

Doctor
Physiotherapist
Stylist
Forensic Scientist
Architect
Cyber Security Analyst
Accountant
Aerospace Engineer
Nelson
Film Producer
& Colne
Journalist
Collegege
Entrepreneur
Games Designer
Beautician
Solicitor
Pharmacist
Teacher
Mental Health Practitioner



College Guide 2025-26

The only Outstanding FE College in Lancashire



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I am thrilled you are considering Nelson and Colne College for the next steps in your education. Transitioning from school to college is a significant milestone, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Our goal is to help you exceed your potential and become extraordinary.

Why Choose Us?

Our unwavering commitment to high-quality academic and technical education has earned us the prestigious title of the Number 2 College in the Country for learner achievement. This accolade speaks volumes about our students' success. But what sets us apart is our holistic approach. In coming to us you will not only excel academically but you will also gain invaluable work experience through courses designed in collaboration with employers. This ensures that you are able to develop essential, industry-specific skills and confidently enter your chosen careers.

Outstanding A Level Teaching

Our Sixth Form Centre is renowned for delivering some of the best A Level teaching in the country. We are proud to be Number 1 in the region for A Level Progress, according to the latest Government tables. This means that if you are coming to study A Levels you will not only achieve excellent grades but you will also surpass your potential, performing better than you would have at any other college in Lancashire.

Exceptional Technical Education

Our technical education programmes are unparalleled, featuring Industry Innovation Hubs, Industry Development Hubs, and Routes to Employment initiatives. These programmes are crafted in partnership with top employers and taught by industry experts. Our strong employer partnerships allow us to offer you hands-on experience through work placements and real-world projects. This practical exposure helps you to develop professional standards and values, ensuring you are well-prepared for rewarding careers. By aligning our curriculum with industry needs, we equip you with the skills that employers are actively seeking.

A Rich College Experience

While academic success is crucial, we believe your time at College should also be enjoyable and enriching. Our diverse extra-curricular and super-curricular programmes offer opportunities to make new friends, develop personally, and create lasting memories. Whether it's joining a club, participating in events, or exploring new interests, you'll find plenty of ways to enhance your college experience.



Lisa O'Loughlin
Principal and CEO of
Nelson and Colne College Group

We can't wait to welcome you to Nelson and Colne College in September. With dedication and hard work, we are confident that together, we can help you achieve extraordinary things.



This year our students once again achieved some **truly outstanding** results, and we are **so proud!**

71% of **T Level** learners achieved **High Grades**

97%
A Level
pass rate

92%
T Level
pass rate

91%
of **A Level**
learners
achieved at
least one **A*-C**
High Grade



32%
of our **A Level** learners
have accepted an offer
for a place at a Sutton
Trust 30 or Russell
Group University.

41%
of **A Level**
learners
achieved at
least one
A*-A Grade

100%
Pass Rate in 17
A Level subjects

13%
of **A Level**
learners
achieved at least
one **A*** Grade

95% Level 3 Technical
Education Pass Rate

82% of Level 3 Technical
Education learners
achieved High Grades

**Our Education and
Early Years T Level
learners achieved**

100%
High Grades



Celebrating our Students

Here's just a few of our **extraordinary students** and their **successes!**



Achieved:
A* in Level 3 Health
and Social Care

Megan Kingston

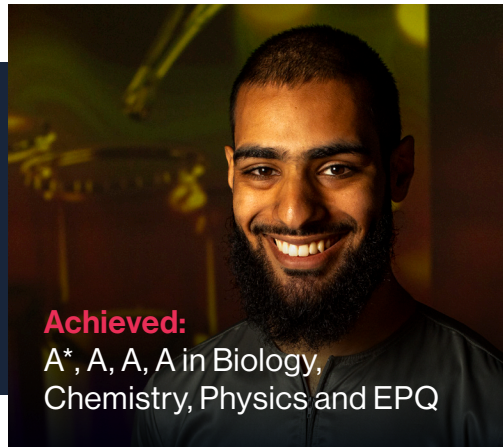
Former School:
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
RC High School

Intending to progress to:
UCLan to study Midwifery

Jamaal Sajid

Former School:
Pendle Vale College

Intending to progress to:
University of Manchester
to study Medicine



Achieved:
A*, A, A, A in Biology,
Chemistry, Physics and EPQ

Miraal Choudary

Former School:
Clitheroe Grammar School

Intending to progress to:
Lancaster University to study
Medicine and Surgery

Achieved:
A*, A*, A in Biology,
EPQ, Chemistry



Achieved:
A*, A, A, B in EPQ, Ancient
History, Philosophy Ethics &
Religion, English Literature

Alex Waddington

Former School:
West Craven High School

Intending to progress to:
University of Leeds to
study Classical Civilisation
and English

Alex Swarbrick

Former School:
Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
RC High School

Intending to progress to:
UCLan to study Aerospace
Engineering with Pilot Studies

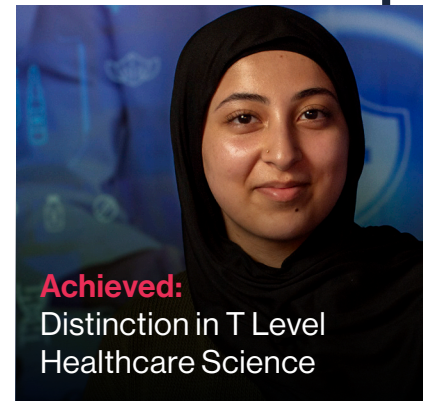


Achieved:
Distinction in T Level
Engineering, Manufacturing,
Processing and Control

Kainat Shah

Former School:
Queen Elizabeth Grammar
School

Intending to progress to:
UCLan to study
Biomedical Science



Achieved:
Distinction in T Level
Healthcare Science

Travelling to and from College has never been easier

Travelling by bus?

Free bus travel



You may be eligible for **FREE** bus travel if your annual household income is under £37,500*

* Eligibility criteria applies

Bus passes



We have agreed a reduced rate with Transdev for our students that enables you to get a bus pass, and allows unlimited travel throughout your local area. The pass can also be used on weekends and in the holidays.

College buses



Alongside accessing the widespread Transdev services, and to help make getting to College quicker and easier, we also have our own direct-to-College buses. These will pick you up from set locations and drop you off directly within the College campus. They also do the return route after College too!

Transdev Go App

Scan here to download the Transdev Go app to check timetables and plan your route.



We're closer than you think

We understand that location matters when it comes to your education, and so we're here to assure you that getting to us won't be a hurdle. Take a look at our travel links at the top of the next page to see just how easy it is to get to our College.

With **reduced cost bus passes**, **excellent travel links** and a **conveniently located campus** just off the motorway, your **ambitions are within reach** at NCC.

Direct Buses to Nelson and Colne College



Transdev Services to Nelson Interchange

Service 109

Clitheroe
Gisburn
Blacko
Higherford
Barrowford
Service 110
Barnoldswick
Earby
Colne

Service 111

Todmorden
Cliviger
Worsthorne
Burnley
Service 112
Burnley
Brierfield
Nelson

Service 113

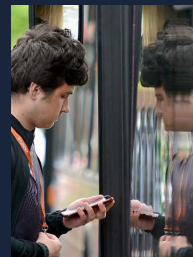
Wilpshire
Langho
Whalley
Read
Padiham
Higham
Fence

Accrington

Bacup
Blackburn
Clayton-le-Moors
Crawshawbooth
Darwen
Fence
Foulridge
Great Harwood

Hapton

Huncoat
Keighley
Kelbrook
Laneshawbridge
Rishton
Rawtenstall
Skipton
Trawden



Travelling by train?

There is an hourly train service that runs between Colne and Preston and stops at Nelson Bus Station/Interchange. The train stops at Preston, Blackburn, Accrington, Huncoat, Hapton, Rose Grove, Burnley Barracks, Burnley Central, Brierfield, Nelson and Colne. From Nelson Interchange, College is only a 10-minute walk.



Cycling?

Not only is cycling great for your health, it is the greenest way to travel! We have a cycle loan scheme and a covered bike shed for securely storing your bikes during classes. Speak to Student Services to find out more.



Driving?

If you drive already or pass your test during your time at College, you can park for free in our secure car park. Disabled parking is available for blue badge holders too.



Learn more

Scan here to find out more about travelling to and from the College.

Let's be extraordinary together



Without our amazing students like **you**,
we couldn't be the **ONLY OUTSTANDING**
FE COLLEGE IN LANCASHIRE
and the **No2** college in
the country

Because of the hard work of our students and the support of our highly skilled College team, together we are...

The **No1**
College in the region for **A Level** student progress*

and we have
100%
A Level pass rate across
17 subjects

with **96%**
of our **A Level** students progressing onto university, an apprenticeship or employment**

When we welcome you to Nelson and Colne College, you know your journey to **extraordinary** is well on track. As well as being an Ofsted Outstanding College since 2005, we are closely linked to industry and committed to getting you skills ready with the tools that you need to take you one step further to the career, university or apprenticeship you really want.

We promise you...

✓ Tutors who work in industry as well as the classroom

✓ Over 150 employers to help you develop the right industry skills

✓ The opportunity to be involved in regional industry skills competitions

✓ A curriculum that is shaped and developed with industry professionals

We can't wait to see you at Nelson and Colne College and for you to be part of something **extraordinary**

* Based on the most recent DFE performance data for FE Colleges

** J2 Profit - Sustained Destination Report 2023

Campus Facilities & Developments

£28m

With over £28m invested, or planned to be invested, in our campuses up to 2026, you can be certain that the facilities at NCC are industry leading.



In the heart of Pendle, our Nelson Campus thrives amid lush greenery, an idyllic education backdrop. With an on-site free gym, upgraded refectory, student café, and study spots, it's perfect for both learning and leisure, and our technical spaces have been designed alongside employers to ensure that they are as industry connected as possible.



Industry Innovation Hub dedicated spaces

Our Engineering, Business and Professional Services and Digital Industry Innovation Hubs have dedicated spaces, designed with employers, to bring industry to life on campus.

Our **£2.5million Engineering facilities**, have been redeveloped and open for learning in 2024, with dedicated workshops for Aerospace, CNC Machining, and Additive Manufacturing. They replicate engineering workshops across the industry and ensure that you are able to put your knowledge and skills to the test in real-world environments, before moving into high value careers within the sector.



Our Business and Professional Services and Digital Industry Innovation Hubs, were redeveloped last year, and reflect high value professional and technical workspaces aligned to industry. These learning and teaching spaces enable you to develop your knowledge and skills in environments that reflect your future workplace.



All of NCC's advanced facilities mirror industry standards, equipping you for high value professional and technical careers. With top-notch tools, you will excel unhindered. Whether in the 360 Virtual Reality hub, Science Laboratories, Hair & Beauty Salons or Sports Centre and Fitness Suite, learning at NCC means you are provided with the very best.

Nelson and Colne Sixth Form Centre

The Nelson and Colne Sixth Form Centre, offers outstanding A Levels across over 30 subjects.

Our dedicated A Level teachers and tutors, and Heads of Curriculum, are amongst the very best in the country, and support you to become extraordinary, enabling you to progress to some of the top universities in the country.

Cora Gane (pictured) achieved **A*, A, A in A Level Philosophy Ethics and Religion, English Literature and Sociology** and an **A*** in her **Extended Project Qualification** in which she focused on **Jane Austen's Feminism**. **She is now progressing to Durham University to study English Literature.**

Nelson and Colne College has a **long history of academic success**. Our A Level provision is amongst the very best in the country, supporting learners to achieve outstanding grades and to progress to a wide range of **top universities and highly successful careers**.

