Prospectus for School Leavers 2018/19
Welcome

You’re at an exciting moment in your life, school is finishing and you’re wondering about your next steps. 

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Make the right choice for you!
Here at Bridgwater & Taunton College, we want you to enjoy every moment of your life as a student. Here’s how we help you make the most of your time with us.

**Clubs, Societies and Sport**
Whatever you’re into, the chances are that someone else at the College will share your enthusiasm. As a result, there are plenty of clubs, societies and sports activities available for you to enjoy. They provide a perfect opportunity to spend time with like-minded people, pursuing whatever it is that makes you tick.

It’s impossible to do justice to the breadth of activities on offer. They include everything from a College book club to rugby, with things like self-defence, clay pigeon shooting, football and outdoor pursuits thrown in for good measure.

We also have a number of clubs and societies designed to enhance your studies as well as your leisure time. For example, Cannington has its own Young Farmers’ Club (YFC), and we have a coding club, an engineering club and a driving club – all of which develop your skills and enhance your employability.

As well as joining clubs, students regularly organise one-off events to raise money for charity or grow awareness of a particular issue. Examples include events for World Aids Day and Mental Health Awareness Day, as well as the annual Raise & Give (RAG) Day, where students and staff raise money for charities such as the Motor Neurone Disease Association, The Hawk and Owl Trust and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

**College Academies**
Bridgwater & Taunton College is committed to success. Our Academies provide students with an opportunity to develop skills in sport, public services, performing arts or media. They’re a great opportunity for development, paving the way for substantial achievements in the future.

The precise nature of the additional opportunity depends on your academy specialism. If you’re interested in performing, you’ll have the chance to refine your talents with expert tuition and professional performance opportunities, including on TV and radio.

If you’re passionate about sports, you could represent the College in national competitions.

**Team BTC**
We have a number of high-quality teams in sports including football, netball, hockey, trampolining, rugby, badminton and basketball. These play in local leagues, and in Association of Colleges (Aoc) matches against institutions such as Weymouth College, Weston College, Strode College, and Milfield.

If you live to compete, these teams are for you. They meet regularly to train between matches, and you have to earn your place in the squad. That sharpens your senses, helping to motivate you to maintain the highest possible standards of performance.

Pay a nominal fee and receive access to all our sports facilities including professional coaching, fitness testing, sports performance support and access to the gym, currently at the Bridgwater campus.

**BTC Active**
At Bridgwater & Taunton College, we want you to be happy and healthy in order to lead an active lifestyle. Being active helps the brain function more efficiently, makes you feel good inside and improves your concentration.

The BTC Active team will be there for you every step of the way offering a wide range of regular active sessions throughout the week, meeting the student demands. Don’t worry though, the sessions are planned to fit in with your timetable so there really is no excuse not to join in with friends to have some fun, be active and become a better you.

If you’d rather spend your free time enjoying other activities then don’t worry. BTC Active also offers curriculum specific sessions through our Active, Healthy, Employable or Active Hour programmes. We have so much to offer, it really is hard to miss out.

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**COLLEGE LIFE**

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“**The overall impression of the College campus is one of safety, friendship and independence, all with an atmosphere of hard work**”

SEAN FOX
Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training
Heathfield Community School

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**ENHANCE YOUR STUDIES**
Trips and Visits
It’s strange to think it, but some of the most memorable aspects of your college years will most probably be when you’re nowhere near College. That’s because you’ll be on a trip to an exciting location, developing your knowledge, meeting new people and gaining fresh experiences.

Our students certainly get about. They’ve been to motor shows, fashion events, paintballing sessions and music concerts. There’s also been the occasional tour of the Houses of Parliament, and it’s all in the name of education. In addition to trips such as those of our Art and Design department to places like New York, the International Baccalaureate students who visited Morocco and Sport students who flew to South Africa to coach local children, we offer a variety of opportunities to join extra-curricular adventures. Fancy abseiling as part of the Army’s youth team or volunteering on a camp for disadvantaged teenagers?

