



BRITISH ACCREDITATION COUNCIL INSPECTION REPORT

SUPPLEMENTARY INSPECTION ADDITIONAL PREMISES (College)

INSTITUTION: Champneys Beauty College

ADDRESS: 5 Holborn Circus
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London
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HEAD OF INSTITUTION: Mrs Rachel Halling

DATE OF INSPECTION: 9 February 2017

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE DECISION AND DATE: Continued Accreditation 23 March 2017

PART A – INTRODUCTION

1. Background to the institution.

Champneys Beauty College (the College) was established in 1976 with the aim to train beauty therapists for the Champneys Health Resorts and similar establishments. The College is situated on the same site as the Champneys Health Resort in the village of Wiggington, near the town of Tring, in Hertfordshire.

The current owners, who own health resorts in the United Kingdom (UK) and a hotel in Switzerland, purchased Champneys in 2002. The current owners have a background in the health and beauty trade going back to 1978.

The Champneys group also owns Forest Mere in Hampshire, Henlow Grange in Bedfordshire and Springs Hydro in Leicestershire, as well as a number of day spas in various parts of the UK. BAC does not accredit these operations.

The purpose of the College is to provide training for students, who will work in high quality resorts and spas throughout the UK and abroad. Champneys is widely known, due to its long-established health resorts. Students are guaranteed employment in the group of Champneys Resorts, after successful completion of their course.

The College has continued to offer recognised qualifications since its inception. This is due to the high standards expected by the associated awarding bodies. The College is recognised as the gold standard by industry experts and major employers such as Steiner.

2. Brief description of the current provision

The provision offered in Holborn, which is an additional location to the one near Tring and the subject of this supplementary visit, has been developed as a result of a partnership between the London College of Contemporary Arts, South Thames College and Champneys International College. It is the same provision as offered in Wiggington and includes a wide range of full and part-time beauty courses, such as Beauty Therapy Diplomas, for example in Beauty Specialist Treatments and International Therapy (ITEC) programmes, which are run over 12 weeks. It also offers make-up courses, including Theatrical and Special Effects Make-up. The College also offers professional development qualifications in Spa and Salon Management and Education and Training as well as a range of six month part-time courses for example in beauty therapy.

Courses supported by South Thames College are offered with pre-enrolment procedures and paperwork carried out by South Thames College and the course delivery is undertaken by Champneys.

3. Inspection process

The inspection was undertaken by one inspector over half a day. Meetings were held with the Principal and the Health and Safety Officer in charge of the additional premises.

4. Inspection history

Full Accreditation:	8 - 9 June 2010
Interim visit:	21 July 2011
Re-accreditation:	23 - 24 June 2014
Interim visit:	22 September 2016

PART B – JUDGMENTS AND EVIDENCE

The following judgments and comments are based upon evidence seen by the inspector during the inspection and from documentation provided by the provider

The numbers below refer to the standards as presented in the College scheme document and main full inspection report

INSPECTION AREA – PREMISES AND FACILITIES

24. The institution has secure possession of and access to its premises

24.1	The institution has secure tenure on its premises	Yes
24.2	Where required, the institution has access to suitable external premises for academic or non-academic purposes of a temporary or occasional nature.	Yes

	Met	Partially met	Not met	
This standard is judged to be	✓			
Comments The college has a current and valid lease on the premises expiring in December 2023.				

25. The premises provide a safe, secure and clean environment for students and staff

25.1	Access to the premises is appropriately restricted and secured.	Yes
25.2	The premises are maintained in an adequate state of repair, decoration and cleanliness	Yes
25.3	There are specific safety rules in areas of particular hazard (e.g. science laboratories), made readily available to students, staff and visitors.	Yes
25.4	General guidance on health and safety is made available to students, staff and visitors.	Yes
25.5	There is adequate signage inside and outside of the premises and notice boards for the display of general information.	Yes
25.6	There is adequate circulation space for the number of students and staff accommodated, and a suitable area in which to receive visitors.	Yes
25.7	There are toilet facilities of an appropriate number and level of cleanliness.	Yes
25.8	There is adequate heating and ventilation in all rooms.	Yes

	Met	Partially met	Not met	
This standard is judged to be	✓			
Comments Policies relating to health and safety, fire safety and first aid are displayed prominently in communal areas and classrooms. The fabric of the building and levels of maintenance and decoration are excellent. Security arrangements are excellent, in ensuring the safety of students in the building. All necessary measures, including risk assessments, are undertaken to reduce risk from fire and other hazards.				

26. Classrooms and other learning areas are appropriate for the courses offered

26.1	Classrooms and other learning areas provide adequate accommodation in size and number for the classes allocated to them.	Yes
26.2	Classrooms and any specialised learning areas (e.g. laboratories, workshops, studios) are equipped to a level which allows for the effective delivery of each course.	Yes
26.3	There are facilities suitable for conducting the assessments required on each course.	Yes

	Met	Partially met	Not met	
This standard is judged to be	✓			
Comments Classrooms are very well arranged with furniture and fittings appropriately designed.				

27. There are appropriate additional facilities for students and staff

27.1	Students have access to sufficient space and suitable facilities for private study, including library and IT resources.	Yes
27.2	Teaching staff have access to sufficient personal space for preparing lessons, marking work and relaxation.	Yes
27.3	Students and staff have access to space and facilities suitable for relaxation and the consumption of food and drink where appropriate.	Yes
27.4	Students and staff have access to storage for personal possessions where appropriate.	Yes
27.5	There are individual offices or rooms in which academic staff and senior management can hold private meetings and a room of sufficient size to hold staff meetings.	Yes
27.6	Administrative offices are adequate in size and resources for the effective administration of the institution.	Yes

	Met	Partially met	Not met	
This standard is judged to be	✓			
Comments Additional facilities for staff and students include lockers for storage.				

PART C – SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS AND ACTION POINTS

STRENGTHS
The Holborn site provides a safe and welcoming learning environment. Classrooms are well equipped with excellent Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) systems to support effectively teaching and learning.

ACTIONS REQUIRED	Priority H/M/L
None	

RECOMMENDED AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT
None

COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS	
Declaration of compliance has been signed and dated.	Yes
Further comments, if applicable	
None	