We are Number 1

in the region for A Level student progress, based on the most recent DFE performance data for FE Colleges.

Our 2024 A Level Exam Results are:



97%

A Level Pass Rate

91%

of A Level learners achieved at least one A*-C High Grade.



41% of our A Level learners achieved at least one A*-A Grade, which is 13% above the national average.





Destinations

We are so proud of the journeys that all our students take once they leave Nelson and Colne College.

83%

of our **A Level Students** progress onto university. **This is 29% higher than the national average.***

96%

of our **A Level students** progress onto university, apprenticeships or employment, **which is 7% higher than the national average.***

*J2 Profit - Sustained Destination Report 2023 and GOV.UK for Level 3 Destinations Data for learners progressing from an A Level (or equivalent)



Our learners progress to a **wide range of degree programmes at universities** across the country.

32% of A Level learners accepted an offer for a place to study at a **Sutton Trust 30 or Russell Group University.**

Our latest comparison data shows that 32.9% of our A Level learners progressed to study Medicine, Dentistry, Subjects Allied to Medicine, Biological Sciences and Veterinary Sciences, which is 11% higher than the national progression rate.

14.4% of our A Level learners progressed to Law, which is **5.4% higher than the national average of 9%.**



In order to support continued student success, both in academic achievement and in progression to high value universities and careers, we run the **Pre-Professional** and **Scholars Programmes.**

[see over]

Pre-Professional Programmes



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

They are designed to enable your progression to the most competitive university course. 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.

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

As part of our Pre-Professional Programmes you will have access to a range of opportunities alongside your academic studies to help you build additional skills and experiences.

These 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

We have created Pre-Professional Pathways in the following areas:

- **Business**
- **Dentistry**
- **Journalism**
- **Law**
- **Medicine**
- **Psychology**
- **Teaching**

Scholars' Programme

The Scholars' Programme is a unique programme, tailored to meet the needs of our ambitious students, helping to prepare for progression to university and beyond. It seeks to broaden your intellectual horizons and help you challenge ideas.

Led by the former Deputy Dean of Education at King's College London, Victoria Syme-Taylor, the Scholars' Programme will support you to progress to the very best universities. You will regularly discuss important and relevant topics which will also support you in developing the core skills required for progression to competitive universities and employment. These skills include:

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

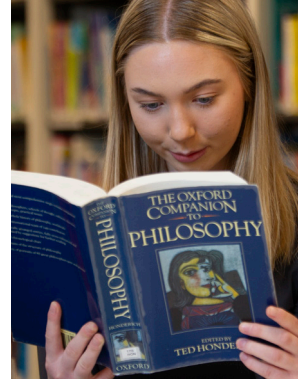
What are the key aspects of the Scholars' programme and why is it beneficial?

- Personalised support with applications for challenging and competitive universities
- Additional one-to-one 'stretch and challenge' work with their 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

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



Since 2020 our **A Level students** have progressed to universities across the country, including:



- University of Aberdeen
- Aberystwyth University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Aston University, Birmingham
- Bangor University
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- Bishop Grosseteste University
- University of Bolton
- University of Bradford
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- Brunel University London
- University of Cambridge
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Cardiff University
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Chester
- University of Chichester
- City, University of London
- Coventry University
- University of Cumbria
- University of Derby
- Durham University
- Edge Hill University
- The University of Edinburgh
- Edinburgh Napier University
- University of Exeter
- Falmouth University
- Futureworks
- Glyndwr University, Wrexham
- University of Greenwich
- Harper Adams University
- Harper and Keele Veterinary School
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- Hull York Medical School
- Imperial College London
- Keele University
- King's College London
- Lancaster University
- The University of Law
- University of Leeds
- Leeds Trinity University
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds Arts University
- University of Lincoln
- University of Liverpool
- Liverpool Hope University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- UCEN Manchester
- University of Manchester
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- University Centre Myerscough
- Nelson and Colne College Group
- University Centre
- Newcastle University
- Newman University, Birmingham
- University of Northampton
- Norwich University of the Arts
- Northumbria University
- University of Nottingham
- Nottingham Trent University
- University of Oxford
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Plymouth
- University of Portsmouth
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of Salford
- University of Sheffield
- University of St Andrews
- Staffordshire University
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- Swansea University
- Teesside University
- UCFB
- UCL (University College London)
- University of Warwick
- University of the West of England
- University of Westminster, London
- University of Wolverhampton
- University of Winchester
- University of Worcester
- University of York
- York St John University

Introducing >>

iih:
Industry Innovation Hub.

& idh:
Industry Development Hub.

Welcome to a new way of learning

Introducing our **Industry Innovation and Industry Development Hubs.**

Our industry hubs will offer you a unique way of learning and working with access to more opportunities than ever before.

iih: What is an Industry Innovation Hub?

An Industry Innovation Hub offers Level 2 and 3 courses which are all co-developed and co-delivered by employers. On top of this every student enrolled on an Industry Innovation Hub course is guaranteed industry experience of up to 35 hours, giving you essential skills to take into your future career.



What can you study?

In **September 2024** we will be launching our new Industry Innovation Hubs in:

Sept 24	 Engineering	 Digital	 Business & Professional Services
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In **September 2025** we will be launching a further Industry Innovation Hub to strengthen this unique offer:

 Medical Science	Sept 25
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Introducing our Industry Development Hubs

In our Industry Development Hubs, we work with over 150 employers to match courses to industry need and co-develop the programmes to ensure you develop the skills you need to progress in your future career. You will study a Level 2 or 3 qualification and will be guaranteed up to 35 hours work experience.

What can you study?

From **September 2024** our industry Development Hubs will include:



- Creative Arts & Media
- Education & Early Years
- Hair & Beauty
- Health & Social Care
- Law, Justice & Protective Services
- Sport



So what does this mean for you?



Will choosing to study at one of **Industry Innovation** or **Industry Development Hubs** get you one step closer to your chosen career...

YES



Not only will you get the qualifications you need, but by being part of one of our Industry Innovation or Industry Development Hubs, we will be giving you the connections to industry, the skills development and real-world, first-hand experience that will absolutely set you apart from everybody else.

This is what you will be benefiting from:

- A guaranteed minimum of 35 hours industry experience
- Financial support including getting to and from work placements
- The potential to study abroad
- Virtual reality work experience, including job interviews
- Specialist industry tutors
- Involvement in regional and national skills competitions
- Guest lectures
- Industry days, trips and visits

We will connect you to your chosen industry.

We work with over 150 employers to ensure that our programmes are aligned to industry needs.

Understanding the current and future skills employers will need, makes sure we are giving you the best possible experience and the skills you will need to shape the future of your chosen industry.

Big brands are helping shape our curriculum..

Here are just some of the employers we are working with:



Don't take our word for it.....



Here is how Mareme benefited from a unique industry focused experience.

Mareme, the College's T Level Learner of the Year, recently completed the Digital T Level and worked at EG Group for her work experience. Her excellent programming skills were fully utilised whilst on placement in her role as Project Support for the company.

Mareme added real value whilst in the workplace and received the highest grades possible in her Year 1 exams. The industry links she has built during her studies have had a huge impact on her future prospects and she is now forging her own career within the field.

Are you ready to Apply?

Get ready to experience an extraordinary new way of learning, with more opportunities than ever before. Simply apply for your chosen course and we will do the rest!

Find out more about our courses at nelson.ac.uk



BURNLEY
FC IN THE COMMUNITY

BFC in the community

Our partnership with Burnley Football Club in the Community is one of a kind, and gives you the opportunity to develop sporting excellence alongside one of the country's best loved clubs.

Supporting developments in Football, Netball, Cricket and a new Golf programme this unique partnership enables you to learn at the only Outstanding FE College in Lancashire, and get training and support from top flight coaches.



Netball Academy

Our Netball Academy is for girls who are aged 16-18 and studying at Nelson and Colne College.

Coached by Burnley FC in the Community, the academy is a fun way to keep fit, take part in competitive sport, make new friends and build your teamwork skills! Students will compete in the AoC Sport Northwest Netball League.



Golf Academy

NEW FOR 2025

Our partnership with BFC in the Community extends in 2025 to include a Golf Academy, designed for those who love the sport and want to continue to develop their skills whilst studying.



Cricket Academy

The Cricket Academy at NCC is a great way to make new friends, keep fit and continue to develop your cricket career.

Coached by fully qualified coaches from Burnley FC in the Community, and in partnership with Lancashire Cricket Foundation, you will be able to train up to 4 days a week, and really hone your skills



Boys Football (BFC Shadow Youth Team)

The Burnley FC Shadow Youth Team (SYT) gives talented young male players aged 16-18 the chance to combine academic studies with practical football experience.



Girls Football (Girls Post-16 Academy)

The Girl's Post-16 Academy is ideal if you love the idea of playing competitive football alongside your studies. The programme gives talented young players aged 16-18 the chance to combine academic studies with practical football experience, enhancing technical skills and ability, while supporting educational and career development.



Girls Football (Girls Post-16 Academy)

What does the programme include?



- You will train three to four times a week following a playing and development strategy under the guidance of our UEFA licenced coaches.
- You can choose from a selection of study programmes at NCC, including a full-time BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport Coaching and Development (equivalent to three A Levels).
- You will have the opportunity to complete your FA Level 1 in Football Coaching alongside your academic subjects which includes emergency first aid and safeguarding qualifications.
- You will represent Burnley FC in the National Football Youth League (NFYL), English Football League (EFL), Community and Education Football Alliance (CEFA) League and AoC Football League.
- There may also be additional fixtures with English Premier League and English Football League Community sides.
- Overseas, end of season training camps/tournaments provide excellent opportunities to train and play in different countries whilst experiencing different cultures.



What are the benefits?



A pathway into scholarship opportunities in America

Opportunities to showcase talent through NFYL and English Schools/ English Counties representative squad trials

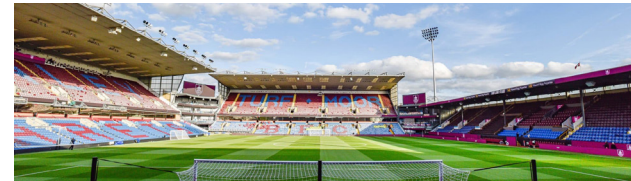


Links with, and opportunities to play for Burnley FC Women

Strength & conditioning and sports analysis programmes



Access to fully qualified Physiotherapists



Individual and squad photos at Turf Moor



Nutrition guidance



Play in Burnley FC official Home and Away kits



FREE Burnley FC Training kit

What are the entry requirements?

To access the Girls Post-16 Academy you have to be studying on an NCC programme, preferably in Sport, although there may be other course options available. Each programme has their own entry requirements which can be found on the course pages within this College Guide.



BFC

Shadow Youth Team (SYT)

The Burnley Football Club Shadow Youth Team (SYT) gives talented young male players aged 16-18 the chance to combine academic studies with practical football experience and is delivered by BFC in the Community staff in partnership with Nelson and Colne College.

What does the programme include?

