

Quality Mark for College's Higher Education

The Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) has confirmed the quality and standards at West Herts College following a review in February 2014. The QAA is responsible for safeguarding standards and improving the quality of higher education in the UK. A team of QAA reviewers visited the College and judged that academic standards, the quality of student learning opportunities and the quality of information about these opportunities all meet national expectations.

The key findings

Across the four areas where formal judgments were given, the QAA review team formed the following judgements about higher education provision at West Herts College:

- ✔ The maintenance of the threshold academic standards of awards offered on behalf of degree-awarding bodies and/or other awarding organisations meets UK expectations.
- ✔ The quality of student learning opportunities at the provider meets UK expectations.
- ✔ The quality of the information produced by the provider about its provision meets UK expectations.
- ★ The enhancement of student learning opportunities at the provider is **commended**.

Good Practice

In addition to the main judgements reached above the QAA review team identified several areas of 'good practice' as follows:

- The transfer of consortium quality assurance practices to other higher-level provision.
- The comprehensive approach at strategic and operational level which effectively facilitates students' transitions to higher levels of education.
- The integrated approach to the provision of support which enables students to achieve their academic, personal and professional potential.
- The extensive and effective ways by which the student voice is used to inform enhancement and create a positive impact on the learning experience.
- The embedded culture of enhancement exemplified through strategic leadership and staff commitment.

The full QAA Higher Education Review report for West Herts College can be viewed here <http://www.qaa.ac.uk/en/ReviewsAndReports/Documents/West%20Herts%20College/West-Herts-College-HER-14.pdf>

The [UK Quality Code for Higher Education](#) (the Quality Code) sets out the expectations that all providers of UK higher education are required to meet. The Quality Code is applied during HE Review to assure Standards and quality.