



**NORTHERN
COLLEGE**

Introductory Letter from the Principal and Chief Executive

Thank you for your interest in the post of Assistant Principal Finance & Business Services here at The Northern College.

The Northern College is one of only four adult residential colleges in England, and has a proud and distinguished history of providing educational opportunities for those individuals and communities who may have previously been disengaged and have returned to learning later on in life. Much of what we offer provides a platform to engage people back into education with the aim of designing a supportive pathway to progress through our courses to ensure that everyone participating can achieve their potential.

The college offers so much more than you might expect from further education, attracting students from all over the country, with its residential accommodation, amazing location, focused student and learning support and evening library accessibility. Studying at The Northern College is a very inclusive, impactful and memorable experience for our students.

The college is reviewing its curriculum offer to ensure it meets the post-Covid recovery needs of Barnsley and the wider Sheffield City and West Yorkshire regions. It currently offers a wide range of non-accredited Community Learning provision, aimed at engaging adults into education and delivering the essential skills necessary to progress, and follow on accredited courses including Functional Skills and GCSEs in English and Maths, short courses at L1 and L2, with progression opportunities to our full time residential or non-residential L2 Pre-Access and L3 Access to HE programmes. We offer Teacher Education provision up to degree level in partnership with Huddersfield University and we have a long standing Trade Union Education offer attracting union reps from all over the country. The college works closely with a number of local authorities, voluntary sector organisations, and other stakeholders to reach out to individuals and communities engaging them and supporting them to progress within the college. The full range of provision can be found at www.northern.ac.uk

Our 2025 [Strategic Ambition](#) sets out our priorities for the next 5 years in readiness for the changes that the devolution of the adult education budget from September 2021 may bring. Applying the key themes of 'Innovate, Diversify and Promote', the college is at the starting point of this exciting next phase of development.

The governing body and entire staff team are driven by the desire to make a positive difference to the lives of individuals and the communities they live in, and it is critical that this remains at our core.

I am keen to appoint a candidate that will embrace this opportunity to take the college into its next phase; an Assistant Principal who will work closely with our dedicated team, developing the College offer, ensuring it meets needs and is efficient and value for money. As well as a focus on financial performance, ICT and MIS, the candidate will lead on the development of our business systems and work with ELT to attract new income sources and new student groups.

I hope you are as excited as I am about the potential at The Northern College, and I look forward to receiving your application.

Yultan Mellor
Principal and Chief Executive