



## Joint Statement of Intent: Milton Keynes College Group and Arts1

Milton Keynes College Group is committed to providing high-quality Further Education that meets the diverse needs of our learners. We recognise that subcontracting can be a valuable tool to enhance our offer and ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experiences. This statement outlines our principles and procedures for subcontracting.

### Reasons for Subcontracting:

We consider subcontracting for various reasons, including:

- Enhances the opportunities available for students.
- Fills gaps in expert provision or provides better access to training facilities.
- Offers an entry point for disadvantaged groups.
- Gives consideration of the impact on individuals with shared protected characteristics, where there might otherwise be gaps.

**Arts1 enhances the opportunities available for learners. We have a long-standing contract with Arts1, which ends for the second years in 23/24.**

### Selection of Subcontractors:

We have a robust process for selecting subcontractors, ensuring:

- Alignment with our values and educational mission.
- Strong track record of delivering high-quality education.
- Financial stability and compliance with relevant regulations.
- Clear understanding of our expectations and quality standards.

### Management of Subcontracted Provision:

We maintain effective oversight of all subcontracted provision to guarantee student welfare and educational quality. This includes:

- Clear and detailed contracts outlining roles, responsibilities, and expectations.
- Regular communication and monitoring of performance, with all meetings documented.
- Quality assurance processes aligned with the ESFA Subcontracting Standard.
- Learner feedback mechanisms to ensure their voices are heard.

### Commitment to Quality:

We are committed to ensuring that all subcontracted provision meets the same high standards as our directly delivered programs. We achieve this through:

- Collaborative quality assurance processes.
- Sharing of best practices and resources with subcontractors.
- Regular reviews and audits of subcontractor performance, through the IQR process