

# Find your extraordinary.

NELSON & COLNE  
COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

Industry focused

Dedicated support

Outstanding results

Tailored programmes

Innovative curriculum

Phenomenal teaching

Exceptional partnerships

Extraordinary destinations



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Nelson and Colne College is an **extraordinary** place to study.

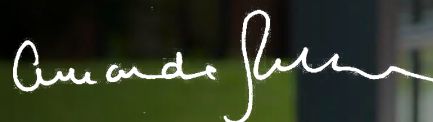
Right now, you will be making valuable and informed choices about your future, and we are here to help you every step of the way. No matter what your career aspirations, rest assured that with our phenomenal teaching and extensive wraparound support you will receive the best education possible to get you prepared for your next steps.

We are thrilled to currently be the number one college in the country for both A Levels and student satisfaction, as well as the number one College in Lancashire for 16-18 Advanced Apprenticeships. We are one of the leading education establishments in the country, and we are right on your doorstep. YOUR future is our number one priority.

Throughout this prospectus, you can find out more about life at Nelson and Colne College. Our innovative curriculum extends to a broad range of A Levels, Vocational and Technical courses that will lead to rewarding careers and occupations, and Apprenticeships with leading local employers.


During your time with us you will benefit from a tailored study programme, aligned to your career aims, as well as strong employer links, excellent partnerships, dedicated support and an extensive extracurricular programme.

We are proud to see our alumni progress onto exciting and fulfilling degree courses and hugely rewarding careers and professions. Every year, we see our students going to some of the top universities in the country, into Apprenticeships and working for well-established companies - and we now look forward to helping you do the same, as you **find your extraordinary** with us.



Amanda Melton  
Principal



 @NCCollPrincipal



Find out more about our open  
events on our website  
[www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk)



100%

A Level  
Pass Rate

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100%

Advanced Vocational  
Pass Rate

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Number 1

in the country  
for A Level  
progress

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Number 1

in the country  
for student  
satisfaction

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Number 1

in Lancashire for  
16-18 Advanced  
Apprenticeships

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‘Outstanding’

ALPS 1 score  
(A Level Performance  
System)

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91%

achieved  
A\*-C A Level  
grades

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85%

Advanced Vocational  
students achieved  
high grades

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# Celebrating our **star** **students**

We are proud to be number one in the country for A Level progress, and are delighted every year to see our students securing places at some of the top universities in the country, including Russell Group and Oxbridge.

Our students progress on to study a range of highly competitive degree courses including Dentistry, Medicine, Computer Science, Law and Economics.

“

I would recommend Nelson and Colne College as my tutors have always been supportive of both my studies and my university application. The extracurricular programme is wide-ranging and I have developed my writing and research skills, as well as my critical thinking.”

**Daisy Simpson-Talmer**

Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford



UNIVERSITY OF  
**OXFORD**



# Exciting career progression

We are a Career College, passionate about helping all our students progress into positive and rewarding roles in their chosen sector.

Every year, we are thrilled to support our students as they secure top Apprenticeships and employment opportunities. No matter what your aspiration, we can help you get there.

“

My qualification will enable me to progress into a career in the ICT industry and I'm very pleased to have gained an Apprenticeship. College was brilliant – the tutors truly care about your education and achieving the best grades that you can, and I met some amazing people along the way.”

**Ryan Parker**

Completing an Apprenticeship at Seriun





# High quality teaching and learning

We pride ourselves on a phenomenal teaching and learning experience. Our teachers are passionate subject and industry experts, who will help you develop the vital skills and knowledge you need to succeed on your chosen pathway.

Our teachers care about YOUR career journey, and will help you both inside and outside of the classroom to get as prepared as possible for your next steps. From an engaging curriculum, to extensive wraparound support - including subject workshops and extracurricular opportunities - you are guaranteed a high quality educational experience.

“

The method of teaching at the College is excellent and all the students are given amazing opportunities to prepare them for their future.

”



Giving  
you that  
**competitive**  
edge...

“

The Pre-Professional Programme in Medicine was a great help in securing my university place at Newcastle. I know other colleges do not offer the Pre-Professional Programmes, but the Medicine programme is invaluable.

”



PRE-PROFESSIONAL  
PROGRAMME

We offer a range of unique Pre-Professional Programmes, which you can take alongside your A Level studies. They are designed for the most competitive university courses to broaden your knowledge, give you greater insight into your chosen career, and ultimately help you stand out from the crowd when it comes to your university application.

For more information, please see [page 54](#)



Pre-Business



Pre-Journalism



Pre-Law



Pre-Medicine



Pre-Psychology



Pre-Teaching



Pre-Maths





## SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME

Our Scholars' Programme is a prestigious and unique opportunity for our most ambitious students. You will be part of a vibrant and dynamic intellectual community that will help enhance your studies and support you with your applications to top universities.

Students will engage in debates, presentations and seminars which are mainly given by academics teaching and researching in universities. They will be actively encouraged to participate in external competitions, often run by universities, and where possible to attend summer schools.

# Start your academic journey today

Unique programme led by former **Dean of Academic Studies** at King's College London

For more information, please see page 56



Presentation skills



Independent research



Reading skills



Effective communication  
for Higher Education  
level seminars



Critical thinking  
and problem solving



The development of  
resilience and  
resourcefulness



# Focusing on **your** **future**

## Industry Days

Each year, we hold a series of Industry Days to inspire students studying Vocational subjects. You will enrich your classroom learning and gain industry relevant insight into your chosen career route with these in-depth sector focused days.

You will also make valuable employer connections for your future, and continue to build your skills and knowledge for your chosen sector.

“ I gained a lot of confidence from the Industry Day and it has focused me to go for the job I want in the future. ”



# Employers inspiring future careers

“

College was especially good when we took part in A Level Conference Days, where alumni and industry professionals would come in and inspire us with a talk and presentation about their job and career.

”

## A Level Conference Day

Similar to our Industry Days, we also have an annual career focused A Level Conference Day. This day is an opportunity for A Level students to engage with industry professionals, as well as potential employers and representatives from a range of universities. Relish the opportunity to engage with a brilliant mix of business professionals, leaders and academics.

You will be taken off timetable to attend a variety of sessions of your choice spanning all A Level curriculum areas. You will also benefit from pastoral sessions such as social media focus, mental health awareness and creating the perfect personal statement for university applications.



“

When I was offered a work placement as a clerical officer in Health Records at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, I jumped at the chance to work within the NHS. It was a brilliant experience, and one that only came about because of the College's great relationship with the Trust.

”

## Opportunities that inspire

Just some of our key partners



We have exceptional partnerships with a broad range of employers from different sectors, including key partnerships with large sector organisations such as the East Lancashire Hospitals Trust. These partnerships provide quality training, experiences and opportunities to our students, while benefiting the local community.



Work placements



Business mentors



Volunteering



Guest speakers



Industry visits



Community projects

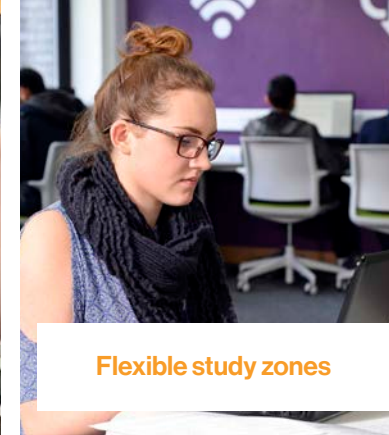




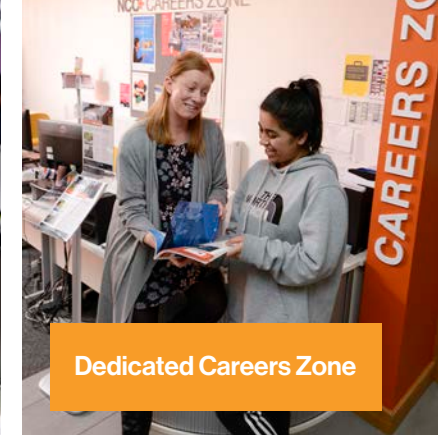
Wide range of social and study spaces



Contemporary Learning Resource Centre



Flexible study zones



Dedicated Careers Zone



# Modern and flexible spaces

Here at College we have a wide range of facilities to support you both inside and outside of the classroom.

With innovative and social study spaces and industry-standard facilities, we will ensure you have everything you need to prepare you for university or the workplace. We are committed to investing in your future.





Modern Hair and Beauty salons



Fitness spaces, including Sports Hall, 3G pitch and gym



Specialist £2million Engineering facilities



## Industry-ready facilities

As a Career College, we aim to replicate the work environment as much as possible for our students. Our facilities include a £2million Engineering environment, an industry-standard Hair and Beauty salon, extensive Sports areas and a specialist Digital hub.





# Go the extra mile

## EXTRA curricular

We are committed to developing and broadening your personal and professional skills with an extensive extracurricular offer.

Aligned to the Five Ways to Wellbeing, our programme will complement your studies - whether you are looking to learn a new skill, engage in a sporting activity, explore volunteering opportunities or broaden your academic horizons. It will also put you a step ahead of your competition when applying for coveted university, Apprenticeship or employment opportunities.

For more information, please see page 188



Volunteering



Sport



Career and life skills



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



National and global  
awareness events



# Represent your **student** **community**

“

I was selected to be part of College's Young Leaders' Programme. I overcame a few hurdles through the process and learned the value of not only leadership but teamwork and communication.

”

## Young Leaders' Programme

The Young Leaders' Programme is an exciting initiative, where students are encouraged to identify and refine their leadership skills, discover what it takes to be an effective communicator and enhance their presentation skills.

This pioneering opportunity is another example of how we, as a College, are dedicated to enriching your learning experience, helping you to develop an array of skills that will stand you in good stead for your future.

## Student Hub

The Student Hub is made up of a group of student representatives who lead student campaigns, represent the student voice and coordinate events and activities throughout the year.



Here at College  
**YOU** are the  
most important  
person

“ I would definitely recommend this College to others as I believe that I would not have received the same support from any other College or sixth form. ”

We are committed to providing a safe environment for all our students. We will support you to overcome personal issues and build resilience skills, to be successful both at the College and in the future.

YOUR safety remains our number one priority and we pride ourselves on making sure College is a happy, secure and enjoyable experience for all.

For more information, please see page 190



Counselling



College nurse



Safeguarding and Welfare



Health and Wellbeing



Safety and engagement officers



Learning support



# Extensive financial support

## Student Services

Finance Information  
Course Enquiries  
Student Payments

Bus Passes  
ID Badges  
Lunch Vouchers

Enrolment  
Car Park Passes  
Travel Information

At Nelson and Colne College, we offer extensive financial support packages to ensure that there are no monetary barriers to your education. Support packages are tailored to individual needs, to help you throughout your time at College and include funding for bus travel, equipment and meals.

All students arriving before 9am each day can enjoy a FREE healthy breakfast in our Refectory. Free fruit is available to all our students while in College.

\*Financial support is subject to conditions, fund availability and evidence

For more information, please see page 192



Costs for equipment,  
kit and materials



Free College bus travel



Subsidised Transdev bus pass



Support with costs



Free college meals



Bursaries



# Your future in mind

“ Find a job you love  
and you’ll never work a  
day in your life. ”

## Careers Zone

Our expert Careers Zone Team are here to support you as you plan for your next steps after College. Our service is individualised to your needs, and is designed to get you a step closer to your career goals.

Whether you want support preparing for university or employment, want to know more about the different career opportunities available to you or are just unsure of your options, we can help you.

For more information, please see page 194

UCAS

UCAS support



CV development and interview  
techniques



Personalised careers advice



Volunteering, work placement  
and part-time job opportunities



Personal statement guidance



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Photography	79
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Criminology	80
English Language	81
English Literature	81
French	82
German	82
Politics	83
History	83
Law	84
Philosophy, Ethics and Religion	84
Psychology	85
Sociology	85
Spanish	86
<b>Science and Mathematics</b>	
Biology	87
Chemistry	87
Computer Science	88
Geography	88
Geology	89
Further Mathematics	89
Mathematics	90
Physics	90
Statistics	91



# 100%

**A Level pass rate**

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# 'Outstanding'

**ALPS 1 score**  
(A Level Performance System)

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# Number 1

**in the country for  
A Level progress**

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# 91%

**A\* - C  
grades**

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# 69%

**A\* - B  
grades**

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# 37%

**A\* - A  
grades**

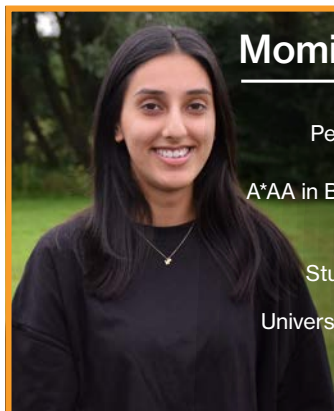
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Percentage of students achieving qualifications



# Where A Levels can lead to

# A Levels



**Momina Atique**

**School**  
Pendle Vale College

**Achieved**  
A\*AA in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

**Where next?**  
Studying Biomedical Sciences at the University of Manchester



**Jack Ridding**

**School**  
Colne Park High School

**Achieved**  
A\*AA in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

**Where next?**  
Studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Nottingham

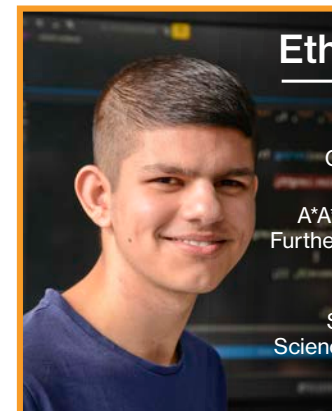


**Waheeda Khatun**

**School**  
Sir John Thursby Community College

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

**Where next?**  
Studying Medicine at the University of Manchester



**Ethan Murray**

**School**  
Sir John Thursby Community College

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A\* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Computer Science

**Where next?**  
Studying Computer Science at the University of Manchester



**Bethany Waterhouse**

**School**  
Elmhurst Ballet School

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

**Where next?**  
Studying Chemistry at the University of York



**Mariyam Zarooof**

**School**  
Pendle Vale College

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A in Psychology, Sociology and English Language

**Where next?**  
Studying Psychology at the University of Manchester



**Fayzan Ali**

**School**  
Marsden Heights Community College

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A in Law, Sociology and Business

**Where next?**  
Studying Accountancy at the University of Manchester




**Hannah Wareing**

**School**  
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A\* in English Language, English Literature and Law

**Where next?**  
Studying English at University College London (UCL)



**Samuel Jennings**

**School**  
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

**Achieved**  
A\*AA in Geography, Biology and Geology

**Where next?**  
Studying Biology at Lancaster University

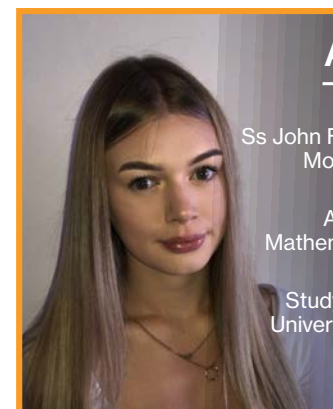


**Niamh Ward**

**School**  
Marsden Heights Community College

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A\* in English Language, English Literature and Media Studies

**Where next?**  
Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford



**Alice Gane**

**School**  
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

**Achieved**  
A\*A\*A\* in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics

**Where next?**  
Studying Physics at the University of Manchester



**Daisy Simpson-Talmer**

**School**  
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

**Achieved**  
AAAA in English Language, English Literature, History and Spanish

**Where next?**  
Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford



## Are A Levels right for me?

Choosing the right type of qualification for your future career can be a difficult decision.

Here is some useful information about A Levels to help you make up your mind.

- A Levels are the more traditional academic route for those wanting to progress to university
- You can explore three subjects that you enjoy over the course of two years. Some students may study four subjects, where appropriate
- NCC has over 25 subjects to choose from, covering Business, Creative Arts and Media, Humanities, Sciences and Mathematics
- You will also do an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to allow you to research a new topic of your choice and develop crucial independent study skills to help prepare you for university
- You will be in a tutor group relating to your subjects and future career aim
- A Levels are a great option if you have an inquisitive academic mind, enjoy studying and are good at exams

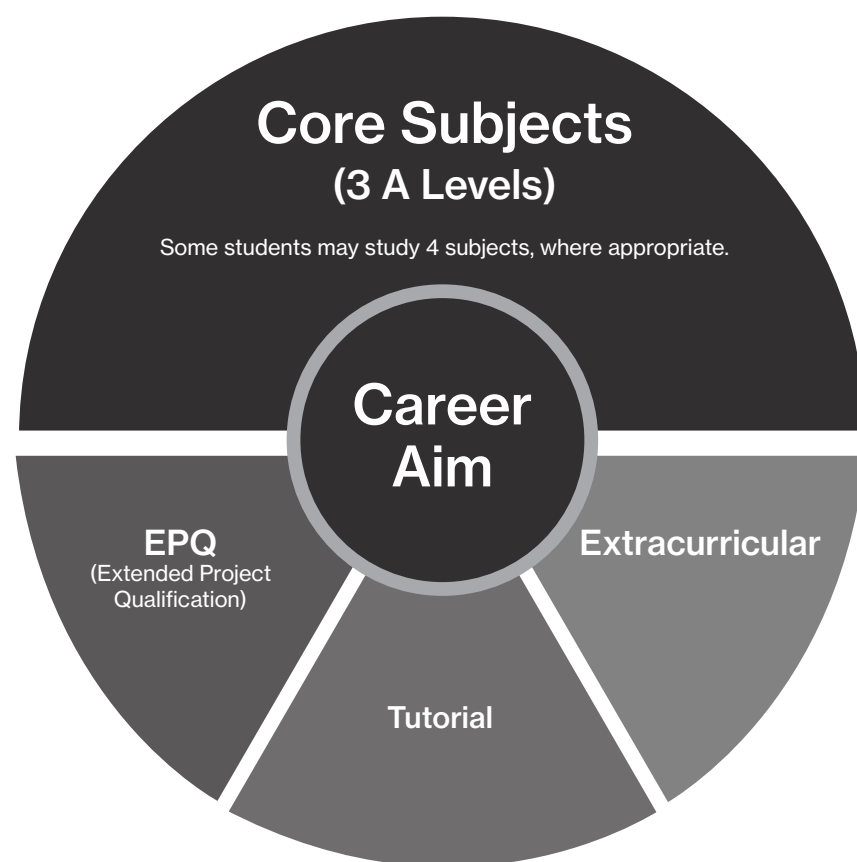


**Number 1**  
in the country  
for A Level  
progress



# How do A Levels work?

As an A Level student at Nelson and Colne College, we offer personalised support to help you achieve your goals. As such, your study programme is tailored around your career aim and will consist of the following...



“Thanks to the effort and dedication of the teaching staff, my time at College has been amazing. I have felt supported and encouraged in all areas.”

**Hannah Wareing**  
Studying English at University College London





Completed the Pre-Professional Programme in Medicine

As part of her Fine Art course, she completed a nine-month project on maxillofacial anatomy - increasing her knowledge of the oral area

Completed an EPQ on the ageing sun and its impact on earth

Carried out work experience at Burnley General Hospital in the Orthodontics Department

# Aamna Ahmad's Tailored Study Programme

## School

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School

## Achieved

A\*AA in Fine Art, Biology and Chemistry

## Where Next?

Studying Dental Surgery at the University of Sheffield



The University Of Sheffield.

Completed the National Citizen Service

Worked voluntarily on a weekly basis at a primary school to support children in English, Maths and Science

Took part in College's Young Leaders' Programme

Observed general dentistry first-hand during a work placement at Bridge Dental Practice, Burnley



## Developing Skills

### Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Alongside your academic studies, you will complete a research project called an EPQ. This will be an independently created essay on a subject of your choice. The EPQ can be a dissertation, a field study, a product, or planning of an activity. The project is designed to equip you with that 'little bit more' required by universities and allows you to explore new subjects and areas of interest outside of your main subject choices.

The EPQ also carries UCAS points, strengthens applications and is valued by universities and employers alike.

Where appropriate for specific career choices and degree applications, some students may take on alternative projects to the EPQ, such as;

**Creative and Digital:** An enterprise qualification to build business skills for self-employment and learn how to promote yourself as a practising artist or designer.

**Sport:** Students may participate in a Sport Academy.

**Business, Science or Humanities:** Core Maths qualifications and more!



"I really enjoyed the freedom of completing my EPQ on cosmetic dentistry and whether it is a need or a desire. It enabled me to explore further something that I am interested in, while at the same time develop independent study and research and essay writing skills, which will be crucial at university."

**Subhan Ahmed**  
Accepted a place to study Dentistry at the University of Plymouth

"I would recommend Nelson and Colne College for the excellent student support network and for the staff who are always there to help you. There are also many opportunities available to enhance your studies and enrich your personal statement and CV."

**Bethany Waterhouse**  
Studying Chemistry at the University of York

Part of a team of three who won the North West regional heat and finished third nationally in the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual analytical competition.



### Personal Skills

To help you secure the best place at university and develop the skills that employers and universities are looking for, as well as support your own health and wellbeing, we encourage you to take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities. This skills development is designed to help you stand out from the crowd, build confidence and independence, as well as gain new hobbies and interests. Your skills development should be career-focused and linked to your future goals. For example, you may wish to improve your leadership skills, volunteer for a good cause, or develop skills for public speaking.

#### Opportunities may include;

**Becoming a Student Ambassador:** Supporting events, representing your college in local schools and talking to new students.

**Becoming a Reading Mentor:** Supporting pupils in local primary schools to develop their reading skills.

**Self-awareness Sessions:** Including relaxation, building resilience, stress management and money matters.

**Career Skills:** Including First Aid, A&E Cadets and employability skills.

**Life Skills:** Including cookery and Modern Foreign Languages.

**The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award:** Team building, leadership and orienteering skills.

**Volunteering:** Including charity fundraising, the Talk English teaching project and Pick Up For Pendle - a community support project.

**Creative Skills:** Including Gaming and Art Workshops.

**The Student Hub:** Representing your student community and campaigning on topics affecting students.



## Pre-Professional Programmes

Studying a Pre-Professional Programme alongside your core Study Programme is designed to give you the edge for university applications, in what are quite often extremely competitive and challenging degree and career pathways.

### Pre-Professional Programmes currently offered are:

- Pre-Business
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Teaching
- Pre-Journalism
- Pre-Psychology
- Pre-Maths
- Pre-Law



As part of our Pre-Professional Programmes you will receive a range of opportunities alongside your academic studies to help you build additional skills and experiences. This may include:

- Presentations from industry experts and specialist speakers
- Field trips to specialist centres
- Work experience relevant to your chosen profession
- Visits to Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities
- Individual mentoring and coaching
- Support in your university application
- Specialist interview preparation

### Professional Skills Pre-Professional Programmes

We offer a range of Pre-Professional Programmes, which you can take alongside your A Level studies.

