

## Proud of our school

The Graafschap College is the regional training centre for vocational education and training in the east of the Netherlands. There are 14 different locations in Doetinchem, Groenlo and Winterswijk where more than 900 employees offer vocational education and training, general education and civic integration to more than 9,500 students.

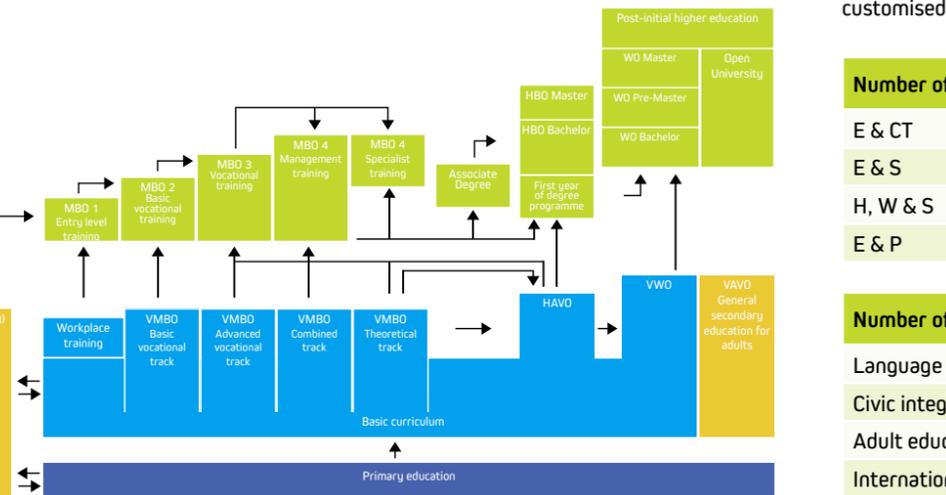
The Graafschap College has a good reputation within the region and beyond. The results achieved by the college have surpassed national averages for many years in succession. The organisation is financially healthy and has modern educational facilities, and students and employees alike speak favourably of the school. We are quite rightly proud of this, although these favourable opinions oblige us to make continued efforts to preserve the quality of the education and to make improvements where necessary.

This folder presents several facts about our school and provides additional information on the results and successes achieved over the recent period. We herewith introduce you to the Graafschap College!

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## The Dutch education system



## 4 education departments

The Graafschap College offers more than **100 VET courses** in the departments Engineering & Computer Technology, Economics & Services and Health, Welfare & Sport. The department Education & Participation provides the entry level training, secondary education for adults and special needs education. General training and customised courses are also offered to businesses and institutes.

### Number of students in vocational education and training per department in 2016

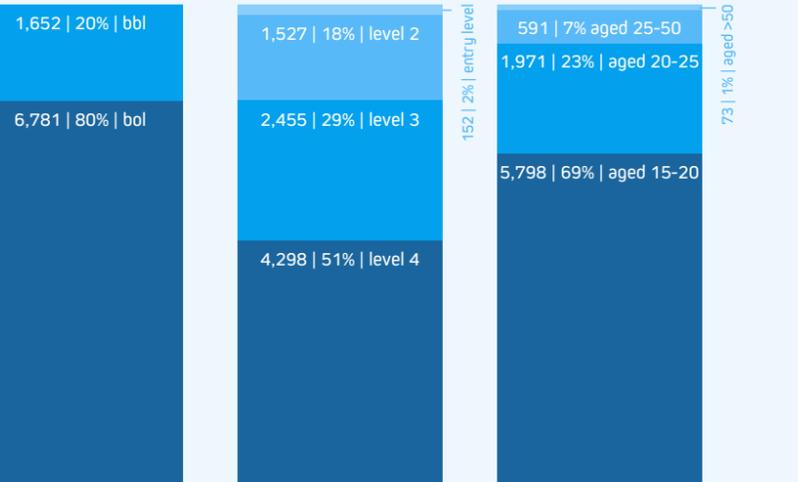
E & CT	2,421
E & S	2,652
H, W & S	3,051
E & P	309

### Number of pupils and students in Education & Participation in 2016

Language school	167
Civic integration	386
Adult education	299
International transitional class	28

## Learning tracks and levels

A total of 8,433 students followed a vocational education and training programme in 2016. The Graafschap College offers these programmes in two learning tracks (BOL\* and BBL\*\*) at four different levels (entry level, level 2, level 3 and level 4) and for all ages.



\* BOL (school-based learning track): the student spends 75% of the time on theoretical and practical classes at school and 25% of the time in professional practice as a trainee.  
 \*\* BBL (work-based learning track): the student spends 25% of the time on theoretical and practical classes at school and 75% of the time in professional practice.

