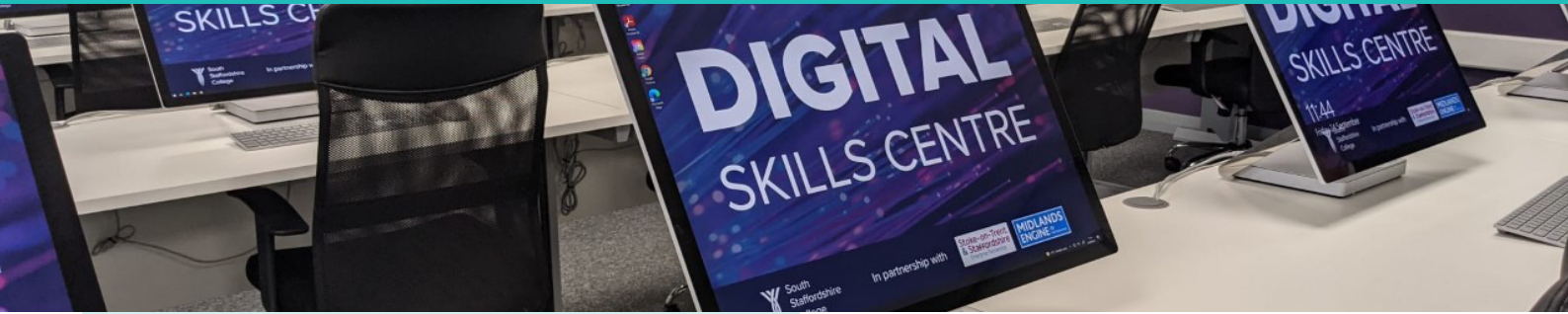


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The Digital Skills Centres (DSCs) at South Staffordshire College provide blended learning situated within newly built facilities at the two college campuses in Cannock and Tamworth.

The DSCs provide a modern, comfortable teaching environment which enables learners to fully embrace new digital technologies to maximise enhanced teaching and assessment methods.



Research carried out by the college highlighted gaps in digital skills within the area, with the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership specifically identifying twelve key roles for potential growth in the digital sector, including data scientists, software engineers and systems architects.

With these roles in mind, the DSCs provide a suite of industry-recognised courses to meet the



identified skills shortages, from entry level roles through to highly specialised and specific hardware and software areas.

The college will also provide a clear pathway into further study, apprenticeships and jobs, working closely with employees and universities to support learners in their careers.

The DCSs were opened in summer 2021 and welcomed their first students in September. Kirk Hookham, Deputy CEO, South Staffordshire College:

"The college is always actively looking for innovative ways in which we can support individuals and business to develop the skills needed to thrive in today's world. The development of these state-of-the-art Digital Skills Centres, coupled with the support of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire LEP and Midlands Engine, will greatly improve the availability of skilled digital professionals in our area as well as provide much needed essential skills training for individuals."

Learn more about the Digital Skills Centre by visiting the South Staffordshire College website.

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