Duke of Edinburgh’s Award (DofE)
Ask any employer what they most often look for in a candidate after academic achievement, and you’ll soon hear mention of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. This scheme involves a compelling mix of adventure, self-development and community service, and it’s recognised the world over.

Participants in the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award develop an array of virtues, including:
• An ability to work with others
• An ability to work independently
• Problem-solving ability
• Communication skills
• Self-motivation
• Determination
• Commitment

Because of this, it’s a fantastic adornment to your CV and will really help you stand out from the crowd. But it’s good in its own right, too, giving you an experience that will last a lifetime.

Places on the DofE Award are limited, so it’s worth enrolling soon after you start College if you don’t want to miss out.

Student Common Rooms
When it comes to your downtime, we’ve the perfect place to spend it. Each campus has a Student Common Room, where you can catch up with friends over a cup of something warm, shoot some pool or compete on a games console, or simply relax on comfy sofas until your next class. It’s these communal spaces that make our campuses such special places to study. They help build strong networks between students, ensuring you’ll always find someone to hang out with, or a place to take five in the midst of a busy day.

The Student Union
Our Student Union is affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS), and run by officials who are elected from our student body. Their focus is on the well-being of their peers, and the overall experience of studying at Bridgwater & Taunton College. They ensure we do our jobs properly, and give you the best possible chance of achieving success.

The Student Union also organises social events and occasions such as the Christmas Ball and themed parties. When it isn’t doing all of that, it makes suggestions for improving College facilities, and helps create an environment in which everyone feels at home.

Learner Voice
It may sound obvious to say it, but students are the very core of our College. That is why we have structures to ensure your voice is heard, and that you have every opportunity to refine our practice and learn in the best possible environment.

We call this ‘Learner Voice’. It is, as the name suggests, about giving you the chance to be heard on a range of issues, from teaching quality to the coffee in our vending machines. To make the most of this opportunity, you may consider becoming a Programme Representative. Student representatives liaise between their fellow students and College staff to shape our corporate culture and enhance our life together.
Student Ambassadors

We’re proud of the fact that our students love coming to Bridgwater & Taunton College, and want to give them every opportunity to spread the word. So we provide you with the chance to become a Student Ambassador and help out at College events, including Open Days for potential students and their parents.

Ambassadors welcome guests, visit their previous school to talk about life at College, provide peer mentoring and help students at College. It’s an important role, for which you receive training and guidance. So if you want to enhance your CV, it’s definitely a role to consider.

Tutorials

We match every student to a personal tutor, who takes responsibility for their learning and development. There is a mix of 1:1 professional review and themed group tutorials.

Personal tutors meet students either individually or in small groups to review progress, signpost further learning opportunities and identify areas that require more work. The regular professional reviews and themed group tutorials are a valuable part of College life, and help steer you through this crucial phase of education and professional development.

Healthy Living

Doing well isn’t just about being successful in your studies or pursuing your chosen career. It’s not even about having an active social life, or excelling in your particular hobbies.

To really thrive, you need to live healthily, and at Bridgwater & Taunton College, we do everything we can to help you. For example, the food we sell at our campuses has been sourced locally, and prepared with health and well-being in mind. Every catering outlet offers plenty of choice for the healthy eater, and we educate students about the merits of a balanced diet.

This isn’t about preaching to you or trying to ensure you’re sensible. It’s about ensuring you’re in the best possible health to enjoy your success.

Freshers’ Fair

To get a handle on everything that’s going on at Bridgwater & Taunton College, you need to attend the Freshers’ Fair. This takes place at the start of term, and is a great opportunity to meet new people and sign up for your favourite activities (or find new ones to try).

It’s hard to describe a typical Freshers’ Fair, because no two are ever the same. But you can expect anything from circus-skills workshops to chilli tasting and street dancing.

Celebrating Success

We believe in celebrating our students’ achievements and rewarding a job well done. With this in mind, we hold awards ceremonies for each subject specialism honouring students who have performed especially well. It’s our way of encouraging you to reach ever higher in your studies and ambitions.