- You will train four times a week following a playing and development strategy under the guidance of UEFA licenced coaches.
- You will study on the full-time BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport Coaching and Development (equivalent to three A Levels).
- You will have the opportunity to complete your FA Level 1 in Football Coaching alongside your academic subjects which includes emergency first aid and safeguarding qualifications.
- You will represent BFC in the National Football Youth League (NFYL), English Football League (EFL), Community and Education Football Alliance (CEFA) League and AoC Football League.
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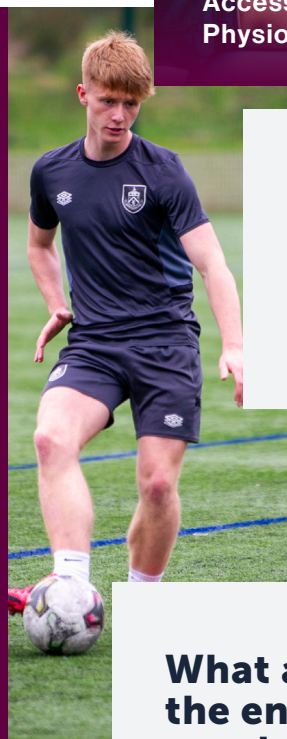
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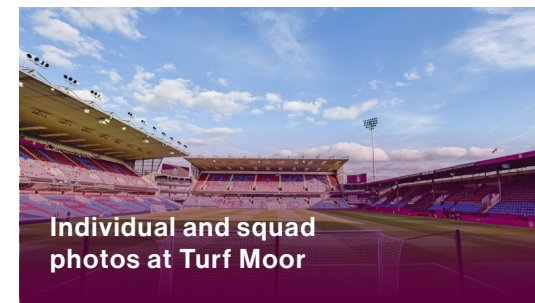
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Train >>> Play >>> Excel

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Extra-curricular & Super-curricular

Discover new hobbies, bring your learning to life, make new friends and most of all support your health and wellbeing at Nelson and Colne College.



Our extra-curricular activities will help you:

Give back



Stretch and challenge yourself to make a difference, to both yourself and others. Get involved with **Duke of Edinburgh's Award** or **volunteering opportunities**.

Keep learning



Develop important career and life skills and enhance your learning with **Cooking on a Budget, Driving Theory** or **Financial Wellbeing**.

Relax and reset



Be aware of your wellbeing and reflect on the world around you with **Animal Therapy, Sustainability Group** or **Yoga**.

Be active



Keep both your body and mind fit and healthy with **Archery, Basketball, Netball, Football, Rounders, Cricket** or **Self Defence**.

Connect and be creative



Ignite passion, make new friends and connections. Get involved with our **Book Club, Creative Writing** or **Games Club**.

Super-curricular opportunities

Alongside extra-curricular activities, the super-curricular opportunities here at NCC have been created to add real value to your learning experiences and your academic and technical study.

Throughout your programme, you will have access to a vast array of experiences linked to your chosen subjects and future career. These opportunities, that bring your learning to life outside the classroom, not only give you the subject knowledge you need but also enrich your personal and academic development.

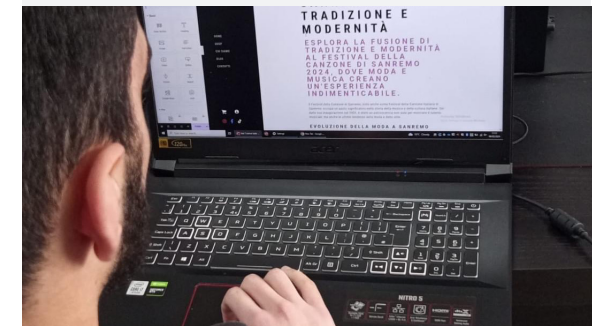
This year our T Level students visited **Cyprus and Italy**, taking part in

3 weeks of work experience!

Our students enjoyed working with a range of employers in Finance, Business Administration, Sales, Web Development and Social Media Marketing. Throughout their stay, they developed valuable professional skills and engaged with the local culture, providing them with invaluable experience which will no doubt set them apart in an ever-increasing global environment.

Our super-curricular offer includes:

- Technical Education industry days
- Skills competitions to enhance your skill set
- Work experience opportunities
- Engaging guest speakers
- University discovery days
- Masterclasses
- Exciting international trips and work experience opportunities abroad



At NCC we know that to succeed within your chosen career you need experience, not just qualifications. Therefore we work hard to ensure you can access a range of activities, industry connections and trips in order to support you to becoming confident and independent young people who can go on to become our future leaders.

Student Support

At NCC, we are dedicated to helping you reach your goals and carve your path to success. With our exceptional support system, we strive to remove any barriers and empower you to reach your fullest potential.



Careers

Our dedicated Careers Team offers year-round support to help you achieve your post-College career aspirations and goals. We provide expert guidance and assistance to ensure you understand what you need to do to reach the pinnacle of your chosen field.

Learning Resource Centre (LRC)

Your gateway to finding the information you need to achieve your academic goals. You will find books, journals, PCs and a comfortable silent study zone in the LRC, designed to help you study without distraction. Our friendly staff are always ready to assist with your enquiries and can guide you through our vast collection of e-resources available both in College and from home.

Personal Tutors

Get support throughout your College journey to build positive characteristics and become a respectful, responsible, and active citizen.

UCAS

Receive extra help and support with your university application through UCAS application, including one-to-one sessions and personal statement advice.

Learning Mentors

Our mentors can guide you through your academic studies, offering essential skills and support for your success.

College Nurse

Our Nurse offers a drop-in service for health and wellbeing concerns, including mental and physical health, sexual health and relationships.

Student Services

Our Student Services team are here to help you with your time at College. They can provide help with enquiries, including providing information on financial assistance available to help with the costs associated with your course.

All students at NCC can get a free breakfast, free fruit, subsidised travel, free gym access and free wi-fi access.

All students can apply for the College Bursary, which is subject to meeting eligibility criteria. Some students may also be eligible for the Vulnerable Bursary Fund.

You can receive:

- Free Fruit
- Free Breakfast
- Free College Meals*
- Free Gym
- Free High Speed wi-fi
- Free Books*
- Help with the Cost of Uniforms*
- IT Equipment Loans*
- Support with the Cost of Trips*
- Free Kit/Equipment for your Course*



Health & Wellbeing

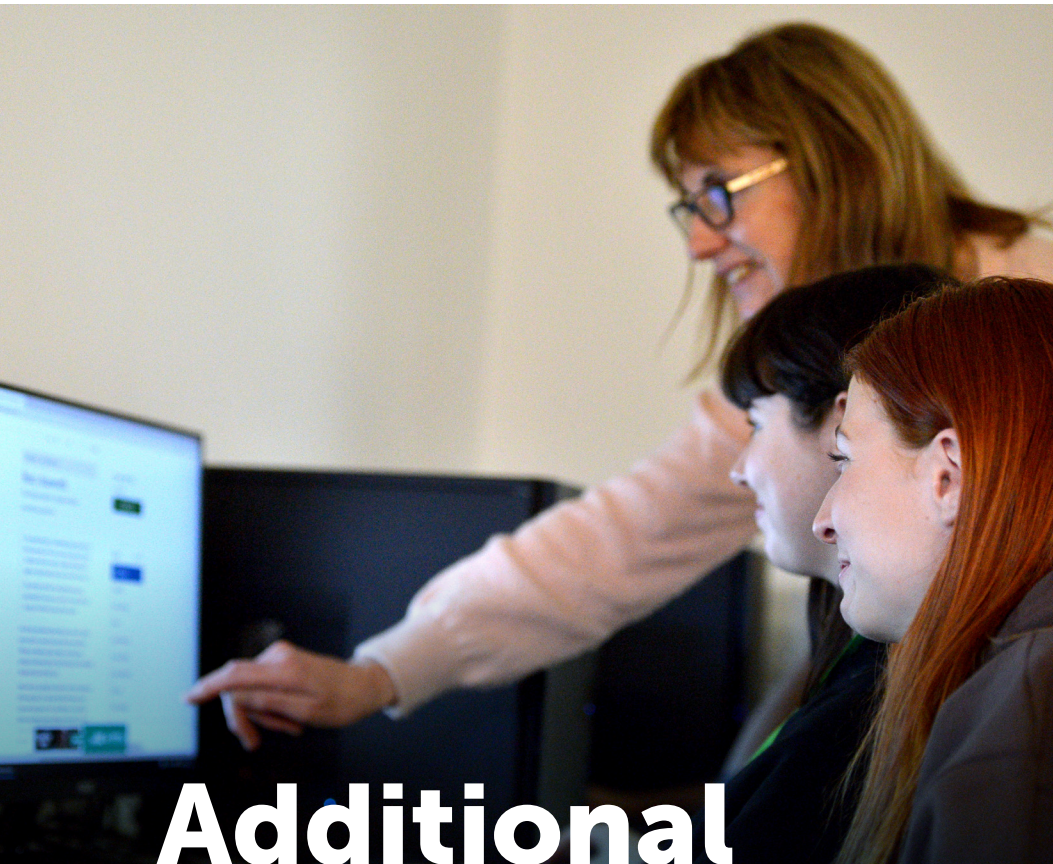
Explore year-round Health & Wellbeing opportunities within and around the College. Our expert Officers actively promote the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' to enhance your overall experience at College through a range of activities, all designed to keep you feeling great for your studies.

Counselling

Access to free, confidential and non-judgemental counselling to explore and address your experiences or any worries you may have.

Safeguarding & Welfare

Our highly trained professionals prioritise your safety both on and off campus, providing unwavering support. The year-round Safeguarding Team offers guidance, builds resilience, and assists in overcoming personal issues.



Additional Learning Support

No matter what your needs or requirements are, we are committed to ensuring your time at College is as supportive and empowering as possible.

Our dedicated Additional Learning Support Team (ALS) will work closely with you to ensure you have everything you need to be able to achieve your full potential.



We offer:

Learning support

If you require any learning support, or you simply need help to manage your study workload, we've got you. All our support is confidential and any information you provide will always be kept between you and the appropriate professionals.

ALS quiet zone and study space

The ALS Study Zone is a multi-functional resource that you can access while at college. It can provide you with a quiet place to study within a more focused environment.

Education, Health and Care Plan

If you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) we can work with you, your current school, and the Local Authority to ensure that you get the best possible support when you come to College.

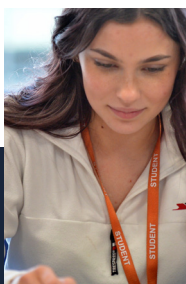
Physical disability support

Whether you have a physical, hearing or visual disability, we are equipped to support you with all the access and learning resources you need to succeed at College.



What happens next?

Choosing where you want to go to college and what you want to study can be a difficult decision. Choosing Nelson and Colne College means we will be with you every step of the way.



Step 1 - Do your research

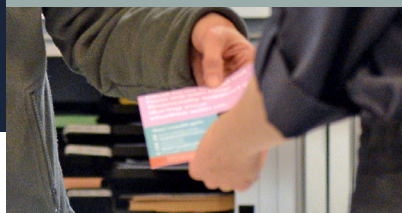
Have a think about your favourite subjects, which do you enjoy the most? What is your dream career and what subjects or courses will help you get there? Talk to friends, family, teachers, your careers adviser and our Academic and Technical Education Mentors.

Step 2 - Visit us

Open Events are a great chance to visit the campus and find out more about our wide range of courses. You can chat to course tutors, explore our facilities and find out what we have to offer. We run Open Events throughout the year, and our dates are listed on the back page of this guide. If you would prefer a 1:1 visit, please get in touch with our Academic and Technical Education Mentors at schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk and we will arrange this for you.

