Tower Education Centre
- BBC Open Learning Centre

We also offered education and training via franchising agreements with two partners:

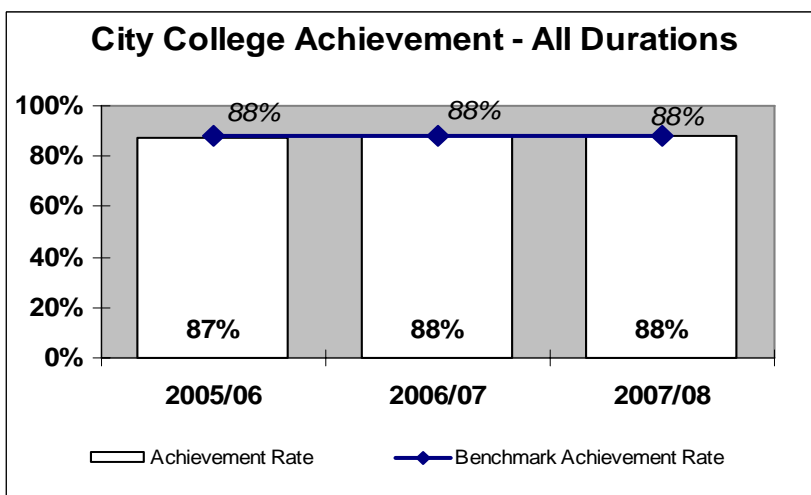
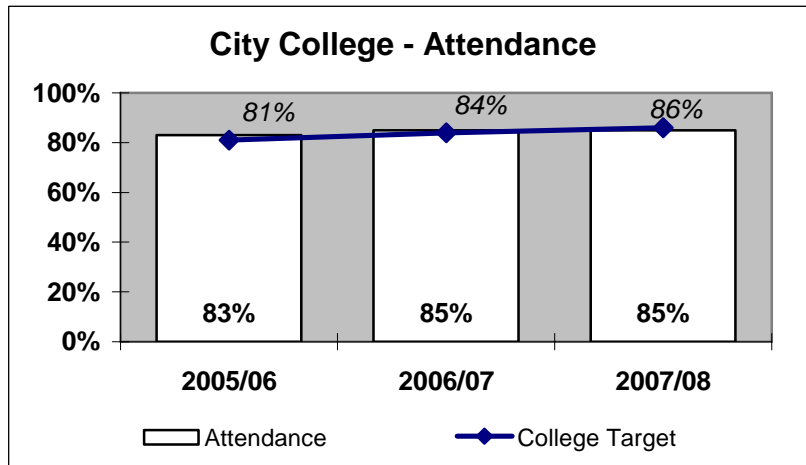
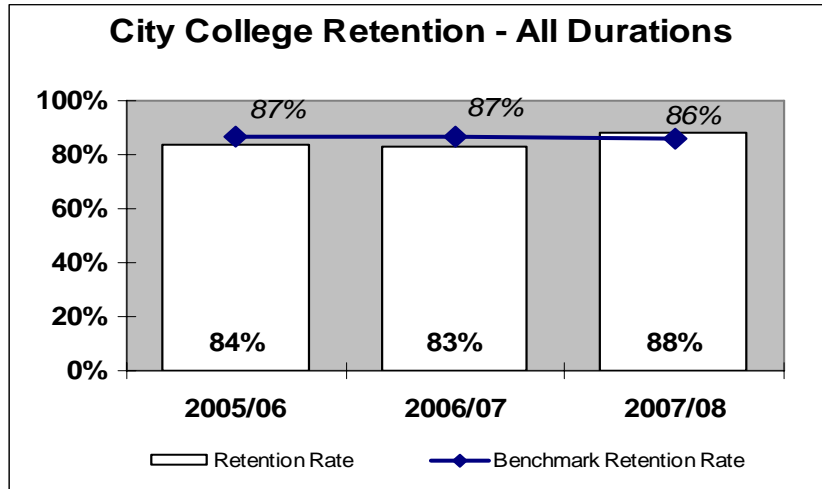
- JBC – retraining those out of work or changing careers for Technical Support roles in the IT industry
- SITO - training in Cash Handling for security staff

