



**Birmingham**  
Independent College



## **BIRMINGHAM INDEPENDENT COLLEGE**

### **16-18 STUDY PROGRAMME**

#### **WHO WE ARE**

Birmingham Independent College (BIC) is an independent alternative provision, which has been operating since March 2015. We are commissioned by local authorities, mainstream schools/academies/colleges. BIC has capacity for 74 students and is also an examination centre for Edexcel, and Asdan and received an Ofsted judgment of 'Good' in July 2017 inspection. We are located in Aston, 3 miles from Birmingham City Centre. All our staff are qualified and have a minimum of five years teaching experience. We are a limited company operating on a three-person proprietorship.

#### **WHAT WE PROPOSE TO OFFER**

BIC has now launched its 16-18 Study Programmes which are qualification and work experience based in addition to its current offer.

Both Study Programmes will include work experiences and/or employment placements with employers that are known, and have had risk assessments completed by BIC's Employer Engagement Personnel and with whom we are developing long-term relationships. Our risk assessment together with practical in work experience are designed to closely match the theoretical classroom based learning, which will enable students to gain essential hands on work skills. We also have a strong working partnership with Founders for Schools - a charity that offers work experience services using a national platform that links employers to training providers.

BIC specialises in three career pathways: Health and Social Care, Hospitality and Catering and Business. As a small independent college BIC's study programmes and traineeships are designed with employability at its heart. Our Study Programmes and traineeships combine qualifications, training, work experience and employment placements to align with student's career destination. These individualised Study Programmes and traineeships are designed to move students into either higher education, apprenticeships or employment, enabling each student to achieve their career goals and aspirations.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES**

Our study programme principles apply equally to learners with SEND. Additionally, BIC will work with ASD and ADHD, students to engage them in other non-qualification activity to develop students' character, skills, attitudes, social awareness and confidence to support progression. This would be the primary core aim to begin with and would build towards more structured learning to develop skills, experience, confidence and qualification, where appropriate to increase the potential of employability.

Where appropriate links will be made with the Access to Work programme and Job Coaches to ensure this group have the best chance of succeeding in work placements.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

In Year 1 BIC will offer students courses up to Level 2 and in Year 2 providing courses up to Level 3 and GCSE, where appropriate. The curriculum will include:

Business: BTEC Level 1/2/3

English: Functional Entry 1/2/3, Level 1/2, GCSE 1-9

ESOL: Entry 1/2/3

Health & Social Care: BTEC Level 1/2/3

Hospitality & Catering: BTEC Level 1/2/3

ICT: Functional Entry 1/2/3, Level 1/2

Maths: Functional Entry 1/2/3, Level 1/2, GCSE 1-9

British Values

Employability Skills

Confidence

Building Citizenship