Step 3 - Submit your application

Once you have decided which course you would like to apply for, you can submit your application. See page 106 for details on how to apply.



Step 4 - Attend your interview and accept your offer

Once you have completed your application, our Admissions Team will be in touch with details of your interview. This is a friendly, informal chat with a course tutor which gives you the opportunity to find out more about the course you have chosen. Interviews usually take place once a month, between 4-6pm. After your interview you will receive a conditional offer for your chosen course. To accept this offer, you can log into your online account or you can contact our Admissions Team and they will update your record.

Step 5 - Join us at New Student Day

Our New Student Day takes place on **Monday 30th June 2025**. This event gives you the opportunity to sample your chosen course and meet your tutors and fellow classmates. You will also be able to explore the campus and experience College life.

Step 6 - Prepare for joining College

Look out for your Guide to Starting College which will land in the post with you over summer. This details everything you need to know about enrolment which is when you officially join College.

Step 7 - GCSE results and enrolment

Collect your GCSE results and bring them to your enrolment appointment. Here you will meet with tutors to confirm your course choice. Don't worry if you have not got the grades you were expecting, we will have an alternative course for you.



Step 8 - Congratulations!

Once you have collected your ID badge at your enrolment appointment you are officially a student at The Only Outstanding FE College in Lancashire. We look forward to seeing you on your first day in September.

Which qualification is right for you?



No matter where you're headed in your career, NCC offers the very best pathways to get you there. Having a clear understanding of the key distinctions between A Levels, T Levels, Technical Education, and Apprenticeship programmes will assist you in choosing the perfect route that aligns with your future aspirations.

Our courses explained

Academically driven?
Consider... A Levels.

- The most popular and effective route to university
- Choose your subjects, tailor your studies and focus on your passion
- Study at NCC, where 91% of students received at least one A*- C

Prefer to work practically?
Consider a... Technical Education Course.

- Enjoy practical study and learn industry-ready skills with this hands-on approach to learning
- Expert tutors with industry experience to support you in your career
- Gain a qualification that can lead you directly into employment, an apprenticeship or university

Ready for work?
Consider an... Apprenticeship.

- Earn while you learn
- Gain skills employers want
- Receive support from dedicated trainers and assessors

All of the above?
Consider a... T Level Course.

- A work-based education combining classroom study and industry experience
- Get essential work experience within relevant industries and study in the classroom to gain industry focused skills and knowledge
- Open doors to university level education

Level 3	Level 2
Duration: 1-2 years	Duration: 1-2 years
You will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above to enrol, plus any specific entry requirements for individual courses.	A Level 2 qualification is equivalent to GCSE Grades 4-9 and you will be expected to have achieved at least 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above to enrol on to one of these programmes. Successful completion of this course will pave the way for you to further your studies at Level 3.

Level 1	Duration: 1 year
You will need to have gained at least 2 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above including English and Maths to study a Level 1 programme. Our Level 1 programmes will build on your existing skills and upon successful completion, allow you to progress to a Level 2 course.	

We know you will be working hard to achieve your very best at GCSE, but if for any reason you don't get a GCSE Grade 4 or above in Maths or English you can retake those

here at College. Here at NCC you are more than twice as likely to get a Grade 4 or above in English or Maths than you would at the average FE college.



Why study

A Levels at NCC?

Our A Level provision is amongst the very best in the country, supporting learners to achieve outstanding grades and to progress to a wide range of top universities and highly successful careers.

No.1 in the region
for **A Level**
student
progress*

*Based on the most recent DFE performance data for FE Colleges

Our A Level programmes offer a traditional academic path for those aspiring to progress to university, and a high-value professional career, making it an ideal choice for curious minds, multi-subject enthusiasts, and students who excel in an exam setting.

97%
A Level
Pass Rate

91%
of A Level learners
achieved at least one
A*-C High Grade

41%
of A Level learners
achieved at least one
A*-A Grade

The number of students
achieving at least one
A*-A Grade is
13% higher
than the national average.

100%
A Level Pass Rate
in 17 subjects

We are so proud of the journey that all our students take once they leave Nelson and Colne College.

83% of our A Level Students progress onto university. This is **29%** higher than the national average.*

96% of our A Level Students progress onto university, apprenticeships or employment. This is **7%** higher than the national average.*

*J2 Profit - Sustained Destination Report 2023 & GOV.UK for Level 3 Destinations Data for learners progressing from an A Level (or equivalent)

Our learners progress to a wide range of degree programmes at **universities across the country.**

32% of A Level learners accepted offers for a place to study at a **Sutton Trust 30**, or **Russell Group University.**

Our latest comparison data shows that...

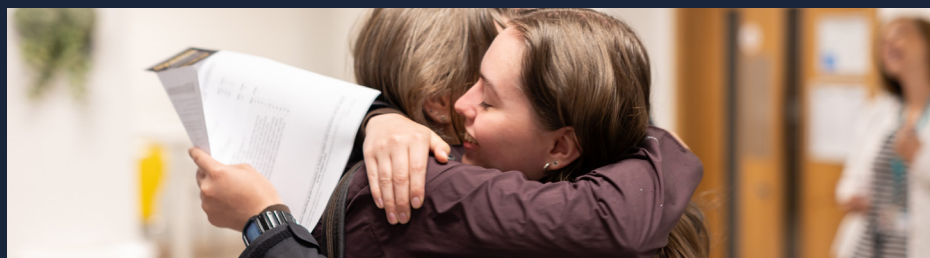
32.9% of our A Level learners progressed to study Medicine, Dentistry, Subjects Allied to Medicine, Biological Sciences and Veterinary Sciences. This is **11%** higher than the national progression rate to these subjects of **21.9%.***

14.4% of our A Level learners progressed to Law. This is **5.4%** higher than the national average of **9%.***

*Most recent (2022) comparison data available at time of print

Pre-Professional Programmes

We offer a range of unique Pre-Professional Programmes, which are career focused programmes, designed 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. Our Pre-Professional Programmes include Business, Dentistry, Journalism, Law, Medicine, Psychology and Teaching.



When you embark on your A Level journey, you hand-pick three subjects that you genuinely enjoy and explore them over two years. This allows you to gain expertise across diverse subject areas, providing a well-rounded education. For those who seek an additional challenge, there's an option to study four subjects, where appropriate.

Don't worry, if you don't get the grades you were expecting you can still study A Levels via our unique A Level Foundation Programme, which has been created to help you achieve your goal of studying A Levels at NCC.

Your A Level study programme is made up of:

- Three A Level subjects which you study for two years
- A weekly tutorial
- A weekly Academic, Personal and Professional Skills session with the option of studying for an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Year 2.
- Extra-curricular activities
- Super-curricular activities



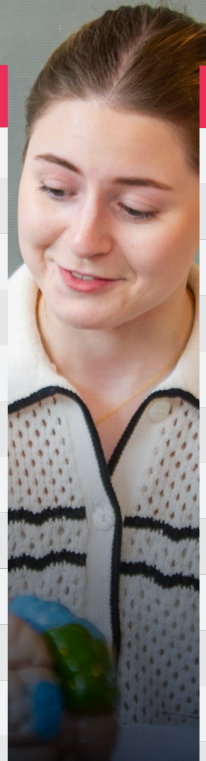
Scholars' Programme

The Scholars' Programme is an extraordinary initiative tailored to match your ambitions. Created by tutors with first-hand experience at universities like Kings College London, they know exactly how to support you to thrive in such environments.

Knowledge Enhancing Tutorial Sessions

The tutorial programme here at NCC has been developed to enhance the knowledge, skills and behaviours that you need to flourish and fulfil your ambitions for learning, employment, independence and active citizenship. Within tutorials, you will work with your Personal Tutor to set and own your own SMART targets in relation to both progress in your academic subjects and your wider competencies.





Course	Entry Requirement	Duration
A Level Foundation Programme	+	1 Year
3D Design	▲	2 Years
Ancient History	▲	2 Years
Biology	◆	2 Years
Business	▲	2 Years
Chemistry	■	2 Years
Computer Science	▲	2 Years
Core Maths	▲	1 Year
Criminology	▲	2 Years
Economics	▲	2 Years
English Language	▲	2 Years
English Literature	▲	2 Years
Fashion & Textiles	▲	2 Years
Film Studies	▲	2 Years
Fine Art	▲	2 Years
Further Maths	★	2 Years

Course	Entry Requirement	Duration
Geography	▲	2 Years
Geology	◆	2 Years
Graphic Design	▲	2 Years
History	▲	2 Years
Law	▲	2 Years
Mathematics	●	2 Years
Media Studies	▲	2 Years
Philosophy, Ethics & Religion	▲	2 Years
Photography	▲	2 Years
Physical Education	▲	2 Years
Physics	■	2 Years
Politics	▲	2 Years
Psychology	▲	2 Years
Sociology	▲	2 Years
Spanish	▲	2 Years
Statistics	✦	2 Years

Entry requirements key:

▲	+	✦	●
3 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4 and 2 at Grade 5, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	3 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4 and 2 at Grade 5, which must include English Language or Literature at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 5.	5 GCSEs passes at a minimum of Grade 5 which must include English Language or Literature at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 6.

■	◆	★
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4 which must include a minimum of Grade 5:5 in Combined Science or two Grade 5s in separate sciences and English Language or Literature at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 5.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4 which must include a minimum of Grade 5:5 in Combined Science or two Grade 5s in separate sciences and English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSEs passes at a minimum of Grade 5 which must include English Language or Literature at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 7. To find our more about all our A Levels scan this code



Why study **Technical Education** courses at **NCC**?

Here at NCC, our Technical Education courses are designed with employers in mind, giving you the most up-to-date relevant skills and knowledge to thrive in your career.

Our guest speakers, dedicated industry days, and work placements provide students with experiences like no other and allow you to meet with leading organisations within your chosen sector. Not only will you learn the required knowledge for your industry you will also gain insights from professionals, to help realise your full potential.

As our Technical Education courses are interlinked to the workplace, you will be in a strong position to either go straight into employment, secure an Apprenticeship, or gain a place at a prestigious university after you complete your course.

We have a **95% Level 3** Technical Education **Pass Rate**



Which **Technical Education** course is right for you?

Level 3 Duration: 1-2 years

- Equivalent to 3 A Levels.
- 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.
- 5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

Level 2 Duration: 1 year

- Designed to get Level 2 students ready for a Level 3 course and a career in your chosen sector.
- 4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.

Level 1 Duration: 1 year

- You will gain an insight into Technical Education and further develop your skills in English and Maths.
- 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.
- Opportunity to retake your Maths and English GCSEs.
- 2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

Why study T Level courses at NCC?

T Levels are a ground-breaking two-year Level 3 qualification that will offer you a mixture of classroom-based learning and 'on-the-job' experience. They are designed in collaboration with employers, are the equivalent to three A Levels, and include an exciting 45-day (minimum) industry placement in your chosen sector.

We have a **92% T Level Pass Rate**

T Levels are designed to give you the knowledge, skills and experience companies are looking for, helping you to step straight into your chosen career, higher level Apprenticeships or onto a degree.

Here at NCC, we were one of the first institutions in the country to deliver T Levels and as such, we have seen numerous student successes and our teams have amassed a wealth of experience developing and delivering these qualifications. With a brand-new state-of-the-art T Level Hub, there truly isn't a better place for you to embrace this new and exciting approach to education.



Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

- 5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.

Why study Apprenticeships at NCC?

An Apprenticeship is a full-time job, where you will work for a business while gaining a nationally recognised qualification. It is on-the-job training, and you get paid!

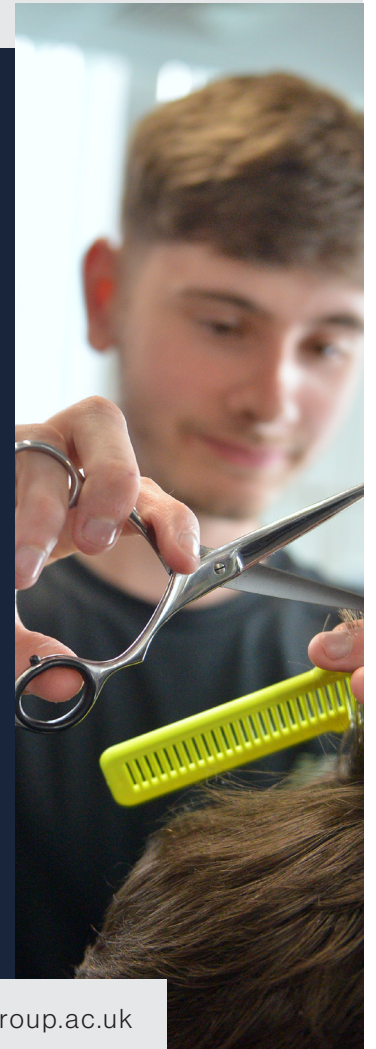
You will develop the skills and experience that employers want, whilst building an impressive CV. Apprenticeships take between one and four years to complete, depending on the type and level. What's great is you can learn at a pace suited to you and you will be supported at each stage by an industry specialist Trainer Assessor.

With an excellent reputation with businesses across East Lancashire and beyond, employers look to us to find them the right new employees, and this could be you if you decide an Apprenticeship is your right next step! We have a strong track record of Apprentices securing full-time employment after their Apprenticeship.

Our specialist Apprenticeship Team will help you find employment and support you through your application journey. Working with top-quality employers, we provide a talent matching service ensuring you are supported in finding the right role.

If you want to find out more about our Apprenticeship offer why not get in touch with our dedicated team using the details below:

☎ 01282 440 319 ✉ apprenticeships@nelsongroup.ac.uk



Financial Forecasts

PROJECTIONS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR



Business

Are you driven to thrive in a dynamic corporate setting, or do you envision carving your path as a successful entrepreneur?

Whether your dream is to excel in a large corporation or embark on your own venture, this course empowers you with a deeper understanding of business intricacies. Linking in with employers such as Pendleside Hospice, Morrisons, Matthew Kibble Transport, and Tax Assist, as a business student at Nelson and Colne College, you will experience high level training from industry experts, ensuring the highest quality of technical education.

You'll have access to an array of exciting opportunities that bring your learning experience to life within industry, giving you the knowledge and skills to really excel. Tailoring your study programme is made possible through engaging work experience placements, inspiring trips, industry specialist guest speakers, and much more.

Embrace the chance to shape your future and maximise your potential in the dynamic world of business.



There is no limit to where Business can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Business opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Business qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Business Management, Economics, Advertising and many more** courses at a multitude of universities across the country.

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector and an Apprenticeship within the business sector would allow you to experience a range a different career options and help you figure out what you are most interested in.

Start your

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Business. You can venture into many different industries, including **Management, Marketing and Advertising, Finance, Accounting and Human Resources**, including running your own business. Check out some of the career options on the next page.





Entrepreneur

Accountant

Financial Advisor

Economist

You could become

Marketing Executive

Project Manager



and earn...

£30K

Average Marketing Executive salary

£45K

Average Senior Marketing Executive salary

£60K

Average Marketing Manager salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



The Business Industry across the North West adds **£10.8 billion** to the national economy, and employs approximately **270,000 people**.
(Lightcast, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Business Management and Administration T Level	2 years
3	Accounting T Level	2 years
3	Marketing T Level	2 years
3	Level 3 Business	2 years
2	Level 2 Business	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year
3	Business Administrator Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
2	Customer Service Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship	16 months

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

What can you study with us?

To find out more about this course scan this code:





Nelson and Colne College is introducing T Level Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction to meet the needs of the Construction sector within the region.

Our industry expert tutors have direct links with employers from all across the region, giving direct access to high quality placements within the industry. You will develop skills and experience alongside professionals in the sector, giving you the very best start to your career.

Watching your hard work come to life right before your eyes is an incredibly satisfying part of working in Construction. Imagine seeing a building project transform and grow into its finished state, knowing that you played a crucial role in shaping the world around you. Our dedicated team of industry experts will guide you every step of the way, ensuring you learn from the best in the field. Through engaging

experiences like work placements, educational trips, and guest speakers, we enrich your learning journey and give you unrivalled industry connections.



There is no limit to where Construction can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Construction opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Construction qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Architecture, Construction Project Management, Construction & The Built Environment** plus many more courses at a multitude of universities across the country.

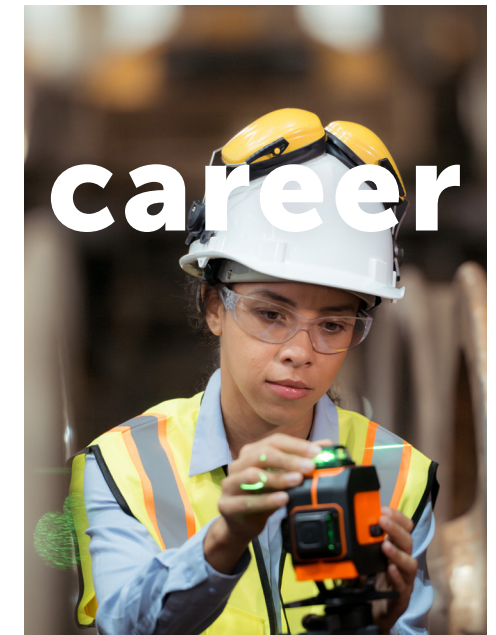
Start your career

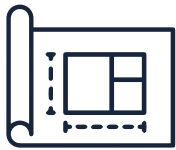
There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you take a Construction Course.

You can venture into many different sectors, including **Building Surveying, Architecture, Quantity Surveying and Construction Project Management.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector and an Apprenticeship within the Construction sector would allow you to specialise in a trade craft whilst building on your skills.





Technical
Surveyor

Engineering
Construction
Technician

Building Technician

Architect

You could become

Quantity
Surveyor

Site Management

Civil
Engineer



and earn...

£28K

Average
Trainee Quantity
Surveyor salary

£55K

Average
Qualified Quantity
Surveyor salary

£85K

Average Associate
Director salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Did you know that the construction sector is one of the largest in the UK economy – employing **3.1 million people** or **over 9% of the workforce**.
(Gov.uk, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction T Level - Civil Engineering - NEW FOR 2025	2 years

Entry requirements:

T Level

5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, **which must include** English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.

What can you study with us?

To find out
more about
this course
scan this
code:



Creative Arts & Media

Explore your style, unleash your creativity and realise your potential with Creative Arts & Media at Nelson and Colne College.

Discover the world of high-level artistic concepts and methods with our experienced tutors at Lancashire's only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education College. Gain invaluable real-world industry and in-class experiences that prepare you for diverse roles in the expansive creative media. Whether you aspire to be a Photographer, Graphic Designer, Animator, Interior Designer, Game Designer, Web Editor, or more, our Creative Arts & Media courses, created with our employer partners, are your pathway to a great career in one of the most exciting industries around!



With our industry focussed courses, there is no limit to where Creative Arts & Media can take you. Studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying a Creative Arts & Media course opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Creative Arts & Media qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Graphic Design, Photography, Animation, Fine Art, Film Production, Fashion & Textiles, Media Studies and many more.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector. An Apprenticeship within Creative Media would enable you to join a company and get hands of experience within a variety of different areas including graphic design, video creation and website design.

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Creative Arts & Media. You can venture into many different industries including **Film, Fashion Design, TV, Art History, Graphic Design, Photography and many more.**





Art Therapist Web Editor

Graphic Designer

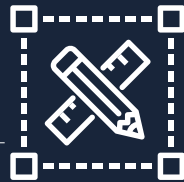
Game Designer

You could become

Film & TV Producer

Animator

Photographer



and earn...

£35K

Average Art Therapist starting salary

£44K

Average Experienced Art Therapist salary

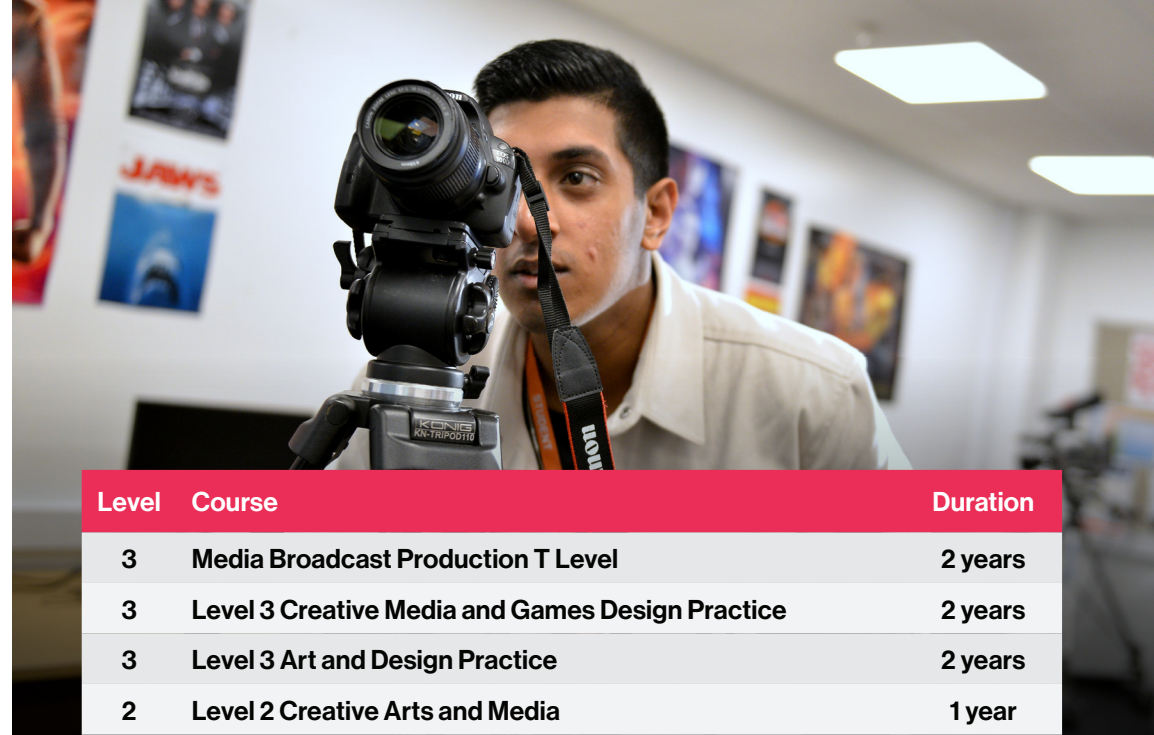
£55K

Average Senior Art Therapist salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



The UK's creative industries are vital to our economy - they employ **over 2 million people** and grow faster than other industries. (Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Media Broadcast Production T Level	2 years
3	Level 3 Creative Media and Games Design Practice	2 years
3	Level 3 Art and Design Practice	2 years
2	Level 2 Creative Arts and Media	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

What can you study with us?