## High student satisfaction

In 2016 the JOB (youth organisation for vocational education and training) conducted a student satisfaction survey. More than 60% of our students took part in the survey. The findings revealed that the Graafschap College scored above the national average on almost all aspects investigated in the survey. The students gave an average score for their study programme of **7.2** (national average 7.0) and the average score given for the school was **7.0** (national average 6.6). The aspects 'student counselling', 'safety and climate at school' and 'educational facilities' also received high ratings.



## 7th best in the Netherlands and 5 top programmes

The Graafschap College received an excellent rating in the 2017 MBO Guide. The school rose to a shared seventh place and has five top study programmes: Health Care (incl. Individual Health Carer and Health and Welfare Assistant), Nursing, Teaching Assistant, Security and Craftsmanship, and ICT Support. The Health Care programme is even considered the best in the Netherlands! The Installation Technology programme is also highly rated.



The MBO Guide is published every year and compares the 66 MBO institutes in the Netherlands with one another on the basis of various aspects. Study programmes with a high total score receive the designation 'top programme' and are regarded as the best in the Netherlands.

## Expert personal counselling for everyone

Every student at the Graafschap College receives expert personal counselling during his or her study programme. This basic counselling (first line) is provided by the career guidance counsellor. If extra counselling or a different type of counselling is necessary, the student is referred to the dean responsible for student welfare and career advice (second line). The dean can in turn refer students to other forms of counselling organised through the Careers Office (third line). Various organisations work together at the Careers Office. In 2016 the Careers Office gave counselling to 1,678 students at the college. The Careers Office also helps students who are looking for work and gives career advice.



## Cake from the minister!

At the beginning of 2017 the Graafschap College received a cake from the Dutch Minister of Education. This token of recognition was awarded due to the fact that the percentage of students leaving our school without a qualification has been falling for years in succession. In addition, our percentage of premature school leavers is much lower than the national average. For years the Graafschap College has been making great efforts to reduce the percentage of unqualified school leavers. The students receive good supervision and are given extra support if necessary, and this approach has proven successful. The Graafschap College is still working hard to reduce this percentage even further. After all, every student who leaves school without a qualification is one too many.

Premature school leavers (reference date 1 October)					
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Graafschap College	6.8%	5.0%	4.9%	4.2%	3.4%
National average	8.1%	6.3%	5.8%	5.4%	5.1%

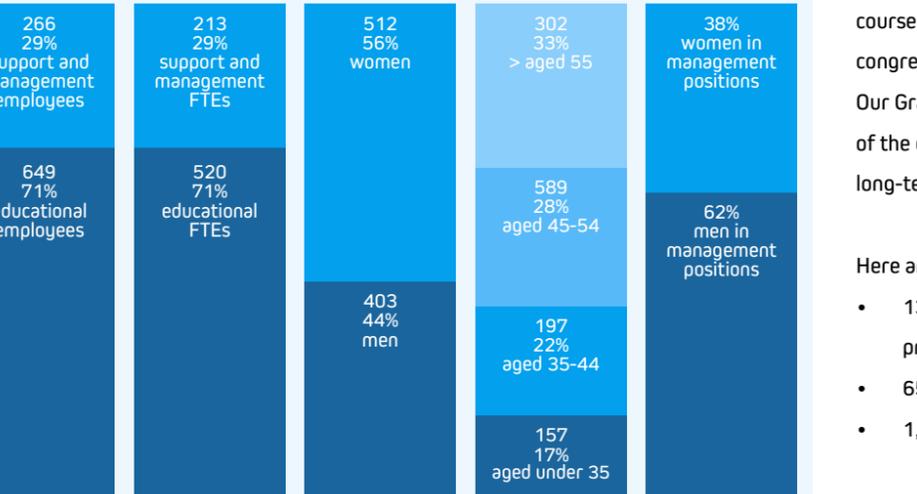
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## 915 employees get the job done

In 2016 the Graafschap College had a workforce of 915 employees, amounting to a total of 733 FTEs.



## Ongoing professionalisation

The provision of high-quality education is the absolute top priority at the Graafschap College, and the professionalism of its employees is an important precondition for this. Employees continue to improve their professional standards, partly by following extra courses, study programmes, training programmes and coaching as well as attending congresses, symposia and study days. Our Graafschap Academy offers an educational programme that satisfies the wishes of the employees and the needs of the organisation. This involves both short-term and long-term courses which may be offered internally or externally.

