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[City College Peterborough](http://www.citycollegepeterborough.ac.uk/) (<http://www.citycollegepeterborough.ac.uk/>) is delighted to announce that the Right Honourable the Lord Brian Mawhinney has been appointed President of the College. Pat Carrington, principal of the College said, "This is a very exciting appointment for the College and the City. Lord Mawhinney is a passionate advocate of education and brings with him a staggering wealth of experience. We are thrilled that he has agreed to become our president."

Lord Mawhinney said, "I am very honoured to be the President of City College Peterborough which I have admired for many years. I will do my best to promote it and help its further development in any way I can."

The announcement came as Lord Mawhinney opened a new specialist building within the Brook Street campus. The Jean Hunt Building, named in honour of the College's former longstanding Governor, who sadly passed away in March 2014, will house discrete provision for learners with learning disabilities or difficulties. The new facilities has been designed to help young people and adults with special educational needs to progress to further education, employment or voluntary work and independent living.



Lord Mawhinney was elected a lifelong peer in 2005 having served as a Member of Parliament for the Conservative Party from 1979 to 2005. His responsibilities included Chairman of the party, Secretary of State for Transport and Minister of State for Health. Outside politics Lord Mawhinney has been Chairman of [the Football League](http://www.football-league.co.uk/) (<http://www.football-league.co.uk/>) and is the current president of [Christians in Sport](http://www.christiansinsport.org.uk/) (<http://www.christiansinsport.org.uk/>). He is the Chair of Malone Consulting Ltd and has other non-executive directorate responsibilities.

Leader of the Council and chair of the College's Governing Board, [Cllr John Holdich](http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=146) (<http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=146>) said "I have known Lord Mawhinney for many years as a colleague and a friend and I am delighted that he has joined the College as its first President as he will bring a wealth of experience and dynamism to the role."