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Pat Tomlinson
Corporation Chair
As the Chair of the Hull College Group Corporation of Governors, I am proud to be a part of a vibrant institution that seeks to improve young people and enhance lives.

The Group has enjoyed another extremely successful year in 2014-15; we have seen important developments across all areas and have had much to celebrate.

City of Culture’s Martin Green helped launch the new Centre for Digital and Green Energy in March which includes state of the art Virtual Welding facilities, Next Gen Computing, Gas and Electrical assessment workshops, and Platform Studios, which uses ‘VISR’, ground-breaking virtual reality technology created by Platform.

Students’ competition successes have been huge this year; in November 2014, six of our students took part in the World Skills UK final which brings together some of the UK’s top apprentices and students. Bricklaying student, Tom Dixon won Gold in his final and was crowned as the UK’s Best Young Bricklayer.

Our tutors have also been celebrated this year; Construction tutor Darren Storrer was named Teacher of the Year at the Hull Daily Mail Golden Apple Awards whilst the 14-16 Mentoring Team came runner up in the Support Staff category.

Finally, I extend my congratulations and thanks to all students and staff who have helped make 2014-15 another year to celebrate across Hull College Group.

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Corporation Chair

As reported in the last annual review, the Group received a share of more than £3 million from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to expand its Hull, Harrogate and Goole campuses. State of the art welding facilities were developed at both Hull and Goole, and a new technology centre, along with improved catering, fashion and joinery workspaces is planned at Harrogate. This will all lead to an enhanced student experience.

We place strong emphasis on progression for our students, and because of this we continually celebrate student success during their time with us. Hull College students achieved tremendous success at the World Skills UK final; and students from both Harrogate and Hull achieved great results at the national Bridal Buyer Awards, which took place in September 2014. Harrogate College fashion student, Samantha Henty, was named the country’s Best Student Designer whilst the other students were selected as having the best designs.

The 14-16 Colleges at Hull and Goole are further examples of student success. In November 2014, a group of 14-16 students became the first in the Humber region to take on the national Bronze CREST Award challenge – a scheme recognised by employers and universities around the country which is run by the British Science Association and aims to bring the curriculum to life for students.

We have also continued to raise our profile both locally and nationally. Hull College received international recognition for its Innovative East Hull Voids project at a ceremony in Tasmania, Australia. The coveted International Green Gown Awards recognises exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges from Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg. The East Hull Voids project saw construction students transform rundown and derelict properties into modern and affordable homes in the community.

As ever, my personal congratulations and thanks to all of those who continue to strive to ensure the success of Hull College Group.

Gary Warke MBE
Chief Executive
I have truly enjoyed my time being President of the Hull College Group Students’ Union and I have been extremely proud to hold the post and represent my fellow students and to have worked with such a great team of officers.

The past 12 months have demonstrated the range and strength of talent that we have across the Group. My peers have achieved at a range of levels, from those within the 14-16 Colleges to HE students working at Degree level and I have enjoyed celebrating with them at such events as the graduation ceremonies.

Across the Group, it has been a year where once again students have dedicated themselves to doing their absolute best in their studies. The Group has a rich array of extracurricular activities which students devote their own time to, from performance arts pieces to the 14-16 Job Club which creates real-life commissions, to travelling the country to represent us all in competitions.

We have a student body here which I am delighted to represent, and as a union we endeavour to ensure all students’ voices are heard and work hard to make sure our collective voices are heard within the organisation. It is a pleasure to work closely with key staff within the Group.

Well done to all of my fellow students – my hope for the coming 12 months is that you all continue to reach your potential and strive for excellence.