Equality & diversity

It goes without saying, but Bridgwater & Taunton College prides itself on being an open and inclusive institution. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination and harassment. To us, everyone including staff and students alike, is equal and deserving of respect.

This is reflected in our clubs and societies, which include a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Everyone and Anyone (LGBTEA) Group that has been established by students and won an Anne Frank Award in 2016.

When it comes to matters of faith, we celebrate diversity, supported by our Multi-faith Co-ordinator.

“I’ve taken part in a range of activities and made friends from different courses and areas”

ASHLEIGH SCOTT

Level 3 Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Countryside)
Kingsmead Community School

Love what you do!
Fantastic Facilities
Bridgwater and Taunton

You could look at a lot of colleges and not find a single one that matches our range of facilities.

We provide top-quality workshops and teaching areas across both campuses for subjects such as art, design and media, automotive engineering, construction and hair and beauty. For us, the success of our students always comes first. By investing in our environment, we’re ensuring your future.

We’ve learned up with industry partners and the government to provide what you need to succeed in your chosen field.

Advanced Engineering Centre
The most recent addition to the Bridgwater campus is the AEC. The £7.5 million investment has created a perfect environment to support this fast-paced industry. The Centre houses welding workshops, body repair and refinishing facilities as well as a bespoke motorsport environment.

This ensures you can hold your own in the workplace, because you know your way around a professional automotive environment. More than that, it gives you the chance to develop your skills in a way that directly translates to your future career. And if you have a particular interest in motorsport, we offer you the chance to support the College Motorsport Race Team as it competes throughout the UK.

Childcare Centres
This is yet another area of strength for Bridgwater & Taunton College. Our childcare learning environments across both campuses are much admired. They provide you with a chance to enhance your CV with real-world experience, and to perfect the techniques that will make you a highly effective childcare professional.

You never be short of opportunities to up your game in the world of childcare. For us, the success of our Childcare Centres in Taunton and Bridgwater is key. We’re focused on providing the highest level of care for our students, and a uniquely enriching care experience for the children they work with.

Common Rooms
We have relaxation areas galore across our sites, so there’s always a place to go when you want to socialise, play pool, table tennis or computer games with friends, or simply chill out. Moreover, with ready access to the Student Union, you’ll always know where you can find advice, support and encouragement for every area of College life.

Hair & Beauty Salons
There is no better way to become a hairdresser or beautician than by getting hands-on with clients. That’s what our hair and beauty salons at both campuses provide you with an opportunity to do. So not only will you develop your practical skills, you’ll pick up experience of dealing with the public, handling money and operating in a business environment. All of which will stand you in very good stead when it comes to securing your first job.

Learning Resources Centres
Giving you access to thousands of books, journals, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers, our URCs are a wonderful asset to our campuses. You’ll be encouraged to use them as study spaces, where you can pick up experience of dealing with the public, handling money and operating in a business environment. All of which will stand you in very good stead when it comes to securing your first job.

Sports Facilities
Pick a sport, any sport. The chances are we have facilities across our campuses that enable you to participate in it. Alongside the expected rugby, football and netball pitches, tennis courts and cricket squares, we offer a golf course, gym, stables and climbing centre. This means there’s every opportunity to pursue your sporting passion.

Science Laboratories
As we expect, our science facilities are right up to-date. They contain specialist equipment for your scientific discipline, ensuring you have everything needed to deepen your practical and conceptual knowledge. For students studying Forensic Science, we use dedicated crime scene facilities where you can hone your skills in investigation and observation.

Food & Drink
Our award-winning catering team ensures you’ll never want for choice when it comes to eating. Whether you want a nourishing home-cooked meal, a quick snack or slurp of coffee, there are plenty of cafés and restaurants across our campuses to satisfy your desires. And because we have a College-wide commitment to healthy eating, you’ll never be short of opportunities to up your intake of vitamins and minerals.

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Fantastic Facilities
Cannington and Yeovil

One of the things that marks out Bridgwater & Taunton College is the range of land-based programmes we deliver in the region.