These unique and innovative schemes are career-focused programmes aimed at helping you to make an informed choice about your future, while encouraging breadth and depth of study and research in your chosen career path.

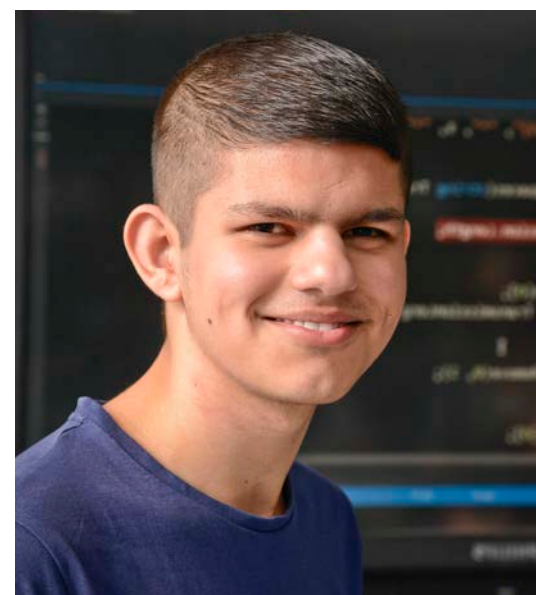


Alumnus Jack Buchanan (centre left), now a junior doctor at East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust, returned to College to inspire current students on the Pre-Professional Programme, who are seeking their dream career in Medicine, with his own journey into his chosen profession.

“Journalism is one of the career pathways that I am considering when I finish university so the Pre-Professional Programme in Journalism was very useful. Through it, I had the chance to gain insight into the media industry, write a range of different styles of article and develop sub-editing skills, and understand the process of putting the College magazine together including creative input into its layout.”

**Niamh Ward**

Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford



“I took part in the Pre-Professional Programme in Mathematics because I wanted to challenge myself mathematically.

We regularly completed entrance exam questions to the leading universities including Oxford and Cambridge and I enjoyed the test of these.”

**Ethan Murray**

Studying Computer Science at the University of Manchester



## Scholars' Programme

Our new and prestigious Scholars' Programme will help develop key skills to enhance your application for competitive universities, increase your confidence, and get you ready for your next steps after College. It will seek to broaden your intellectual horizons and challenge ideas.

The Scholars' Programme will support you in developing the core skills required for progression to university and employment.

These skills are:

- Presentation skills
- Independent research
- Reading skills
- Effective communication for Higher Education level seminars
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- The development of resilience and resourcefulness

### Professional Skills Scholars' Programme

The programme will include subjects such as debates around science, the arts, politics (both national and global), economics, philosophy, culture and identity. Students will engage in debates, presentations and seminars - often given by academics teaching and researching in universities. Students will be encouraged to participate in external competitions, frequently run by universities, and where possible to attend summer schools.



The College has established links with a number of universities including:



Before joining Nelson and Colne College, Victoria was Dean of Academic Studies in the Defence Studies Department at King's College London. A member of the academic staff since 2000, she taught and researched in the area of Global Studies and Conflict. As an experienced teacher in Higher Education, she is very passionate about preparing sixth form students to aspire to top universities and to develop the required intellectual skills to achieve this.

**Victoria Syme-Taylor**  
Programme Leader

### What are the key aspects of the Scholars' Programme?

- Personalised support with applications for challenging and competitive universities
- Additional one-to-one 'stretch and challenge' work with your subject teachers
- Organised visits to the country's top universities
- Timetabled seminars
- Academic guest speakers
- Access to university library online academic resources
- An opportunity to meet like-minded students from other colleges
- Encourages involvement in external competitions run by universities

### Did you know?

University Heads of Admissions often place considerable value on potential students who have participated in academic enrichment activities in and beyond their chosen subject area. This is because these students stand out against other applicants, who may have identical grades.





## University Guidance

Each year we see our students progress to some of the best universities in the country, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, Durham University, the University of Leeds and the University of Manchester.

If you have university ambitions then our expert staff will be able to support and guide you to achieve your goals. In this section we have provided some useful information to consider for planning ahead.



## Applying to Russell Group

The Russell Group represents the 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with businesses and the public sector. They represent the cutting edge of the UK university sector and attract the brightest minds from around the world.

Each year a high percentage of our students progress onto Russell Group universities. Our expert staff are experienced at supporting our ambitious students with the application process, ensuring you get the best chance of securing a place at a top university.

Some of our students, past and present, have attended International Science School in Sydney, volunteered on an International Citizen Service human rights project in Africa, and secured a place on the prestigious Sutton Trust US programme.

Visit [www.russellgroup.ac.uk](http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk)

In addition, we encourage students to step outside of their comfort zone and challenge themselves to new experiences, to help them stand out from the crowd.

### Did you know?

**Russell Group graduates are highly sought after by employers, both nationally and internationally. On average they earn 10% more than other graduates.**



"College has been great. It has different study spaces, both for quiet and group work. Staff are helpful and understanding and you always feel supported. The college also provides a variety of Extracurricular activities outside of your subjects, such as the Law Mock Trials, which I used to support my aspiration to become a solicitor."

**Muskan Choudhry**  
Studying Law at the  
University of Warwick



## Applying to Oxford and Cambridge

### Preparing for Oxbridge

Oxford and Cambridge (also known as Oxbridge) admissions are among the most competitive in the world. Even the brightest applicants need the skills to demonstrate their full academic potential.

The universities are looking for evidence of an interesting and curious mind that can adapt to meet new academic challenges.

Each year we support a number of students to progress to Oxbridge.

If you're thinking of applying to an Oxbridge university, here is some advice from our academic experts to help you start your journey.

#### 1. Set some personal goals

Aim for the equivalent of A\*s and As in your GCSEs and A Levels. Continuously aim to unlock your potential and develop your confidence by going the extra mile.

#### 2. Explore the super curriculum

Discover more by reading around the subject you love, watching documentaries, visiting museums, going to galleries and attending exhibitions. Stay up-to-date with developments in your chosen field.

#### 3. Get involved

Prove your initiative and enthusiasm by participating in extracurricular opportunities, volunteering and through your Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and Pre-Professional Programmes.

#### 4. Visit universities

Go to a range of colleges and look around the departments to get a feel for university life. Speak to students and find out as much as you can about being an undergraduate.

#### 5. Ask questions

Oxford and Cambridge offer unique and varied degree programmes, so do your research to find the one that is right for you.

#### 6. Make an outstanding impression

Prepare for interview by sharing your academic interests with your peers and tutors. Listen to the ideas of others to gain new perspectives and practise communicating with impact.

#### 7. Go for it!

The application process is an exciting opportunity you will enjoy. If you have high grades, you have nothing to lose!

# 69%

of our students achieved A\*-B



"I was part of the Pendle Elite programme with College from my time at secondary school, and this first encouraged me to think about applying to Oxford. At College, I had fantastic support with my application and personal statement from my English tutor. Each time I've visited Oxford - including once with the Step Up Programme College shares with Oxford - it felt like an environment where I could study in the future."

**Niamh Ward**  
Studying English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford

"The idea of going to Cambridge is something that has developed while I have been at Nelson and Colne College. I'm grateful to the College for funding additional one-to-one tutoring for me, which helped me to prepare for Cambridge's entry exams and supported the development of my problem-solving skills."

**Lewis Gorton**  
Studying Mathematics at the University of Cambridge



 UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



## Opportunities available to you

The College has excellent links with universities and other partners, offering a range of tailored admissions opportunities for our students.

Just some of these opportunities include:

### Realising Opportunities (RO) Programme

A unique partnership programme with Lancaster University, which sees students from under-represented groups receive a university offer up to two grades lower than advertised.

Students on this programme will also benefit from two official visits to RO universities, access to hundreds of workshops to develop vital skills, support from an E-mentor, who is studying at the university, and online skills-building modules.



### The Step Up Programme

This comprehensive programme allows students to gain tailored support for their applications to New College, alongside facilitated visits to Oxford. Sessions also include Personal Statement Support and Interview Preparation, ensuring that you are best placed to secure your university offer.



“My College tutors have been helpful with advice and guidance for further study and the Careers Zone is well resourced. I want to become a political journalist or professor of political ideology in the future, and so being able to take advantage of the University of Leeds widening participation scheme for my reduced entry offer was very good.”

Aisha Mirza  
Studying Politics at  
the University of Leeds



### The Sutton Trust Summer School Programme

The Sutton Trust Summer School is a unique programme offering eligible students the opportunity to a FREE summer school trip, held at the world's 13 leading universities.

On these trips, students can experience university life, explore academic study and receive support with UCAS applications.

They get the opportunity to meet like-minded students from across the UK, engage with current undergraduates, and even attend taster lectures and workshops delivered by academics.

To find out more visit:  
[summerschools.suttontrust.com](https://summerschools.suttontrust.com)

### The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF)

The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a charity which aims to make a practical improvement in social mobility for young people from low-income backgrounds.

Students supported by the SMF are provided with a wide-range of support at college, through to graduation.

This support can include one-to-one mentoring, skills sessions, internships, and university application support and advice.

To find out more visit:  
[www.socialmobility.org.uk](https://www.socialmobility.org.uk)



## Choosing which subjects to study

### A Level Entry Requirements

**Minimum of two 5s and three 4s at GCSE including a grade 4 or above in Maths and English Language.**

Students will also be required to have specific grades at GCSE for certain subjects, as specified on our subject pages.

### Your Subject Choices

When choosing which subjects to study at A Level you should have in mind a career goal. Some universities require specific grades and A Level subjects for entry onto particular degree pathways, so it's important to do your research.

On the following pages you will find more information on which subjects work well together for specific career pathways.

The majority of students studying an A Level programme will focus on three subjects over two years. We do, however, accept applications for students to study four subjects, but only where you can demonstrate a track record of academic high achievement or are considering Further Mathematics.

When you enrol, we will allocate you to a tutorial pathway best suited to your chosen career aim and the subjects you are taking, for example, Biochemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, Social Science, Humanities, Business and Finance, or Arts and Media.

Your tutor will be a subject specialist in your chosen area. They will work alongside you on a one-to-one basis, as well as through group delivery, to ensure you have the personal, social and employability skills needed for your future career plans.





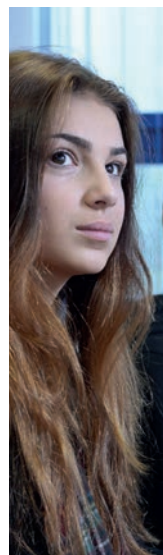


## Business Route.

# A Level subject choices.

### Core Subjects

Business



#### Plus a choice of

- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French/German/Spanish
- Politics
- History
- Law
- Statistics
- Sociology

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES IN THE UK AT THE START OF 2019 WAS 5.9 MILLION

FINANCE MANAGERS AND DIRECTORS COULD EARN BETWEEN £50,000 AND £100,000 A YEAR

GOVERNMENT START-UP BUSINESS LOANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ENTREPRENEURS

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Guest speakers, work experience, A Level Conference Day, Enterprise Programme, Debating Club and a unique Pre-Professional Programme in Business.

Students may be able to take an enterprise qualification instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

Marketing	Human Resources	Specialist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marketing Executive</li><li>• Brand Developer</li><li>• Digital Specialist</li><li>• Market Researcher</li><li>• Communications Officer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HR Manager</li><li>• Business Advisor/Consultant</li><li>• HR Officer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accountant</li><li>• Marketing Executive</li><li>• Brand Developer</li><li>• Digital Specialist</li><li>• Entrepreneur</li><li>• Solicitor</li></ul>

Popular universities for these pathways...



## Creative Arts Route.

# A Level subject choices.

### Core Subjects

Choosing at least two of the core subjects is recommended

Fashion and Textiles Photography Fine Art

Graphic Design



#### Plus a choice of

- French/German/Spanish
- English Literature
- English Language
- Film Studies
- History
- Psychology
- Physics and Mathematics\*
- Business Studies
- Geography
- Media Studies
- Graphic Design

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

\*Sometimes required if wanting to study Architecture.

43,000 WORKERS ARE REQUIRED IN THE CREATIVE ARTS SECTOR BY 2023

ONE IN SIX OF ALL UK GRADUATE JOBS IS A CREATIVE ROLE

ONE IN 11 OF ALL UK JOBS IS NOW IN THE CREATIVE INDUSTRY

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Development of PC/Mac skills, photography, Adobe Creative Suite skills, work experience opportunities and a unique Pre-Professional Programme in Journalism.

Students may be able to take an enterprise qualification instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

Art and Design	Fashion and Interior	Photography
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine Artist/ Sculptor</li><li>• Art Gallery Curator</li><li>• Art Director</li><li>• Animator</li><li>• Product Designer</li><li>• Set Designer</li><li>• Printmaker</li><li>• Graphic Designer</li><li>• Illustrator</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fashion Designer</li><li>• Costume Designer</li><li>• Architect</li><li>• Interior Designer</li><li>• Visual Merchandiser</li><li>• Furniture Designer</li><li>• Retail Merchandiser</li><li>• Retail Manager</li><li>• Textiles Technologist</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fashion Photographer</li><li>• Forensic Photographer</li><li>• Photojournalist</li><li>• Advertiser</li><li>• Medical Photographer</li><li>• Studio Photographer</li><li>• Multimedia Journalist</li></ul>

Popular universities for these pathways...







# Design and Media Route.

## Design and Media Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Choosing at least two of the core subjects is recommended

Media Studies Graphic Design Photography

Film Studies



#### Plus a choice of

- Fine Art
- Business Studies
- English Literature
- English Language

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

THE UK'S CREATIVE INDUSTRIES CONTRIBUTE £71 BILLION TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY

SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNERS EARN BETWEEN £32,000 AND £50,000 A YEAR

ONE IN SIX OF ALL UK GRADUATE JOBS IS A CREATIVE ROLE

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Development of PC/Mac skills, photography, Adobe Creative Suite skills, work experience opportunities and a unique Pre-Professional Programme in Journalism.

Students may be able to take an enterprise qualification instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

Marketing	Film and TV	Digital
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertiser</li> <li>• Brand Developer</li> <li>• Graphic Designer</li> <li>• Web Designer</li> <li>• Journalist or PR Officer</li> <li>• Agency Account Manager</li> <li>• Creative Director</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media Researcher</li> <li>• TV Production Crew</li> <li>• Radio Producer</li> <li>• Cinematographer</li> <li>• Location Manager</li> <li>• Games Designer</li> <li>• Film Editor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animator</li> <li>• Motion Graphic Artist</li> <li>• Special Effects Artist</li> <li>• Brand Designer</li> <li>• Graphic Designer</li> <li>• Web Designer</li> <li>• Illustrator</li> </ul>

#### Popular universities for these pathways...

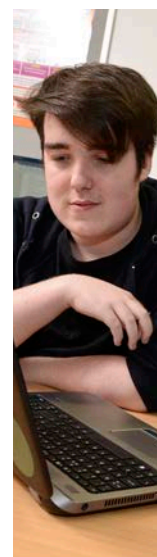


## English and Writing Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

English Literature English Language



#### Plus a choice of

- Graphic Design
- Media Studies
- Film Studies
- Politics
- Ancient History
- Sociology
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
- French/German/Spanish
- History

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

COPY-EDITORS CAN EARN A MINIMUM OF £28.30 AN HOUR

NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS IN ENGLAND AND WALES START ON A SALARY FROM £22,023

THE BBC EMPLOYS 20,000 PEOPLE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF WRITING, ACTING AND SUPPORT ROLES

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a largely self-directed research project into a topic of your choice. Students will develop their study skills as they plan, research and develop their idea, creating either a research assignment, a product or an activity (e.g. an event) as their final piece. The EPQ may also count towards UCAS points.

#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Unique Pre-Professional Programmes in Journalism and Law, Teaching, work experience, A Level Conference Day and student magazine.

Students may be able to take an enterprise qualification instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

Creative Writing	Journalism	Publishing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copywriter</li> <li>• Advertiser</li> <li>• Marketeer</li> <li>• Fiction Writer</li> <li>• Author</li> <li>• Screen Writer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Journalist</li> <li>• TV and Media Reporter</li> <li>• Digital Media Broadcaster</li> <li>• Political Journalist</li> <li>• Presenter</li> <li>• PR Officer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editor</li> <li>• Book Publisher</li> <li>• Writer</li> <li>• Teacher</li> </ul>

#### Popular universities for these pathways...



# English and Writing Route.





## Humanities Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Choosing at least two of the core subjects is recommended

History Politics Philosophy, Ethics and Religion



#### Plus a choice of

- English Literature
- English Language
- Geography
- French/German/Spanish
- Ancient History
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Mathematics
- Law

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

IT IS LIKELY YOU COULD EARN OVER £45,000 AFTER 4-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A POLITICAL RESEARCHER

HISTORY IS RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 MOST EMPLOYABLE DEGREES BY THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

A BRIGADIER IN THE ARMY CAN EARN A SALARY OF £104,000

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Unique Pre-Professional Programmes in Law and Teaching, guest speakers, work experience, A Level Conference Day and Debating Club.

Students may be able to take an enterprise qualification instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

Government	Specialist	Uniformed Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Servant</li> <li>• Intelligence Specialist</li> <li>• Political Researcher</li> <li>• Local Government Officer</li> <li>• Council Worker</li> <li>• Politician</li> <li>• European Union Rep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrister</li> <li>• Solicitor</li> <li>• Journalist</li> <li>• Cleric</li> <li>• Teacher</li> <li>• Business Management</li> <li>• Financial Specialist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Armed Forces</li> <li>• Police Officer</li> <li>• Firefighter</li> </ul>

Popular universities for these pathways...



## Legal Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Law



#### Plus a choice of

- Criminology
- English Literature
- English Language
- History
- Business Studies
- Mathematics
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Politics
- French/German/Spanish

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 300,000 PARALEGALS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

LAW FIRMS ARE OFFERING AN AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF £39,000

THERE ARE MORE THAN 80,000 SOLICITORS WORKING IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN ENGLAND AND WALES

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Unique Pre-Professional Programme in Law, guest speakers, work experience, A Level Conference Day, Enterprise Programme and Debating Club.

#### Sample career pathways

Legal	Social
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrister</li> <li>• Chartered Legal Executive</li> <li>• Paralegal</li> <li>• Legal Executive</li> <li>• Legal Secretary</li> <li>• Solicitor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Probation Officer</li> <li>• Police Officer</li> <li>• Prison Officer</li> <li>• Youth Worker</li> <li>• Social Worker</li> </ul>

Popular universities for these pathways...







## Social Sciences Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Sociology Psychology



#### Plus a choice of

- Criminology
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
- Biology
- Law
- Geography
- Media Studies
- Film Studies
- English Literature
- English Language
- Politics

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS IN THE NHS GENERALLY START FROM £21,000 PER YEAR

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TEND TO WORK WITH ONE PARTICULAR CLIENT GROUP SUCH AS CHILDREN OR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

50% OF ALL SOCIOLOGY GRADUATES GO INTO PROFESSIONAL OR MANAGERIAL ROLES

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Unique Pre-Professional Programme in Teaching, A Level Conference Day, guest speakers and work experience.

Students may be able to take a free-standing Mathematics Qualification/Core Mathematics instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

##### Social Care and Welfare

- Social Worker
- Psychologist
- Teacher
- Police Officer
- Counsellor
- Careers Advisor

##### Healthcare

- Speech Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Nurse
- Psychotherapist
- Clinical Psychologist
- Occupational Psychologist

#### Popular universities for these pathways...



## Earth Sciences Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Geography Geology



#### Plus a choice of

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Business Studies
- English Language
- Computer Science
- Politics

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

THE UK'S ENERGY AND UTILITY WORKFORCE NEEDS 200,000 NEW RECRUITS BY 2023

74% OF GEOGRAPHY GRADUATES EARN A STARTING SALARY OF £20K OR MORE

80 UNIVERSITIES OFFER GEOGRAPHY WITH OVER 1,400 GEOGRAPHY RELATED DEGREES

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Residential trips, A Level Conference Day, conservation watch research projects and guest speakers.

Students may be able to take a free-standing Mathematics Qualification/Core Mathematics instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

##### Environment

- Marine Biologist
- Conservation Specialist
- Pollutions Analyst
- Environmental Health Officer
- Urban/Town Planner
- Architect

##### Physical Systems

- Seismologist
- Volcanologist
- Glaciologist

##### Geographical

- Working with Geo-info Systems (GIS)
- Oceanographer
- Cartographer
- Geoscientist
- Engineering Geologist

#### Popular universities for these pathways...







## Maths, Physics and Computer Science Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Choosing at least two of the core subjects is recommended

Maths Physics Computer Science Statistics



#### Plus a choice of

- Further Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Statistics
- Business Studies
- Geology
- Geography
- French/German/Spanish
- Psychology

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

AIRBUS FORECASTS THE AVIATION INDUSTRY WILL NEED 34,900 NEW AIRCRAFT BY 2036

637,000 PEOPLE ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY ACROSS THE UK

COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATES EARN ON AVERAGE £43,895 SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a largely self-directed research project into a topic of your choice. Students will develop their study skills as they plan, research and develop their idea, creating either a research assignment, a product or an activity (e.g. an event) as their final piece. The EPQ may also count towards UCAS points.

#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Robotics workshop, stretch and challenge Mathematics activities, work experience opportunities, A Level Conference Day, ICT support and 'Physics Extra' workshops.

Students may be able to take a free-standing Mathematics Qualification/Core Mathematics instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

##### Computer Science

- Solution/Systems Architect
- Working in Artificial Intelligence
- Data Scientist

##### Financial

- Accountant
- Actuary
- Banker
- Financial Director / Manager

##### Physics

- Medical Physicist
- Particle Physicist
- Nuclear Physicist

##### Engineering

- Chemical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Electrical Engineer

#### Popular universities for these pathways...



## Medical Route.

### A Level subject choices.

#### Core Subjects

Biology Chemistry



#### Plus a choice of

- Physics
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Geology
- Geography
- Psychology
- Statistics
- Sociology

These subjects are recommended, however other subject options are also available

THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PAY FOR A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AGED 25-34 IS £58,682

BY 2022, THE UK WILL NEED AN ESTIMATED 36,205 MORE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

THE UK IS A LEADING LIFE SCIENCES PRODUCER AND EXPORTER (HEALTHCARE)

#### Study Skills (EPQ)

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#### Extracurricular Opportunities

Unique Pre-Professional Programmes in Medicine, first aid at work qualification, 'Heart Start' training, work experience, volunteering opportunities, or becoming a reading/peer/school mentor.

Students may be able to take a free-standing Mathematics Qualification/Core Mathematics instead of the EPQ, where appropriate.

