

Student Report

May 2011

A summary of the report by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education on Adam Smith College.

Congratulations Adam Smith!





During January 2011 we had a visit from HMIE where they visited several campuses and spoke to students and staff alike. They enjoyed engaging with us and hearing what everyone had to say.

The final outcome was put together into one overall report which you can find at www.hmie.gov.uk. Some of the many highlights are throughout this leaflet.

The report was very successful and I appreciated the description of the Students' Association as "strong and vibrant".

Beneta Brown
Student President



We are incredibly proud of the report published by HMIE. It highlights College strengths in areas of student learning and quality of teaching, recognising the ongoing improvements in the College curriculum and support to students.

We would like to congratulate the staff of the College and make special mention of Beneta and the Students' Association for all their excellent work. HMIE have praise for the Students' Association in their report. Having a strong and well led Students' Association is essential to ensure that we can work together for the benefit of our students.

Graham Johnstone
Chair
Board of Governors

Dr Craig Thomson
Principal



Strengths that directly affect students ...

“Learners from all backgrounds are welcomed within the college and relevant adjustments are made to programmes to meet their specific needs.”

“Learners are very well represented on college committees, contribute to college developments and are influential in developing and refining college policies.”

“The college offers a wide range of programmes, from introductory to advanced levels, with appropriate entry and exit points and progression opportunities.”

“The college provides a relevant and responsive curriculum through effective engagement with employers, schools and other stakeholders and partners.”

“A strong and vibrant students’ association works closely with learners and staff to maximise opportunities for learners, harness ideas and resolve issues as they arise.”

Sector-leading and Innovative Practice

Retail Academy

The college has established Retail Academies to deliver the Introduction to Pre-Retail programme. The programme is supported by local businesses who have provided retail equipment to create a realistic working environment in which learners can study.

Excellent Practice

Adam Smith Business Club

The Adam Smith Business Club provides HE business learners with a facility to meet with local employers, understand current business practices and be aware of potential employer expectations for future employment.

On-Line Magazine Project

The On-Line Magazine project creates current realistic working conditions which involve the learners developing a fictional on-line magazine. Learners develop a wide range of useful practical digital skills, including design, video journalism, photo journalism and blogging.

To view the full report visit www.hmie.gov.uk

How We Can Make Things Even Better!

We received an excellent report from HMIE but, as always, there are things that we can do better and continue to improve. We will continue to focus on supporting our learners to stay with us and achieve. We will develop ways to identify learners who need additional help at an early

stage and provide support and guidance to all who need it. We will also look to embrace new technologies and use them to develop teaching methods which make learning stimulating and enjoyable for all.

HMIE said the following about students at Adam Smith College ...

“The majority of learners state that the programme they are on has exceeded their expectations.”

“Many learners who enrol on FE level programmes progress to further learning within the college.”

“Learners support each other well in their learning and make good use of available resources to extend and enhance their knowledge and skills.”

“Many learners engage in programme-level or cross-college activities, volunteering, fundraising or community and employment-related projects.”

“Learners are making good progress, attaining qualifications and developing skills which prepare them well for further learning or employment.”

“Learners are motivated and enjoy being at college. They have a strong sense of belonging to the college and feel that they are valued and respected by staff.”

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