Lee Pearson
Hull College Group Students’ Union President
The members of the Group Management Team as of July 2015 were as follows:

Gary Warke MBE  
Chief Executive
Lee Probert  
Deputy Chief Executive
Emma Yorke  
Managing Director, HCUK Training
Antony Sutton  
Group Director of Finance
Graham Tawse  
Principal of Hull College
Lynne Richardson  
Principal of Goole College
Debra Forsythe-Conroy  
Principal of Harrogate College
Caron Wright  
Assistant Principal Higher Education

John Applegate  
Director of Funding and Information Services
David Mullaney  
Director of Infrastructure & Facilities
Lizann Lowson  
Director of Student Services
Stephen Girkng  
Director of Operations, HCUK Training
Alison Taylor  
Director of HR and OD
Bella Abrams  
Director of Innovation and Technology
Stephen Allen  
Assistant Principal of Quality
Richard Bayford  
Head of Service, Finance and Procurement
Matthew Lilley  
Head of Service, Marketing and Communications

Corporation of Hull College Group

Membership from 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015

Governors
Mr Nick Swash  
Chair – retired July 2015
Mr Paul Hollins  
Vice Chair
Ms Patricia Tomlinson  
Vice Chair
Mr Gary Warke MBE  
Chief Executive and Principal (ex officio)
Ms Melissa Askew  
Resigned July 2015
Mr Kevin Brown  
Elected as Student Governor July 2015
Mr Lee Pearson  
Elected as Student Governor July 2015
Mr Andrew Manderfield  
Staff Governor
Mr Shane McMuray  
Staff Governor
Ms Emma Palmer  
Resigned July 2015
Mr Chris Roberts  
Staff Governor
Mr James Tabor  
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Individuals Co-Opted on Committees
None
We place strong emphasis on progression and continually celebrate student success.

Gary Warke MBE
Chief Executive

Facts and Figures

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During the last financial year the Group’s income grew from £57.5m to £59.8m as it diversified its activity into other business development areas. Despite continued significant changes to the sector’s funding the Group returned a surplus of £453k in the last year.

**Financial Summary**

**Income**
- Funding Body Grants £45.4m
- Tuition Fees and Education Contracts £10.2m
- Other Income £3.7m
- Investment Income £0.5m
**Total Income** £59.8m

**Expenditure**
- Staff Costs £35.8m
- Restructuring Costs £1.0m
- Other Operating Expenses £20.7m
- Depreciation £1.8m
- Interest Payable £0.1m
**Total Expenditure** £59.4m

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Lee Pearson
Hull College Group Students’ Union President
Staff – Our Most Important Investment

Organisational Development

The Organisational Development Strategy describes a strong focus on supporting individuals and teams to achieve success for students, staff and the Group, through a robust training plan along with additional learning and development opportunities.

Learning and Development

With a drive for excellence across the Group at all levels we seek to support the development of staff working towards increased competency and relevant, valuable qualifications.

During 2014/2015 the Group supported over 300 staff on development programmes.

The top ten courses supported include BAs, PGCE/Cert Ed, Level 3 Award & Level 4 Certificate of Education and Training, closely followed by CIPD, CMI, IAG Level 3 & Level 4, A1 & V1 and Functional Skills.

Included in this support was continuation onto Year 2 of the PGCE/Cert Ed programme, progression for individuals onto the Level 3 Award in Education and Training (previously known as PTTLS) and for some onto the Level 4 Diploma in Education and Training (previously known as CTTLS).

Counselling, mindfulness and mental health were key topics with attendance on one and two day events as well as consideration for 2015/2016 Staff Development funded group programmes.

Maths and English feature heavily in learning and development with these forming two aspects of a two day cross group development programme in February 2015 and again in the six topic fully funded two day programme in July 2015, aimed at delivery staff linked to Teaching Learning and Assessment.

Staff Development continues to support applications for attendance at conferences and events designed to enhance understanding, develop knowledge as well as ensure that staff maintain compliance and validation requirements.

A wide range of events, activities, courses and qualifications were supported such as:

- Transforming Autism in the North, Autism Practitioner Training, Collaborative working, Three Day First Aid, Food Safety Level 2, Future Cities, New Tutor Development, SEND for Early Years, Sugar Showpiece, Adult Grief, Mental Health First Aid, Level 3 & Level 4 Business Admin, Level 3 in IT User Skills and Cisco.

- Mandatory topics remain high on the agenda in order to sustain our level of excellence in creating and maintaining a safe environment for both student and staff.