#### Sample career pathways

##### Lab Based

- Biochemistry Scientist
- Biomedical Scientist
- Ecologist
- Microbiologist
- Scientist in Dietetics

##### Patient Based

- Doctor
- Dentist
- Nurse
- Healthcare Scientist
- Clinical Scientist
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Animal Scientist
- Zoologist

##### Tech Based

- Neuroscientist
- Biomedical
- Engineer
- Radiographer
- Audiologist

#### Popular universities for these pathways...



# Maths, Physics and Computer Science Route.



# Medical Route.





# A Level Courses



## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

Focus of your studies will be rooted in the functional areas of business activities, with specific topics of marketing, operations, finance, and human resources. You will learn how strategies emerge within these functional divisions and how effective decision making within each area can determine overall business success.

Additionally, the course has a large focus on the external environment, and you will be required to understand how companies may need to react to changes in the national and international markets they operate in. This will involve studying key factors from the external environment such as the impact of the economy, corporation law, technological change, ethical supply chain management, sustainability, and environmental concerns on strategic decision making.



### Did you know?

Eight of the top ten jobs held by graduates working in the UK are related to business, sales and HR.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Maths, English, Languages, Government and Politics, History, Law, Statistics or Sociology.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

This Fashion and Textiles course focuses on contemporary fashion design and fine art textiles and encourages students to be innovative and creative. On this course you will learn how to develop new concepts and ideas through researching fashion designers and textile artists.

Throughout the course you will be experimenting with different materials, techniques and processes including: machine embroidery, screen printing, fabric dyeing, digital manipulation of textile designs, textile embellishment and fabric manipulation. You will also look at how you can skilfully combine these together to create unique textile designs.



### Did you know?

Textile design is a global industry and you may find opportunities to work abroad or with an international company.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fine Art, Film Studies, Languages, History or Media Studies.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

Film Studies enables you to develop the analytical, observational and critical skills that many universities look for. You will explore how film works as a culturally significant medium, both in terms of representation and aesthetics. The course offers the opportunity to study both mainstream contemporary American and British film, as well as more challenging films from the silent era and non-European cinema and experimental film.

You will develop an appreciation of the historical development of film traditions and styles, from the birth of film to the digital future, and learn how to critically analyse films and apply theoretical concepts. Production is a crucial part of the Film Studies course and your knowledge will inform your filmmaking and screenwriting project, in which you will produce a high-quality short film.



### Did you know?

Employers for this area include large broadcasters, cinemas, independent production companies, newspapers and specialist magazines.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fine Art, Film Studies, Languages, History or Media Studies.







## Fine Art.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

Explore the world of art in an imaginative and personal way, by developing ideas using a range of media. We'll help you to push the boundaries of your artistic talents and help you to build a comprehensive portfolio of work, which will be invaluable for your university application. Visits to galleries will be encouraged.

You will learn a range of experimental mark making techniques using a wide range of media, as well as developing your 3D, printmaking, sculpting, drawing and painting skills, giving you the opportunity to showcase the full range of your creative abilities. All your studies will be supported by contextual research into the work of other artists.



#### Did you know?

Employers value the transferable skills you acquire with this course including teamwork, strong research skills, creative problem solving and communication.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fashion and Textiles, Film Studies, Languages, History, Mathematics, Media Studies or Physics.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

Media Studies is a challenging subject which encourages you to critically engage with and evaluate a broad range of media texts. Media Studies focuses on how the media – television, film, advertising, radio, magazines, the internet, music and newspapers – affect the way we view the world.

You will gain practical skills as you learn to produce your own media products, which may include print and video. Media is the most powerful industry in the world and this course is both challenging and thought-provoking. If you enjoy subjects that have both a theoretical and a practical side and involve high levels of creativity and analysis, you will enjoy Media Studies.



#### Did you know?

By 2023, the UK's entertainment and media market worth is projected to reach £80.5 billion.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fine Art, Film Studies, Business, Photography or Graphic Design.



## Graphic Design.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

The UK creative industries are rapidly expanding and seeking highly skilled people in digital design. Graphic Design is a dynamic and engaging course that allows you to explore the creative design process. You will have access to industry standard equipment, allowing you to create contemporary and exciting designs.

Throughout the course you will develop a range of skills that will prepare you for a career in design and give you an appreciation of marketing strategies used in current practices. You will follow the design process from initial conception, through to development and then to the final product - going on a creative journey that will explore the visual language of graphic design.



#### Did you know?

The UK has the second-largest design sector in the world and the largest design industry in Europe.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fine Art, Film Studies, Business, Photography, Mathematics, Media Studies, Physics or Textiles.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

A Level Photography is a challenging and exciting course that offers you the opportunity to explore a wide range of photography aspects, such as portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, fashion photography and experimental photography.

You will develop your own practice through the study of photographers, their techniques and styles, and through theoretical and practical sessions. An essential part of your development as a photographer will be learning traditional darkroom techniques, as well as modern digital techniques using Adobe Photoshop software.



#### Did you know?

Salaries for this area can range from £25,000 to £65,000. The top end of the scale is typically for those who are highly sought after.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

English, Fine Art, Film Studies, Business, Graphic Design or Media Studies.



## Media Studies.



## Photography.





## Ancient History.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

As part of Ancient History you will study the classical worlds of Greece and Rome. You will study interpretations, artefacts and the differing developments of each period. This will include traditional historical enquiry and a close interrogation of the relevant sources. However, it will also adopt an approach to cover material history, philosophy, military developments and a study of religion and culture.

**Emperor's and Empire:** An in-depth study that charts the Roman occupation and conquest of Britain from Claudius to Trajan. You can expect to study a range of archaeological and literary sources that outline the military policy, resistance to Roman rule and impact of the Roman rule on the inhabitants of Britannia. The accompanying breadth study will follow the Empire in its infancy: the reigns of the Julio-Claudian Emperors and the changing political, social and economic aspects of their rule.

**Athens and the Greek World:** The Greek element of the course follows a study of the Greek city states, such as Athens, Sparta and Argos, from the Persian wars to Peloponnesian wars. It will be focusing on the unity, or lack of it, between these cultures. From this, you will study the Athenian culture in depth including art and architecture, philosophy, and the development of democracy, religion, and drama.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Politics, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Geography, Mathematics or Languages.



### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

### Course description

The study of English Language at A Level will encourage you to discover language, the way in which we use it, the way in which it has changed over time and the variations and manipulations that have emerged due to cultural developments such as social media and urban street slang.

As such, you will observe how language has evolved over the centuries and where different dialects and accents have become prominent across the regions of the UK. Moving forward from here, you will begin to develop your own identity and style of writing in a creative writing coursework unit. This qualification consists of four units: Language Variation, Child Language, Investigating Language and Creative Writing.



#### Did you know?

Employers highly value the ability to accurately use both spoken and written English.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Graphic Design, Media Studies, Business, Politics, Sociology, Languages or History.



## English Language.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Course description

How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? How do we explain why people commit crime? These are all questions you will explore on the WJEC Level 3 Diploma in Criminology. With a focus on applied learning, you will gain the understanding to evaluate the impact of criminological theories on policy making.

**Year 1 (Certificate):** You will explore how criminality is defined over time and between cultures. You will study biological, sociological and individualistic theories of why crime happens and apply them to real life scenarios. You will look at how the media represents criminals and campaigns to elicit change and their impact on public perceptions of crime.

**Year 2 (Diploma):** You will track criminal processes from the crime scene to the courtroom, examining the factors which influence the fate of criminal suspects. You will look at the personnel involved in criminal investigations and the techniques that are used, including forensics, offender profiling and surveillance. You will study the criminal justice system and evaluate the aims of using different forms of punishment to tackle crime.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Law, English Literature, English Language, Business Studies, Sociology, Psychology or Politics.



### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Additional Subject Requirements

English Literature at grade 4 or above.

### Course description

The study of English Literature allows students to develop strong analytical skills by covering a range of texts across different genres, centuries, and from authors of various backgrounds, ages and genders.

English Literature will allow you to study some of the best loved texts from the most renowned authors, poets and playwrights from throughout the ages.

In addition, you will learn how authors use language to create meaning and you will explore the social, cultural and historical contexts within which the books were written.



#### Did you know?

Studying English Literature can lead to a career as a Digital Copywriter, Editorial Assistant, a Journalist, a Teacher or a Writer.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Graphic Design, Media Studies, Business, Politics, Sociology, Languages or History.



## English Literature.





# French.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

French at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

A Level French will allow you to improve your speaking, writing and reading skills to an advanced level. You will also explore the society, culture and current affairs of France and French-speaking countries to gain a deeper appreciation of the language.

You will look at the work of an author and the work of a film director, plus focus on topics such as family and relationships, youth trends, multiculturalism and the political and artistic culture of France and French-speaking countries.

In addition to these topics, students will do an individual research project.



### Did you know?

There are 300 million French speakers worldwide, which means French ranks as the 5th most spoken language globally.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

English Language, Politics, Business, History, Media Studies or Law.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

During this A Level you will learn about the politics of the UK and USA, with a core focus on current affairs, policy and structure for both countries. You will learn how political decisions are made and who has the power and authority to make those decisions and how they are put into power. You will also study US politics, acquiring an understanding of how the two systems compare.

You will focus on issues such as the mechanics of government, political participation, Parliament and the role of the Prime Minister, the Judiciary and human rights, political systems and various political ideologies such as liberalism, conservatism and socialism.



### Did you know?

Politics opens doors to a broad range of careers, including political work, social and political research, journalism, HR and marketing.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Law, English Literature, English Languages, Business Studies, Sociology, Psychology or Criminology.



# Politics.



# German.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

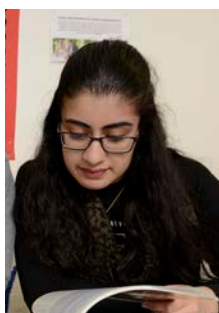
German at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

A Level German will allow you to improve your speaking, writing and reading skills to an advanced level. You will also explore the society, culture and current affairs of Germany and German-speaking countries to gain a deeper appreciation of the language.

You will look at the work of an author and the work of a director, plus focus on topics such as family and relationships, youth trends, multiculturalism and the political and artistic culture of Germany and German-speaking countries.

In addition to these topics, students will do an in-depth study of a literary work and a film.



### Did you know?

German is the most widely spoken mother language in the European Union and an official language in seven countries.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

English Language, Politics, Business, History, Media Studies or Law.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

History will give you a better understanding of the past, why events happened as they did and give you a clearer view of today's society and events. History is not just based on facts, but it's the interpretation of these facts which can be just as important, and therefore, your personal thoughts and opinions will be explored. As well as developing vital analytical skills through investigation, interpretation and evaluation of evidence, you will develop expertise in historical skills and acquire knowledge and understanding of historical events and issues.

These will include Britain 1951-2007, an in-depth study of the impact of World War II, subsequent post-war economic boom and the affluence created by this. You will also study the impact of different governments: Eden, Wilson, Thatcher and Blair, and the international role of Britain throughout the period. You will also study the USA 1865-1975, a breadth study on the country's transformation from division following the Civil War to a global superpower. This will include the differing political, economic and social developments across this period to assess this evolution.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Law, English Literature, English Languages, Geography, Sociology or Mathematics.



# History.

# Law.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

A qualification in Law demonstrates your ability to think clearly and logically. Not only will you be looking at a wide range of high-profile cases, you'll also find out about the offences themselves, how they came to court, how the judge sentences a convicted criminal and how solicitors, barristers, magistrates and juries interact. You'll gain an understanding of how laws are made and how they are passed in Parliament, police powers, criminal and civil courts and the European Court of Justice.

**Criminal Law:** You will study the rules and principles concerning general elements of criminal liability for offences against the person including assault and murder, property offences and attempt. In addition, you will examine the defences of intoxication and self-defence.

**Tort Law:** You will learn the rules and principles concerning liability and fault in actions for negligence, occupiers' liability, nuisance and vicarious liability - with reference to associated defences and remedies.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Criminology, English Literature, English Language, Business Studies, Sociology, Psychology or Politics.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Science at grade 4 or above.

## Course description

Over the course of the programme, you will cover a broad range of topics, which include looking at research into the areas of social psychology, cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, biological psychology and individual differences. Additional topics that you study include issues in mental health, criminal psychology and child psychology.

In addition to covering these areas of psychology, you will learn a variety of skills, which will allow you to critically analyse research, develop improvements to research and plan and design your own practical investigations. Psychology uses the scientific method of experimentation and statistical analysis, requires students to learn to be numerate, to use logical reasoning and to express themselves clearly and concisely in writing.



### Did you know?

In 2019, there were approximately 38,000 psychologists in employment in the United Kingdom



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Law, English Literature, English Language, Business Studies, Sociology, Criminology or Politics.



# Psychology.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (PEaR) explores philosophy of religion, religion and ethics and the religion of Buddhism. It takes students on a journey through the big spiritual, ethical, and philosophical questions that humans have asked since the dawn of time.

Philosophy of religion will cover Christian scholarly views on the existence of God, religious experience and the language used by theologians. Religion and ethics will explore key topical debates in our society such as euthanasia and business ethics. Discussions will focus on whether morally good actions involve following societal rules or considering consequences.

The course will study the impact of religion on the world with particular focus on major world religions such as Buddhism. Lessons will look at religions in the East and West and the impact that religion has on popular culture. A large topic will be the way that religion is portrayed in western media and debates will surround the positive and negative connotations of this.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

English Literature, English Languages, Geography, Sociology, Ancient History or Law.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Course description

At a basic level, Sociology is the study of the society around us and our place in it. While everyday life may appear to be random and hectic, it is possible to identify patterns of behaviour. Studying sociology will make you more aware of your society and enable you to gain a valuable insight into human social behaviour.

You will study a wide range of interesting and exciting Sociology topics such as culture and identities, social inequalities and youth culture. You will look at contemporary issues in society such as the strengthening of national identities, plus the investigation of the social construction of gender identities. You will also look at social inequality (this will involve discussions about inequality in our society in terms of gender, age, class and ethnicity), the effect of the mass media and sociological explanations of crime and deviance.



### Did you know?

90% of UK sociology faculty have won research or teaching awards.



### This course works well when taken alongside:

Law, English Literature, English Language, Business Studies, History, Criminology or Politics.



# Sociology.





# Spanish.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Spanish at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

A Level Spanish will allow you to improve your speaking, writing and reading skills to an advanced level. You will also explore the society, culture and current affairs of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries in order to gain a deeper appreciation of the language.

You will look at the work of an author and the work of a film director, plus focus on topics such as family and relationships, youth trends, multiculturalism and the political and artistic culture of Spain and Spanish-speaking countries. In addition to these topics, students will do an individual research project of their choice.



## Did you know?

Studying a modern language degree will help you to become a good communicator (both orally and in writing).



## This course works well when taken alongside:

English Language, Politics, Business, History, Media Studies or Law.



## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Biology plus another science subject, or triple or combined Science at grade 5 or above from the higher tier paper.

## Course description

A Level Biology aims to enhance your understanding and appreciation of living organisms, how they function individually and how they interact with one another.

You will plan experiments, collect data, analyse results and make conclusions. You will study diseases, the organisation of cells, variation in organisms and the influence of genetic and environmental factors. You will also study populations and environments, looking at certain ecosystems, how human activity affects the ecological balance and how genetic variation can lead to the formation of new species.

In addition, you will learn about control in cells and organisms, stimuli and responses, homeostasis, genes and genetic expression. Practical investigation work is emphasised, which will extend your practical skills. This course is essential if you plan to study Biology at university.



## This course works well when taken alongside:

Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Geology, Geography, Psychology, Statistics or Sociology.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

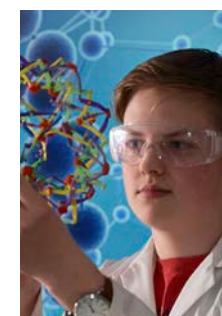
Chemistry plus another science subject, or triple or combined Science at grade 5 or above from the higher tier paper and Mathematics at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

Chemistry combines well with other sciences and is a key subject for many degree courses in science, such as Medical, Veterinary or Dental Sciences, Biochemistry, Chemistry or Chemical Engineering. You will add to your knowledge of atoms, bonds, groups, structure and bonding and relate them to types of reaction.

You will also further investigate energy changes and rates of reaction. Later in the course you will develop your knowledge of Organic Chemistry, including investigating how drug molecules are made by organic chemists.

You will also learn about the exciting field of spectroscopy, which is used in Medicine and Analytical Chemistry. There is a strong emphasis on developing practical skills and applying theory to practical applications. This course is essential if you plan to study Chemistry at university.



## This course works well when taken alongside:

Biology, Physics, Mathematics, Geology, Geography, Psychology, Statistics or Sociology.



# Biology.



# Chemistry.



## Computer Science.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

### Additional Subject Requirements

Mathematics at grade 5 or above.

### Course description

This subject is ideal for anyone who is considering a career working with computers or an area in research and development, where an understanding of computer science would be beneficial. You will learn to become an effective designer and implementer of computing solutions, learning to program in a number of languages including C#, SQL and Haskell.

You will study a wide variety of computing principles including fundamentals of programming, data structures, algorithms, data representation, computer systems, computer organisation and architecture, communication and networking, functional programming, databases, BigData and Theory of Computation. In addition to the theory work you will complete a substantial practical project solving a realistic problem or carrying out an investigation of your choice. While writing code is important, there is more to being a computer scientist. This includes considering issues such as coding efficiency and speed of execution, as well as having confidence that the code is correct. You will cover all these aspects and appreciate the difference between writing code and the bigger issues faced by computer scientists.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry or Business Studies.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Additional Subject Requirements

Geography at grade 5 or above.

### Course description

**Geography is a subject that examines contemporary issues facing the world as a whole and individuals on a local scale. This A Level programme uses recent examples of natural hazards and cutting edge knowledge of complex global systems such as climate change, allowing us to improve our understanding of the natural world.**

Students will also research a range of impacts due to the world becoming more globalised, from diverse sources and first hand experience. Fieldwork and research are an extremely important part of the geographical inquiry process. Students will be required to complete a minimum of four days guided fieldwork and various research tasks throughout the programme culminating in their own research paper in the second year.



#### Did you know?

The top jobs held by graduates include Business Associate Professionals, Marketing Associate Professionals and Environment Professionals.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry or Politics.



## Geography.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in Mathematics and English Language.

### Additional Subject Requirements

Triple or combined Science at grade 5 or above from the higher tier paper.

### Course description

Take a journey from outer space to deep within the core of our planet. Learn about the cataclysmic and spectacular forces that have shaped our planet from its origins 4.5 billion years ago. You will develop an understanding of volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and what we do to try to predict these natural disasters.

Discover answers to questions that have been asked by generations of the most talented minds; How do the rocks form? How old is the Earth? What are fossils and what can they tell us about life on Earth? What is inside the Earth? Start to find the answer to all these questions and more with A Level Geology. Residential field trips and visits include White Scar Cave in Ingleton, Vesuvius and Capri, Iceland, the Isle of Arran to study geological features and Weymouth to study palaeontology.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry or Politics.

### Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

### Additional Subject Requirements

Mathematics at grade 7 or above.

### Course description

A Level Further Mathematics builds upon the skills acquired while studying Mathematics. It is a qualification which both broadens and extends the topics covered in A Level Mathematics. It is strongly recommended you study Further Mathematics if you intend to study a mathematical subject at university.

This subject is particularly beneficial to students who have career aspirations in the areas of Mathematics, Physics, Engineering and Computer Science. This subject equips you with skills such as logistic analysis and deduction, data handling, mathematical modelling and problem solving, all of which can be applied in almost any field of work.



#### Did you know?

There's a demand for mathematicians and statisticians across a wide range of sectors.



#### This course works well when taken alongside:

Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Psychology or Business Studies.



## Geology.



## Further Mathematics.





# Mathematics.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Mathematics at grade 6 or above.

## Course description

It is vital that we are able to understand mathematical ideas before we can start to apply them in the real world. A Level Mathematics will help you to do this. At A Level, Mathematics is far more algebraic than at GCSE so you will need a firm understanding of GCSE Algebra. There is also more emphasis on problem solving and proofs.

You will study a combination of pure mathematics, statistics and mechanics. We also run a stretch and challenge workshop for those who wish to extend their learning, where you will be able to take part in activities that prepare you for the Mathematics Team Challenge and work towards additional Mathematics qualifications, which may be required for university.



## Did you know?

Six months after graduating almost two thirds of Mathematics graduates are in employment or combining work and further study.



## This course works well when taken alongside:

Further Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Psychology or Business Studies.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Mathematics at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

A Level Statistics builds upon the statistics and probability components of GCSE Mathematics. The course employs the statistical enquiry cycle to help make sense of data trends and to solve statistical problems in a variety of contexts, such as Psychology, Biology, Geography, Business and the Social Sciences. It prepares students for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines which use statistical analysis and reasoning with data.

Statistics is a subject which is aimed specifically at facilitating the development of the statistical elements employed across the A Level curriculum. It supports transition to Higher Education or employment in any of the array of disciplines that make use of quantitative analysis.



\*Due to the increased requirement to use technology within the new specification, students will be required to purchase a calculator with increased statistical capability. You will be advised on make and model by your tutor.



## This course works well when taken alongside:

Mathematics, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Psychology or Business Studies.



# Statistics.



# Physics.

## Entry Requirements

Two grade 5s and three 4s in five subject areas at GCSE, to include a minimum of a grade 4 in English Language.

## Additional Subject Requirements

Physics plus another science subject or triple or combined Science at grade 5 or above and Mathematics from the higher tier paper at grade 5 or above.

