

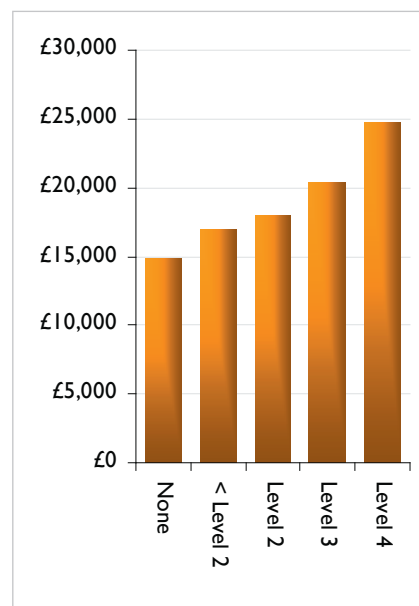
## Learner Perspective

### Education Will Pay You Back—For a Lifetime



- Learners enjoy an attractive 11% rate of return on their educational investment in the Black Country Colleges.
- Over the course of his or her working career, the lifetime earnings of the average learner from the Black Country Colleges will increase £2.30 for every pound invested in their education (in the form of tuition fees and foregone earnings).
- Learners see their annual income increase, on average, by £699 per qualification completed at the Black Country Colleges.
- The typical learner with a Level 3 qualification from the colleges earns, on average, £20,400 per year, 38% more than someone with no qualifications.

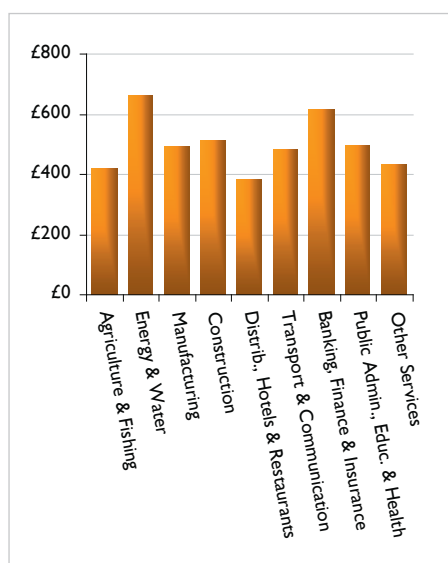
*Average Earnings by Education Level*



- Over the course of a working lifetime, Level 3 achievers earn £174,100 more than someone without a qualification.

### Education Is Your Ticket to a Better Job

*Average Weekly Earnings by Industry Sector in the UK*



Source: ONS Labour Force Survey

- Education prepares learners for employment in a wide range of occupations.
- Learners with educational qualifications are more likely to have higher socioeconomic status and lower rates of unemployment.
- Years of learning statistically correlate with increased job satisfaction and physical and mental well-being.



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