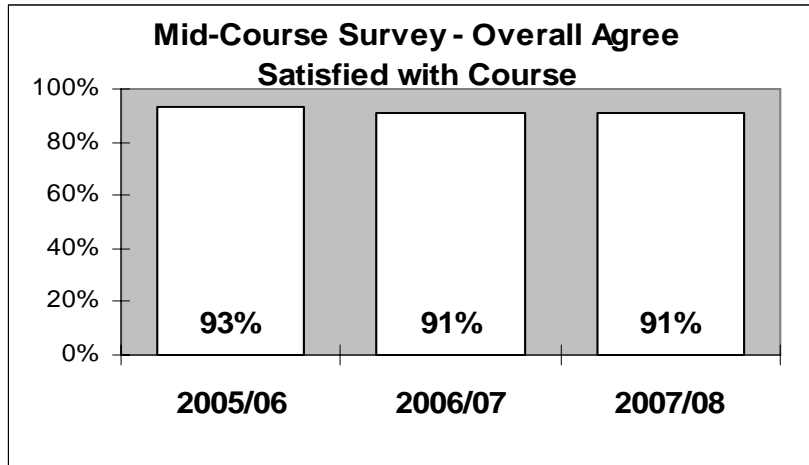
Our Students' Success

Our success rates for both long general FE courses and for Work-based Learning have continued to improve. In 2007/2008, success rates for long FE qualifications increased by 9% to 75%; we were fractionally under the national benchmark for FE short qualifications and exceeded the national benchmark for Work Based Learning (Apprenticeships) by 16%.



Other Quality Indicators





Our Employers

We have very strong links with employers across the College. In Engineering and Vehicle Engineering our client list is second to none including the likes of Jaguar and Land Rover, Arriva, Go-Ahead Travel, and First Group. We are a national centre for bus and coach maintenance engineering and a regional centre for the automotive manufacturing industry. We have a large national training contract with Securicor and are a key provider in Coventry and Warwickshire for the construction industry. We also have strong employer links in the fields of Business and Management, Health Care and Early Years, Music and Media Technologies and Hair and Beauty Therapy. We deliver nationally recognised Skills for Life Qualifications in the work place for a number of city based employers including Walkers Snack Foods, Travel Coventry, Palmer and Harvey, Coventry Care Consortium and Remploy.

Our Partnerships with Schools

The College is proud to work in partnership with the Local Authority and the schools through the established federation structures to deliver 14-19 work related learning programmes.

We worked closely with the Local Authority and the 14-19 Federations in Coventry to deliver a range of vocational programmes from entry level to level 3 programmes. Courses were delivered in the following areas: Childcare, Office Practice, Pre-Uniform Services, Sport, Critical Thinking, Construction, Hair & Beauty, Fashion, Motor Vehicle, Music Technology and Media.

