

# Studio School Southampton

## What is Southampton Studio School?

The school is designed to prepare young people who are able and motivated but for a range of reasons not thriving in their current school, for great jobs in Southampton. Southampton Studio School will be different from secondary schools in some important key ways:

- Using City College's excellent network of employer contacts, the school will deliver qualifications via a range of employer-led projects
- All students in the school will participate in significant work experience – both unpaid and, as they grow older, paid
- Southampton Studio School will be a specialist in preparing students for work in the marine and cruise industries (including logistics and retail)
- It will be a small school; there will be only 75 students in each year group meaning the whole school will have a total of 300 students

*"If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around."*

**Jim Rohn**

## Why is City College opening this new school?

Employers have told us of the specific skills gaps amongst young people that urgently need to be met to provide their businesses with a workforce to meet today's challenges.

Parents have highlighted their need for a wider choice of school than exists currently in Southampton.

We believe they have come to us because City College already has the experience from 1,500 students studying here between the ages of 14 - 19. Our excellent and well developed links with businesses in the city are key and at present we have 943 apprentices all working for local employers.

Our vision is to establish a high quality Studio School that will use a project based curriculum to transform the work skills of young people, provide choice for parents and answer the needs of employers.

The school students will use our outstanding new facilities for vocational learning, including a 220 seat theatre, HD TV studio and radio station, advanced engineering technology, catering training kitchens, hair and beauty salons, construction and engineering workshops, learning centres for care, early years, business, IT, Travel & Tourism and the Marine Skills Centre is only a short walk away in Woolston.

*"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn"*

**Benjamin Franklin**



## Where will the school be?

The main school building will be on the City College campus with its own entrance from Chapel Road. However, students will spend significant time away from the school building either in workplaces or in the community working on their projects.

## What will students study at the Studio School?

Students will study for GCSEs in English, Maths, Dual Science and ICT. They will also have an opportunity to study vocational qualifications in areas relevant to their career plans.

In the sixth form students will study advanced vocational courses and, where they have the qualifying standard, A levels. Sixth formers will be involved in at least two days a week of paid work.

## Who can apply for a place at the Studio School?

Any young person between the age of 14-19 who lives within reasonable travelling distance of central Southampton can apply for a place.

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you"*

**B.B. King**

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