From our Cannington campus and centre in Yeovil, we offer unrivalled opportunities to get hands-on with the worlds of agriculture, animal care and horticulture. Our facilities include a 200-hectare farm, a cutting-edge Agricultural Innovation Centre and beautiful living accommodation.

Cannington Campus
If you’re training for a career in agriculture, it makes sense to do so on a working farm, that’s why students flock to Rodway Farm at Cannington. Our 200-hectare mixed farm has a dairy herd of 250 high-yielding Holsteins, a state-of-the-art milking parlour at Cannington. Our 200-hectare mixed farm has a dairy herd of 250 high-yielding Holsteins, a state-of-the-art milking parlour and provides the ideal training context for our students.

For those with a focus on animal management and veterinary nursing, our Animal Management Centre provides top-notch training facilities. With a mix of exotic and domestic species, it’s a fantastic place to hone your theoretical knowledge and your practical skills. You’ll have a chance to work in our industry-standard veterinary nursing room, using the very latest equipment.

The campus also houses a professional dog grooming studio. This is open to the public and provides the ideal training context for our students.

Horse riding enthusiasts are also well catered for. Our Equestrian Centre has a BHS-approved riding school with indoor and outdoor arenas, and extensive stable blocks that accommodate horses and ponies for every ability level. All our instructors are BHS-qualified, and as well as supporting equine students, they teach members of the public.

Another key strand of our provision is horticultural training. The Walled Gardens of Cannington are recognised throughout the region as an important tourist attraction. They provide the perfect blend between a viable commercial operation and a wonderful training context, with extensive and varied planting, tropical greenhouses, and a cutting-edge aquaponics area. They also have tea rooms and plant shop, helping you to sharpen your commercial senses at the very start of your career.

Residential Accommodation
Because of the nature of our Cannington-based courses, many students choose to live at the campus.

We have invested £3 million in the residential block, providing comfortable home-from-home accommodation for up to 140 people. The accommodation and work of the Student Liaison Team was graded Outstanding across the board by the Ofsted Care Standards Inspection in 2017. Our Student Liaison Team organise a range of social activities for residential students including film and food nights, BBQs and picnics, rugby, football, darts, rounders, day trips and the annual Summer Ball.

Yeovil Centre
Yeovil-based Animal Care students get hands-on with a wide array of animals, including livestock, domestic pets, birds and exotic creatures. The centre allows students to learn how to safely and ethically maintain a collection, while keeping it fully visible to the public.

If, however, you have a passion for football and dream of becoming a professional coach, the Yeovil centre is where students studying Football Coaching in Community Settings cover the theoretical aspects of their qualification.

The National College for Nuclear (NCfN)
The College is one of five National Colleges that will create the workforce of tomorrow by delivering high-level technical training to thousands of learners across England. Set across two hubs (one at the Cannington campus and one in Cumbria), the College is developing and delivering the UK’s nuclear curriculum, designing new qualifications and training courses that meet the demand for highly skilled workers in the nuclear sector.

Most of the modern study bedrooms have en-suite facilities and all enjoy free Wi-Fi internet connection and TV ports. En-suite rooms for under-18s are located in mixed-sex, ten-room lodges, each with a common area that has a television and other general utilities for the exclusive use of the students within that lodge. All student accommodation has security controlled access, CCTV and 24-hour security support. Under-18s stay in residence from Sunday evening through to Friday evening, returning home on weekends.

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College Academies
Complementing your studies

Academies offer you the opportunity to pursue your performance, public service, sporting or media aspirations alongside academic or vocational qualifications, and are a great way to complement your studies.

Benefits vary. For example, in the Performing Arts Academy you can expect professional rehearsals, numerous performance experiences and to work alongside like-minded students and highly talented, enthusiastic Academy Directors. In Team BTC Performance, you have the opportunity to represent the College in a variety of sports and benefit from additional support and coaching. The Media Academy is for students wishing to pursue a career in the creative industries or enhance their practical skills by working on live briefs. If you’re looking for action, the 999 Academy teaches you skills used by the fire and rescue, ambulance and police services.

