



DURHAM SIXTH FORM CENTRE TES 'SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OF THE YEAR' FINALISTS

Durham Sixth Form Centre is thrilled to have been nominated as a finalist in this year's Times Educational Supplement (Tes) Awards for Sixth Form College of the Year.

These prestigious annual awards look to celebrate and reward the dedication and expertise of the people and teams who continue to make a significant contribution to improving the skill levels of young people and adult learners. A large number of categories were covered in the awards including amongst others; lifetime achievement, best teaching and learning initiative, teacher of the year and FE college of the year.

In this seventh year of the TES FE Awards, a record number of entries were received, up by over a quarter on 2017's awards with an exceptionally high standard throughout. As

expected, competition was tough with all eight finalists in the "Sixth Form of the Year" category rated as "Outstanding" by Ofsted. Each nomination was judged by a panel which included education experts, writers and chief executives from across the country.

The awards ceremony itself was held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London on Friday 23rd February 2018 and was attended by representatives from educational establishments all over the UK. Colleagues from Durham Sixth Form Centre, including our Headteacher, Mrs Beveridge, Deputy Headteacher Miss Lain as well as other senior leaders, teachers and support staff, attended the event to support the Centre's nomination.

On the night we were pipped to the post by Birkenhead Sixth Form College,

another outstanding sixth form with whom we already have links. Whilst it was disappointing not to win, we are extremely proud to be one of only eight sixth forms in the whole of the UK to make it through to the finalist stage.

Ellen Beveridge, Headteacher, commented "We were delighted to be nominated for the category of Sixth Form College of the Year which embraces sixth form colleges, sixth form schools, free schools and academies. Such an accolade is in itself rewarding to colleagues who I work alongside day in and day out; the people who go above and beyond to support our students on their journey from secondary school to university, apprenticeship or the world of work."



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