Qualifications and updating our people

Working within our Group Strategic Plan and Organisational Development Strategy the development of Hull College Group staff is seen as key to delivering on our Mission and Values.

To help ensure excellence in practice the Group continues its policy of supporting teaching and learning staff in gaining the appropriate qualification and requires them to work in accordance with the ETF Professional Standards.

Award in Preparation to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS), Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTTLS)

During this year ten members of staff began their PTTLS training and three members of staff began their CTTLS training, this shows consolidation on last year’s figures in these areas.

Cert Ed/PGCE

During this academic year a total of thirty five members of staff are studying either the Cert Ed or a PGCE.

Studying for a Degree

There are twelve staff studying for a Bachelor’s degree in topics such as BA Education and Professional Development, BA in Education and Training and BA in Computing.

Higher Education

The expansion of the Group’s HE provision has seen staff studying for Masters in Design and Masters in Visual Arts which gives a good indication of the spread of topics that can be studied by staff.

All staff across the Group are supported to develop their skills and where required work towards relevant, valuable qualifications.

Vocational Assessor and Quality Assurance qualifications

This area has continued to expand with a further seventeen members of staff working towards the Level 3 Award in Assessing Vocational Achievement and the Level 4 Award in the Internal Quality Assurance of Assessment Processes and Practice.

Support Staff

The continued development of all the Group’s support staff is encouraged and is just as important as development for the academic staff. The year saw both support and academic staff have been involved in training such as Mediation and Conflict Resolution Training, Leadership Training, Information Advice and Guidance, AAE Payroll Management and Telephone Counselling.

Each term staff development days are made available for all staff and are focused on the service needs identified through our all staff review programme. Staff Development continues to support applications for attendance at conferences and events designed to enhance understanding, develop knowledge as well as ensure that staff maintain compliance and validation requirements.

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Capital Investment programme

The College capital investment programme involved an allocation of c£1.9m to undertake a range of approved Business Improvement works and a programme of Long Term Maintenance works (LTM). The LTM programme was delivered to achieve a move towards improving the sustainability and environmental impact of the estate. The programme of work cost in excess of £1.6m, with an SFA Condition Grant of £540k included.

Salix Grant

In addition the programme was also supplemented with the Salix initiative, introduced to enable public sector organisations across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to take a lead in tackling climate change by increasing their energy efficiency by providing funding for capital projects. The Salix fund awarded Hull College an interest free loan in the order of £387,395 in two phases to fund lighting replacement and improvement projects. The lighting in the 1950’s tower block, workshops, offices and external lighting were predominantly old inefficient fittings. Some areas were not previously provided with lighting controls - resulting in lighting being on longer than required.

The Salix solution (funded in two parts) was to install LED lighting and lighting controls in a wide range of areas across the Queen’s Gardens site and Goole College. The project is set to save the College £75,000 off the annual energy bill whilst saving 373.49 tonnes of carbon per year.

Investors in the Environment

As a direct consequence of this investment and estate operational activity for the second year running Hull College Group has been accredited with the Green Award by Investors in the Environment. Green level accreditation is the highest achievable level within Investors in the Environment and consists of a wide range of criteria being met demonstrating a sustained commitment and systematic approach to reducing the environmental impacts of the organisation.

Harrogate Consolidation Project

Although the actual construction phase of the project began in October 2015 an enormous amount of work was undertaken across 14/15 to bring the project to fruition. This included design work, consultation with stakeholders and many different surveys. A significant project was completed around a range of relocation and enabling works over the summer period to allow a seamless transition to the construction phase.

Centre for Digital and Green Energy

A range of small investments were made to create a digital hub on the Queen’s Gardens campus, alongside the College’s existing green energy provision in the Energy and Climate Centre. The hub includes IT teaching space for both FE and HE computing provision, including Next Gen computing and networking. The digital hub includes a lease space working in partnership with Platform Studios and a range of local business and start-ups, offering students the opportunity to study alongside fledgling tech companies in an exciting branded environment.

