

Information for Applicants



The Local Area

Stamford is an attractive market town (pop. 22,000) at the southernmost tip of Lincolnshire, where it meets with Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. In 2013, Stamford was rated the best place to live by the Sunday Times.

The town has 17th and 18th-century stone buildings, older timber-framed buildings, five medieval parish churches and offers a wealth of opportunities with good hotels, excellent restaurants, a museum and art galleries.

The producer of the BBC's *Middlemarch*, which was filmed in the town in 1993, summed it up: "Stamford is beautiful, extraordinary; it's absolutely stunning". Since then *Pride and Prejudice* (2005) and the *Da Vinci Code* (2006) and the more recent *Mission Impossible 5* (2015) have been filmed in and around the town.

Educational standards and achievements in the area are high, through a mixture of selective and comprehensive schools and Further Education colleges, in four counties.

Peterborough, (pop. 190,000) 15 miles to the south-east, provides the facilities expected in a city. Road and rail links are good; via the A1 to the north and south (London 90 miles); via the A43/A47/A52 to the Midlands; and by rail to London (50 minutes from Peterborough or 75 minutes from Stamford).

New College Stamford

The College is just a short walk from the town centre. The catchment area of the College is extensive. To the north and east of Stamford are the towns of Bourne, Market Deeping and Spalding. Increasing numbers of students are now attracted from Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Rutland. The Peterborough area in particular is undergoing substantial economic development, the effects of which are felt in the area served by the College.

We are a college that values its partnership between staff, students and the community. The students are encouraged to voice their thoughts and opinions on the running of the College through the 'Learner Voice' mechanism; staff have a similar opportunity for involvement through 'Staff Liaison' and we hold regular meetings involving the local community.

Ofsted

The full report can be seen at - <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/130760>

In March 2015 New College Stamford had a 4 day Ofsted inspection. The Inspectors had this to say about the college:

- Leaders have a clear and ambitious vision that is communicated well to staff; they have implemented a set of precise actions to secure improvement and as a result, the college's own data indicate significant improvement in the retention of students and in-year success rates for apprentices

- Leaders dedicate high levels of resources, care and support to ensure that the vast majority of students with learning difficulties, disabilities and other needs achieve as well as their peers
- Provision in construction crafts, building services provision and foundation English is good.