To find out more about this course scan this code:





Digital (IT) is one of the most diverse industries to start your career in if you'd like to combine technical knowledge with your love for innovation. As more and more businesses discover ways to use technology to their benefit, demand for trained, specialist Digital (IT) professionals grows, so now is your chance to step into this rewarding career.

With the digital sector being worth an estimated £91.9 billion, growing over 1000% between 2010 and 2020, and tech and IT roles accounting for 12% of all job vacancies in the UK, it is clear that the future is no longer digital... the present is! Our industry expert, experienced tutors will guide you on a journey into the digital sphere, unlocking skills in coding, web design, programming, cyber security, social media, database design and more. Our facilities and industry-standard equipment ensure no limitations will inhibit you from realising your tech-based potential, and employer involvement in all our programmes means that you will leave us with the right skills and experience to secure your future within this high value sector.

Apply now and take your first steps towards a career in the world's largest industry!



There is no limit to where a Digital (IT) course can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Digital (IT) opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Digital (IT) qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Computer Science, Digital Media, Information Technology and many more.**

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Digital (IT). You can venture into many different sectors, including **Software Development, IT Consulting, Games Design, Robotics and Business Services.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available which you can undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector, including Google, Samsung and Microsoft.





Game Designer

Robotics Engineer

Data Scientist

You could become

Software Engineer

Website Developer

IT Consultant



and earn...

£30K

Average Junior Data Scientist salary

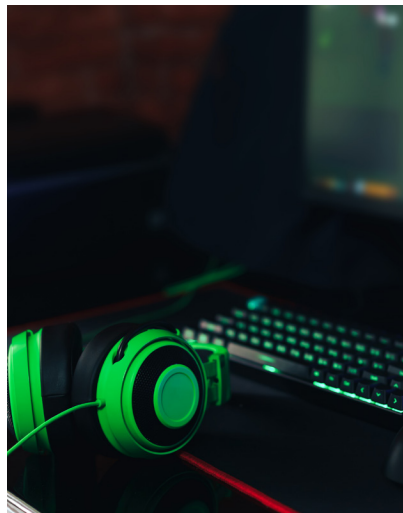
£50K

Average Data Scientist salary

£70K

Average Lead Data Scientist salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport estimate that there are **over 2 million open vacancies** across the sector.

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Cyber Security T Level	2 years
3	Digital Production, Design and Development T Level	2 years
3	Level 3 Information Technology	2 years
2	Level 2 Digital	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

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Education & Early Years

A career in Education & Early Years is your chance to support young children as they learn, develop and prepare for their future.

It's a career path that is rewarding, full of variety and offers progression and different pathways to follow as you grow in experience and confidence. If you aspire to make a positive impact on the lives of young individuals, take your place on a course that can unlock doors to a wide range of different careers within the ever-expanding industry of Education & Early Years.

By pursuing a career in early childhood, you can have a significant influence on the lives of young children and their families. You'll be a driving force in creating a better world for the future generation.

As the only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education provider in Lancashire, we are dedicated to delivering high-quality education. Our strong connections with local schools, nurseries and employers offer exceptional opportunities for hands-on experience and skill development.



There is no limit to where Education & Early Years can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Education & Early Years opens a variety of doors for your future. With an Education & Early Years qualification, you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Early Years and Childhood Studies, Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status, Psychology**, and many more courses at a multitude of universities across the country.

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector. You could be an Apprentice Teacher, Teaching Assistant or Early Years Educator, playing a vital role in enabling children to get the most out of education in a school or nursery setting, whilst getting real life experience in your chosen career.

Start your

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Education & Early Years. You can venture into many different industries, including **Primary and Secondary Education, Special Needs Education, Childcare and Psychology.**



career



Teaching Assistant

Special Educational
Needs Coordinator

You could **become** Apprentice
Teacher

Early Years Educator

Educational
Psychologist

Primary School
Teacher



and earn...

£28K

Average
Primary Teacher
starting salary

£39K

Average
Primary
Teacher salary

£80K

Average Primary
Headteacher salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Nationally there are **over 280,000 jobs** in this sector in the North West alone, and this is expected to grow in the next decade.

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Education & Early Years T Level - Early Years Educator	2 years
3	Education & Early Years T Level - Assisting Teaching	2 years
3	Level 3 Education & Early Years	2 years
2	Level 2 Education & Early Years	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year
3	Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
3	Teaching Assistant Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
2	Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship	16 months

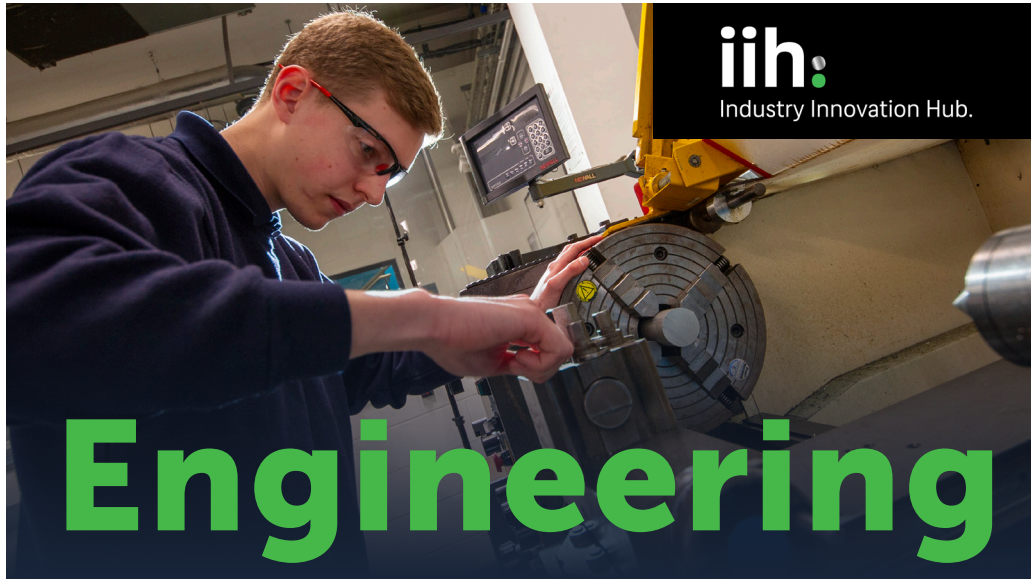
Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
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Are you a problem solver who enjoys understanding how things work? Looking for a lucrative career in the ever-growing engineering industry? Experience the fascinating world of Engineering at Lancashire's only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education College.

You will develop strong levels of technical skill and knowledge in our newly developed Engineering Centre, which has been designed alongside our employer partners. You will have the opportunity to learn from experienced and knowledgeable tutors, utilise state-of-the-art modern facilities, and benefit from industry-leading partnerships, on all our Engineering programmes. Whether in College or out on placement, your learning experience will be exceptional. Apply now to take your place on a course that opens doors to a variety of engineering careers or to a degree level course.

NEW FOR 2024

Our £2.5million Engineering facilities, have been redeveloped and open for learning in 2024. With dedicated workshops for Aerospace, CNC Machining, and Additive Manufacturing. They replicate engineering workshops across the industry and ensure that our learners are able to put their knowledge and skills to the test in real-world environments, before moving into high value careers within the sector.

There is no limit to where Engineering can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Engineering opens a variety of doors for your future. With an Engineering qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including; **Mechanical Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering and many more.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector, including national companies such as Rolls Royce, Airbus and BAE Systems. These multinational companies, as well as a large number of smaller, supply chain organisations within the North West, offer a wide range of Apprenticeships leading to high value careers.

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Engineering. You can venture into many different sectors, including **Fabricator, Welder, Engineering Fitter, Machining Technician, CNC Machining Operator, CNC Programmer, CAD Technician, Electrical Engineer and many more.**





Electrical
Engineer

Chemical
Engineer

You could become

Toolmaker Engineer

Aerospace Engineer

Mechanical
Engineer



and earn...

£30K

Average
Aerospace
Engineer
starting salary

£40K

Average
Experienced
Aerospace
Engineer salary

£60K

Average Chartered
Aerospace Engineer salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



The Engineering Industry accounts for **almost a 5th** of the total UK workforce. (Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)

Level	Course	Duration
3	Engineering T Level - Design and Development Electrical and Electronic Engineering	2 years
3	Engineering T Level - Design and Development Mechanical Engineering	2 years
3	Engineering T Level - Manufacturing (Tool Making)	2 years
2	Level 2 Engineering - Pre-Apprenticeship Route	1 year
2	Level 2 Engineering - T Level Route	1 year
1	Level 1 Engineering	1 year
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Mechatronics Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Tool Maker Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Tech Support Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Fitter Level 3 Apprenticeship	45 months
3	Machining Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship	45 months

Entry requirements:

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Industry Development Hub.

Hair & Beauty

Are you passionate about enhancing people's appearances or dream of owning your own salon? Do you crave a creative outlet where the human body becomes your canvas? Look no further than the Hair & Beauty programmes at Nelson and Colne College.

As Lancashire's only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education College, we provide the ideal foundation for a career in this thriving industry. Discover the secrets of stunning styles in our state-of-the-art salon, equipped with modern industry-standard equipment. Under the guidance of experienced tutors, and with strong employer partnerships, you'll enhance your skills in various techniques, while our tailored courses aim to bring out the very best in you. At Nelson and Colne College, you are only limited by your own creativity.

Apply now and embark on a rewarding journey that leads straight to a job in the Hair & Beauty sector.



There is no limit to where a Hair & Beauty course can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Hair & Beauty opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Hair & Beauty qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Hair & Makeup for Fashion, Hair, Makeup & Prosthetics for Performance, Pharmaceutical & Cosmetic Science, Advanced Beauty Therapy & Aesthetics, Salon Management** and many more.

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Hair & Beauty. You can venture into many different industries including, **Fashion, Photography, TV and Media.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector. An Apprenticeship within this sector, would enable you to expand your skills, as you will gain hands on experience of working in a salon, studio or on a set.





Cruise Liner
Therapist

Beauty Therapist

Specialist Hair
Technician

You could
become

Hair
Stylist

Salon Owner
Spa
Therapist



and earn...

£16K

Average Beauty
Therapist
starting salary

£25K

Average
Senior Beauty
Therapist salary

£45K

Average Beauty Therapy
Salon Owner salary

(nationalcareers.service.gov.uk, 2024)



Nationally the **North West has almost 30,000 jobs** in the Hair & Beauty sector, which is well above the national average. (Lightcast, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Level 3 Beauty Professional	1 year
2	Level 2 Beauty Professional	1 year
1	Level 1 Beauty	1 year
3	Level 3 Hair Professional	1 year
2	Level 2 Hair Professional	1 year
2	Level 2 Barber Professional	1 year
1	Level 1 Hair	1 year
2	Hair Professional Level 2 Apprenticeship	27 months

Entry requirements:

Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
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Are you enthusiastic about helping people in need and making a positive difference in your community? Do you aspire to take your selfless passion and make a career out of it?

Within this sector you'll be helping people every single day, whilst making a positive impact on their lives. Regardless of your role within the industry, working in Health & Social Care allows you to nurture your desire to help others and earn a living at the same time.

