



**THE RELOCATION**  
**OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA**  
**SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**

**VISION FOR AN**  
**OUTSTANDING FUTURE**

## THE VISION

To provide Queen Alexandra, its staff and students with a new environment to support the delivery of exceptional, high quality programmes of study to students.

## THE RATIONALE

The opportunity for change.

This is step one in the plans to provide the staff and students of QA with a new environment.

This first step is the relocation of Queen Alex to our Coast Road Campus, Wallsend without losing any identity or quality.

## THE BRAND

We are committed to maintaining the standalone brand of Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College. This is a temporary relocation whilst new and better facilities are sourced. Tyne Coast College (TCC) has demonstrated its commitment to quality teaching and learning environments and to investment in new facilities with recent relocations north and south of the river.

North of the river, TCC successfully implemented an investment of over £2m in a purpose- built construction facility on site at the Coast Road campus, allowing for the existing provision which was being delivered from two separate units in Longbenton to be closed down. The subsequent relocation has resulted in significant growth in numbers.

Thomas Metcalfe, Level 3 Electrical Installations Apprenticeship with Kier said:

*"The new facilities are fantastic; we have the latest industry standard equipment and workshops as well as supportive tutors with a wealth of expert knowledge."*

Louis Davies, Level 2 Dry Lining Apprentice said:

*"I really enjoy studying in the new build as it houses the latest equipment and I like being on the main campus with other TyneMet students."*

South of the river, TCC relocated its motor vehicle provision from premises in Jarrow to the main STC campus which again has resulted in a significant boost to recruitment in that area.

Mathew Bell L2 Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair, said;

*"The course is extremely detailed, and the lecturers are amazing to work with. They push you to the best of your abilities and do everything they can to help you learn. The workshop has all the tools and equipment required to ensure you learn the correct practical skills."*

Nik Holmes L2 Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair, said;

*"I like the course I'm on because it gives me the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge I need for the work environment. Not just that, it also prepares me mentally and physically for any challenges that I will face in the future. It also allows me to build up confidence with tasks I am given as I can try the same task as many times as I need to in the workshop. The facilities are great."*

**QA IS AN OUTSTANDING SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, RANKED IN THE TOP FOUR NATIONALLY FOR AS ACHIEVEMENT RATES – THEREFORE WHILST THE PHYSICAL ELEMENT IS SET FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION, THE COMMITMENT TO THE QUALITY, EXPERIENCE AND REPUTATION OF THE COLLEGE REMAINS.**

## FAQS

We understand you may have questions about the relocation. We hope the following answers some of your queries.

### **Why has the relocation happened?**

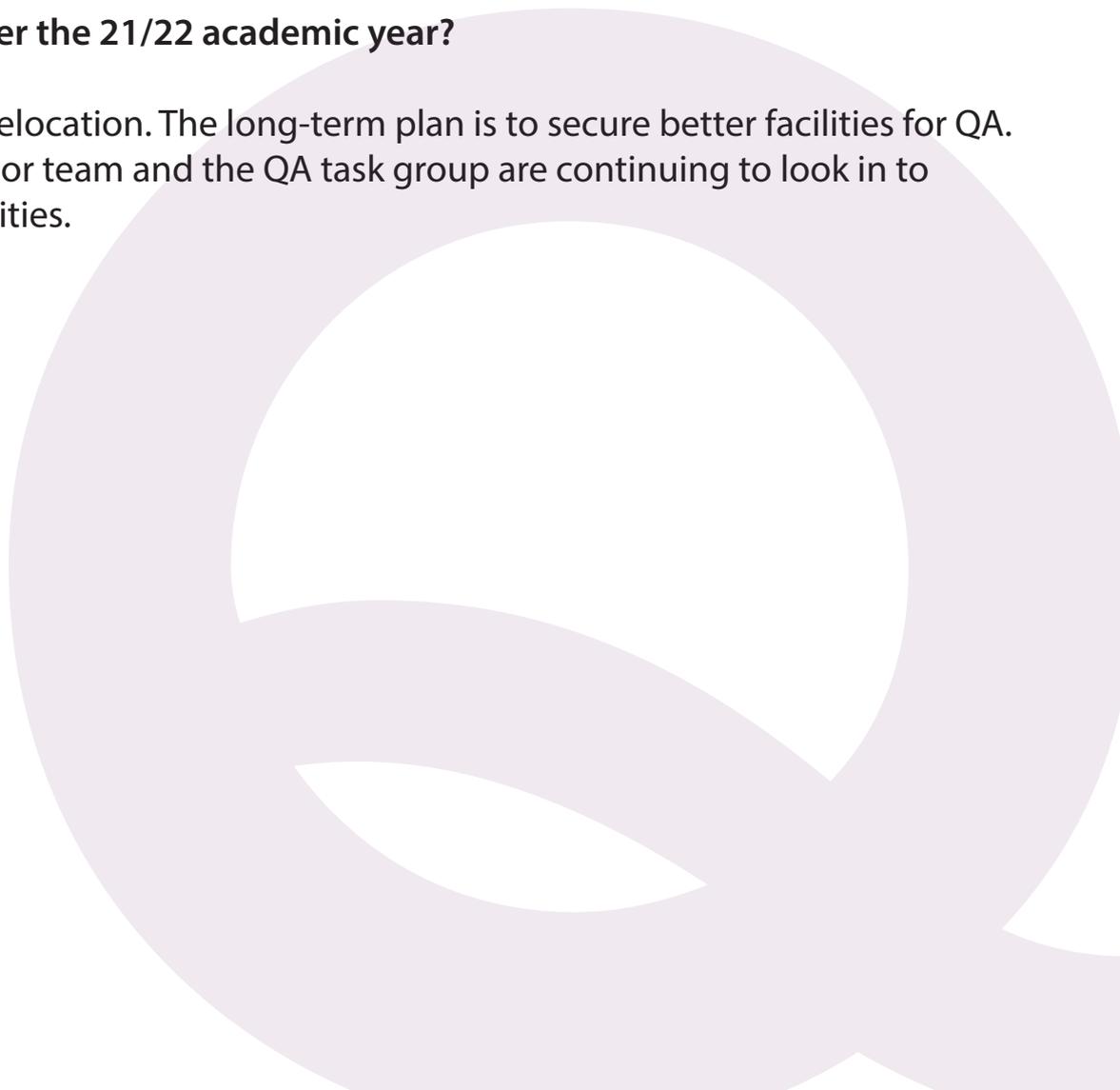
Elements of the Queen Alex campus were in a state of disrepair. Our own and independent surveys of the QA estate concluded that the overall cost to simply maintain the building to health and safety standards, prohibits any ability for investment - not just in the QA campus but, other sites across the college.