Key estate activities in the 14/15 period included:

- Capital Investment programme
- Investors in the Environment
- Harrogate Consolidation Project
- Centre for Digital and Green Energy
Over recent years the Group has made considerable efforts to move towards a sustainable low carbon organisation in the process making impressive savings, the highlights are:

Electricity - 7.5% saving since 2009/10. This is equivalent to boiling a 3 Kwh kettle 4383 times.

Gas - 14.7% saving since 2009/10. The amount of Kwh saved would power a PC for 28431 hours.

Water - an impressive reduction of 46% against the usage of 2009/10. This is the equivalent of 7 Olympic size swimming pools.

As a result combined with other wide ranging initiatives the Hull College Group has been accredited with the Green Award by Investors in the Environment for the second year running. Green level accreditation is the highest achievable level within Investors in the Environment and consists of a wide range of criteria being met demonstrating a sustained commitment and systematic approach to reducing the environmental impacts of the organisation.

The launch of HCUK Training in the autumn of 2014 was the beginning of a busy and exciting year for the employer facing division of the Group as the Division set out its ambition to be the leading provider of responsive Skills and Work Based Learning and development across the region.

Working in partnership with the Local Enterprise Partnership and employers, HCUK Training supports the Group’s strategic ambition to train and upskill local people to enable them to benefit from meaningful, long term careers in key sectors of growth across the Yorkshire and Humber locale.

A key enabler to support this ambition was the Skills Support for The Work Force contract which was funded by the Skills Funding Agency and the Humber LEP and provided specialist training to SME employers across the region. The contract was a highly successful partnership led by HCUK Training supporting 5,136 individuals across 1000 businesses in sectors which included Ports and Logistics, Renewables, Digital and Construction Manufacturing.

Apprenticeships continue to be an area of growth for HCUK Training in line with Government ambitions to reach 3m new opportunities by 2020, with particular focus on young people between the ages of 16 and 19 years. The team works closely with employers to ensure the apprenticeship offer of the Group meets their needs both immediately and for the future as well as supporting them to recruit the right candidate for their business.

In 2014/15 HCUK Training delivered apprenticeship training to 5,398 individuals both at Level 2 and 3 across a range of key sectors including electrical engineering, health and business.

A priority sector of growth and innovation for the Humber region is Logistics, and the Division is delighted to be able to offer a unique Gateway of professionally recognised qualifications and skills packages across every level to meet the growth and productivity needs of the industry.

As we look to the future, HCUK Training is committed to continuing its growth both locally and regionally, whilst developing new and innovative ways to help businesses meet their ongoing needs through training and upskilling their workforce.

Emma Yorke
Managing Director, HCUK Training
Skills Support for the Workforce

opportunities, including the Successful Training team on their specific business needs and existing skills gaps. They consulted with members of the HCUK HCUK Training aims to provide training solutions that are tailored to eligible employers across the Humber region with fully funded workplace learning courses. HCUK Training Managing Director Emma Yorke said: “As part of Hull College Group, HCUK Training has an enviable track record of working in partnership with local employers to develop a skilled workforce to meet the needs of inward investors and support business growth. “We aim to develop long lasting relationships with employers of all sizes offering a range of bespoke training solutions that are tailored to suit specific needs as well as providing early identification of young talent and guidance on accessing the latest funding opportunities.”

HCUK Training launch – bridging the gap between education and business needs (Sept 2014)

September 2014 saw the launch of HCUK Training, Hull College Group’s commercial and business to business training arm. HCUK training aims to provide workforce training to employers and learners that is performance and value driven and responsive to business needs. At the launch event, local employers consulted with members of the HCUK Training team on their specific business needs and existing skills gaps. They also heard about the latest funding opportunities, including the Successful Skills Support for the Workforce programme, an initiative offering eligible employers across the Humber region with fully funded workplace learning courses. HCUK Training Managing Director Emma Yorke said: “As part of Hull College Group, HCUK Training has an enviable track record of working in partnership with local employers to develop a skilled workforce to meet the needs of inward investors and support business growth. “We aim to develop long lasting relationships with employers of all sizes offering a range of bespoke training solutions that are tailored to suit specific needs as well as providing early identification of young talent and guidance on accessing the latest funding opportunities.”