## Course description

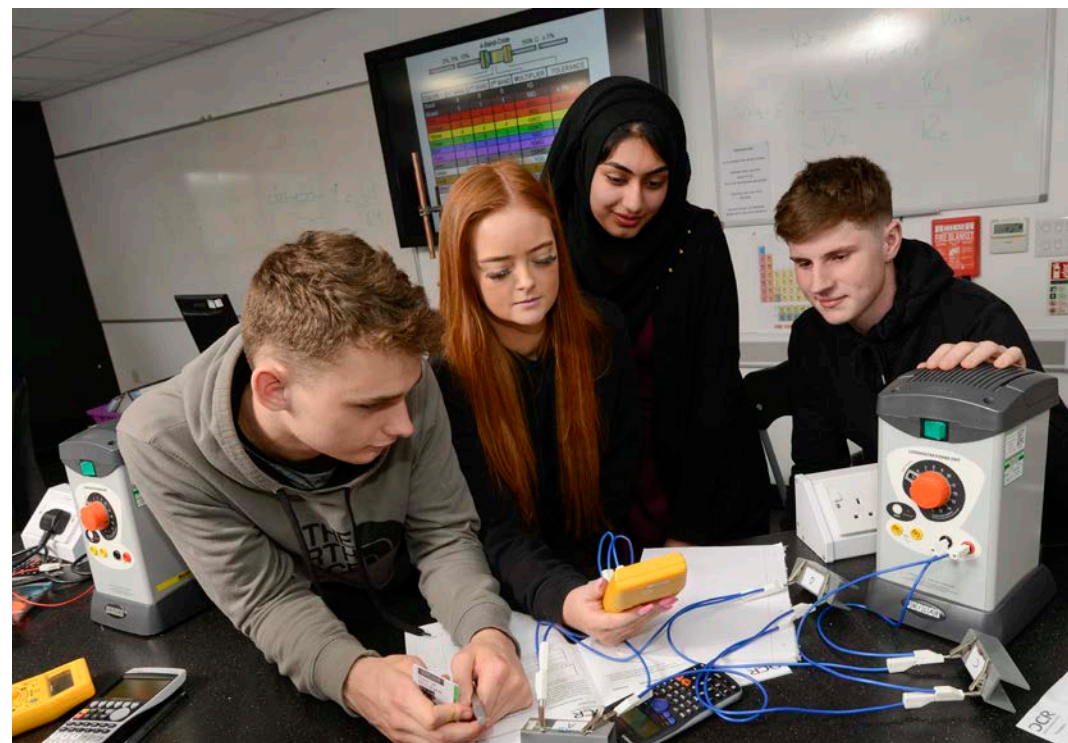
Physics involves experimental investigation, theory and applications related to your everyday life. On the course you will discover the working of the world and universe around you. This includes astrophysics and cosmology, medical physics (including positron emission tomography), and nuclear and particle physics. You will also study the forces which dictate how the universe and everyday objects behave, and the equations that can be used to describe this behaviour.

In both years you will undertake experimental investigations where you will extend your practical skills. This is essential if you plan to study Physics at university. Throughout the course the theory is put into context and delivered using a wide range of resources to ensure maximum understanding. This course doesn't have to be taken alongside A Level Mathematics.



## This course works well when taken alongside:

Further Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Psychology or Business Studies.



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# Where it can lead to...

# Vocational



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Completing an Apprenticeship at Fives Landis



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**School**  
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**Achieved**  
Triple Distinction\* in Business

**Where next?**  
Studying Business Management at Lancaster University



**Ryan Mossop**

**School**  
Blessed Trinity RC College

**Achieved**  
Level 2 in Hairdressing

**Where next?**  
Further study and employment at Art House Salon



**Megan Reeder**

**School**  
Colne Park High School

**Achieved**  
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**Where next?**  
Studying Adult Nursing at Edge Hill University



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**Where next?**  
Studying Interior Design at Manchester School of Art



**Ryan Parker**

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**Achieved**  
Triple Distinction\* in Networking and Systems Support

**Where next?**  
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**Ellie Carpendale**

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**Where next?**  
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**Shumaila Akhtar**

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**School**  
Colne Park High School

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Triple Distinction\* in Uniformed Services

**Where next?**  
Studying Professional Policing at the University of Central Lancashire



**Aisha Abid**

**School**  
Pendle Vale College

**Achieved**  
A\* in Education and Childcare

**Where next?**  
Studying Primary Education with QTS at Manchester Metropolitan University



**Emma Reeder**

**School**  
Colne Park High School

**Achieved**  
Triple Distinction\* in Sport and Exercise Science

**Where next?**  
Studying Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation at Edge Hill University



**Taylor Barraclough**

**School**  
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

**Achieved**  
Triple Distinction\* in Uniformed Services

**Where next?**  
Studying Professional Policing at the University of Central Lancashire



## Is Vocational right for me

Choosing the right type of qualification for your future career can be a difficult decision.

Here is some useful information about Vocational courses to help you make up your mind.

- You will learn real industry skills designed to make you competitive in the job market
- Vocational qualifications will help you progress directly into employment, an Apprenticeship, or university
- They are available in a range of subjects, including: Business, Hairdressing, Education and Childcare, Digital, Health and Social Care and many more
- We have made huge investments in industry facilities and latest technologies to ensure you are 'career ready'
- A Vocational route is ideal if you enjoy practical, hands-on learning, and a mix of assessment styles
- You will be taught by professional tutors with great industry experience and links
- A two-year full-time Level 3 programme is equivalent to three A Levels



## What's new for 2021-22?

### Trailblazing T Levels in Health and Science

See course pages for more information and visit [gov.uk](https://gov.uk).



### New Transitions Programme

An all-round technical and professional qualification designed to help you progress onto further study within your chosen industry.



**TRANSITIONS**

## Which level course?

The grades you achieve in your GCSEs will determine which level vocational programme you start on at College. Most of our courses will require a grade profile that matches the diagram opposite.

Some qualifications however, will require you to have an underpinning technical knowledge of the subject, so you will have to start at Level 1 to ensure you have these essential skills. Further information can be found on the course information pages. The diagram opposite demonstrates the different qualification levels and the progression routes available. Use your predicted grades to see what level Vocational programme you will start at.



Students who do not achieve a grade 4 or above in Mathematics and English Language at school will be required to resit these qualifications alongside their course.

### Employment, University or an Apprenticeship

You may also choose to progress directly on to an Apprenticeship from a Level 2 programme.

## LEVEL 3

A minimum GCSE profile of 5 GCSEs at grade 4, including Maths or English.

2 year course\*

Some Level 3 courses require specific entry requirements. Further details of these can be found on the course page.

T Levels require both Maths **and** English at grade 4.

## LEVEL 2

GCSE profile of 4 GCSEs at grade 3, including Maths or English.

1 year course

Some Level 2 courses require specific entry requirements. Further details of these can be found on the course page.

## LEVEL 1

GCSE profile of 5 GCSEs at grade 2, including Maths or English.

1 year course

## ENTRY LEVEL

GCSE profile of 1s, Us or equivalent. Exceptions may be made for students with no qualifications.

1 year per level



## Entry Level

### Foundation Programmes

Foundation Programmes are designed to give you a route onto higher level courses in your chosen Vocational area. At this level, you will develop basic skills and knowledge of your chosen subject, alongside English and Maths. You will also develop your personal skills such as communication skills, team work and problem solving. Your programme will include work experience within your chosen sector. Courses are available across a wide range of Vocational subjects and are designed to offer you tailored support to help you progress on to further studies or to get ready for an Apprenticeship.



### Choices

The Choices programme is for students with identified support needs. It is a very tailored programme, designed around your individual support needs, and work experience and projects will form a key part of the course.

We work with a range of partners to offer you exciting placements to enhance your experiences and skills.

Your course will be made up of the following elements;

- Skills for personal development
- Work Experience (pre-internship and supported internship)
- Project work and volunteering
- Tailored support
- English and Maths, where appropriate
- Vocational tasters, where appropriate
- Trips and visits

### ESOL

Our ESOL programme is also available for students where English is their second language.

This programme is designed to help you develop your English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through a wide range of experiences.

## Level 1

### Foundation Programmes

At Level 1, you will gain an insight into your chosen Vocational subject and further develop your skills in English and Maths. You will also be supported to build key personal skills such as communication, problem-solving, and team work to help you take those first steps towards your chosen career. You will undertake a work placement to find out what it's like to work in your chosen sector and build essential skills for the workplace.



### Subjects available include:

- Business
- Digital
- Education and Childcare
- Engineering
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care
- Sport/BFC

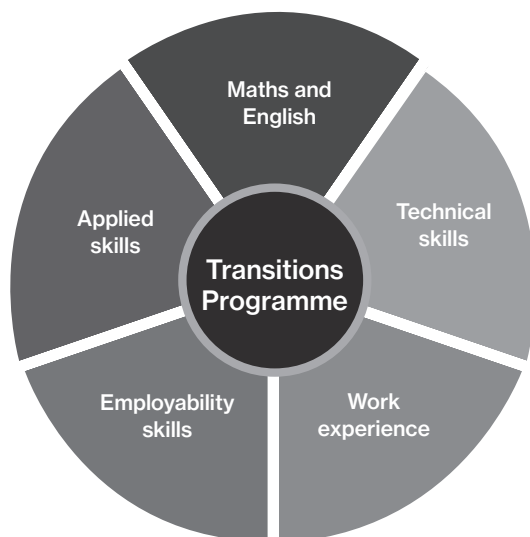
On successful completion of your Level 1 course you may be able to progress on to further studies with a Level 2 course in your chosen subject or onto an Apprenticeship, where appropriate.

# Level 2

## Transitions Programmes

Our Transitions Programmes are designed to get Level 2 students ready for a Level 3 course and a career in your chosen sector. As part of this tailored programme, you will receive individualised support and opportunities to prepare you for your next steps.

### What the course is made up of



#### Maths and English

If you have not got the Maths and English grades you need for progression onto a Level 3 course, you will be supported in achieving these.

#### Technical skills

Individualised for your area of study, we will develop your technical skills and introduce you to key topics that you will explore further at Level 3 or in the workplace.

#### Applied skills

You will have the exciting opportunity to develop your technical knowledge by getting involved in employer-set projects, designed to prepare you for a rewarding career in industry. There will also be opportunities for trips, visits and guest speakers.

#### Employability skills

You will be supported to develop key personal skills such as communication, confidence, resilience, employability and presentation skills.

#### Work experience

We will work with you to find a suitable placement aligned to your career aspirations, where you can gain 'on the floor' experience.

# Level 3

## Advanced Vocational Programmes

Our Level 3 courses are designed to get you ready for your next steps after College, be it university, an Apprenticeship or employment. The qualifications will be tailored around you and your career aspirations.

### What the course is made up of



Level 3 qualifications are the equivalent to A Levels, and are an advanced programme of study designed to prepare you for a successful future in your chosen sector. We have a wide range of Level 3 qualifications to include BTECs, CACHE and RQF programmes, as well as our new T Levels.

Designed by employers and sector leaders, T Levels are a two-year advanced qualification, equivalent to three A Levels, where you can combine classroom study with a work placement.

T Level students spend 80% of their time in the classroom and 20% on a 45-day work placement, to equip them with the skills they are looking for and really prepare them for a successful future in their chosen industry.



## Personalised Programmes

Your Study Programme is designed around you and your career aspirations. We will work with you to develop an individualised programme to meet your needs and prepare you for your next steps after College. Here's how it works...

### Your Study Programme and Tutorials

You will choose a Vocational programme matched to your career aim. This programme will be tailored to your personal goals and focused on developing the essential technical skills, experiences and knowledge needed for your chosen industry. Our courses are highly practical and your progress will be assessed through a range of methods which may include observations, theory-based tests and some exams. This is to ensure you can demonstrate the skills and knowledge that employers and universities alike are looking for.

Whichever course you choose, you will be taught by industry experts within your field, who are experienced, knowledgeable and up-to-date with the latest industry practice. They will provide you with one-to-one support throughout your time with us and will help to push you to achieve your goals.



“Thanks to the effort and dedication of the teaching staff, my time at College has been amazing. I have felt supported and encouraged in all areas.”

**Millie Parker**  
Studying Professional Policing at the  
University of Central Lancashire



## Facilities

The College has invested heavily in industry facilities and equipment to support you in gaining relevant and specialist skills for your chosen career field. Whichever course you choose, you will learn in a professional and inspiring environment, practising the skills required in your industry, building your skills, confidence and knowledge to impress future employers and universities.

## Work Placement

All of our Vocational programmes include work experience linked to your career aspirations as an essential part of your course. These placements are aimed at expanding your knowledge and skills and gaining a deeper understanding of your chosen career.

For some courses you may get the opportunity to take part in an **extended Industry Placement**, where you'll spend additional time to a normal work placement learning 'on the job' in the workplace.

You'll benefit from professional mentoring and gain impressive knowledge and skills for progression into the industry. Some of our students have managed to secure full-time employment and Apprenticeships with their employer from their **Industry Placement**.

You will have support in finding your placement through your tutors and our dedicated Careers Team.

## Extracurricular

Alongside your course, you will be encouraged to participate in a range of extracurricular activities, to help you develop career and life skills, and to support your health and wellbeing. There is a wide range of extracurricular activities on offer ranging from sport and leisure activities, to trips and visits, community projects, charity fundraising, health and wellbeing events and more! This is all designed to make sure you get the most out of your College experience, as well as supporting applications to university, employment and Apprenticeships.

## Industry Links

The College has excellent links with industry. We work closely with a wide range of employers both locally and further afield, providing you with exceptional opportunities to engage with industry professionals. Opportunities may include employer mentoring, working on client briefs, mock interviews with employers, industry events and skills competitions.

We also run a wide range of **Industry Careers Days** where various industry leaders visit the College to share their knowledge and experience. You will have the opportunity to 'ask the experts' questions about their field, as well as being inspired by their journeys and gaining advice to help you achieve your goals.

# Industry week highlights



Health and Social Care and Childcare students meet with industry professionals to learn more about careers in their chosen sectors.



Creative Arts and Media students visit In-Situ in Pendle on Industry Careers Day and enjoy a round table 'talkaoke' discussion with Paul Hartley.



Digital students learn more about the fast-paced changes in the IT world during their Industry Careers Day.



Members of the East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust Team inspire students in Science with insightful careers advice and guidance.



**"During my time at College, I volunteered on a weekly basis supporting children at Blacko Primary School to gain a better insight into teaching, and support my career. I supported children with reading and learning in the classroom, set up and put away equipment for class activities, assisted with group work, and helped with lunchtime duties."**

**Dominika Bzdon**  
Studying Sports Coaching and Development at the University of Central Lancashire





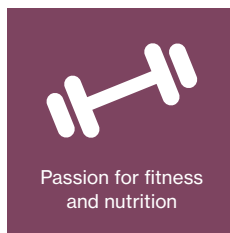
# Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team

As a student on the Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team programme you will develop your leadership, teamwork and technical knowledge to support your career in sport. Education and training from experienced industry professionals will prepare you for a successful transition to the world of work, an Apprenticeship or higher education. You will also develop your technical footballing ability through training and competition in a range of regional and national leagues.

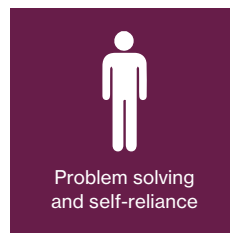
## Top skills for this industry...



Strong teamwork and leadership skills



Passion for fitness and nutrition



Problem solving and self-reliance

## Some of the employers we work with...



## Unique partnership with Burnley Football Club



Burnley FC  
Shadow  
Youth Team

Football & Education Programme



Girls'  
Post-16  
Academy

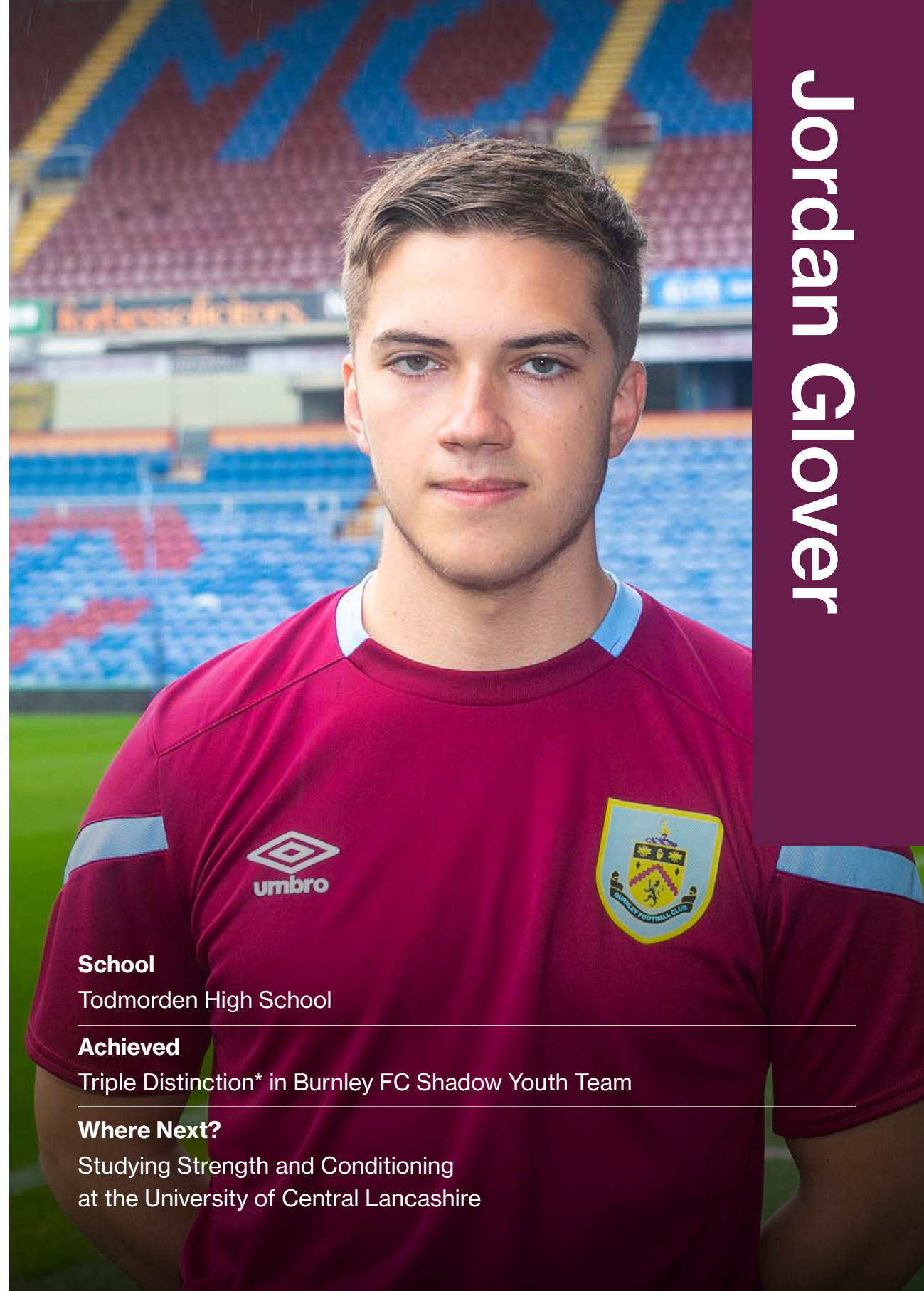
Football & Education Programme

## Thinking of studying Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team?



Also available at our Accrington campus!  
Find out more at [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk)

Jordan Glover



## School

Todmorden High School

## Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team

## Where Next?

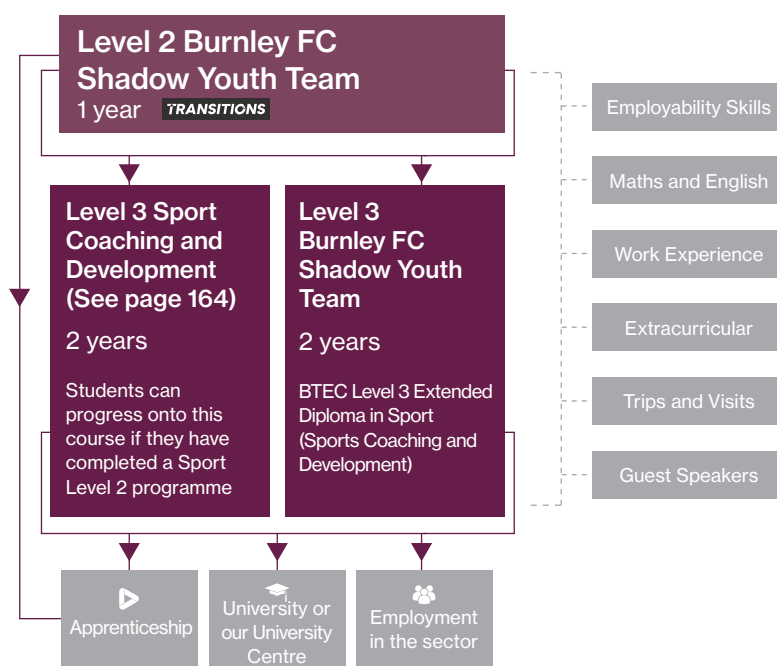
Studying Strength and Conditioning  
at the University of Central Lancashire



# Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team

As a student on the Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team programme, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning. You will have the opportunity to progress onto Higher Education, or a role in a professional football club.

## Progression Pathways...



BFC Girls' Academy available alongside other College courses.



## Level 2 Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team



Male and female squads available

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above. Plus a successful trial.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

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This programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including First Aid training, coaching and fitness training and fitness testing. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Leadership, Safe Working Practices and Communication with Children and Different Audiences. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 Sport qualification or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience.

This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team



Male and female squads available

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above. Plus a successful trial.

### Description

The Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team offers a unique education and performance programme for those wishing to maximise their football talent. Students will represent the College, in partnership with Burnley FC in the Community, in a range of National Leagues operated by the English Football League and the Association of Colleges.

Students will benefit from a high quality coaching and playing experience, while studying towards a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development. This will give you the skills, behaviours and knowledge to support a successful career in sport. You will get up to 12 hours of football coaching and competition per week, a full Level 3 academic qualification, opportunity to complete an FA Level 1 Coaching Badge and chance to work alongside your coaches to support Burnley FC home matches at Turf Moor.

From this programme you can progress to Higher Education, employment or an Apprenticeship.

Students from this programme also have the opportunity to pursue athletic scholarships at a range of American universities.







## Business.

# Business

As a Business student, you will be taught by lecturers from a wide range of professional backgrounds such as marketing, retail, finance, and law. You will be given exciting opportunities to enhance your classroom learning through work experience placements with local firms, trips to leading national organisations, guest speakers from industry, and more.

