

Crown Hills Community College ...

- ✓ Has a national sustained improvement record over several years.
- ✓ It has appeared in the DfES's top 200 improving schools for three years running.
- ✓ Was a Beacon School and now is a Leading Edge School. We are committed to working collaboratively with all City schools and the LEA.
- ✓ It has gained the Investors in People Award three times and was commended for the strength of its teamwork at all levels.
- ✓ It has gained Careermark.
- ✓ It has gained Artsmark.
- ✓ Is a popular school, with an admissions limit of 1200, which is now oversubscribed.
- ✓ Has highly successful recruitment.
- ✓ Has highly successful delivery of its Initial Teacher Training (ITT) programme.
- ✓ Is a recognised Training School in the Graduate Teacher Training Programme. This status has been granted and supported by central government until 2006.
- ✓ Is a Partnership Promotion school.
- ✓ Has had a recent very successful OFSTED. It is considered to be one of the best urban schools in the country. A key word used was outstanding.
- ✓ Crown Hills is the base for a new state of the art ICT City Learning Centre (CLC). This is funded by the Government's Excellence In Cities programme. The CLC links all secondary schools and provides access for all students and staff within the LEA.
- ✓ In July 2004 Crown Hills became a Specialist Sports College. This means we will work towards both excellence in sport and health related fitness, as activities in their own right, but also as vital ingredients to overall academic success.

General Information

Crown Hills is located in Leicester, which is a thriving cosmopolitan city that is home to some 280,000 people. It is a busy inner-city college serving a multi-ethnic community, which is an important focus for the culture and religions of many different groups. The county of Leicestershire has a population of about 850,000 and its central location in the East Midlands makes it easy to reach other parts of the country easily and quickly.

Crown Hills is based on a former secondary modern school, built in 1950, further extended in 1973 and designated a comprehensive community college in 1978. There are extensive external sports facilities, which are valuable assets to the work of the college in the community. We are, however, always looking to extend and improve all of our facilities and under the new Building Schools for the Future initiative, from October 2007, twelve million pounds will be spent on new build and refurbishment of the college. The recent addition of twelve 5-aside football pitches is proving to be a

great asset at Crown Hills. This gives us sole access during the school day and twilight hours. Developing PE into this is seen as a major priority.

As an LMS school we have a large amount of control over our finances, but remain committed to working in partnership with the LEA and our neighbouring schools. It is of interest to note that we transferred to the new City of Leicester Unitary LEA in April 1997.

We have a strong and caring ethos and aim to provide a top quality comprehensive community education for all of our students, 93% of whom are of South Asian origin. We are a popular college, over-subscribed in every year group with a hard-working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff. We are all committed to:

- Excellence. We want all of our children to develop their talents to the full.
- Equity and equal opportunities. No person should be held back from achieving excellence by any form of discrimination, intended or unintended.
- Caring. Everyone is important and deserves respect. We are committed to caring in our action not just in word.
- The Community. We exist in our host community and not above it. Work with our community in general, and our parents in particular, is of utmost importance.
- Planned, thoughtful and reflective development. We cannot stand still, but will not run blind.
- The environment. We will endeavour to use our resources carefully and cherish our built and natural environment.