



## INTERIM INSPECTION REPORT FOR CAPERNWRAY BIBLE SCHOOL

**UKVI LICENCE No: HPDPD8QD8**

Inspection relating to the educational oversight of private further education colleges on behalf of the Home Office's division of United Kingdom Visas and Immigration - UKVI

### The overall inspection findings for this college

**UKVI Standards for:**

courses and qualifications are	<b>MET</b>
teaching, learning and assessment are	<b>MET</b>
the cultural and moral development of students are	<b>MET</b>
welfare, health and safety are	<b>MET</b>
the effectiveness and suitability of staff are	<b>MET</b>
financial sustainability, leadership and governance are	<b>MET</b>
premises and accommodation are	<b>MET</b>
information and complaints are	<b>MET</b>

### **Compliance with UKVI Standards**

**The college meets all the UKVI Standards.**



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# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose and scope of the inspection

The School Inspection Service (SIS) is an approved educational oversight body authorised by the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) section of the Home Office to inspect privately funded further education colleges in England, with a Steiner, Montessori or Eurythmy basis or background, or with a clear religious purpose. Inspection by SIS is designed to assess the college's compliance with the SIS College Standards. The Standards cover the quality of education and welfare provided to all students, including those from overseas who are sponsored by the college for Tier 4 visas, and, where applicable, those under eighteen and vulnerable adults. On-site student accommodation, where provided, is assessed for compliance with the Standards but is not subject to a full boarding inspection. Inspection provides objective and reliable reports on the extent to which colleges meet the Standards. By placing reports in the public domain, the information they contain is available to students, the UKVI, and the wider community.

Inspection takes account of the context of each individual college, and of how it evaluates its own performance and demonstrates its success. It helps colleges, their staff and trustees/governors/proprietors to recognise and build on their strengths and to identify and remedy their weaknesses in relation to compliance.

The inspection also takes account of the college's financial performance over the last two years for new providers and since the last inspection for established providers. Based on this evidence an assessment is made of the college's financial sustainability over the next four-year period. This work is done by a qualified accountant on the basis of information provided by the college. Prospective students, their parents and agents should make their own enquiries into the financial viability of institutions before accepting a place.

Colleges are inspected on a four year cycle, with a full inspection of two days by two inspectors every four years, and an interim inspection of one day by one inspector in each of the three intervening years.

Capernwray Bible College received a full inspection in September 2016 and an interim inspection in November 2017. Each of these inspections resulted in published reports which are available on the SIS website: [www.schoolinspectionsevice.co.uk](http://www.schoolinspectionsevice.co.uk).

## **Characteristics of the college**

Capernwray Bible School is based at Capernwray Hall, a 19th century mansion set in 175 acres of parkland near Carnforth, Lancashire. The hall was purchased in 1946 for use as a Christian holiday and conference centre and was first used as a Bible School in 1949. It was the first of a broader fellowship of twenty-five centres across the world known as Torchbearers International. A Bible School certificate course runs from September to June in two sessions: Winter School from September to March and Spring School from April to June, and is validated by NCFE. Capernwray Hall is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by a board of trustees. At the time of the inspection there were 161 students on roll ranging in age from 17 to 61 years. Approximately 67% of students were from North America, with 16% from Germany and Switzerland, and 4% from the UK as well as small numbers from other countries including South Korea and Kenya. Twenty-one nationalities are represented on the present courses. The school is not currently registered under the Tier 4 student visa scheme, although an application later in this academic year is being considered. The Capernwray mission is 'to proclaim the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through biblical teaching and practical training, equipping men and women for service in His Church worldwide'.

## **SECTION A: Main Findings and Actions Required**

### **Main findings**

The courses offered by Capernwray Bible School continue to be fully supportive of its stated aims and ethos. They meet all of the UKVI requirements. The school-based work focuses on Bible study and there is a significant amount of practical outreach work in the Christian community both locally, as on-going weekly attachments during the course and an extended period working in the UK or abroad. Following the last inspection, the school has reviewed its record keeping for staff and relevant information is now held on an appropriate single central register.

The current enrolment shows a fall in students from Germany and Switzerland from 25% in 2017-18 to the current 16%. The proportion from North America has risen slightly, whilst 4% of students come from the United Kingdom. These are fluctuations within the historical enrolment pattern rather than any recruitment trend. The course is at a suitable level and the students spoke very positively about the intellectual challenges, enabling them to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. External validation of the course confirms that it fully meets these requirements. Students receive good information about the course before joining. Support for students with learning needs, including English as an additional language (EAL), is good and tailored to students' needs. The outcomes for students are clearly documented, indicating the number of units completed, or partially completed, as appropriate. The course content is fully compatible with the school's declared ethos. The standards of teaching are good and often outstanding. Assessment procedures are a strength of the course with detailed oversight of the teaching and marking. Samples of assignments are carefully checked and the quality of marking and feedback evaluated.

The pastoral care system is effective and well organised. Students spoke very highly of the support they had received when joining the college. They particularly praised the smooth management of the college, the quality of the food and catering, as well as the pastoral support. They greatly enjoy the opportunity to spend Sunday mornings with local church groups, enabling them to meet English families. Students develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and confidence. They behave responsibly and show a respect for human and British values, treating other members of the community with consideration.

The premises and accommodation continue to be well maintained and there are plans for further developments in both the near and longer term. These plans are well supported by good management and governance. A particular strength is the school's forward planning. This is most evident in the upkeep and development of the premises and accommodation, as well as managing staff changes. Staff recruitment procedures are good and the school has taken care to ensure smooth transitions where staff are recruited or take on new roles. This provides excellent continuity in practices.

Health and safety issues, including fire safety, are dealt with effectively. During the course of the inspection the school moved quickly to update its safeguarding policy to take account of the changes made in Keeping Children Safe in Education May 2018. The school has undertaken a thorough review of all its safeguarding training, procedures and related policies to ensure continued compliance with requirements and to ensure that

UKVI Standards are met. Admission and attendance registers are well maintained. Care is taken to maintain students' safeguarding and welfare where members of the public use some of the school's facilities, such as the swimming pool.

The future development of the courses, including the possibility of applying for Tier 4 status during the present academic year, is being carefully considered. The school shows good awareness of what it needs to do for level 4 work and is in contact with other providers to obtain course equivalence recognition for the more advanced work. Internal procedures to provide a level 4 course are being developed and the school is in a strong position to deliver this. The student complaints policy includes suitable procedures and meets requirements. Financial management continues to give reasonable confidence of financial sustainability.

Overall Main Finding	Compliance	Outcome for the College
The school meets UKVI requirements.	It meets all the Standards.	It will receive an interim inspection in one year and a further full inspection in two years.

### **Actions Required**

No action is required.

## SECTION B: COLLEGE AND INSPECTION DETAILS

### Details of college

Name of college:	Capernwray Bible School
Address of college:	Capernwray Hall, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA6 1AG
Telephone number:	01524 733908
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Proprietor:	Jonathan Halsey
Name of Principal:	Derek Burnside
Licence number:	HPDPD8QD8
Type of college:	Bible School

### Details of student body

Age range	17 -61
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Number on roll:		Male	Female
	Full Time:	49	112
	Part Time:	0	0
	Below 18	1	6

Annual fees:	From to £6400 to £8350
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### Details of inspection

Type of inspection:	Educational Oversight: Interim	
Inspection Team:	Reporting Inspectors:	Dr. Martin Bradley Peter Jones
Dates of inspection:	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	

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