### Top skills for this industry...



Excellent communication and negotiating techniques



Strong organisational skills



Decision making skills

### Some of the employers we work with...



### Did you know?

The business sector is a fast-paced and dynamic environment which offers opportunities in a wide variety of roles and industries

Starting salaries in key functional areas of business such as marketing, operations, finance and human resources can be between £20,000 and £35,000

### Thinking of studying Business?



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Sign up for  
Pre-Professional  
Programme in  
Business

# Marium Shafique

### School

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### Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Business

### Where Next?

Studying Business Management  
at Lancaster University

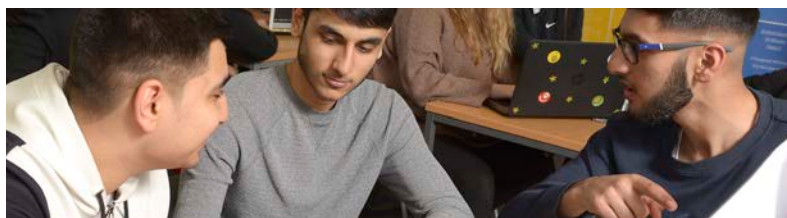
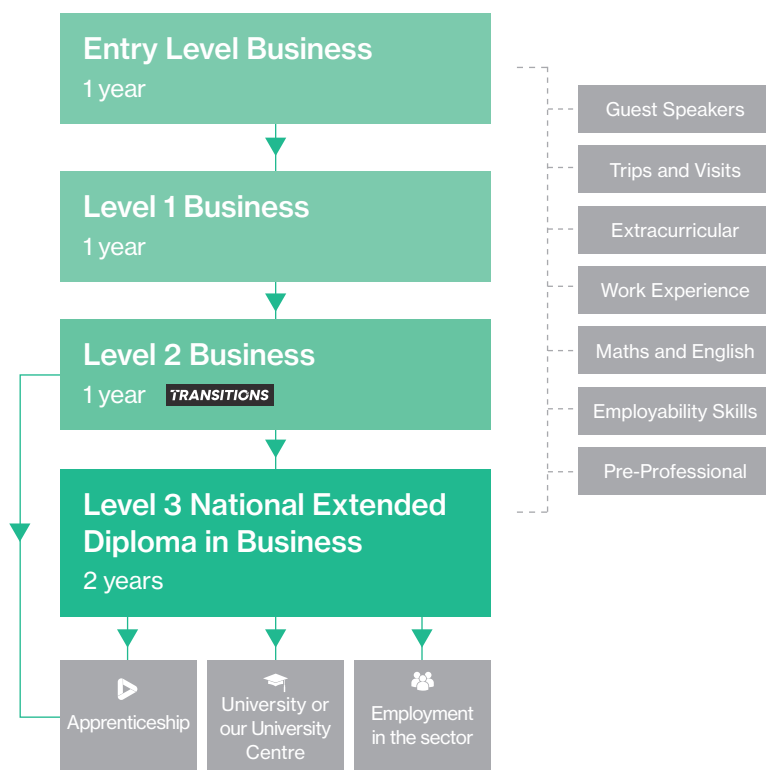
National  
BTEC Award  
Winner



# Business

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## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Business

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Business Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including presenting, report writing, teamwork and researching information.

You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include: Social Media Platform Awareness, Blogging, Awareness of Different Client Groups, Retailing Skills, and Money Management.

After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business or an Apprenticeship. There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience.

This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

The UK presents to you a multitude of career and entrepreneurial opportunities as the sixth largest economy globally. Studying Level 3 Business will provide you with the acumen and technical expertise to help you take these opportunities and succeed within the ever-changing and dynamic world of business.

You will focus on studying modules embedded in the demands of the modern business environment such as Accounting and Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, International Business, Business Law and Event Management.

Each of the 13 unique modules studied will enable you to attain specific knowledge related to individual topics studied, as well as providing opportunities to enhance your vocational development and skillset.

The course has strong academic elements to enhance work-based knowledge, such as several external examinations, but is firmly embedded in vocational skill enhancement.

You will conduct a variety of activities to aid your personal development including presentations, employer-based projects and professional report writing.

The course will give you the opportunity to network with a range of employers and you will have regular contact with guest speakers and local business leaders. Work experience forms a key part of the course and tutors will work closely with you to ensure you get the most practical and valuable experience possible, linked to your career aspirations.

For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.





# Creative Arts and Media

As a Creative Arts and Media student, you will receive high quality training from industry experts and take part in a range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be supported to meet your career aims through work experience placements, educational trips, guest speakers, live briefs for real clients and more.

## Top skills for this industry...



Digital image making



Good organisation skills



Highly creative

## Some of the employers we work with...

BBC

sun

in-situ

SUPERSLOWWAY

## Did you know?

The Creative industry is one of the fastest growing in the UK, having grown more than 50% since 2011 and employing over 2 million people

Growth in the Creative sector over recent years has been driven by a boom in computer services, highlighting the importance of digital creative industries such as video games

## Thinking of studying Creative Arts and Media?



You may also be interested in

**Digital or Creative Media Practice** available at our Accrington campus!  
Find out more at [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk)

# Sophie Palmer

## School

Ss John Fisher and Thomas More RC High School

## Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Art and Design

## Where Next?

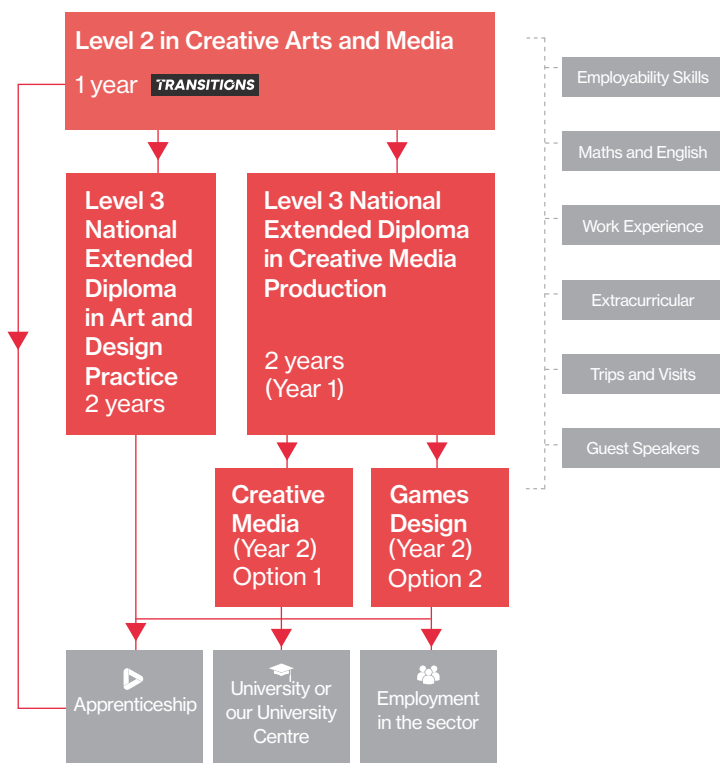
Studying Interior Design  
at Manchester School of Art



# Creative Arts and Media

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## Progression Pathways...



## You could progress onto our...



**Level 4 Foundation Art, Design and Media Practice**  
Find out more at [www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk)

## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Creative Arts and Media

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grades 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Creative and Media Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including enterprise skills, photography, fine art, graphics and textiles.

You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Communication with Service Users and Different Audiences, Social Media Platform Awareness as a Marketing Tool, and Awareness of Different Client Groups.

After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 Creative Arts and Media course or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience.

This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Art and Design Practice

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

This course is designed to allow you to develop knowledge and skills within the arts and media sector. You will gain a range of key industry standard skills, which will include textiles, fine art and photography. Your skills and experience will allow you to create your own professional portfolio and work on client projects. In addition to the knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin study for becoming a practitioner in the art and design sector, this qualification gives students experience of the breadth and depth of the sector to prepare them for further study or training.

Students taking this qualification will study two mandatory learning and teaching modules: Exploring and Developing Art and Design Skills and Advancing Creative Practice.

Both modules will include intensive skills development for the arts sector. This course will allow you to develop your knowledge and approaches to Art and Design.

Specific skills you will develop include:

- Informing ideas
- Problem solving
- Technical skills
- Professional practice
- Communication skills

We offer a range of course specific extracurricular opportunities including Textiles, Fine Art, and Drawing. These will all help in developing your personal and professional skills, to get you ready for your future career.

For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.



# Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production

## 2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

On the Creative Media Production course, you can expect to develop a range of skills. The qualification has been developed for students who wish to focus their study in Creative Media Production, with a view to progressing to a related higher education course and a career within the creative industries.

The course is designed through client set projects, self-directed assignments, group work and work placements, as well as external exam assessments to develop your employability skills, such as self-management, and prepare you for higher education to specialise in the media sector. You can expect a range of different opportunities across the course to study graphics, animation, publishing and film-making. You will be mostly assessed on your coursework, portfolios and essay writing for 60% of the course, with 40% on an external assessment.

This exciting course can lead to a range of related higher education programmes such as:

- Media Studies
- Computer Animation
- Media Production
- Film
- Digital Television Production and Broadcast Audio Technology

The main focus of Year 2 will be on using the skills developed in Year 1 to work on a project - giving you the opportunity to plan, prepare and develop a response to an industry brief. All work will be internally assessed via practical portfolio work. Student work is generated through practical projects, briefs, workshops and engagement with industry experts. You will have the support of experienced tutors to help you every step of your journey.

The college has developed excellent links with local organisations to help develop practices so that they are in line with industry standards. This will ensure that you are ready for your next steps.

## Creative Media

### Year 2 (Option 1)

Year 2 includes online portfolio building, networking events and opportunities with industry experts. You spend a large percentage of your time advancing your practical skills learnt in Year 1 and applying them to a live client brief, which is open for you to focus on your chosen speciality within Creative Media.

## Games Design

### Year 2 (Option 2)

Year 2 includes portfolio building with games development, including: 2D and 3D graphics, and creating and developing games. You will spend a large percentage of your time advancing your practical skills which you developed in Year 1 and then applying them to a live client brief, which is open for you to focus on your chosen speciality within games design.





## Digital.

# Digital

As a Digital student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, competitions, trips, guest speakers, and working with experienced tutors.

### Top skills for this industry...



Good knowledge of computers and systems



An analytical mind



Strong organisation skills

### Some of the employers we work with...



### Did you know?

Representing around 850 member organisations ranging from SMEs to FTSE 100 companies, techUK has declared the UK a world leader in technology

The UK Digital industry is expanding 2.6 times faster than the rest of the economy

### Thinking of studying Digital?



You may also be interested in

#### Digital and Media

available at our Accrington campus!

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Enquire  
about our  
Coding Clubs

Ryan Parker

### School

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### Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Networking and Systems Support

### Where Next?

Completing an Apprenticeship at Serun

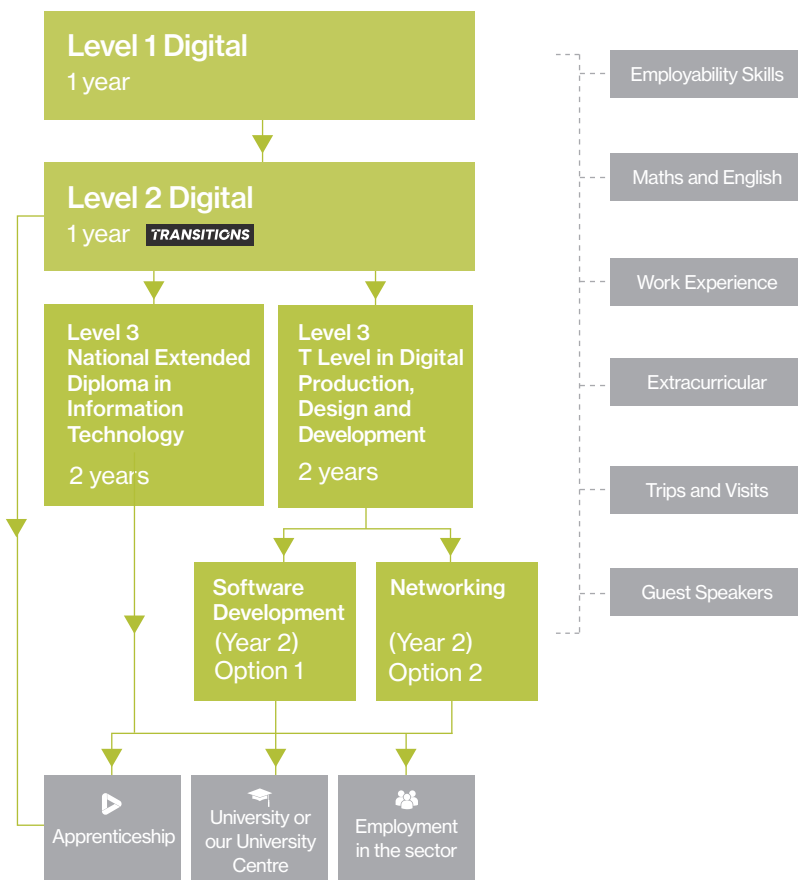




# Digital

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## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Digital

1 year course **TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students, which will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Digital Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including presenting, report writing and researching information.

You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Communication with Service Users and Different Audiences, Social Media Platform Awareness as a Marketing Tool and Awareness of Different Client Groups. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 Digital course or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.



For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.

## Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Information Technology

### 2 year course

#### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

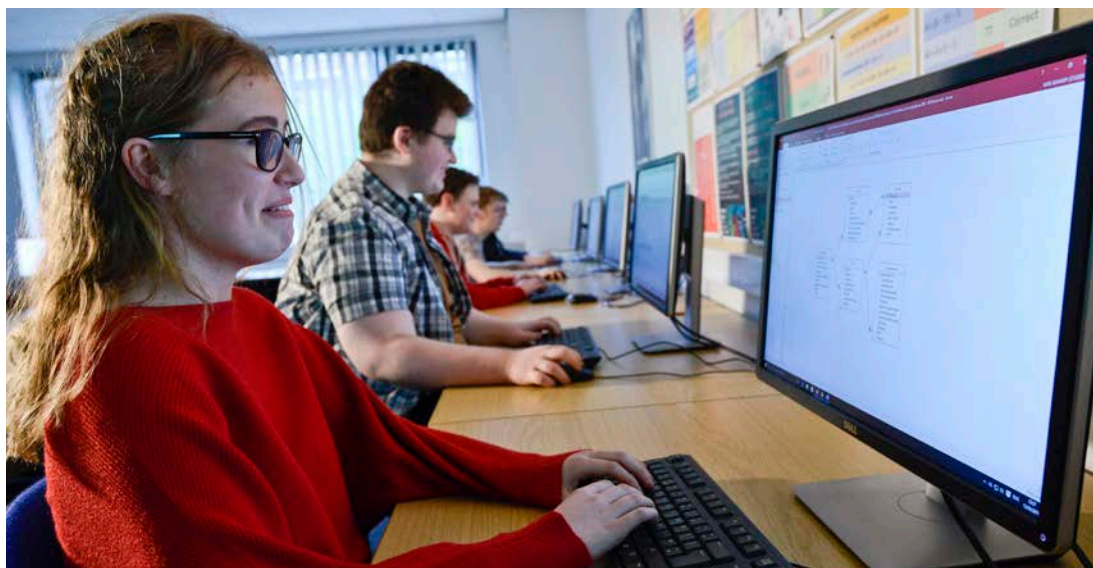
#### Description

This course provides you with the knowledge, skills and expertise that you will require for your next steps into a digital career, whether this is employment or Higher Education. You will cover a variety of skillsets around information technology, including Project Management, Database Design and Development, Cyber Security, Social Media, Web Development, IT Technician and Programming. You will be given the opportunity to explore how organisations manage security, develop new software and administrate networks. You will learn a variety of skills including developing a broad knowledge of industry specific technical skills under the supervision of experienced tutors and with guidance from industry experts.

The units you will cover include:

- IT Systems
- Databases
- Social Media
- Data Modelling
- Web Development
- Games Design
- Cyber Security and Incident Management
- IT Technical Support and Management
- Software Testing
- IT Service Delivery

You will be assessed via internal and external assessment. The external assessments are set and marked by the exam board. The internal assessments are marked by your tutors via a series of coursework projects and portfolio evidence. Alongside the course you have the opportunity to develop a broader skillset, which may include becoming a successful project manager, developing your programming skills further, website development and cloud computing. There will be lots of opportunities for gaining industry knowledge of job roles within the digital sector, with trips to businesses including ROQ and EKM.



## Level 3 T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development

**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

### 2 year course

#### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics and English at grade 4 or above.

#### Description

The T Level is a ground-breaking two-year Level 3 study programme that will offer students a mixture of classroom-based learning and on-the-job experience. T Level students spend 80% of the course in the classroom, learning the skills that employers need. The other 20% is an industry placement, where students put these skills into action. A vocational alternative to A Levels and Apprenticeships, the T Level has been launched as part of the Government's review of Vocational education, under the Skills Plan. They have been collaboratively developed by the Department for Education (DfE), the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA), education providers and employers.

The purpose of the Level 3 Technical qualification in Digital is to ensure that students have the knowledge and skills needed to progress into highly skilled employment, an Apprenticeship or higher level study.

You will learn a variety of technical skills which include:

- Emerging Issues
- Digital Analysis
- Business Environment
- Programming
- Software Development
- Problem Solving

Furthermore, you will be working on employer set project briefs to apply and develop your core skills. There is a strong emphasis on industry and professional skills within the programme, to help you build the skills necessary for when you move into employment. We have worked with a number of employers to ensure the standards being developed are of a professional quality.

In Year 1 you will study the core content for the Digital T Level and in Year 2 you will have the option to specialise in one of two pathways - Software Development or Networking. The Digital T Level is all externally assessed, and at the end of Year 1 there will be two written exams and one practical project to complete. At the end of Year 2 you will be required to complete a series of practical projects dependent on your chosen pathway.

An important requirement of the programme is that all students must complete a 315 hour (approximately 45 days) work placement with an external employer. We can help and support you in finding the right placement for you.

### Software Development

#### Year 2 (Option 1)

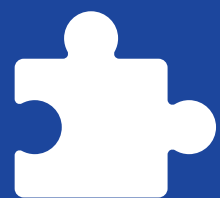
You will build on your knowledge from Year 1 and have the chance to specialise in one of the following 3 areas; digital infrastructure, digital support or network cabling.

### Networking

#### Year 2 (Option 2)

You will build on your knowledge from Year 1 and develop specialist skills in understanding user needs, designing interfaces, building/coding software and documenting it. This is a highly technical course that will develop your programming and software development skills.

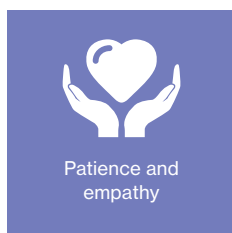




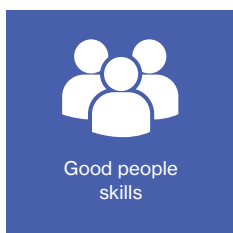
# Education and Childcare

As an Education and Childcare student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, trips, guest speakers, and more.

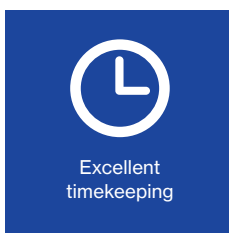
## Top skills for this industry...



Patience and empathy



Good people skills



Excellent timekeeping

## Some of the employers we work with...



## Did you know?

There are 32,100 schools in the UK with 10,320,811 pupils attending full or part time learning

The majority of primary teachers employed by local authorities earn a starting salary of £24,373 to £35,971

## Thinking of studying Education and Childcare?



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Ellie Carpendale

## School

West Craven High School

## Achieved

A\* Diploma in Education and Childcare

## Where Next?

Employment  
at Thornton Hall Farm



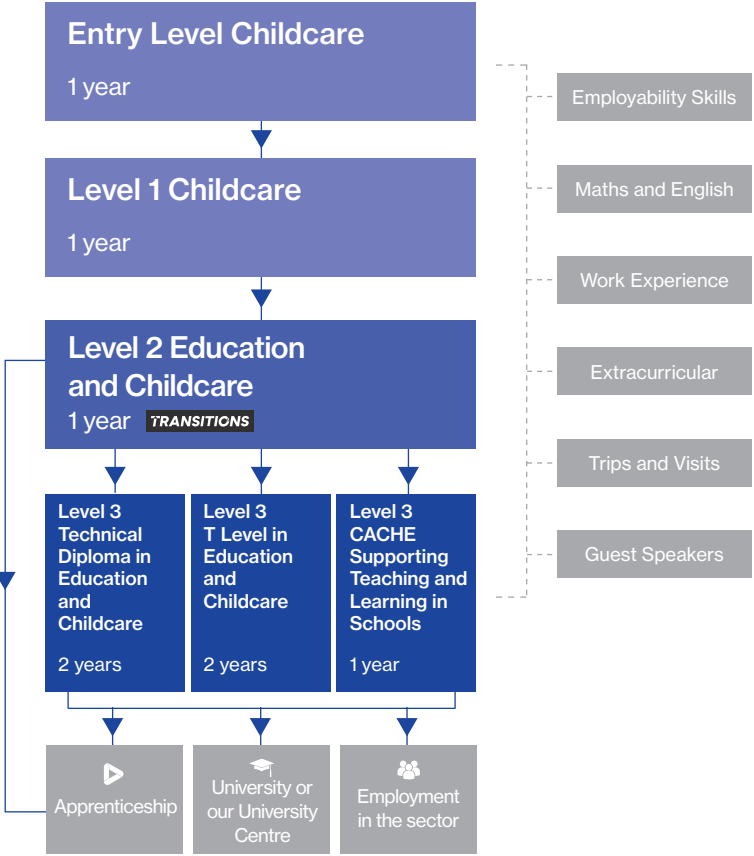
**CAREER  
PATHWAYS**

NURSERY  
MANAGER  
SPECIAL NEEDS  
TEACHER  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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EDUCATION  
WELFARE  
OFFICER  
PLAY THERAPIST  
TEACHING  
ASSISTANT  
PLUS MANY MORE...

# Education and Childcare

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## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Education and Childcare

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Education and Childcare Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including safeguarding protocols, stages of development and report writing. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Safe Working Practices and Communication with Children and Different Audiences. You will also work on your Maths and English skills. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 course in Education and Childcare or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 Technical Diploma in Education and Childcare (Early Years Educator)

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

On this course, you will learn about the development of children from birth to seven years old, looking at how children learn, how to plan activities and aspects of health and safety.

You will be assessed through a combination of written and practical work, as well as undertaking work experience within a real work environment.

Units will include Children's Development from Birth to Seven Years, Children's Health and Wellbeing, Providing Safe Environments for Children, Play and Learning, Understanding Children's Additional Needs, Observation, Assessment and Planning and Creating a Professional Practice Portfolio.

This course has 750 hours in placement throughout two years.



For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.



## Level 3 CACHE Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

1 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English. For students without the appropriate qualifications, relevant experience will be considered at interview.

### Description

This qualification is aimed at students looking to progress into a classroom setting to support pupils' learning, in roles such as Teaching Assistants, Learning Support Assistants and Special Needs Assistants.

Topics include Communication and Professional Relationships with Children, Promoting Children and Young People's Positive Behaviour, Supporting Assessment for Learning, Health and Safety and Safeguarding, Supporting Learning Activities and Understanding Children and Young People's Development.

If you are passionate about working with children and want to play a part in their education and wellbeing, this course could be ideal for you.

This course has at least 250 hours in placement throughout the year.



## Level 3 T Level in Education and Childcare

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics and English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

The T Level is a ground-breaking new two-year Level 3 study programme that will offer students a mixture of classroom-based learning and 'on-the-job' experience. A vocational alternative to A Levels and Apprenticeships, the T Level has been launched as part of the Government's review of Vocational education, under the Skills Plan. They have been collaboratively developed by the Department for Education (DfE), the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA), education providers and employers.

The T Level includes a core of knowledge and skills needed to work in the sector, a technical qualification, a substantial work placement of at least 750 hours over two years, as well as English, Mathematics and digital content.

The content of the Education and Childcare T Level is designed to get you ready for a career in the Childcare sector, one that is identified as having a skills shortage. The knowledge and skills required is divided into five themes.