National recognition for student designers (Sept 2014)

A Harrogate College student was named the country’s Best Student Designer in the national Bridal Buyer Awards, which took place in September 2014. Samantha Henty, who studies fashion at Harrogate, was among eight students from both Harrogate and Hull College to reach the final of the prestigious competition. The other seven students (five from Hull and two from Harrogate) were among those selected as having the best designs. Each competing student created a mood board and specification sheets, as well as the wedding dress itself. The challenge set by the judging panel was to demonstrate a comprehension of the female form and to suggest fashions suitable for a royal bride. Samantha’s fellow Harrogate students who made the final were Thekla Hall and Charlotte Roe, both in their second year FdA Fashion Design and Production, while the successful Hull candidates were Jennifer Sygrove, Jessica Harrison and Leonie Atkinson, all of whom are studying BA (Hons) Applied Creative Design Fashion, as well as Damien Macdonald and Natalie Clark, studying FdA Fashion Design & Interpretation. Samantha said: “It was a very exciting evening and I’m delighted to have won. I’m now really excited about starting my career with Eternity Bride who sponsored the category and have offered me a job!”

Lynn Benson, Programme Leader Fashion & Costume, said: “At both Harrogate and Hull College we have an abundance of very talented young people who always rise to the challenges of national and international competitions, proving unique solutions. “The Bridal Buyers competition challenge to create a wedding dress for a royal bride was no exception – all students’ final creations were extremely creative, using fabric and trimming to produce that special dress which had panache and individuality for a bride’s memorable day.”

Hull College has received international recognition for its innovative East Hull Voids project at a ceremony in Tasmania, Australia. The coveted International Green Gown Awards recognise exceptional sustainability initiatives being undertaken by universities and colleges from Australasia, the United Kingdom, France, Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg. Only organisations which have won a Green Gown within their own country are eligible for entry into the International leg of the competition. Hull College had previously triumphed in the UK Green Gowns in the Social Responsibility category. The College was recognised for its East Hull Voids project in partnership with Prove, under which construction students have transformed run-down and derelict properties into modern and affordable homes in the community. The project supports families in need and provides students with hands-on experience and work-based activities promoting employability with a direct link to job opportunities. The College beat two other finalists to take the International accolade: the University of Western Sydney, Australasia and Lille Catholic University, France. Shane Foster, Head of Division Engineering and Construction, put together the award entry and has led the College’s involvement with the Voids. He said: “We’re absolutely delighted to have won in this exceptionally tough category and to receive international recognition. More than 200 of our students have participated in this project and they’ve worked to a thoroughly professional standard. It’s excellent work experience for them and looks fantastic on a CV. It’s also a venture which really benefits local communities – in terms of both returning the refurbished properties and the resulting improvement of the surrounding areas.

Gary Warke, Hull College Group Chief Executive said: “Winning this award is recognition of the positive impact of the project itself and of the significant value for our students in taking part. We’re very proud to be involved in the Voids – it’s a scheme which is making a real difference in Hull and we absolutely deserves this international attention.”

Judges saw Voids as “a self-sustaining and innovative project with high student and community engagement. It really taps into wider social issues for positive change and maximum impact”.

Innovative scheme nets international award (Nov 2014)

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Hull College Apprentice Tom Dixon won a gold medal at WorldSkills UK in November 2014 – the country’s biggest skills competition. Tom, who works at Redrow Homes, took part in the final heat of WorldSkills at Birmingham’s NEC alongside other highly talented Apprentices from around the country. In a live task he produced two examples of his work and, after deliberation by the judges, was declared the winner in a final awards ceremony which brought the whole event to a close.

Two further Hull College students also competed. Nail Technician, Jaqueline Rodgers and Joiner, Jonathan Butterly. Jonathan has subsequently been selected for Squad UK for WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017.

Hull College Principal Graham Towse said: “We are extremely proud of Tom for taking the Gold Medal in brickwork. “My hope now is that these successes inspire our other students to go on and participate in future skills competitions.”

The WorldSkills competition took place during The Skills Show from 13 to 15 November 2014. More than 75,000 people attended The Skills Show and watched 588 competitions battle it out in 64 skill areas; from Forensic Science to Floristry. The winners were then announced at a party for all finalists.