### **How do I get from the old QA Campus to Coast Road Campus?**

The Coast Road Campus is only a 5 minute car journey from the old Queen Alex campus and has over 390 car parking spaces available. If you are traveling by bus there are 9 different bus routes that have stops close to the Coast Road Campus. The travel planner on the Nexus web site (<http://nexus.org.uk>) can help you to plan your journey.

### **What is the plan after the 21/22 academic year?**

This is a temporary relocation. The long-term plan is to secure better facilities for QA. Members of the senior team and the QA task group are continuing to look in to relocation opportunities.



## **What facilities are available for QA students at Coast Road Campus?**

Whilst QA students effectively have their own building in B Block, there are some rooms which are allocated close to B Block. QA students currently share the library and refectory facilities and have the added benefits of on site access to the gym, restaurant, salon, shops and additional catering areas. We believe this will enhance the QA sixth form college experience.

## **Will QA students still have their own common room?**

We have a dedicated QA IT drop-in hub. There is also silent study and break out areas that you can use.

## **Does QA have a separate study area?**

We have rebranded B Block of the campus as a QA building. There are also other rooms, close to the internal B block entrance which will be allocated to QA. B block has its own external entrance.

## **Will we still be QA students?**

Yes of course. We are committed to maintaining the standalone reputation of Queen Alexandra Sixth Form College.

## **I want a sixth form experience at college. Will I still get this?**

Absolutely. We believe that the facilities at our Coast Road Campus in Wallsend will be better than the facilities at the old QA campus. In addition, we are committed to ensuring that students still receive a 'unique college experience' and believe that the move to the Coast Road Campus will in fact enhance this with added benefits on site such as the gym, dance studio, restaurant, on site shops, more catering areas, a bigger library and more study/silent study/communal spaces.

## **Will QA still have the same teaching staff?**

Yes. There are no plans to change teaching staff at Queen Alex.

## **What is the parking like?**

There are over 390 spaces available in the student car park at the Coast Road Campus, as well as 56 bike stands. These are accessed from the Embleton Avenue entrance at the back of the main college, less than a minutes walk from B Block.

## **What are library and study spaces like at Coast Road Campus?**

There is a large, well stocked library at the new campus. In addition, all books and resources from the QA library will be transferred to the library at Coast Road Campus.

There are plenty of silent study and quiet spaces at Coast Road Campus. In addition, we have created an IT hub next to the library, purely for QA students.

## **What can I do in my free period?**

There are lots of things to do at the Coast Road Campus. There is a gym, a restaurant, two shops, a main refectory area, two coffee shops including Costa and Battle Hill shops are a 5 minute walk away where there is a fish and chip shop, Greggs, Tesco and an Lidl.

## **Where do I go for lunch?**

Coast Road Campus has a commercial restaurant where you can enjoy restaurant quality food at a fraction of the prices. There is also a main refectory, Costa Coffee and a shop. Battle Hill shops are a 5 minute walk away where there is a fish and chip shop, Tesco, Greggs, Lidl and Subway.

## **Is there wi-fi at TM?**

Yes. We offer free wi-fi across campus.

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