

## Public Benefit Statement

Derwentside College is an exempt charity under Part 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and following the Machinery of Government changes in July 2016, is regulated by the Secretary of State for Education. The members of the Governing Body, who are trustees of the charity, are disclosed on the College website.

In setting and reviewing the College's strategic objectives, the Governing Body has had due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on charitable purposes and public benefit and particularly upon its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. The guidance sets out the requirement that all organisations wishing to be recognised as charities must demonstrate, explicitly that their aims are for the public benefit.

In delivering its mission, the College provides the following identifiable public benefits through the advancement of education:

- High-quality teaching leading to excellent attainment by our students.
- Widening participation and tackling social exclusion.
- Excellent destinations for students moving into work, further or higher education.
- Strong student support systems leading to high attainment, improved confidence, and excellent employability.
- Contributing to the local economy, and reducing skills gaps, by maintaining close links with employers, industry, and commerce.
- Supporting local industries and economic strategy by working closely with partners such as Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and Combined Authorities.

The College has set out its aims in the published Strategic Plan and the Annual Accountability Agreement.