- Here are several facts relating to 2016:
- 136 employees followed a university degree course, professional master, higher professional education bachelor or other type of course or training programme.
  - 65 employees have a master's degree.
  - 1,114 employees took part in one or more activities at the Graafschap Academy.

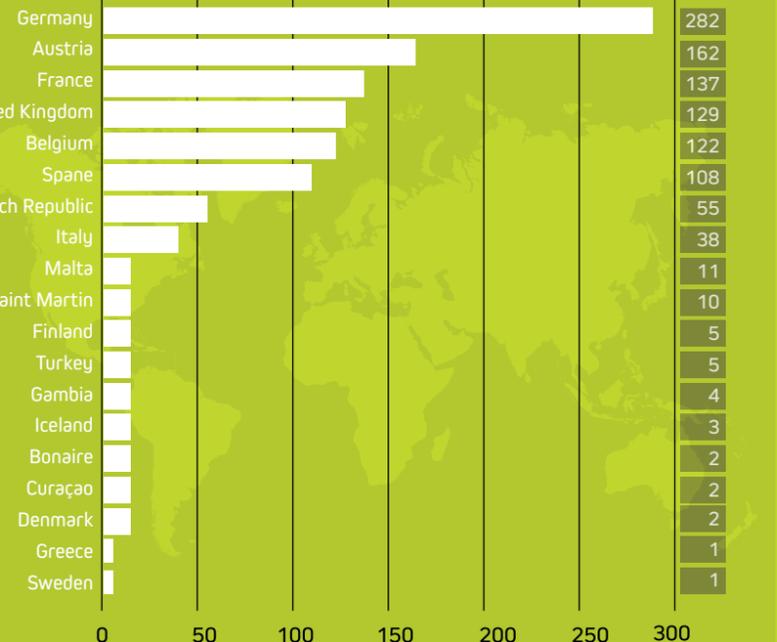
## Pushing back the boundaries

Globalisation is a fact. Boundaries are fading. International cooperation is becoming increasingly important. The Graafschap College gives students and employees alike the opportunity to acquire knowledge and experience abroad so that they can broaden their horizons and increase their expertise - not just in Europe but in other continents too. This is done by facilitating international internships, activities and exchanges.

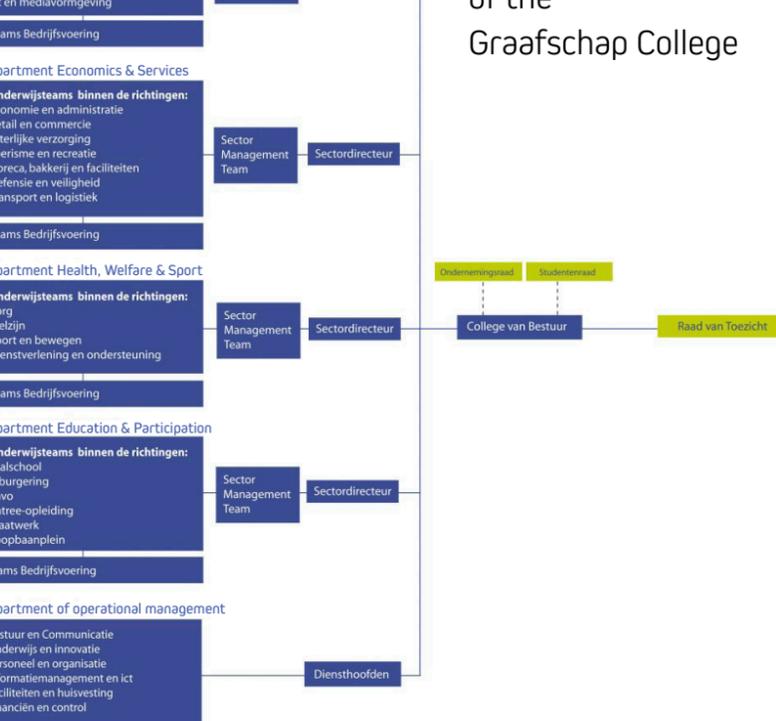
- In 2020 the Graafschap College wants:
- 10% of the students to have participated in an international exchange or internship for at least two weeks during their studies;
  - 30% of the employees to have participated in an international exchange programme;
  - International activities to have become a fixed component of the study programmes, including so-called internationalisation at home\*.

\* for example: offering parts of the study programme in a foreign language, deploying foreign lecturers, internships with international businesses, or participation in international projects.

## Where did our students go in 2016?



## Organisation chart of the Graafschap College



## Location of the Graafschap College in the Netherlands



## A brief summary of the Graafschap College