Whether aspiring to be a Midwife, Social Worker, Health Psychologist or one of the other multitude of jobs within one of the largest industries in the UK, the Health & Social Care programmes at Nelson and Colne College are the perfect gateway to a career within this ever-growing industry. Our unique partnerships with local employers, hospitals and GP surgeries offer exceptional opportunities for hands-on experience and skill development,

and our career pathway programmes open up direct routes into high value careers.

As the only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education provider in Lancashire, we are dedicated to delivering high-quality education. Apply today to embark on the initial step of a journey that paves the way for a gratifying and meaningful profession, where you have the power to shape, develop, and positively impact lives!



There is no limit to where Health & Social Care can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Health & Social Care opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Health & Social Care qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including; **Health & Social Care, Public Health & Wellbeing, Health Sciences, Nursing, Psychology and many more.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector, including with the NHS. The NHS, the UK's largest Health & Social Care provider, offers a variety of different Apprenticeships such as Healthcare Science Assistant, Associate or Practitioner, or a Nursing Degree Apprenticeship.

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Health & Social Care. You can venture into many different industries, including **Healthcare, Social Work and Psychology.**





Healthcare Science Assistant
Social Worker
Adult Nurse

You could become Paramedic

Mental Health Practitioner
Midwife



and earn...

£32K
Average Paramedic salary

£43K
Average Senior Paramedic salary

£70K

Average Consultant Paramedic salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



The NHS alone employs **1.4million** people, across **350** different jobs.
(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Health T Level - Adult Nursing	2 years
3	Health T Level - Mental Health	2 years
3	Health T Level - Midwifery	2 years
3	Level 3 Health and Social Care	2 years
2	Level 2 Health and Social Care	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year
2	Adult Care Worker Level 2 Apprenticeship	27 months
2	Health & Social Care Level 2 Apprenticeship	21 months

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
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Law, Justice & Protective Services

Are you passionate about serving your community as a member of the uniformed services? Do you dream of a career in Law and Justice?

Our Law, Justice & Protective Services courses at Nelson and Colne College are your gateway to unlock these aspirations! Tailored for careers in the uniformed services, our specialist Law, Justice & Protective Services programmes prepare you for roles as a Police Officer, Armed Forces Personnel or even as a Solicitor or Lawyer. By helping you develop comprehensive skills and knowledge valued by employers in these sectors, we provide the ideal foundation to kick-start your career. Your in-class studies will be enhanced through work experience and strong employer links, giving you invaluable industry relevant experience to

help you forge a high value career within this sector. At Lancashire's only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education College, you'll learn from experienced teachers, access state-of-the-art facilities, and benefit from industry-leading partnerships. Apply now to take your first steps towards a lucrative career in the exciting field of Law, Justice & Protective Services.



There is no limit to where a Law, Justice & Protective Services course can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Law, Justice & Protective Services (LJPS) opens a variety of doors for your future. With an LJPS qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Law, Professional Policing, Criminology and many more courses at a multitude of universities across the country.**

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Law, Justice & Protective Services. You can venture into many different sectors, including **Law, Policing and Crime and Justice.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector, including The Police. A number of Police services across the country offer Degree Apprenticeships which enable you to study for a degree whilst training on the job.





Police Officer

Lawyer

Judge

You could become

Barrister

Crime Scene Investigator



and earn...

£28K

Average Police Officer salary

£50K

Average Police Sergeant salary

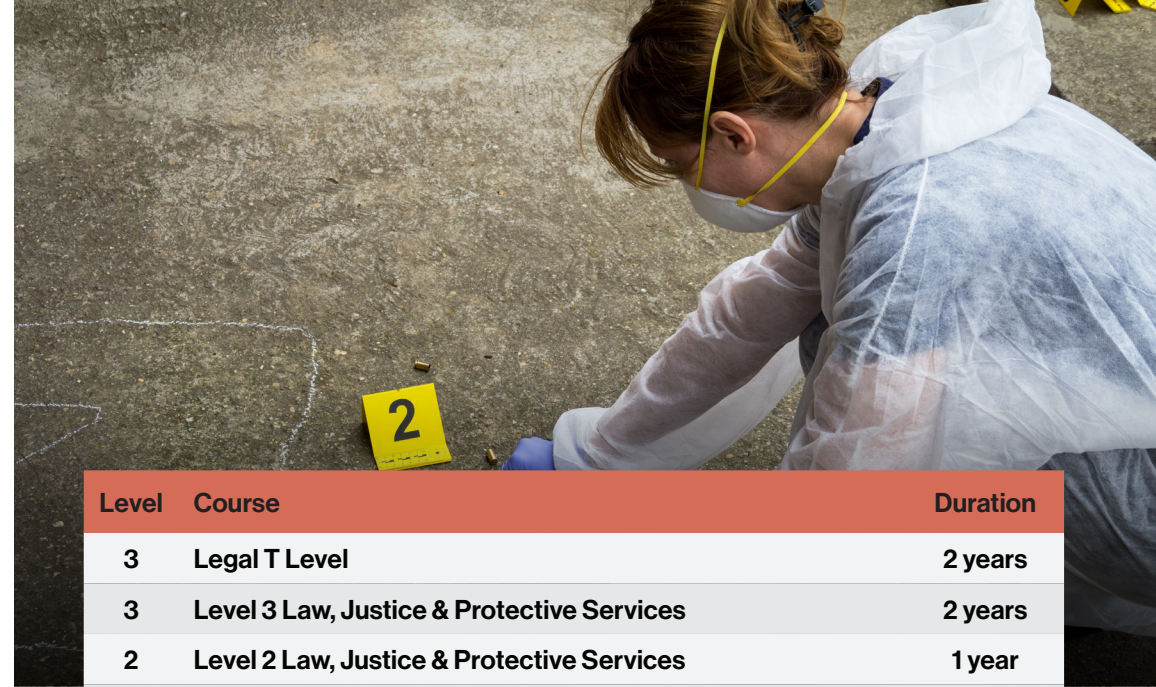
£60K

Average Police Inspector salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



There are **over 225,000 jobs** within the Law, Justice and Protective Services Industry, in the North West, which is **almost 10% higher** than the rest of the country. (Lightcast, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Legal T Level	2 years
3	Level 3 Law, Justice & Protective Services	2 years
2	Level 2 Law, Justice & Protective Services	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

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Are you positively charged with a love for science? Ready to apply your growing scientific knowledge to technical work?

Look no further than our Science programmes, designed to prepare you for a rewarding role in this fascinating industry.

At Nelson and Colne College, the only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education provider in Lancashire, we are committed to delivering the highest-quality education, nurturing your academic prowess in the scientific field.

Apply now and kick-start your career in the sciences with us.



There is no limit to where a Science course can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Science opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Science qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including; **Pharmacy, Paramedic Science, Healthcare Science, Biomedical Science, Radiography and many more.**

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Science. You can venture into many different industries, including **Healthcare, Pharmacy, Radiography, Scientific Research, Paramedic Science, Occupational Therapy, Biomedical Sciences and Forensics.**

Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector, including with the NHS. The NHS, the UK's largest Health and Social Care provider, offers a variety of different apprenticeships such as Healthcare Science Assistant, Associate or Practitioner, Dental Nurse or a Nursing Degree Apprenticeship.





Radiographer

Healthcare Scientist

Paramedic Pharmacist

You could become

Forensic Scientist

Chemist



and earn...

£30K

Average Biomedical Scientist salary

£38K

Average Experienced Biomedical Scientist salary

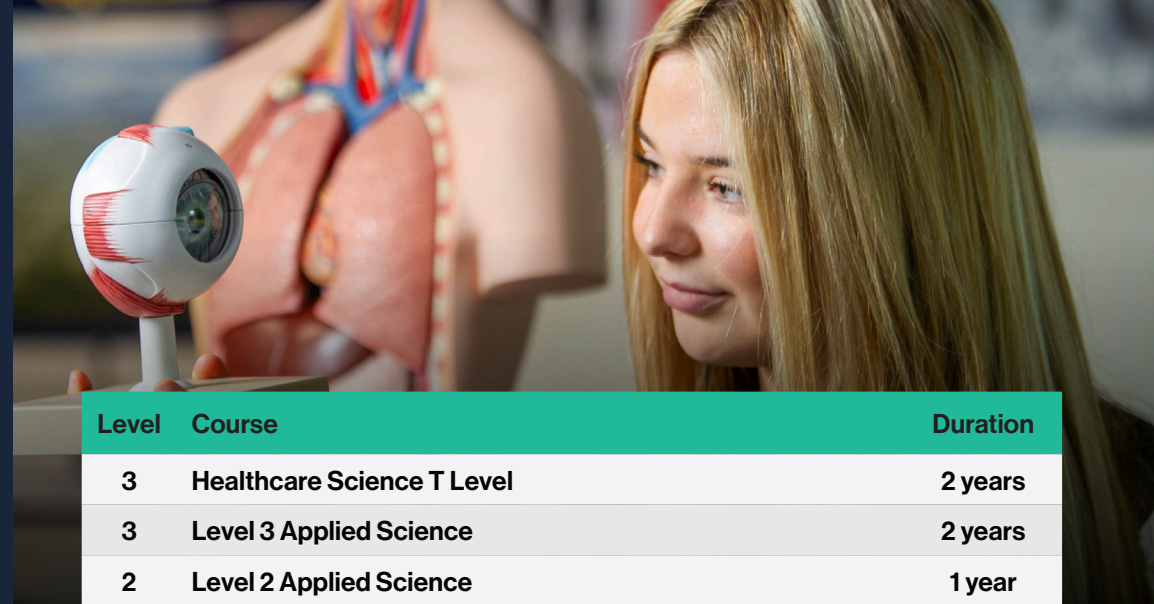
£48K

Average Senior Biomedical Scientist salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



Nationally there are **around 31,000 jobs** within the Science Industry across the North West and this is expected to grow by around 8% in the next decade. (Lightcast, 2024)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Healthcare Science T Level	2 years
3	Level 3 Applied Science	2 years
2	Level 2 Applied Science	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year

Entry requirements:

T Level	Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include English Language or Literature and Maths at Grade 4.	5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination and 4:4 in combined science.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths and 3:3 in combined science	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

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Sport

Prefer the gym to the classroom, the running track to an office, or the 3G pitch to a library? Engage both your physical and academic muscles with our sports courses at NCC.

With a diverse range of courses, we cover various areas within the sports field. Whether you aspire to be a Personal Trainer, Physiotherapist, Nutritionist or Sports Psychologist, we have something for everyone pursuing a career in the ever-growing UK sports industry. Our unique partnership with Burnley Football Club in the Community, enables learners at NCC to gain expert knowledge and experience across the sports industry, in particular within top flight football. Additionally, NCC provides fantastic opportunities for scholarships and working holidays in the US.

Apply now at Lancashire's only Ofsted Outstanding Further Education College and receive the best head start for a successful career in the sports industry.



There is no limit to where Sport can take you. By studying at Nelson and Colne College, you could go on to:

University

Studying Sport opens a variety of doors for your future. With a Sport qualification you could go on to study a wide range of undergraduate programmes at university, including **Sport and Exercise Science, Sports Performance, Sports Coaching, Physiotherapy, Sport Journalism, Nutrition and many more** courses at a multitude of universities across the country.

Start your career

There are a variety of different career paths you can go into when you study Sport. You can venture into many different sectors, including **Sports Coaching, Nutrition, Physiotherapy, Psychology and Journalism.**



Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is a great option after College if you would like to go straight into the world of work. There are a range of Apprenticeship Standards available to undertake across a vast number of employers within the sector.





