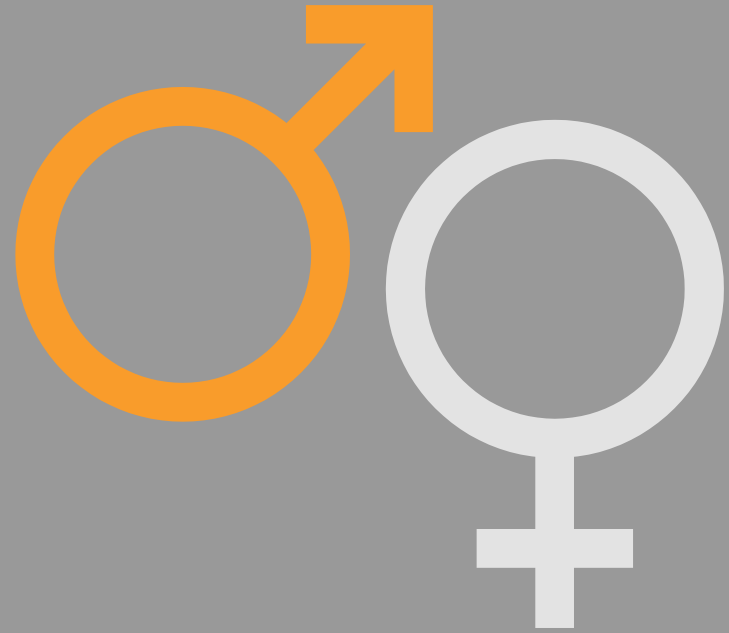




MACCLESFIELD COLLEGE

# GENDER PAY REPORT 2023

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## 1. Introduction

Macclesfield College is delighted to publish this Gender Pay Gap Report in accordance with Section 78 of the Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations. The Report is based on the 'snapshot' date for public authorities of 31 March 2023. Further information about the Gender Pay Regulations may be sourced at: [www.gov.uk/government/news/gender-pay-gap-reporting](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/gender-pay-gap-reporting) With a 'headcount' of 211 on the 'snapshot date' the profile of Macclesfield College's staff population was 35.1% males and 64.9% female. This silhouette aligns with the wider education sector gender ratios of staff employed, namely over 64% are female and over 34% male. (AoC Workforce Summary 2022)

## 2. Gender Pay Definition of an 'Employee'

For the purposes of Gender Pay Reporting an 'employee' is defined under the Equality Act 2010 as:

- An employee who is employed on the 'snapshot date' irrespective of the duration of their employment is referred to as a 'relevant employee.'
- An employee who was paid their usual pay in their pay period that included the 'snapshot' date is referred to as 'full-pay relevant employee.\*'
- An individual who is employed on a contract of apprenticeship.
- An individual who works under a contract of service.

\*If an employee is on any kind of leave and not being paid their usual amount in the pay period, they are not full-pay relevant employees. For example, if they are paid Statutory Sick Pay or Statutory Maternity Pay which is less than their usual pay.



## The gender profile of Macclesfield College on the 'snapshot date'

## The Gender Pay Gap

The Gender Pay Gap is not the same as Equal Pay. The Equality & Human Rights Commission defines the Gender Pay Gap as a measure of the difference between men's and women's average earnings across an organisation, or the labour market. It is expressed as a % of men's earnings. The difference between the average pay is expressed as both the 'mean' and the 'median' of men and women.

## 3. Macclesfield College Headline Gender Pay Data

### 3.i Mean Gender Pay Gap difference is 3.8%

The mean gender pay gap is the difference in hourly rates of pay that male and female employees receive. This gives the overall indication of the gender pay by taking all hourly rates of pay and dividing by the total number of employees in the scope.



### 3.ii Median Gender Pay Gap difference is 8.7%

The median gender pay gap shows the difference in the mid-points of the ranges of hourly rates of pay for male and female employees by ordering individual rates of pay from lowest to highest and comparing the middle value.



## National Gender Pay comparator

The College's **mean pay gap of 3.8%** and its **median pay gap of 8.7%** is significantly lower than the national average and that of the education sector.

According to the Office for National Statistics Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) figures, in which the gender pay gap is calculated.

Measure	Macclesfield College	ONS ASHE Education Sector*	ONS (Education) North West Region*	ONS ASHE Public Sector^	ONS (All occupations) North West^
Mean Pay Gap	3.8%	14.6%	9.9%	11.5%	16.0%
Median Pay Gap	8.7%	21.3%	3.7%	14.0%	13.2%

\*ONS Work Region Industry, Gender Pay Gap Published 05.02.2024, Education Sector as a whole – ASHE Table 5.12

^ONS Work Region Public/Private Gender Pay Gap Published 05.02.2024 – ASHE Table 25.12

The Equality & Human Rights Commission confirm that the Gender Pay Gap varies according to where people live and the sector they work as evidenced above.