They are:

- Theme 1: Exploring Sector Provision for Education and Childcare
- Theme 2: Child Development, Behaviour and English as an Additional Language
- Theme 3: Approaches to Learning for Positive Outcomes in Education for Children and Young People
- Theme 4: Professional Practice for Education and Childcare Including; Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Wellbeing of Children and Young People, Equality and Diversity and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
- Theme 5: Working with Others in Education and Childcare

The T Level will be assessed through a range of methods including external exams, coursework, external assessments and an employer set project. T Levels will train young people with the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to enter skilled employment in a particular occupation, or to continue to study that technical subject at a higher level.



40%  
Industry  
Placement

**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

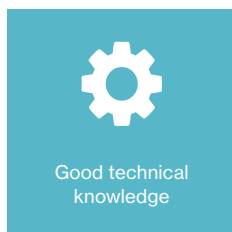




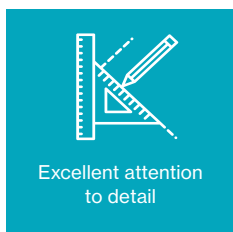
# Engineering

As an Engineering student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts in our £2 million skills facility, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, trips, guest speakers, and more.

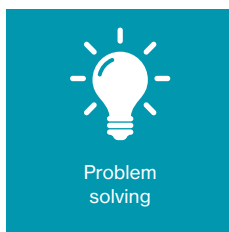
## Top skills for this industry...



Good technical knowledge



Excellent attention to detail



Problem solving

## Some of the employers we work with...



## Did you know?

It is estimated that a further 203,000 workers will be needed in the Engineering sector by 2024

The industry currently employs around 19% of all UK employees with an average of 27% of all enterprises in the country being engineering related

## Thinking of studying Engineering?



You may also be interested in **Construction or Motor Vehicle** available at our Accrington campus!  
Find out more at [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk)

## School

The Skipton Academy

## Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Engineering

## Where Next?

Completing an Apprenticeship at Fives Landis

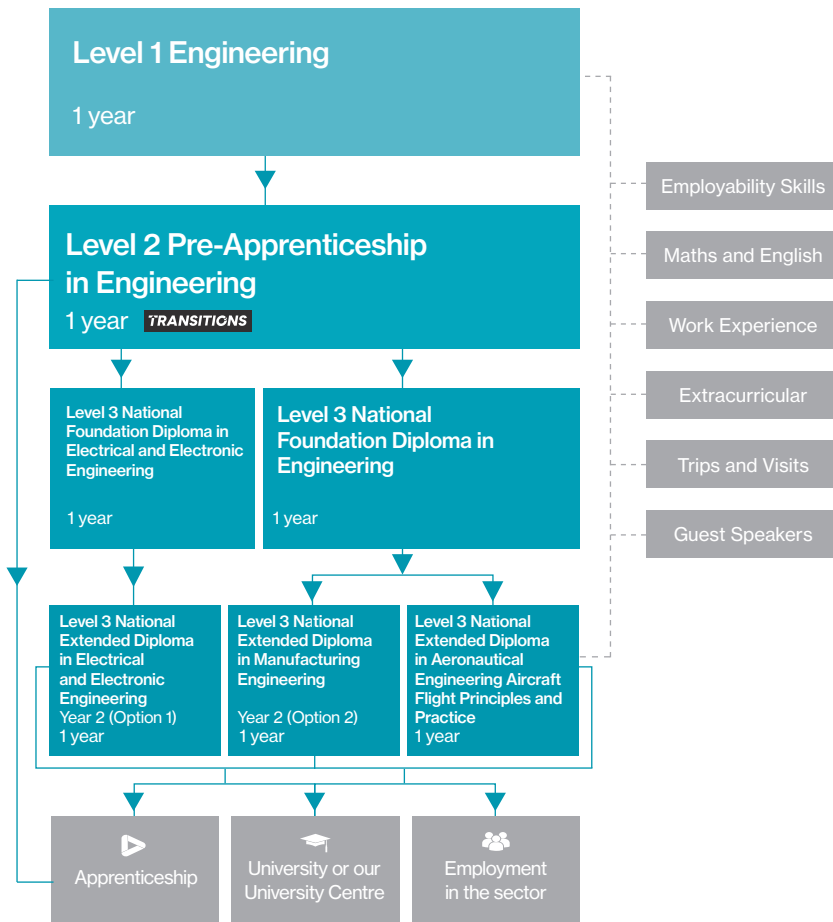




# Engineering

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## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Pre-Apprenticeship in Engineering

1 year course

TRANSITIONS

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Mathematics and Science, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students, which will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Engineering programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including product design and production, researching and analysing data/information and participating in a professional meeting. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Safe Working Practices and Communication with Service Users and Different Audiences. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Engineering course or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.



## Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and Science, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics at grade 4 or above.

### Description

This fascinating course involves two one year programmes covering a variety of Engineering topics. Year 1 is a Foundation Diploma in Engineering where you will study a range of units such as:

- Engineering Principles
- Delivery of Engineering Processes Safely as a Team
- Engineering Product Design and Manufacture
- Applied Commercial and Quality Principles in Engineering
- Computer Aided Design in Engineering
- Electrical Machines
- Electronic Devices and Circuits

Year 2 is an Extended Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience.

Units you will cover as a result of specialisation are shown below.

## Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Year 2

- Three Phase Electrical Systems
- Electronic Printed Circuit Board Design and Manufacture

For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.

# Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering

2 year course

## Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and Science, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics at grade 4 or above.

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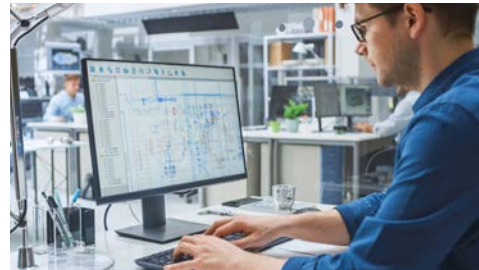
- Engineering Principles
- Delivery of Engineering Processes Safely as a Team
- Engineering Product Design and Manufacture
- Applied Commercial and Quality Principles in Engineering
- Computer Aided Design in Engineering
- Manufacturing Secondary Machining Processes
- Manufacturing Computer Numerical Control Machining Processes

Year 2 is an Extended Diploma in Engineering where you can specialise in Manufacturing Engineering or Aeronautical Engineering. Units will depend on your career pathway choice. There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. Units you will cover as a result of specialisation are shown below.

## Manufacturing Engineering

### Year 2 (Option 1)

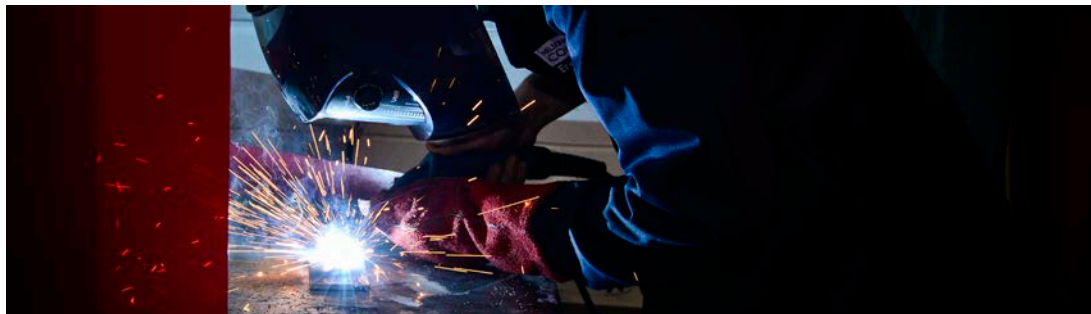
- Computer Aided Manufacturing and Planning
- Mechanical Behaviour of Metallic Materials



## Aeronautical Engineering

### Year 2 (Option 2)

- Aircraft Flight Principles and Practice
- Composites Manufacture and Repair Processes







## Hairdressing and Beauty

As a Hairdressing and Beauty student, you will be taught by industry experts, who will be able to offer you lots of different opportunities to showcase your creative flair and improve your portfolio. You will gain experience in our commercial salon - Distinction Hair and Beauty - and will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, guest speakers, and more.

### Top skills for this industry...



Creativity and an artistic flair



Good people skills



Caring and positive attitude

### Some of the employers we work with...



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### Did you know?

Hair and beauty businesses have higher survival rates after five years than many other sectors

Over 50% of people who work in the hairdressing and beauty sector are self-employed

### Thinking of studying Hair and Beauty?



Also available at our Accrington campus!  
Find out more at [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk)

Sign up to  
our six-week  
taster  
course

Ryan Mossop

### School

Blessed Trinity RC College

### Achieved

Level 2 in Hairdressing

### Where Next?

Further study and employment  
at Art House Salon





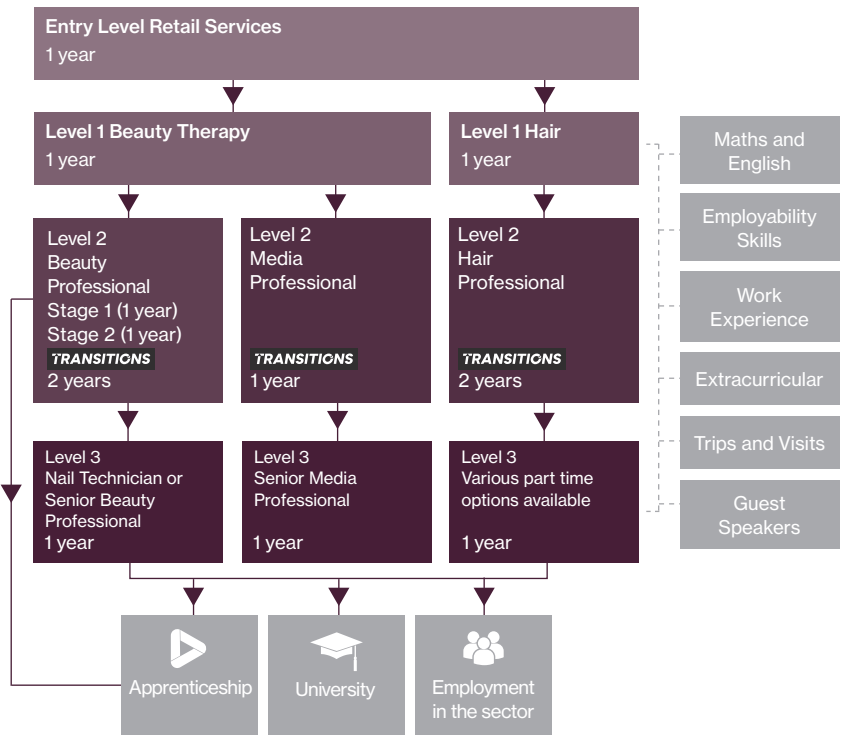
# CAREER PATHWAYS

IMAGE CONSULTANT  
 MASSAGE THERAPIST  
 SKINCARE SPECIALIST  
 BEAUTY ACCOUNT MANAGER  
 HAIR STYLIST  
 SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKEUP ARTIST  
 NAIL TECHNICIAN  
 BARBER  
 PLUS MANY MORE...

# Hairdressing and Beauty

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## Progression Pathways...



- Depending upon your skills, experience and qualifications, you will start at the level appropriate for you. This will be discussed at your interview
- Other industry masterclasses and qualifications may be available alongside your programme
- Progression onto an Apprenticeship could be available at any point in your programme, subject to suitable employment

*Distinction*  
IN BEAUTY





# Level 2 Beauty Professional

1 or 2 years dependent on qualifications and skills

TRANSITIONS

## Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Mathematics or English at grade 4. For the one year course students will need 4 GCSEs at grade 3 as well as Mathematics and English both at a grade 4 as a minimum.

## Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Beauty Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including nail art, skin care, facials and manicures. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Enterprise Skills, Awareness of Different Client Groups, Retailing Skills, and Product Branding. You will also work on your Maths and English skills. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 course in Hair and Beauty or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.



Students must complete the Level 2 qualification before progressing onto Level 3 as a requirement of the industry.

# Level 2 Hair Professional

2 year course

TRANSITIONS

## Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English.

## Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students, which will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Hair Professional Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including Master Classes for Current Additional Skill Development, Product Design and Production and Report Writing. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Enterprise Skills, Awareness of Different Client Groups, Retailing skills and Product Branding. You will also work on your Maths and English skills. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 course in Hair Professional or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.



For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.

# Level 2 Media Professional

1 year course

TRANSITIONS

## Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English.

## Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Media Professional Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including nail art, skin care, facials and manicures.

You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Enterprise Skills, Awareness of Different Client Groups, Retailing Skills, and Hair, Beauty and Media Makeup Skills. You will also work on your Maths and English skills. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto a Level 3 course in Hair and Beauty or an Apprenticeship.

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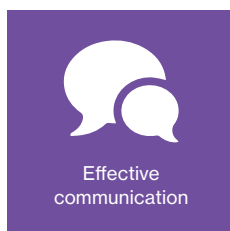
## Health and Social Care

As a Health and Social Care student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, trips, guest speakers, fundraising opportunities and more.

### Top skills for this industry...



Strong team player  
who is organised  
and driven



Effective  
communication



Empathy and  
compassion

### Some of the employers we work with...



### Did you know?

Careers in this industry are incredibly rewarding, you will be able to work very closely with other people

The Health and Social Care sector has around 80,000 vacancies currently

### Thinking of studying Health and Social Care?



Also available at our Accrington campus!  
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Working in  
partnership  
with



# Megan Reeder

### School

Colne Park High School

### Achieved

Achieved A\* in Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

### Where Next?

Studying Adult Nursing  
at Edge Hill University

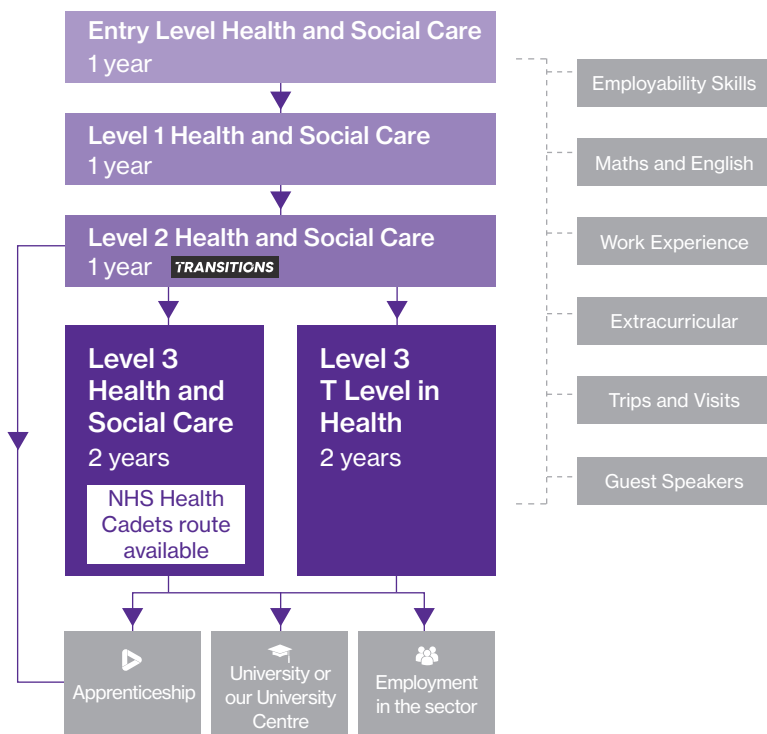




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## Progression Pathways...



## A&E Cadets

Students can choose to join the A&E Cadets alongside their course.

You will gain additional qualifications and life experience:

- A CIEH Level 3 in First Aid
- A Heartstart Instructor's qualification
- A Community First Responder insight (through the North West Ambulance Service)

## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Health and Social Care

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

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The Health and Social Care Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including care certificate standards, safeguarding protocols and report writing. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Safe Working Practices and Communication with Service Users and Different Audiences. You will also work on your Maths and English skills. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto the Level 3 Health and Social Care course or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.



## Level 3 Health and Social Care

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Year 1

**Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care**

With an anticipated national shortage within this sector, there is no better time to join this industry. During the first year of study, you will cover units such as Health and Safety, Safeguarding to Infection Prevention and Control, Human Growth and Development. There is an option for students to embark on the NHS Health Cadets Scheme and A&E Cadets.

### Year 2

**Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care**

You will be given insight into a broad range of careers. You will learn about Empowerment, Anatomy and Physiology, Mental Health and Family Issues in Health and Social Care. The research project is an opportunity for students to focus on an area of health and social care that interests them, which can be linked to their career options.

## Health Cadets



As a Level 3 Health and Social Care student, you may have the opportunity to join the Health Cadets Programme with the East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust (ELHT). This competitive programme includes extensive work experience at all ELHT establishments, alongside practical career related training. Students receive an exciting programme of events, presentations, mentorships and work experience, all aimed at helping you to determine your health-related career path.

The Cadets is a challenging yet rewarding programme, providing excellent routes into professional training for clinical careers, such as radiography, speech and language therapy, nursing, mental health, dietetics or occupational therapy, as well as university. Students will undertake the Skills for Care Certificate (a recognised qualification for employment in the sector) during the programme.

## Level 3 T Level in Health

### 2 year course

#### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics and English at grade 4 or above.

#### Description

The T Level is a ground-breaking new two-year Level 3 study programme that will offer students a mixture of classroom-based learning and 'on-the-job' experience. A vocational alternative to A Levels and Apprenticeships, the T Level has been launched as part of the Government's review of vocational education, under the Skills Plan. They have been collaboratively developed by the Department for Education (DfE), the Institute for Apprenticeships (IfA), education providers and employers. Nelson and Colne College is in the privileged position to be one of only few colleges to offer the T Level, which is going to be the new gold standard qualification in technical education, and be the pinnacle for those who are more practical. The T Level includes a core of knowledge and skills needed to work in the sector, a technical qualification, a substantial work placement of at least 315 hours over two years, as well as English, Mathematics and digital content. The content of the Health T Level is designed to get you ready for a career in the Health sector, one that is identified as having a skills shortage both regionally and nationally.

The knowledge and skill you will learn include:

- Working in the Health Sector
- Safety and Environmental Regulations Related to Health
- Managing Information and Data within the Health Sector
- Key Scientific and Clinical Practices
- Core Health Science Concepts

There will also be sector specific content around supporting healthcare roles, depending on the specialism chosen, which could include adult nursing, working with children and vulnerable adults and mental health. The T Level will be assessed through a range of methods including external exams, coursework and external assessments - including an employer set project. T Levels will train young people with the knowledge, skills and behaviours they need to enter skilled employment in a particular occupation, or to continue to study that technical subject at a higher level.



**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



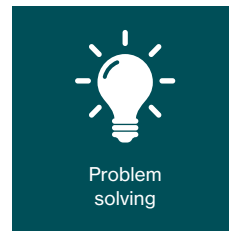




# Law, Justice and Protective Services

As a Law, Justice and Protective Services student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience and you will gain an in-depth understanding of Law and Criminology alongside an understanding of the various careers involved in the Protective Services. You will gain transferable skills that can be applied to the workplace or further study.

## Top skills for this industry...



## Did you know?

The starting salary for Police Constables in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is between £20,880 and £24,177, rising to £40,128 at the top of the scale - achievable after about seven years

A caring and patient demeanour will be vital for anyone considering a career as a Social Worker

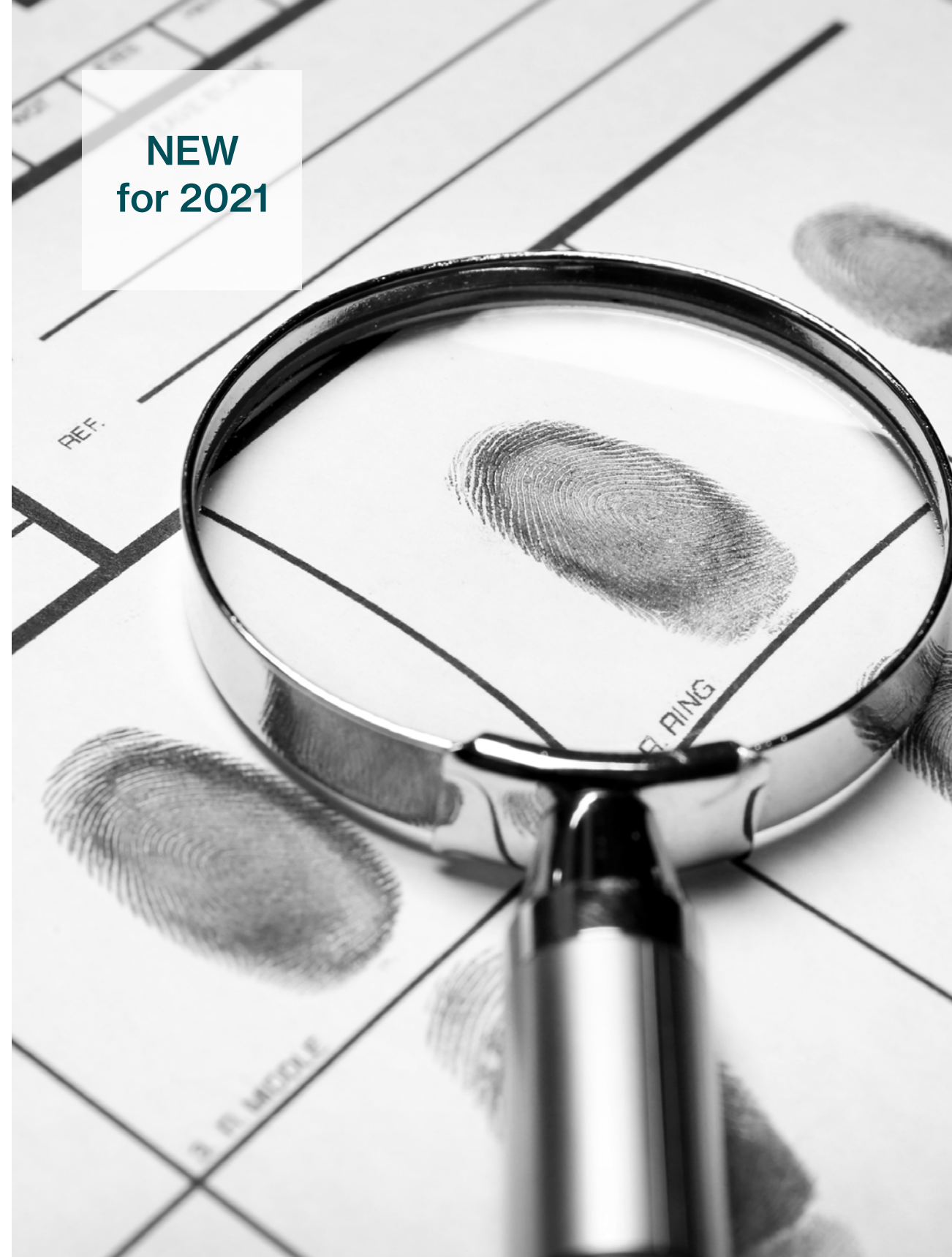


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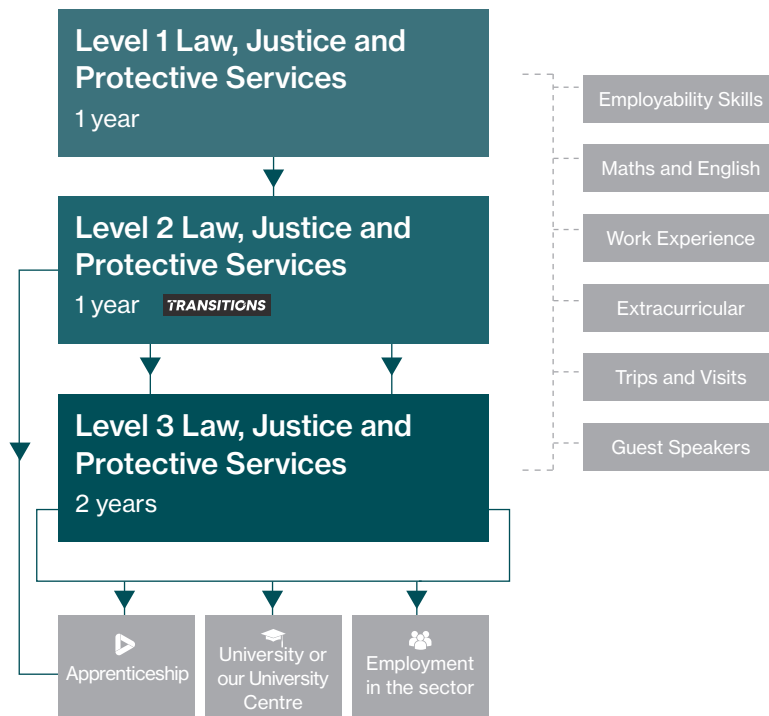




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## Progression Pathways...