Personal
Trainer

Sports Coach

Nutritionist

Psychology & Journalism

You could become

Physiotherapist
Sports
Therapist



and earn...

£33K

Average
Physiotherapist
salary

£35K

Average Clinical
Specialist
Physiotherapist
salary

£45K

Average Head of Service
Physiotherapist salary

(Prospects.ac.uk, 2024)



There are around 1,000 high performance sport jobs spanning a range of organisations operating right across the UK (UK Sport)



Level	Course	Duration
3	Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development	2 years
3	Level 3 Sports & Exercise Science	2 years
3	Level 3 Sport & Leisure Professional	2 years
2	Level 2 Sport & Leisure Professional	1 year
1	Routes to Employment	1 year

Entry requirements:

Level 3	Level 2	Level 1
5 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 4, which must include a Grade 3 and 4 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.	4 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, or a Level 1 BTEC which must include a Grade 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths.	2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, which must include a Grade 2 and 3 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

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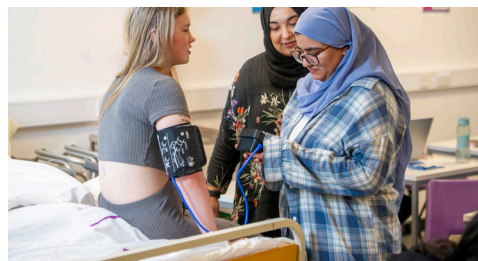


Our wide range of Entry Level courses means you can progress to a thriving career in most sectors including becoming a Hairdresser, Teaching Assistant or an Engineer.

Our Entry Level courses offer work experience and work placements, suited to you, which provide work ready skills designed to support you to secure a high value career.

As an Entry Level student, 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, team work and problem solving. Your programme will include work experience within your chosen sector.

We have close relationships with local and national businesses, that provide outstanding work experiences which give you a head start on a career within your chosen sector. You will also study English and Maths within your programme to ensure you are supported to progress in your industry of choice.



Level	Course	Duration
Entry Level 3	Entry Routes to Employment	1 Year
Entry Level 3	Entry 3	1 Year
Entry Level 2	Entry 2	1 Year
Entry Level	ESOL Entry Level Pathways	1 Year
Entry Level 3	Entry 3 ESOL - Academic Route	1 Year
Entry Level 3	Entry 3 ESOL - Technical Route	1 Year
Level 1	Steps to Success - Work Matters	1 Year
Entry Level 3	Steps to Success - Preparation for Adulthood	1 Year
Entry Level 2	Steps to Success - Preparation for Adulthood	1 Year
Entry Level 3	Steps to Success - Preparation for Independence and Work	1 Year
N/A	Steps to Success - Supported Internship	1 Year

Entry Level 3

2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 3, **which must include** a Grade 2 in English Language or Literature and Maths.

Entry Level 2

2 GCSE passes at a minimum of Grade 2, **which must include** a Grade 1 and 2 in English Language or Literature and Maths, in either combination.

ESOL

There are no formal entry criteria for this course but you will need to display a clear aspiration to progress into the world of work. Prior to starting this course you will need to complete an initial assessment.

Steps to Success

There are no formal entry criteria for this course, but you will need to display a clear aspiration to progress into the world of work. Prior to starting this course you will need to complete an initial assessment to determine suitability for the course.

Steps to Success - Supported Internship

There are no formal entry criteria for this course, but you will need to display a clear aspiration to progress into the world of work and **must have a current Education, Health and Care Plan**. Prior to starting this course you will need to complete an initial assessment to determine suitability for the course.



To find out more about this course scan this code:



Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a full-time job, where you will work for a business while gaining a nationally recognised qualification. It is on-the-job training, and you even get paid!

With an Apprenticeship, you will develop the skills and experience that employers want, building up an impressive CV. Apprenticeships take between one to four years to complete, depending on the type and level. What's great is you can learn at a pace suited to you and you will be supported at each stage by an industry specialist Trainer Assessor.

Nelson and Colne College have been providing high quality Apprenticeships for many years. We have an excellent reputation with businesses across East Lancashire and beyond, who

look to us to find their next leading employee. This could be you if you decide that an Apprenticeship is the right next step for you! We have a strong track record of Apprentices securing full-time employment after their Apprenticeship.

We have a specialist Apprenticeship Recruitment Team to help you find employment and support you through your application journey. We work with our wide range of top-quality employers, providing a talent matching service to ensure we support you in finding the right role.



Level	Course	Duration
3	Business Administrator Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
2	Customer Service Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship	16 months
3	Early Years Educator Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
3	Teaching Assistant Level 3 Apprenticeship	21 months
2	Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship	16 months
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Mechatronics Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Tool Maker Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship - Tech Support Pathway	45 months
3	Engineering Fitter Level 3 Apprenticeship	45 months
3	Machining Technician Level 3 Apprenticeship	45 months
2	Production Chef Level 2 Apprenticeship	16 months
2	Hair Professional Level 2 Apprenticeship	27 months
2	Adult Care Worker Level 2 Apprenticeship	27 months
2	Health & Social Care Level 2 Apprenticeship	21 months

What can
you study
with us?

To find out more about this course scan this code:





At our sister campus, Accrington and Rossendale College (ARC), we offer a variety of exciting and career focused courses, including those run in our specialist Construction and Motor Vehicle Centre.

Our Construction courses offer more than just high-quality training and industry-standard equipment; they provide a gateway to this exciting and fulfilling industry.

As a Construction student, you'll have the opportunity to tailor your study programme and immerse yourself in your chosen area of specialisation, whether it's Electrical Installation, Plumbing, Painting & Decorating, Plastering, Bricklaying, or Carpentry & Joinery. At ARC, we enrich your learning journey through engaging experiences like work placements, educational trips, and industry focussed guest speakers.



For more info scan this code

- Brickwork
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction
- Electrical Installation
- Plumbing & Domestic Heating
- Motor Vehicle
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering

Our Motor Vehicle programmes are designed for those who are passionate about cars and engines. As a Motor Vehicle 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 gain an in-depth understanding of the industry as well as transferable skills that can be applied to the workplace or further study.

Our Schools Team



I'm Melanie and I lead our Academic and Technical Education Mentors, a dedicated team who will work with you, in school and on campus, to:

- inspire you in your career choices
- help you better understand the wide range of employers in our region, and the job opportunities within them
- build your employability skills and knowledge
- align your career choices to the right courses after school
- provide you with detailed College course information
- provide application help and support
- offer personalised campus tours

We work closely with employers, curriculum teams and former students to make our courses come to life to show you how they can best meet your career aspirations. We are here to make your next steps after school as easy as possible, and provide you with all you need to make confident career choices.

Get in touch

If you have any questions or need further advice regarding your next steps at NCC, please contact us on:

✉ schools@nelsongroup.ac.uk

☎ 01282 440 288

Ready to take **your place?**

How to apply

Applications for courses starting in September 2025 open in September 2024.

We accept applications throughout the year, however we encourage you to apply early and by **31st December** for A Levels and T Levels and by **1st February** for all other courses, so you can be part of our applicant journey.

By applying early you can benefit from VIP access to our Open Events, priority interview slots and exclusive applicant incentives.

Go ahead! Scan the QR code below to submit your application for a guaranteed place on one of our courses.

Scan the QR code to create an account with us and apply via our online portal. By applying online, you will be able to track your application, update your personal details anytime, view your application status, update and change your courses and view your interview appointment details.



Need help or support? Our friendly Admissions Team are here for you.

What do we do?



Offer course information and advice



Process all college applications



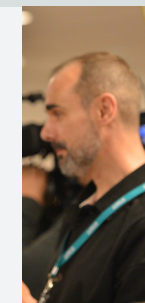
Arrange your college interview



Offer support throughout your application journey

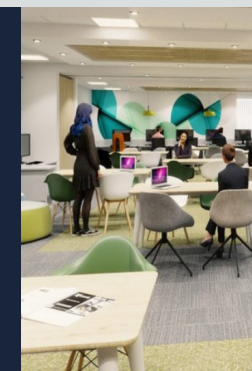


Provide all the information you need about enrolment



What can we help with?

- Applications
- Asking a question about a College course
- Accepting your course offer
- Changing your application or subject choice
- Finding out about entry requirements
- Changing your interview date/time
- Providing a tour of the College



Get in touch! Email us at admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk or call us on **01282 440272**

Parent, Carer & Guardian Information

We know you will have questions about your young person's next steps, so here's everything you need to know to support you and your young person's transition to College.

How can I help my young person choose the correct course ?

Talking to them about their favourite subjects and what they enjoy about them is a good place to start. You could discuss careers and what job they would love to do in the future. Once these have been identified, we can support in advising the pathways most suitable to match their interests. Our Open Events are a great way to learn more about the options available to your young person after school.

When does my young person need to apply to College ?

Applications can be made throughout the year; however, we do recommend applying early to make the most of our exciting applicant journey and to ensure we can keep in touch with them throughout their last year at school. The earlier they apply the more access they will have to our exclusive events and will be able to build stronger links with their future tutors and employer partners.

Why does my young person need to attend an interview ?

Interviews are an important part of the application process as this is their chance to speak to the tutors of their selected course to ensure it's the right choice for them. Interviews usually last around 15-minutes and are very informal.

My young person would like to go to University after College. Does College support with University applications ?

Yes! When they are ready to start looking at Universities, our expert Careers Team are here to help with personalised careers advice, university applications, university finance advice, interview techniques and much more.

What if my young person changes their mind about their course choice ?

That's absolutely fine! Application choices can be changed at any time by contacting our Admissions Team on **admissions@nelsongroup.ac.uk** or **01282 440272**; they will be invited to another interview for their new course choice.

Is there financial support for my young person ?

We have an extensive financial support package for our full-time 16–18-year-old students which are tailored to individual needs. We also have a College Bursary Fund which some students may be eligible for. More information can be found on page 39.

What support is available to my young person ?

There are a wide range of specialist services here at College to support them every step of the way. You can find out more on page 40 to 41.

Parent, carer and guardian checklist: ✓

- Discuss different options available after school with your young person
- Attend a College Open Event
- Find out more about our range of A Levels, Technical Education, Apprenticeship and T Level Courses
- Consider how your young person will travel to College
- Check your young person has submitted their application
- Add our New Student and Enrolment dates to your diary. You can find these on the back of this College guide.
- Support your young person to attend their interview

Looking for further information? Scan the QR codes below to find out more about...



Term dates



Parents' zone



Financial support

We **can't wait** for
you to be part of

Nelson & Colne College

To learn more about our courses and apply now
to secure your place, visit www.nelson.ac.uk

Got questions about our courses? Why not use this page to make
a note of them so you can ask our outstanding teaching team and
extraordinary students when you visit us at an open event?



Join us at one of our
Open Events

A Level Open Event

Saturday 21st September 2024
10am-2pm

Open Event

Thursday 3rd October 2024
5.30-7.30pm

Open Event

Wednesday 6th November 2024
5.30-7.30pm

Careers Event

Monday 10th February 2025
5.30-7.30pm

Year 8, 9 & 10 Event

Tuesday 29th April 2025
5.30-7.30pm

New Student Day

Monday 30th June 2025
All Day

GCSE Results Day & College Enrolment

Thursday 21st August 2025
All Day



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