

# EDUCATION

# WE'RE TOP OF THE CLASS



Our region offers some of the best schools, SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) facilities, academies, colleges, and universities in the country. This rich educational landscape, coupled with strong collaborations between educational establishments and employers in Bristol and Bath, results in enhanced job prospects for college graduates and students.

 Home to **four world class universities**, ranked in the **Top 100 in the UK** - with 100,000+ under-graduate and post-graduate students studying in the region. Within an hour of this, lie a further 155,000+ students across an additional eight universities.

**University of Bristol** ranked #55 globally and #9 UK by QS World University Rankings 2023. A new **£300m innovation and enterprise campus** is being developed by the university.



**University of the West of England** ranked joint second in England for student satisfaction (National Student Survey 2020), with 91% of graduates finding employment or further study after 15 months (Graduate Outcomes Survey). UWE Bristol excels in research, with around 76% of its research being categorized as 'internationally excellent' or 'world-leading'.

**8** ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROVISIONS



**325** PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**63** SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**25** 

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

**23** 

SEND SCHOOLS

Bristol became **England's first UNESCO Learning City**, joining a global network of like-minded cities championing learning as a way to transform lives, communities, and cities.

City of Bristol College is one of the **largest FE and HE colleges in the South West**.

Bath Spa University is one of the greenest universities in the UK and **ranked as a top Gold Tier university** (Uswitch Green Universities Report 2022). It also secured a place in the top 20 UK institutions for Art (Guardian League Table 2020).

University of Bath named '**University of the Year**' (The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023) and scored an impressive 91% for graduate prospects (University League Tables 2024).

Bath College is one of the top 10% of FE Colleges in England for employer satisfaction with achievement rates **significantly above the national average**.

**iO Academy** is a 16-week, full-time full-stack coding bootcamp in Bath with a 100% graduation rate.

Weston College is recognised as a **centre of excellence for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** education, and a sensory learning base for students with Profound and Complex Learning Disabilities (PCLD).

**Boomsatsuma** is fuelling the next creative generation, offering a range of college and degree courses in Creative Industries including Gaming, Postproduction, Sports Media, and VR and VFX.

**£3m of apprenticeship levy pledged** under the Share to Support Apprenticeship Levy service has supported over 240 apprentices and 100 businesses.

The West of England Combined Authority has taken a significant step in enhancing the region's skills by **leading £6 million worth of Skills Bootcamp** delivery to employees.