Team BTC Performance
Join our national Beacon Award winning sports performance programme representing the College in a variety of sports. This provides access to our elite sports programme and facilities including the gym, professional coaching, fitness-testing and sports performance support. You will receive personalised kit and the opportunity to try out for the College teams that compete in local and regional competitions. Sports include basketball, football, golf, hockey, netball, rugby and trampolining.

Honours Academy
If you are a high-flying academic or vocational student with at least four A* GCSEs, the Honours Academy offers you the opportunity to receive additional tuition and coaching to supplement your studies. It also supports progression to top universities and employment.

Drama Academy
Drama Academy is made up of performers and backstage crew working to exacting standards, with members engaging in a variety of disciplines, from set and costume design to on-stage performing.

Music Academy
Whether you play rock or pop music, join this academy and become part of a professional style live band. You’ll learn from experienced visiting musicians and mentors, work with motivated, talented people and play in the McMillan House Band.

Show Choir
If you love harmony singing and choreography, you’ll love the Show Choir. Students enjoy a busy performance calendar that has included a range of concerts, international tours, festivals and competitions.

In addition to the Academies, we run a wide range of performing arts groups that are open to students across the College, including the award-winning College Choir and various instrumental ensembles and vocal groups.

The Academy provides you with the opportunity to:
• Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
• Extend your learning within and beyond your area of study
• Develop leadership skills
• Increase your confidence and your public speaking, social and presentation skills
• Take part in master classes from visiting experts
• Take part in trips, visits and residential events such as Oxbridge summer schools

Please note: you do not need to complete an application form if you have already applied for the Academic Scholarship.

Performing Arts Academy
The Performing Arts Academy teaches you so much more than just how to rehearse and perform. You also learn to work as part of a team, plan projects and give presentations. These transferable skills increase your confidence and equip you for future auditions, job interviews and university applications.

The Performing Arts Academy has four specialisms including:
• The Dance Company
Find out first-hand what it’s like to be a professional dancer working in a dance troupe. Technique classes help strengthen your performance and your choreography skills are improved through creating innovative performance pieces.

Media Academy
The Media Academy incorporates three schools: design, journalism and production. All three work on live briefs generated by professional clients, so if you wish to pursue a career in the creative industries or enhance your practical skills, the Media Academy helps develop attributes valued by employers or university interviewers.

If you’re in the Design School you’ll work in conjunction with A Level Graphic Design and the Foundation Degree Art & Design students to provide a comprehensive and innovative design service. Creative solutions may include logo and poster designs, company branding and multi-media signage and production.

A news blog relating to the College, community or popular culture is just one of the media channels you could be working on in the Journalism School. Previous students have had their press releases about the Media Academy events printed in the local newspapers. There is also a lot of teamwork across the Schools that enhances your interview techniques, sound design and editing skills.

The aim of the Production School is to create promotional and informative videos for real clients. You work in small production teams led by a Project Manager/Director, and offer a range of services including pre-production planning, project management, camera and sound operation, editing and post-production, title graphics, voice-overs and the sourcing of stock music.

Fashion Academy
The Fashion Academy is open to anyone with an interest in the world of fashion and textiles. You will develop a talent for working with trends, branding, merchandising, fashion event management and skills across fashion and textiles. In the Academy you will work on live briefs generated by professional clients, so if you wish to pursue a career in the creative industries or enhance your practical skills, the Fashion Academy helps develop attributes valued by employers or university interviewers. You may be interested in setting up your own clothing brand, working on the annual Fashion Show, making costumes for the shows in the Department or working with external clients on their fashion needs.

Each year students help promote, manage and work backstage at the major fashion show event at the McMillan Theatre. This gives students the chance to experience an event like this while at College, ready for the industry.

