

College open evening will give students aged 14 plus help to choose the right learning path

Young people from the age of 14 now have the option to complete their formal education at a college of further education.

Stephenson College is adding to the options available for those leaving high school this year by enrolling full time 14 year olds directly into the College. This opportunity is available in addition to those for whom the Stephenson Studio School is their choice.

Prospective learners aged 14 plus will be able to discover much more about the academic and vocational learning pathways offered by Coalville's Stephenson College at an Open Evening next week.

The event – which runs from 5pm

until 7pm on Wednesday May 21 – features guided tours of the college's modern, purpose-designed facilities, as well as the chance to speak with teaching staff and students past and present.

Stephenson College, which recently received a 'good' rating from Ofsted, prides itself on the quality and range of the full-time learning options it delivers to learners aged 14 and above.

For those looking to learn in an academic setting but not necessarily in a traditional classroom environment, there is the college's Studio School.

Offering GCSEs and A Levels, its students are taught in small classes and receive personal coaching, with the emphasis placed on project-based learning. More unusually, Studio School students also get the opportunity to take two day internships – preparing them for working life as well as for university.

Alternatively, for those who prefer a more vocational career route, the college provides learners with the option of learning in a practical setting and gaining work skills which

can be directly applied to real jobs.

The vocational subjects on offer include engineering, construction, health and social care, hair and beauty and business studies, with students also taught the core academic subjects of maths, English and science.

Stephenson College principal, Nigel Leigh, said: "We are pleased to offer our learners a choice of career pathways which help them improve, and ultimately attain, their individual career aspirations."

"Our Open Evening will enable learners aged 14 and over, and their parents, the chance to see our excellent modern facilities for themselves and meet our staff and students."

In its report, published earlier this year, Ofsted praised the college for the quality of its teaching, its high standard learning resources and its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

Ofsted inspectors also noted that students were well supported by staff and that learners enjoyed their time at college.

For further information about the Open Day, please contact Stephenson College on 01530 519099.