Multiple education award wins for Hull College

Hull College 14-16 students first in region to take on award challenge (Nov 2014)

A group of students from the HCUK 14-16 College, part of Hull College Group, have become the first in the Humber region to take on a national awards scheme designed to help students understand key subjects used in the construction industry.

The students were invited to the Granstand Grove development in Hull, where they toured the site learning about the techniques used by site contractors Keepmoat. Granstand Grove is an £11.1 million development of 108 properties, situated in the east of the city by leading housing provider Sanctuary.

The visit was the first step towards the students’ involvement in the national Bronze CREST Award challenge – a scheme recognised by employers and universities around the country. Run by the British Science Association, the CREST Award Challenge is project-based and aims to bring the curriculum to life for students. The site visit is used to show students how the skills they are learning are put into practice in the real world. It was organised in partnership with CITB, the Construction Industry Training Board.

Darren Storer, Curriculum Leader for Construction, said: “We’re very excited and pleased to be starting the CREST Award Challenge. Not only is this scheme extremely well regarded, but it offers our students the chance to gain a greater understanding of the industry they want to work in.

“The feedback from our students following the visit was fantastic, they returned completely enthused and ready to start the next stages of the project – planning and designing a sustainable housing development.”

We’re really proud that the HCUK 14-16 College has become the first in the Humber region to give students the chance to undertake the CREST challenge and look forward to being able to formally present them with their awards.”

Hull College scooped two wins and three runner up spots at the Hull Daily Mail Golden Apple Awards in December 2014. Construction tutor Darren Storer was named Teacher of the Year and student Connor Cutsforth took Apprentice of the Year while fellow Apprentice Abigail Holmes was runner-up, and the Job Club was runner-up for the Community Award and 14-16 Mentoring Team in the Support Staff category.

The awards received hundreds of nominations from around the region, with extremely strong competition in all categories. Connor Cutsforth has been highly praised by his employer Beal Homes and has been named as a member of Squad UK for WorldSkills Sao Paulo 2015, meaning he could represent his country at an international level.

Darren Storer dedicates hours of his own time to providing out-of-lesson support to students through the 14-16 Job Club, which provides students with real-life briefs for construction projects. They have produced furniture and toys for local schools including giant trains, miniature kitchens, reading chairs shaped like books and a life-size Dr Who Tardis.

Hull College Principal Graham Towse said: “Many congratulations to our winners and runners up. It was a great night for the College and in particular the 14-16 College. Well done everyone!”

Hull Daily Mail editor Neil Hodgkinson said: “We are delighted the Golden Apple Awards are now officially launched, with aspiration and achievement firmly on the agenda. The awards are about the pupils and students from primary schools to colleges and university (and) also highlight those teachers and teaching assistants who show unlimited devotion to helping build not only the future of Hull and the East Riding but the future prospects of our country.”

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Based within the Learning Zone at KC Stadium, students will spend two half-days per week with the Luke Campbell Foundation, receiving elite coaching and benefitting from the wealth of expertise within the Foundation. By working together, Luke’s Foundation and the College will help develop the wider technical, employability and citizenship skills of young people through the academy.

Luke said: “Inspiring and motivating young people is really important to me. I want to pass on my experiences to youngsters and help grow the next generation of talent in the city. I still have goals that I want to achieve and I’m working hard to reach them — I think it’s vital that young people develop their ambition to achieve and build their confidence in the process.”

The partnership represents an innovative new educational model whereby young people with sporting ambitions can be supported with high quality academic teaching alongside their studies in Sport. Hull College Principal Graham Towse said: “This is a fantastic opportunity, not only for the College to work with Luke, but for young people to learn from the passion that Luke brings through His Foundation. It really is a once in a lifetime chance and I’m looking forward to seeing the next generation of Hull born and bred talent emerging as a result of this unique and innovative programme.”