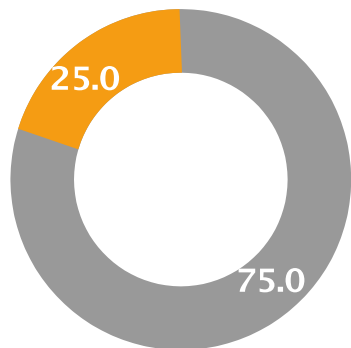
## 4. Bonus Gender Pay

Macclesfield College did not award any bonus payments and therefore will not be reporting a bonus gender pay gap.

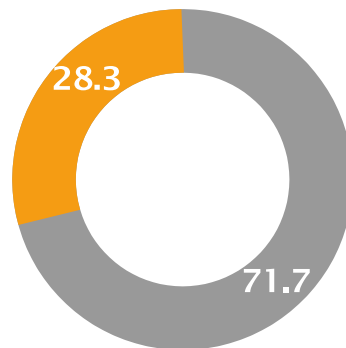
## 5. Quartile Pay Bands

The Pay quartile metrics look at the gender split of male and female employees, when we order the hourly rate of pay from highest to lowest and group into four equal quartiles.

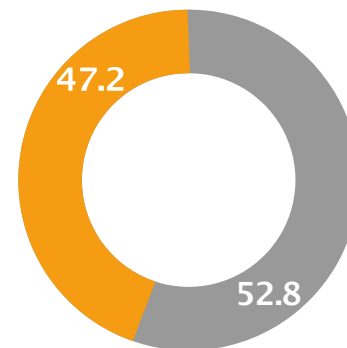
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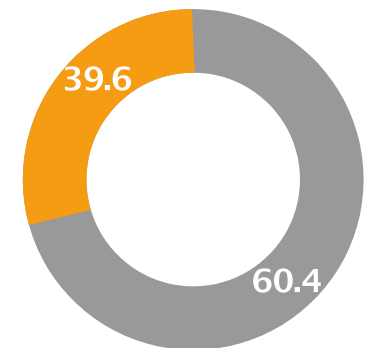
Lower Quartile  
Gender Split



Lower Middle Quartile  
Gender Split



Upper Middle Quartile  
Gender Split



Upper Quartile  
Gender Split

## 6. Why Macclesfield College has a 'Gender Pay Gap'

It is clear that a prime reason for the organisation-wide gender pay gap is 'occupational segregation' and this requires further comment to understand its impact and the steps taken by the College to close gaps identified. which is evidenced both horizontally and vertically

### Occupational Segregation Descriptor

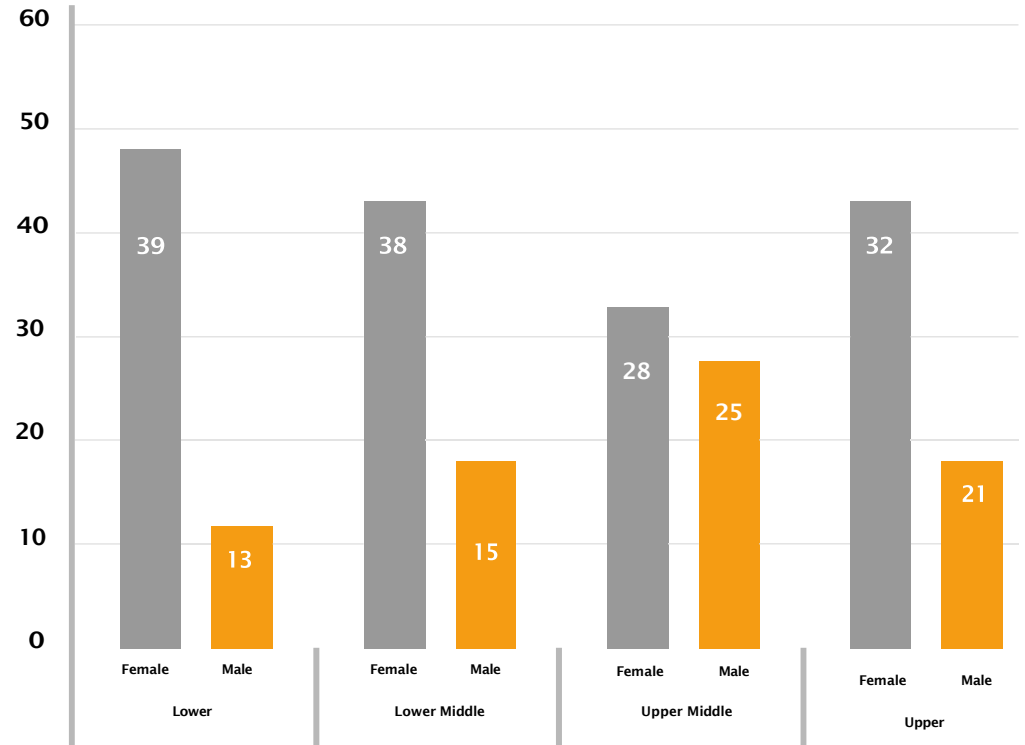
The distribution of people based upon demographic characteristics, in this case, gender.