## Police Cadets

The Police Cadets is a prestigious programme aligned to Lancashire Constabulary.

You will gain:

- Fantastic work experience shadowing PCSOs
- A taste of what it is like to have a career in the police force
- A potential stepping stone to voluntary roles within the police service

## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Law, Justice and Protective Services

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students. The course will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Law, Justice and Protective Services Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including teamworking, problem solving and researching information. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Leadership, Safe Working Practices, and Communication with Children and Different Audiences. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto the Level 3 Law, Justice and Protective Services course or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience. This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 Law, Justice and Protective Services

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

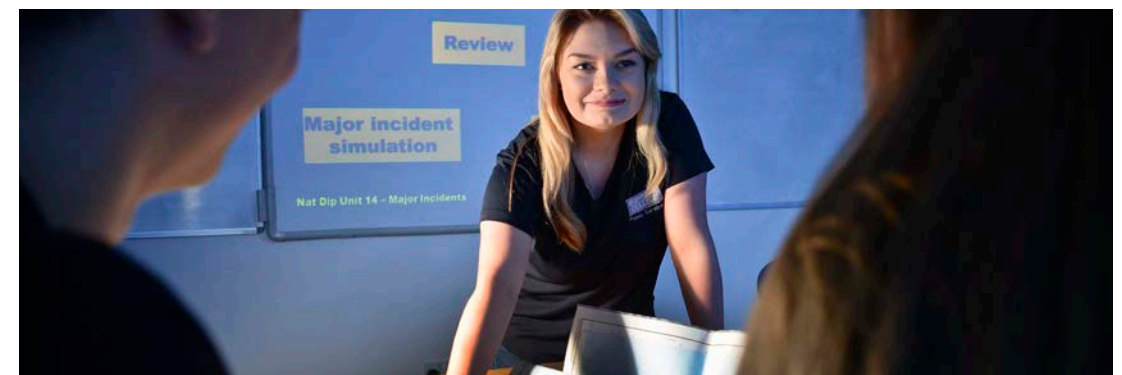
5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 4 or above.

### Description

On this course you will prepare for a career in fields such as policing, the probation service and other protective services. You will develop vital skills, including leadership and learn about key aspects of the law, criminal justice system and the role of protective services.

You will also have the opportunity to test your problem-solving skills and planning through a variety of enrichment opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Your course will equip you with the knowledge and skills for further study, Apprenticeships and roles in the workforce.







# Science

As a Science student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, trips, guest speakers, and more.

## Top skills for this industry...



Problem solving



Inquisitive nature



An analytical mind

## Some of the employers we work with...



A wide variety of local care homes

## Did you know?

Careers in the science industry can mean you have the opportunity to undertake your own research

There are over 750 undergraduate industry placements available in the healthcare and medical science sector



Opportunities include  
**A&E Cadets**  
and **Heartstart Training**

Shumaila Akhtar

## School

West Craven High School

## Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Applied Science (Medical)

## Where Next?

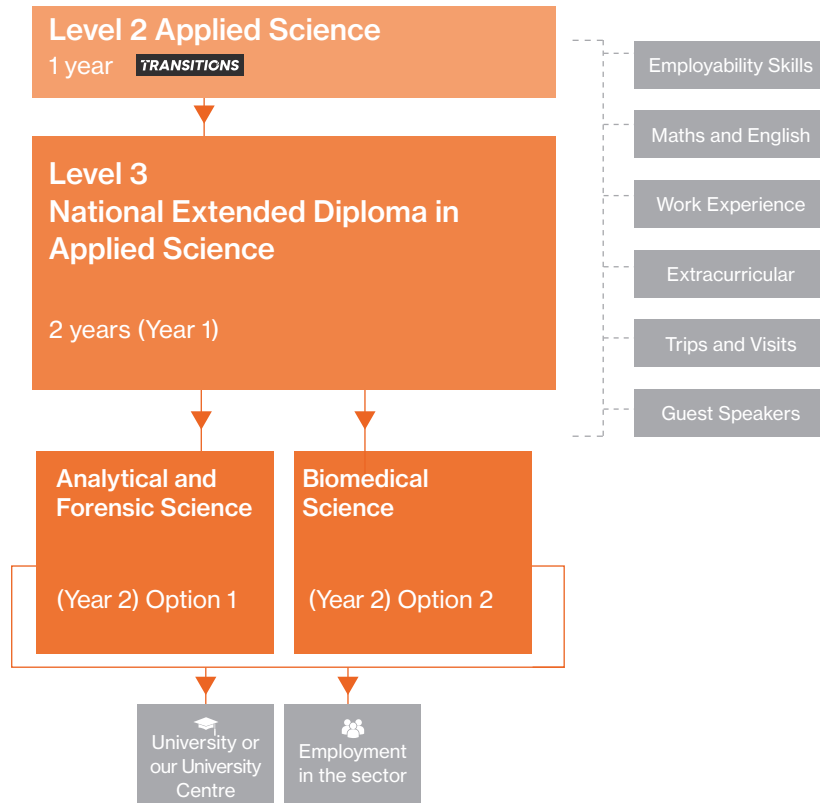
Studying Pharmacy  
at the University of Central Lancashire



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## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Applied Science

1 year course

**TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Maths, English and Combined Science. However, for those students who do not achieve this grade at English, this will be considered at enrolment.

### Description

If you are interested in working in the science or health related industry, this is an ideal Vocational route. Topics of study may include Principles of Applied Science, Chemistry and Our Earth, Energy and Our Universe, Scientific Skills and many more.

You can expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, and a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience, from work placements to guest speakers, trips and more.





## Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

### 2 year course

#### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and or English and Combined Science or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics and English.

#### Description

You will continue a broad, yet in-depth study of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, which will give you a range of skills and knowledge applicable to various science based degree programmes, Apprenticeships and careers, before specialising in Year Two. There will be formal assessments as part of your programme including written examinations and practical skills.

You can choose to specialise in one of the areas below...

### Analytical and Forensic Science

#### Year 2 (Option 1)

The police and law courts rely heavily on evidence extracted by scientists in the forensic industry. This is an interesting and challenging vocational route where you will study forensic evidence collection and analysis, forensic fire investigation and practical chemical analysis.



### Biomedical Science

#### Year 2 (Option 2)

If you are interested in working in the medical industry, this is an ideal vocational route. Throughout your second year there will be a greater emphasis on the understanding of biochemistry, biomedical science techniques, diseases and infections.

For students with equivalent qualifications and experience, this will be discussed and considered at interview.

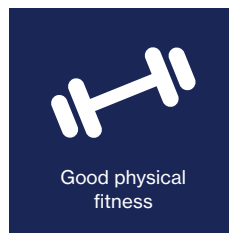
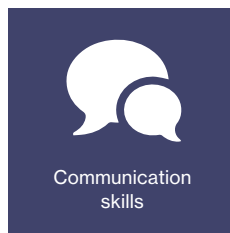




# Sport

As a Sport student, you can not only expect the highest quality of training from industry experts, but also a wide range of exciting opportunities to enhance your learning experience. You will be helped in tailoring your study programme, through work experience placements, trips, guest speakers and more.

## Top skills for this industry...



## Some of the employers we work with...



A range of primary schools across East Lancashire

## Did you know?

Experienced sports therapists can earn up to £28,000

Sport and Exercise Science research is preventing and treating conditions and diseases that cost the NHS billions every year

## Thinking of studying Sport?



Also available at our Accrington campus!  
Find out more at [www.accross.ac.uk](http://www.accross.ac.uk)

Emma Reeder

## School

West Craven High School

## Achieved

Triple Distinction\* in Sport and Exercise Science

## Where Next?

Studying Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation at Edge Hill University

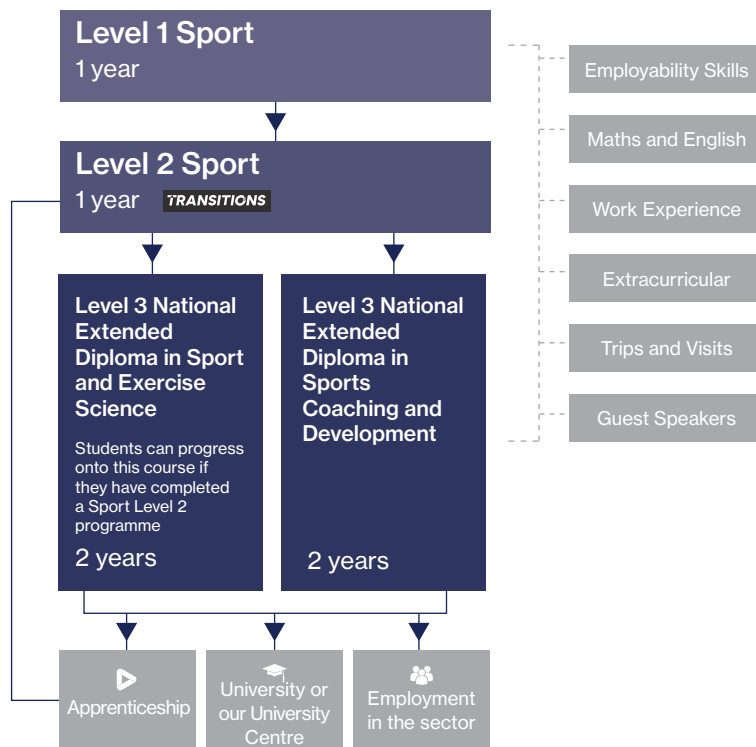




# Sport

We are committed to ensuring you are on the right path to help you get ready for your future. No matter what level you start at, we will ensure you gain the skills and confidence to progress and succeed in your chosen sector.

## Progression Pathways...



## Top university destinations...



## Level 2 Sport

1 year course **TRANSITIONS**

### Vocational Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above.

### Description

This course is part of our new Transitions Programme – a unique and individualised programme for Level 2 students, which will support you in developing the key personal, technical and professional skills you need in order to get ahead, whether you want to progress to Level 3 or employment in your chosen sector.

The Sport Transitions programme is made up of subject specific practical skills including First Aid training, coaching and fitness training and fitness testing. You will also develop key employability skills including commitment, resilience, initiative, confidence, and professionalism.

Areas of study may include Leadership, Safe Working Practices and Communication with Children and Different Audiences. After completing this course, you will have the necessary skills to progress onto the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development, a Level 3 in Sport and Exercise Science or an Apprenticeship.

There will be lots of opportunities for trips, visits, guest speakers, mentoring and work experience.

This is an exciting programme, designed to help you get ready for your next steps.

## Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science

2 year course

### Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Mathematics and English and preferably Science, or a Level 2 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English and preferably Science at grade 4 or above.

### Description

This course is a specialist, industry relevant programme developed with employers and universities in the sector. The programme supports progression to employment often via university in a range of disciplines including Sport Science, Nutrition, Psychology and Sports Therapy. This course also supports progression for those interested in teaching. The range of modules you will study include Sport and Exercise Physiology, Psychology, Nutrition, Fitness Training and Fitness Testing.

These modules will help you develop the leadership and communication skills vital for future career success. They will also develop your practical and technical knowledge through a range of practical, class based and lab based learning opportunities.

Most students progress to university following successful completion of this course, including our own degree in Sports Coaching and Performance.

You may also consider an Apprenticeship or employment in the sports sector.





# Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development

2 year course

## Vocational Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either Mathematics or English, or a Level 1 equivalent in this area and GCSE Mathematics or English at grade 3 or above. Plus a successful trial.

## Description

This course has been developed alongside the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA) and is designed to support progression to multiple routes including employment, Higher Education and Apprenticeships.

The range of modules you will study include Developing and Applied Coaching Skills, Sports Psychology, Nutrition, Sports Injuries and Massage, Fitness Training and Testing and Practical Sports Application. The curriculum will develop key industry skills including leadership, communication and a range of practical and technical skills in order to help you develop a career in the sports industry. From this programme you can progress to Higher Education, including our own degree course in Sports Coaching and Performance or into employment, as you will be Level 1 Coach qualified on successful completion. You may also wish to consider an Apprenticeship.





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# Why an Apprenticeship?

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- An Apprenticeship is a full-time job. You work for a business while gaining a nationally recognised qualification
- It is on-the-job training, and you even get paid!
- You will develop the skills and experience that employers want, and you will build up an impressive CV
- Apprenticeships take between one to four years to complete, depending on the type and level
- You can learn at a pace suited to you and you will have support from a Trainer Assessor
- Many employers choose to continue investing in their future workforce and grow their talent pool by employing Apprentices upon completion of their studies
- After completing an Apprenticeship, you could continue to train for an advanced, higher, or degree level Apprenticeship, or a related Vocational qualification. Alternatively, you could go on to university, or take a professional qualification that leads to a specific job role





Get ready for an...

# Apprenticeship

Our College has been providing a range of Apprenticeships for many years.

We have an excellent reputation with businesses across East Lancashire and beyond, who look to us to find their next star employee. If you decide that an Apprenticeship is the right route, you could be that employee!

We currently have over 1,800 Apprentices working in businesses both large and small who go on to become real assets to their employers and regularly secure full-time employment after their Apprenticeship.



Specialist  
Apprenticeship  
Recruitment Team  
to help you find  
employment



Talent matching  
service to recruit  
you into the right role



Individualised  
Pre-Apprenticeship  
support

## Pre-Apprenticeship Support

We understand that it is vital for young people to be equipped with the skills needed to secure employment and perform well in their roles. With this in mind we will work with you to develop your skills to make you more attractive to potential employers.

The type of support offered may include:

- Developing your CV and interview techniques
- Applying for an Apprenticeship
- Improving communication and presentation skills
- Industry specific qualifications and skills such as Paediatric First Aid or Health and Safety at Work
- Individualised advice, guidance and support
- An opportunity to complete certain key skills essential for employment
- Finding relevant work placements

# FAQs

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship gives you hands-on experience, a salary and the opportunity to train while you work. Apprenticeships are equivalent to a full-time academic qualification and there are a wide range of areas you can complete an Apprenticeship in. See our subject pages for details.

What are the benefits of an Apprenticeship?

- Earning a salary
- Training in the skills employers want
- 20% of your time is set aside for learning
- Excellent progression opportunities
- Increased future earning potential
- Better long term salary prospects
- Learning at a pace suited to you with the support of a mentor
- Gain official certification of skills equivalent to qualifications ranging from level 2 up to degree level
- Paid holidays

What grades do I need to do an Apprenticeship?

Intermediate Apprenticeship 4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above (one of these must be in English or Mathematics) or equivalent.

Advanced Apprenticeship 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above (one of these must be in English or Mathematics) or successful completion of an Intermediate Apprenticeship, or equivalent.

These requirements are subject to change and may also differ to meet the needs of the employer. As well as a College interview, progression onto an Apprenticeship is subject to an employer interview. Don't worry if you don't get the required grades, we can work with you to find a suitable route on to your Apprenticeship.

How much do I get paid?

All Apprentices receive at least the National Apprenticeship Minimum Wage in the first year, however some employers do choose to pay more.

How many hours a week do I work?

This is dependent on the employer and the role the Apprentice is undertaking.

Am I guaranteed a job?

No, however Government data shows that nationally 90% of Apprentices stay in employment after finishing their Apprenticeship, with many staying with the same employer, offering you a real future.

How long will it last?

Apprenticeships typically last for one to four years depending on the area of study. The majority of Apprenticeships last for two years.

What do employers expect from an Apprentice?

All Apprentices are expected to conduct themselves professionally in the workplace and must be conscientious in their work, attendance and timekeeping. Our unique Talent Pool package will help guide you in developing the skills and qualities desired by employers, however a desire to work and further your skills is essential!

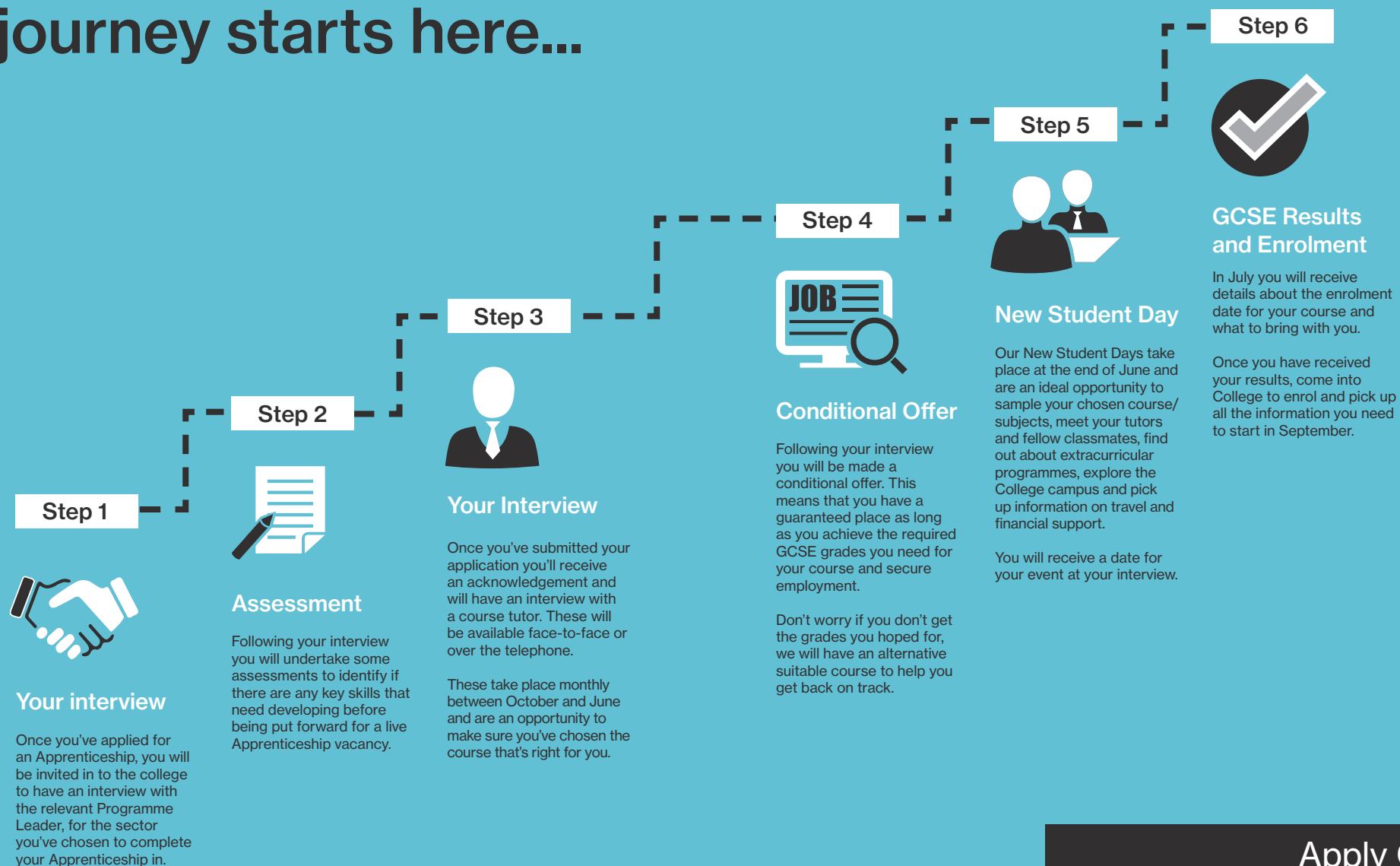
What does an Apprenticeship involve?

Training combines off the job study (usually at College) with learning and development in the workplace.

Can an Apprenticeship lead to university?

Yes! A growing number of Apprentices also go onto Higher Apprenticeships to gain degree level qualifications, but without the expense of going to university.

## Your Apprenticeship journey starts here...



**Apply Online**

[www.nelson.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.nelson.ac.uk/apprenticeships)







## Get ready for an Apprenticeship in... Business and Professional Services

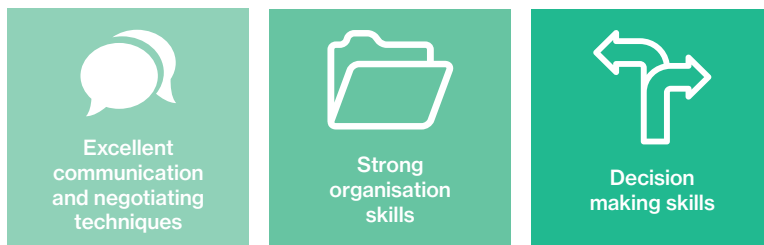
Available from Levels 2 to 5\*

\*Levels vary depending on framework / standard

### Apprenticeships available in...

Accountancy | Business Administration | Marketing | Legal Administration  
IT | Team Supervisor / Management | Social Media and Digital Marketer

### Top skills for this industry...



### Some of the employers we work with...



## Get ready for an Apprenticeship in... Catering and Hospitality

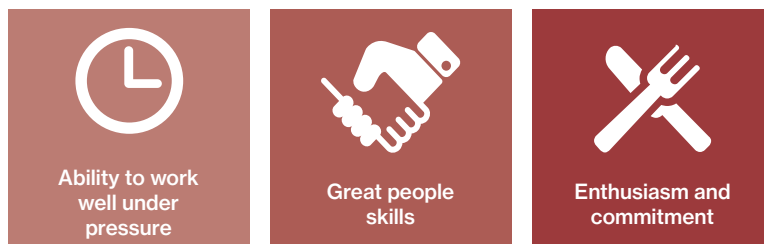
Available from Levels 2 to 3\*

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### Apprenticeships available in...