Hull College Group marked the official launch of its dedicated Centre for Digital and Green Energy in March 2015. Special guest speaker Martin Green, Hull UK City of Culture 2017 Chief Executive, helped open the Centre and described how the digital and green energy growth industries will further enhance Hull’s infrastructure in preparation for 2017 as well as provide a catalyst for job creation.

Mr Green said: “We want every young person to have the opportunity to participate in 2017. Creating a world class programme requires the skills and creativity of a range of disciplines including designers and engineers. The 2017 event aspires to leave a legacy that people will want to live and work in this city supporting economic and business growth.”

The Hull College Centre for Digital and Green Energy offers a wide range of renewables and digital-related courses from GCSEs and NVQs to post graduate courses to meet current and future skills needs. The number of students taking digital courses at Hull College has increased by over 60 per cent this year with Hull College Group now offering more than 150 courses related to over 100 different careers within the renewables sector and associated supply chains.

Hull College Principal Graham Towse said: “We have dedicated this facility to digital and green energy so that individuals and businesses can train and upskill to maximise the growth potential of these key sectors and meet the needs of inward investors. Many of our programmes have been created with local employers and businesses, ensuring that they are absolutely relevant to industry. This approach to working in partnership with industry and promoting student enterprise and entrepreneurship is at the core of our culture and curriculum.”

Hull College Group Chief Executive Gary Warke added: “We are totally focused on ensuring we produce the skilled and employable workforce to support the region’s major economic opportunities. Our new curriculum design is matched to economic priorities identified by the Humber LEP. So we are building the skills to support investment, job creation and growth in renewables, digital and other key sectors.”

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Harrogate College launches new partnership with Harrogate Town (March 2015)

Harrogate College and Harrogate Town AFC have teamed up to work together in a community partnership which will offer every student at the College the opportunity to benefit from the Club’s sports training and expertise.

2015 Pearson Teaching Awards shortlist two College tutors (May 2015)

Mike Abel and Darren Storrer from Hull College were shortlisted for the prestigious Pearson Teaching Awards. Selected from thousands of nominations from across the UK, Mike and Darren join a list of 67 exceptional teachers who are the Teaching Awards “stars” of the education profession for 2015. The Pearson Teaching Awards were established by David (Lord) Puttnam in 1991 to celebrate and recognize outstanding educational professionals. Oscar-winning actress Emma Thompson, president of the Teaching Awards, said: “I am genuinely proud and honoured to be the president of the Teaching Awards. I owe so much of what I’ve done to my fantastic teachers at school and university and it is exciting to join in celebrating what is probably the most important profession of them all.”

Darren Storrer is the Curriculum leader for 14-16 in Construction and the mastermind and founder behind the Hull College Job Club. The Job Club is a business that 14-16 year olds can join to work on real life joinery projects for customers in and around Hull. The main aim is to improve the learner’s vocational skills and make them more employable. This has resulted in the last four years in over 50 of Darren’s learners gaining apprenticeships within their chosen trade routes. Mike Abel works on integrating technology into learners studies. He began this Digital Literacy project for his Subject Learning Coach training by producing films of the joinery tasks required within the workshops. These were made available to students with the first films created to illustrate tasks such as routing to enable theory classes to be made more interesting. Mike also made films of aspects of learning that students found especially difficult such as mathematical calculations for staircase risings.

Successful Skills Support for the Workforce programme (July 2015)

As reported in the last annual review, the Group received a share of more than £2.1 million from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to expand its Hull Harrogate and Goole campuses.

As part of the project, the College has developed a number of specialist providers of facilities they will expect to see in industrial standards is vital to ensuring our students have the use of the sort of facilities they will expect to see in the workplace. The workshops can accommodate any fabrication and welding tasks to suit customer requirements and courses can be tailored to individual needs. The staff teams at the colleges are also continually updating their knowledge and practical skills in all aspects of welding and inspection to the current British and ASME standards.

Meanwhile, Harrogate is set to benefit from a new technology centre, along with improved catering, fashion and joinery workshops. These new facilities will enhance the College’s curriculum areas, providing industry standard training hair and beauty salons, a restaurant and bistro for catering courses and modern science labs. The new technology block will house vocational trades such as Joinery, Electrical, Motor vehicles and Welding.