

Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College

CUSTOMER REQUIREMENT

Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College (DSFC) is an independent, selective sixth form college, providing A-Level education for candidates to the technical branches of the British Armed Forces, the Ministry of Defence civil service and privately funded students. It is funded by the Ministry of Defence.

The aim of this establishment is to develop selected young individuals in order to prepare them for further training and careers as technical officers in the armed forces, or as graduate entrants to the MoD civil service.

The MoD needed a reliable, outstanding delivery partner to deliver this requirement for a 28 year contract period.

The requirement of this contract is to run a technical sixth form college for 16-18 year olds as part of the Minerva consortium, with full boarding facilities and a capacity of 350 students.



“A levels are the hardest experience, academically, that most 16 to 18 year olds will undergo. They require a lot of time, effort and hard work to get the grades you need at the end of the year, and more importantly secure your future. The support system from the staff here at Welbeck is second to none. There are members of academic staff on duty all evening, who are always prepared to give their time to help students willing to learn. The Welbeck environment is one that encourages you to push yourself, especially as you are surrounded by like-minded people. During my time at Welbeck, I have developed a sense of self discipline, drive and determination, all of which have helped me to strive towards academic success. Both inside and outside of the classroom, Welbeck inspires its students to aim high and achieve far more than they could elsewhere.”

Abbygayle - Welbeck DSFC student



THE PEARSON TQ PROGRAMME

In 2005, Pearson TQ was appointed to fulfill this requirement through the delivery of a first class science and technology based A-Level education that secures students places to study a technical first degree at university. In addition, Pearson TQ delivers personal development training through outdoor and physical education, pastoral care and the Combined Cadet Force.

We provide teaching staff to work alongside military personnel at the DSFC to enable students to maximise their highest academic and personal potential. We also manage all educational resources and equipment, including tailored ICT systems and support.

Our performance is measured against 350 KPIs on a monthly basis by the customer.

MEASURING SUCCESS

The DSFC is one of the top performing educational establishments in the UK, and is ranked in the **TOP 1%** of the 1,100 A-level schools and colleges in the country.

In 2018, students achieved 97% pass rate at A level with 79% awarded grade A*-C and 36% at A* & A

100% of students who were sponsored by one of the branches of the MOD have been successful in gaining a place on a university course approved by the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme. **75%** of MOD sponsored students have been offered a place at their University of first choice.

100% of our MOD sixth formers continue their education at university

The College has received four prestigious awards from The Good Schools' Guide: **Best performance by both Boys and Girls taking Electronics, Best performance by Girls taking Government & Politics and Excellent performance by Girls taking Computer Studies / Computing at an English Selective School.**