Front of House | Senior Chef - Food Production | Commis Chef  
Food Preparation and Cookery | Chef de Partie  
Hospitality Supervisor | Hospitality Team Member

### Top skills for this industry...



### Some of the employers we work with...



## Get ready for an Apprenticeship in... Construction Trades and Building Services

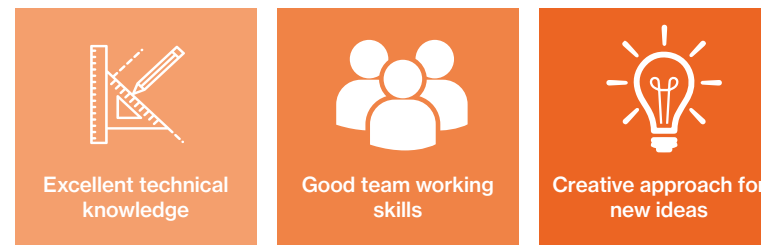
Available from Levels 2 to 4\*

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### Apprenticeships available in...

Brickwork | Carpentry and Joinery | Civil Engineering | Plastering  
Painting and Decorating | Construction Management

### Top skills for this industry...



### Some of the employers we work with...



## Get ready for an Apprenticeship in... Education and Childcare

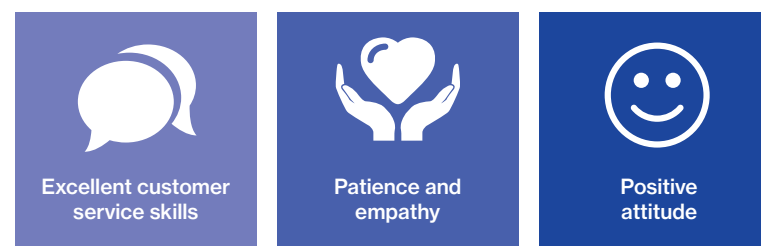
Available from Levels 2 to 5\*

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### Apprenticeships available in...

School Business Professional | Nursery Practitioner | Teaching Assistant  
Children and Young People's Workforce | Playwork | Early Years Educator  
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Physical Education and Schools | Childcare | Residential Childcare

### Top skills for this industry...



### Some of the employers we work with...





Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Engineering and Manufacturing

Available from Levels 2 to 5\*

\*Levels vary depending on framework / standard

Apprenticeships available in...

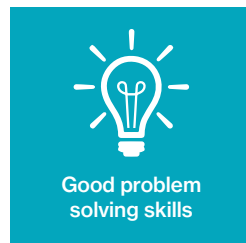
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Fabrication and Welding

Manufacturing Engineering Mechanical Engineering

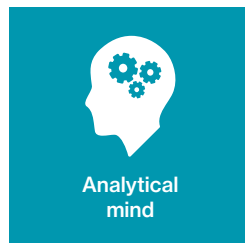
Top skills for this industry...



Excellent technical knowledge



Good problem solving skills



Analytical mind

Some of the employers we work with...



Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Hairdressing and Beauty

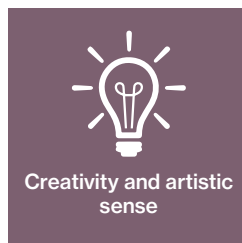
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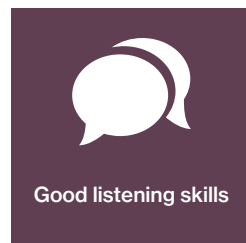
Apprenticeships available in...

Hairdressing Barbering Beauty Therapy

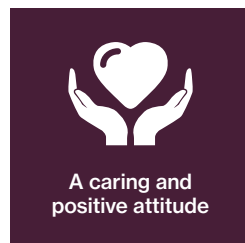
Top skills for this industry...



Creativity and artistic sense



Good listening skills



A caring and positive attitude

Some of the employers we work with...



Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Health and Social Care

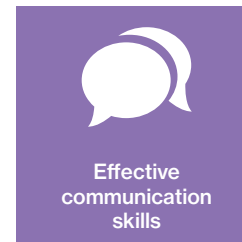
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Apprenticeships available in...

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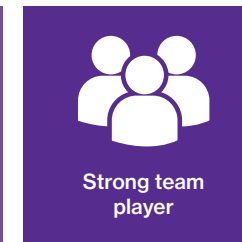
Top skills for this industry...



Effective communication skills



Empathy and compassion



Strong team player

Some of the employers we work with...



Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Available from Levels 2 to 3\*

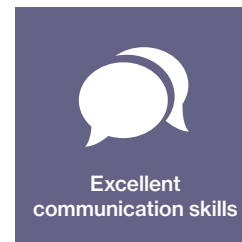
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Apprenticeships available in...

Autocare Technician Automotive Vehicle Electrics Vehicle Fitting

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician

Top skills for this industry...



Excellent communication skills



Good problem solving skills



Ability to manage projects

Some of the employers we work with...







Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Retail, Sales and Customer Service

Available from Levels 2 to 3\*

Apprenticeships available in...

Retail | Contact Centre Operations

Sales and Customer Service

Top skills for this industry...



Ability to lead and motivate a team



Excellent communication skills



A positive attitude

Some of the employers we work with...

calico

Borough of Pendle

ODDIE'S  
QUALITY FAMILY BAKERS SINCE 1995

NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE

\*Levels vary depending on framework / standard

Get ready for an Apprenticeship in...

## Sport and Leisure

Available from Levels 2 to 3\*

Apprenticeships available in...

Sport and Leisure | Exercise and Fitness | Personal Trainer

Top skills for this industry...



Team working skills



Leadership skills



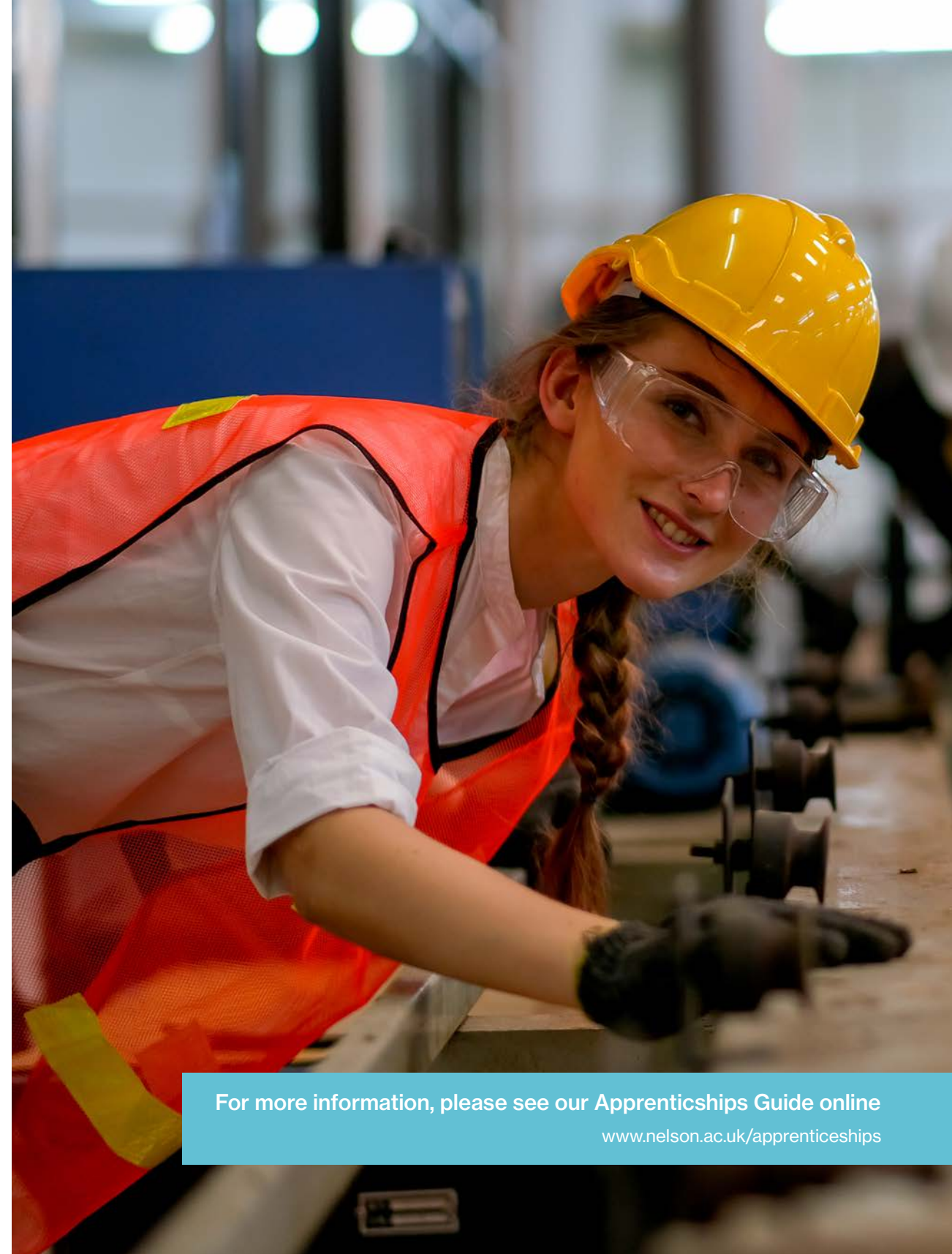
Physical fitness

Some of the employers we work with...

BURNLEY FC  
IN THE COMMUNITY

OAKHILL LEISURE

ROSEWOOD  
LEISURE CENTRE



For more information, please see our Apprenticeships Guide online

[www.nelson.ac.uk/apprenticeships](http://www.nelson.ac.uk/apprenticeships)

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## Your Nelson and Colne College journey starts here...

### Step 1



#### Research

Read through the prospectus to choose your course, check the level and entry requirements.

Additional information is also available on our website  
[www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk)

### Step 2



#### Come and Visit

Our Open Events take place regularly throughout the year. You can speak to tutors, current students and have a look around our industry facilities too.

See the back page for event details.

### Step 3



#### Apply

Apply to Nelson and Colne College online at [www.nelson.ac.uk](http://www.nelson.ac.uk) - it's quick, easy and secure.

Application forms are also available on request. Don't leave it too late as our courses fill up fast!

### Step 4



#### Your Interview

Once you've submitted your application you'll receive an acknowledgement and will have an interview with a course tutor. These will be available face-to-face or over the telephone.

These take place monthly between October and June and are an opportunity to make sure you've chosen the course that's right for you.

### Step 5



#### Conditional Offer

Following your interview you will be made a conditional offer. This means that you have a guaranteed place as long as you achieve the required GCSE grades you need for your course.

Don't worry if you don't get the grades you hoped for, we will have an alternative suitable course to help you get back on track.

### Step 6



#### New Student Day

Our New Student Days take place at the end of June and are an ideal opportunity to sample your chosen course/subjects, meet your tutors and fellow classmates, find out about extracurricular programmes, explore the College campus and pick up information on travel and financial support.

You will receive a date for your event at your interview.

### Step 7



#### GCSE Results and Enrolment

In July you will receive details about the enrolment date for your course and what to bring with you.

Once you have received your results, come into College to enrol and pick up all the information you need to start in September.

### Step 8



#### Congratulations!

You are now a student at the number one college in the country! We look forward to welcoming you.

You will be given details of your first day at enrolment.

#### Unable to apply online?

Please contact the Admissions Team by calling **01282 440272** or emailing [admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk)

#### Campus Tours

Call 01282 440 288 or email [schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk)



## Find your extraordinary.

## Extracurricular

We have an exciting, extensive and constantly-evolving programme of extracurricular activities for your personal development, to keep you fit and to get you career-ready. Develop a new skill, learn a new language, volunteer for a good cause or keep fit through sport. There is something for everyone to enjoy!

# EXTRA curricular

### Clubs and Societies

Discover and develop your creative flair and improve your confidence and wellbeing by getting involved with a club or society.

- Arts and Crafts
- Board Games and Chess Club
- Book Club
- Creative Arts
- Debating Society
- Gaming
- Life Drawing

### Sport and Leisure

Keep fit, make friends and get active with one of our College sports, open to all.

- Archery
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bubble Football
- Clubbercise/ Glow Fit
- College Gym
- Cricket
- Cycling and Bikeability
- Dance
- Fitness Sessions
- Football
- Running Groups
- Self-defence
- Skiing
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball
- Yoga

### Sport Academies

Challenge yourself and compete against peers from across the region in the British College Sport Leagues.

- Football Academy
- Netball Academy
- British College Sports League

### Burnley FC Girls' Academy

### Football and Education Programme

Are you a future female Claret's star? Kick-start your career in the Girls' Academy and combine playing skills with academic practice! Open to all female students on a College course, subject to a successful trial.



### National and Global Awareness Events

Support a number of awareness events throughout the academic year and feel the benefits from taking on board advice and guidance.

- Alcohol Awareness Week
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Global Recycling Day
- Men's Health Awareness Month
- National Stress Awareness Day
- Remembrance Day
- Road Safety Week
- Safer Internet Day
- World Mental Health Day

### Volunteering

Make a difference, learn new skills and take on a new challenge by volunteering.

- Care Home Volunteer Supporters
- Charity Fundraising
- National Citizen Service (NCS)
- Peer Mentoring
- Pick up for Pendle
- Student Ambassador
- Student Readers
- Sustainability Group - Social Action Project
- Wellbeing Peer Supporters
- Young Leaders Programme

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Go for Gold in the ultimate challenge and join our Duke of Edinburgh's Awards programme (Bronze Award also available).

### Career and Life Skills

Put yourself at the front of the queue at interview by gaining a new career skill, or take up a life skill to be learned away from the classroom.

- A&E Cadets
- British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness
- Driving Theory and idrive
- Hair and Beauty Masterclasses and Henna Painting
- Heart Start
- Music Lessons (paid)
- Relaxation and Stress Management
- Resilience, Confidence and Mindfulness





## Supporting you

There are a wide range of specialist drop-in services and facilities that you can access during your time at College. Find out more in this section.

### Additional Learning Support

We have a dedicated team of professionals who support students with any disability or learning support needs. Our team is committed to ensuring that every student has the support and resources to achieve their full potential. Whether you have a special educational need or a disability, the ALS team will be there for you every step of the way, providing tailored support to help you get the most out of learning.

### Health and Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing Team are dedicated professionals who are here to help you with all manner of advice, guidance and support. We have a wide range of specialist and dedicated drop-in services and facilities that you can access during your time at College.

We also have a College Nurse who offers drop-in services where students can receive confidential advice on a number of different health and wellbeing issues including:

- General health concerns
- Sexual health
- Smoking cessation
- Eating disorders
- Bereavement
- Anxiety, depression and stress
- Emotional health
- Plus much more!

### Safeguarding and Welfare

Our Safeguarding Team are dedicated, qualified professionals who are here to help you with all manner of advice and guidance, safeguarding and welfare. As a student with us you can drop-in to our Safeguarding and Welfare Zone or arrange an appointment with one of the team.

We are committed to creating a safe environment for all students. Our Safeguarding and Welfare Team will support you to overcome personal issues and build resilience skills to be successful both at the college and in the future.

### Safety and Engagement Officers

Our Safety and Engagement Officers are on-hand on site to ensure a positive environment for all students. You will find them in public areas throughout the day where they will help to ensure you feel happy and safe in College. They will offer information and advice to give you the confidence to make informed choices and fully participate in College activities.



## Financial support packages

We have an extensive financial support package for our full-time 16-18 year-old students. Support packages are tailored to individual needs, to help you throughout your time at College.

### College Bursary Fund

Assistance from our College Bursary Fund is available to students with an annual household income under £31,000 (gross)\* per year.

The following support is available:

- FREE bus travel\*
- FREE equipment and material awards for students on courses including Hair, Beauty, Art, Uniformed Services, Engineering, Education and Childcare, and Health and Social Work Professions
- FREE College meals\*\*

### Vulnerable Bursary Fund

There is also a Vulnerable Bursary Fund of up to £1,200 a year for students who are one of the following\*:

- In receipt of Income Support or Universal Credit
- In receipt of Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance
- In the care of the Local Authority
- A Care Leaver

The financial support package is reviewed each year and may be subject to change.

### UPAY, The Smarter Way to Pay

The College uses a cashless “smart card” system, which enables students to pay for food and drinks in College catering outlets without the need to carry cash.

Students can simply add funds via their UPAY account. For more information visit [www.nelson.ac.uk/smartcard](http://www.nelson.ac.uk/smartcard)

Students who receive Free School Meals will automatically have their “smart card” topped up.

### Subsidised Bus Travel

All 16-18 year-old students are entitled to subsidised termly bus passes. Also, bus travel is FREE\* if your household income is under £31,000 per year.

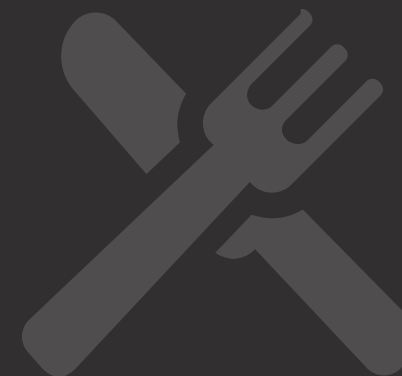
### Pay My Student

Applications for financial support from the College Bursary Fund (including free and subsidised travel) are submitted via our online portal, Pay My Student [www.nelson.paymystudent.com](http://www.nelson.paymystudent.com)

For more information contact our Student Services team.

### FREE Breakfast

All students arriving before 9am each day can enjoy a **FREE** healthy breakfast in the Refectory.



\* Evidence will be required.  
\*\* Dependent on individual circumstances.

**Contact Student Services**

Call 01282 440 209 or email [studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@nelsongroup.ac.uk)



## Careers Zone

Thinking about what you want to do during and after your time at College can be difficult. Our Careers Zone offers a specialist advice service for our students and apprentices, designed to help prepare you for your future career.

Whether you are unsure of your options, want to know more about different careers or want guidance preparing for your next step, our Careers Zone team can provide you with the tailored support you need.

### Talk to our team about:

- Personalised careers advice and information
- Volunteering opportunities
- University applications (UCAS)
- University finance advice
- Part-time job vacancies
- Job roles and opportunities
- CV development
- Apprenticeship advice and application support
- Interview techniques
- Gap year ideas

Our expert team can also provide information on the local jobs market (Labour Market Information LMI) to help you research your chosen career path and make informed choices. Our online resources provide information on different job roles, what qualifications and skills they require, and what prospects and salaries you can expect. LMI also advises you of which types of jobs will be in-demand after you leave education, helping you choose the right career for you.

### Work Placements

Work placements can help you to develop invaluable skills and experience of the industry you want to work in. It will help you build contacts and develop your CV, demonstrating to employers and universities that you have the skills they are looking for, and ultimately putting you ahead of the competition.

We have a dedicated team of professionals who work with local employers and can help you to find the right placement for your future career aim.

They can support with...

- Finding a work placement
- Developing your CV
- Interview preparation
- Understanding behaviours in the workplace
- Getting the most out of your placement



## From Langho 700 Service

Wilpshire, Wilpshire Hotel
Langho, York Lane
Billington, Meadow Close
Whalley, CO-OP Shop
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## From Oswaldtwistle 108 Service

Oswaldtwistle, Thwaites Road
Accrington, Bus Station
Clayton-Le-Moors, Hare and Hounds
Great Harwood, Towngate
Great Harwood, Harwood Bar
Padiham, Slade Lane
Higham, Four Alls Inn
Fence, Fence Gate
Fence, Village Store
Nelson and Colne College

## From Trawden 800 Service

Trawden, Lanehouse Post Box
Trawden, Trawden Library
Trawden, Gladstone Terrace
Colne, Cotton Tree Lane
Colne, Union Exchange
Colne, Crown Hotel
Colne, The Spinning Mill
Nelson, Reedyford Road
Nelson and Colne College

## From Burnley 112 Service

Burnley, Bus Station
Queensgate, The Prairie
Brierfield, Town Hall
Nelson, Bus Station
Nelson and Colne College

## From Barnoldswick 110 Service

Thornton-in-Craven, Thornton Hill
Barnoldswick, Station Road
Earby, Bus Station
Kelbrook, Craven Heifer
Colne, Ruskin Avenue
Colne, Alkincoats
Barrowford, Gisburn Road/Church Street
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Rawtenstall, Bank Street
Crawshawbooth, Burnley Road/Black Dog
Burnley, Manchester Road/The Summit
Burnley, Bus Station
Queensgate, The Prairie
Brierfield, Town Hall
Nelson Bus Station
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Please note you will have to change buses to the 112 service at Burnley Bus Station.

## From Todmorden 111 Service

Todmorden Bus Station
Todmorden, Todmorden High School
Cliviger, Ram Inn
Townley, by Rock Lane
Brunshaw Road, Irene Street
Burnley General Hospital
Brierfield, Town Hall
Nelson and Colne College

## From Clitheroe 109 Service

Clitheroe, Sainsbury's
Clitheroe, Market Place
Waddington, Waddington Arms
West Bradford, Junction off Chapel Lane
Chatburn Library
Sawley (A59 Sawley)
Gisburn Primary School
Blacko, Rising Sun
Higherford (Turning Circle)
Barrowford, White Bear
Nelson and Colne College

## From Burnley 107 Service Morning only service.

This route is operated by the College's own transport team and minibuses.

Burnham Gate, opp Lisbon Drive
Stoops Estate, Harold Avenue
Rosegrove, Lane Ends
Lakeland Way
Padiham Road, Gannow Top
Nelson and Colne College

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and are subject to change.

## Bus times to College

Accrington	51 mins
Barnoldswick	39 mins
Barrowford	5 mins
Blacko	6 mins
Brierfield	12 mins
Burnley	24 mins
Chatburn	27 mins
Clayton-le-Moors	43 mins
Clitheroe	47 mins
Cliviger	37 mins
Colne	16 mins
Crawshawbooth	59 mins
Earby	28 mins
Fence	9 mins
Gisburn	17 mins
Great Harwood	35 mins
Higham	12 mins
Higherford	5 mins
Kelbrook	23 mins
Nelson	7 mins
Oswaldtwistle	65 mins
Padiham	17 mins
Rawtenstall	67 mins
Sawley	22 mins
Todmorden	48 mins
Trawden	30 mins
Waddington	41 mins
West Bradford	38 mins
Whalley	20 mins



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