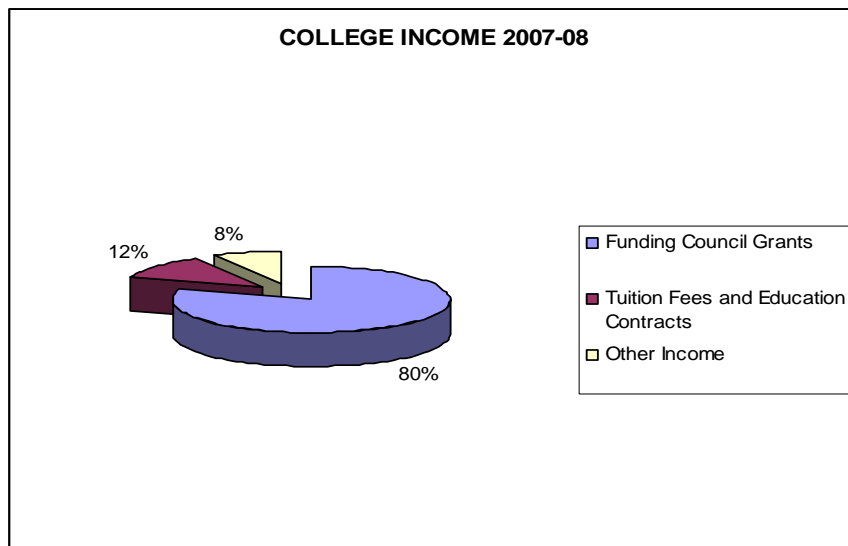
Entry and level 1 programmes were offered on a day release basis to 14-16 year olds across the City who were disengaged and more interested in a vocational pathway. A high proportion of these students progressed to full time college courses. Gifted and talented students studied AS Critical Thinking at the College and gave very positive feedback.

Our Collaboration with Local Universities

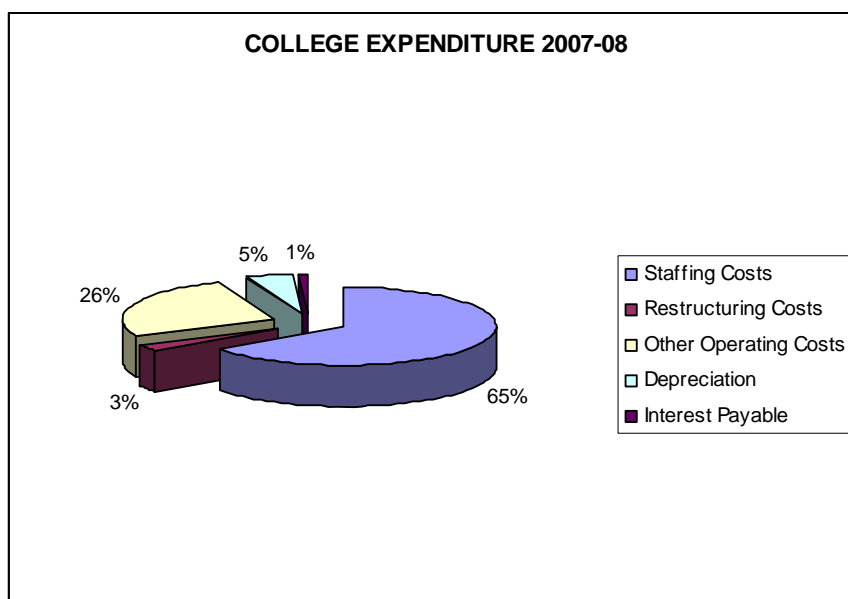
Links with Coventry and Warwick Universities are also invaluable in the context of Foundation Degrees, educational research, teacher training and franchised programmes. We are a member of the Coventry and Warwickshire Lifelong Learning Network and will continue to work closely with the Universities to develop and deliver new qualifications that meet employer needs.

Our Finances

The College earned £24.519 million of income in 2007-08. The sources of income were:



The College spent £23.192 million in 2007-08. The money was spent in the following way:

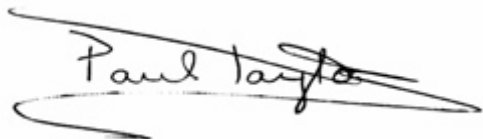


We also spent a further £20.946 million during the year on our new buildings under construction at Swanswell bringing the spend to date up to £46.3 million. The North building was completed and occupied in August 2007 and the South building was completed after the financial year end in October 2008.

The College made an operating surplus of £1.35 million and has been assessed for financial health as category A, the highest, by the Learning and Skills Council.

In Summary

2007/08 was a very good year for City College Coventry with the move to our new buildings in Swanswell having been successfully completed. These are exciting times for us, for our learners and for our stakeholders. We hope you enjoyed reading this Annual Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

College Principal