### Horizontal Segregation Descriptor

The difference in the amount of men and women present across particular types of College occupation.

### Vertical Segregation Descriptor

Difference in the amount of men and women present across the levels of the College.



## 9. Horizontal segregation

Regarding the types of occupational work undertaken the survey clearly evidenced that there exists across the College community a gender divide – irrespective of whether employees are from the Business Support, or Academic families.

### 9.1 Business Support

Due to the College's operational needs and service provision on the 'snap-shot date' a significant number of part-time roles are available (i.e. job-share, term-time, flexible working contracts particularly in the lower quartiles.) Historically and at the time of reporting these roles have predominantly been occupied by female employees.

Business Support roles evidencing a higher representation of female staff are MIS & Exams, HR, Learner Experience and Student Services. Such administrative, advisory, management information roles are indicative of wider gender sector trends.

Conversely, male Business Support employees have a higher representation in the ICT and Estates fields.

### 9.2 Academic Staff

Aligned to the wider education sector, the College has experienced occasions where there has been a difficulty to recruit to certain of its academic roles, this is attributable to 'sector skill shortages within ever competing markets' particularly in such areas as Mechanical /Motor Vehicle Engineering/Construction. Such College roles have predominantly attracted a higher ratio of applications from male applicants; however, this pattern is reflective of the position nationally.

However, countering this pattern the College has had success in attracting females to these traditionally dominated roles, with the successful appointments and promotion of female staff to its management roles within these sector specialisms.

Conversely, academic roles such as Health & Social Care, Hair & Beauty and Childcare have a female bias, which again is reflective of national trends.

## 10. Vertical segregation

Nationally, one of the main contributors to the gender pay gap is the higher ratio of male to female employees appointed to senior management roles. Such positions are primarily undertaken in a full-time capacity. Macclesfield College counters this trend with 89% of senior management roles undertaken by females.

There is a higher proportion of female employees employed in the lower support pay quartiles, and in both the business and academic families than men, amongst the reason for this may be: Female staff are more likely than male staff to have had breaks from work that have affected their career progression, for example to raise children leading on occasion to a shorter job tenure.

Family commitments.

Carer responsibilities.

Preference to work part-time and/or term-time, (aligned with sector trends these are often in the two lower quartiles).

Macclesfield College's Gender Pay Gap is therefore attributable to the roles which male and female employees undertake and the work patterns and salaries that these roles represent.

It should be noted that given the small numbers of certain areas of gender representation a small change in staffing i.e. a male member of staff is replaced by the appointment of a female member of staff could lead to a significant change in the gender profile.

## 11. Employee Relations

In the year up to 31st March 2023, there were no employment Grievances, or Disciplinary related to any of the 'protected characteristics.'

## 12. Promoting & Advancing Gender Diversity

### Recruitment

Macclesfield College applies throughout its 'recruitment cycle' gender-neutral practices including:

Ensuring all advertising and recruitment media uses gender neutral language.

Utilisation of a diverse marketing media for College vacancies.

Provision of a wide range of flexible working opportunities as a means of attracting 'new talent' whilst supporting, developing and retaining 'existing talent.'

A commitment to recruit and appoint staff on merit, ensuring the effective assessment of a prospective candidate's skills, knowledge and aptitude for recruitment, promotion or a secondment opportunity.

### Family Friendly

Commitment to the Equality Human Rights Commission 'Working Forward' Pledge which seeks to advance the Colleges existing commitment to diversity, inclusiveness and gender equality by making the College the best it can be for pregnant women and new parents.

In the coming year, the College is committed to developing a management toolkit to support the return of employees prior to, during and on return from maternity and other parental leave, this initiative will be supported by training resources which are complementary to the 'Working Forward' ideals.

### Continuous Professional Development/Training & Development

Pro-actively promoting and delivering throughout the academic year a College programme of 'Continuous Professional Development' for all employees.

Advancing, Promoting and Fostering a culture of inclusiveness through all staff undertaking equality, diversity and inclusion training to inform their knowledge and understanding both in relation to the performance of their work responsibilities and their wider College responsibilities.

Creation of fair and open policies and processes that encourage and facilitate staff to develop and progress to achieve their true potential.

### Information & Advice - Career Pathways

Ongoing employer engagement via Maxim the College's 'Employer Engagement Arm' to promote and develop cross sector partnership working to promote the diversity of career pathways available for all.



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Macclesfield College

## 12.1 Closing Statement

Macclesfield College will continue to monitor its 'Gender Pay Gap' and will in accordance with its legal responsibilities publish a further report in 2025.

The College will in complying with the publication of its Gender Pay Gap Reporting maintain the data published for a period of three years in order to clearly evidence and report on the progress made.

The Gender Pay Gap Report was presented to the Corporation and Equality and Diversity Committee in April 2024.

The information presented in this Gender Pay Report has been created in accordance with and to comply with the 'Equality Act 2010 (Gender Pay Gap Information) Regulations 2017, in relation to the 'snap-shot date of 31 March 2023.