

Riverside College



Riverside College was established in 2006 following the merger of Halton College and Widnes & Runcorn Sixth Form Colleges. The College prides itself as being a motivator to students, sixth formers and adults to go for the best opportunities in life.

'Jaguar are delighted with the training that Riverside College has provided our employees over the years. The College has an excellent understanding of our business and has been able to respond to our needs accordingly.'
(Jaguar Land Rover, Halewood)



Riverside College: Help Jaguar Land Rover continuously improve



David Oakes and Marilyn Gee (Riverside College) with Phil Round (Jaguar Land Rover).

Over 250 long term agency employees were able to join a well established training programme in Business Improvement Techniques at the Halewood plant. They were recruited specifically to assist with the launch of the Freelander 2

model.

Halewood was regarded by Ford as its most productive car plant in the world because of its commitment to lean manufacturing. In 2005 the plant won a coveted Gold Plant Quality Award in the influential JD Power survey of European plants manufacturing cars for export to the United States. Marilyn Gee, from Riverside College, is one of 6 assessors at the College accredited to deliver BIT training to Automotive Academy standards. She has been delivering training at the plant for over 13 years. 'Because I'm based here permanently I've gained an in-depth knowledge of Halewood's lean systems,' says Marilyn, 'and I have credibility with the staff because I understand their work environment.' Since 2001 in excess of 860 of employees have achieved NVQs at Level 2 or 3 mainly in Performing Manufacturing Operations and BIT.

Riverside College & Halewood Companies

Case Study

Employers from Halewood industrial park have come together and enrolled a select number of employees onto a Foundation Degree in Manufacturing Technologies. The Foundation degree, based at Partnership for Learning, is being delivered by Riverside College Halton and is validated by Staffordshire University. The employees on the course are from Jaguar Land Rover, Magna Interiors and Exteriors and Visteon.

The Foundation Degree they are completing is a vocational higher education qualification that combines academic study with work based learning and experience. It offers an employer a cost effective way of training new or existing staff in the skills needed in their business.

‘I joined this programme because I can see it will broaden my skill base and develop the skill set I already have.’ (Magna)



Above: Phil Cooke from Riverside College with the Halewood Students

The programme of study for the Halewood students includes:

- Skill development in Mathematics,
- Mechanical Electrical Science Manufacturing Processes and Management.

The programme also features a series of work, related projects, the theme of which the students agree with a mentor in their own organisation and the university.

‘These projects form the central focus of the degree programme. They have a direct impact on the employers and have the potential to generate real business benefits.’ (Jim Norman, Lecturer at Riverside College.)

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