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Design Academy
This industry-facing academy is open to anyone interested in any aspect of design. Whether you have started designs of your own on social media, been interested in creating branding, packaging or web designs, or if you have a keen interest in an aspect of design linked to another industry, then this Academy will help stretch you ready for your next steps. You will work each week with others to provide a comprehensive and innovative design service. Creative solutions may include logo and poster designs, company branding and multi-media signage and production for external clients, your own designs or other courses.

Design Academy will increase your ability to understand the industry, be entrepreneurial and have visits and talks from companies already working in design or supporting small business. Working as a design team, many of the students will be able to help with College branding and design, run their own social media presence and access external design competitions.

Supporting your Learning
As well as expert teaching and tuition, you’ll have access to a full student support package, ensuring you have every chance to realise your potential.

Student Support
Our Student Support and Student Engagement teams are located at the heart of our campuses, meaning they are easy to find at any time during College hours.

They help with a range of issues, including:
- Financial concerns, including meeting the cost of equipment, childcare and travel
- Bursaries and scholarships
- Accommodation, transport and bus passes
- Health, first aid, and sexual health
- Mental health concerns, including putting you in touch with a counsellor
- Chaplaincy and support services

If you’re not sure whether the team can help with your enquiry, our advice is simple: come along and ask. The chances are they’ll know exactly what to do.

Additional Learning Support
Our well-qualified and award-winning learning support staff provide one-to-one or small-group tuition for students with:
- Specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia
- Conditions on the Autistic spectrum
- Difficulties with core skills, such as maths or English

Our dedicated team also provides in-class or break-time support for students at every level from Foundation Studies to Higher Education. This is available to any student who has learning, mental or physical difficulties.

To access our first-rate support, you need to make us aware of your needs at the point of applying to College. That way, we can set up the right structures from the start of your time with us.

We pride ourselves on the fact that every student, regardless of their precise needs, has full access to our curriculum, and is given every opportunity to realise their potential. It’s one of the things that makes us a stand-out College in the local area.

BOBBI SHUTE
Level 2 Diploma in Women’s Hairdressing
Kingsmead School

“My first experience at College was at a Taster Day. I really enjoyed it and it helped me realise I wanted to study hairdressing. I really enjoy studying here; the tutors help with anything I find difficult and I’ve made good friends.”

Bursaries available
Scholarships
Do you have a particular talent in sport or the performing arts? Are you a high-flyer in land-based studies, or someone with exquisite academic potential? Do you hope to attend a Russell group university, or read a discipline like medicine?

If so, you can apply for a Bridgwater & Taunton College scholarship. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your ability recognised. A scholarship is designed to fan the flames of your ambition, so that you have the very best start to your academic adventure. To find out more, visit the scholarship page on our College website.

Bursaries
If you have to keep a tight hold on the purse strings, bursaries are designed to help with the cost of materials, transport and equipment, and vary in amount. Currently with the cost of materials, transport and equipment, and with the application process. If you’re thinking of applying to Oxford, Cambridge or another top university, we’ll give you bespoke advice that will enhance your chances of success.

Meanwhile, our excellent Careers Room maps a range of options, including the very latest job opportunities in the region. If you’re eager to get earning, it’s the perfect place to identify opportunities and receive assistance with your applications.

Support is available on an individual basis, as well as in tutorials, drop-in workshops and general information sessions. Which means that not only is the world your oyster, but you’ll have every opportunity to pursue your dreams.

Moving On
Here’s a counter-intuitive thought: the minute you arrive at College, we want you to think about leaving. That’s because we see our role as preparing you for the next step in your professional journey. For some, that will involve attending university and studying for a degree. For others, it will involve taking a job, and making a start in the world of work.

Whatever you choose as your next challenge, we’ll support you. Our Information, Advice & Guidance Team is qualified and experienced in helping students plan their future.

Apply for university, and a member of the team will help you research your options and complete the application process. If you’re thinking of applying to Oxford, Cambridge or another top university, we’ll give you bespoke advice that will enhance your chances of success.

University Centre
Somerset is part of Bridgwater & Taunton College.

It builds on the legacy of Bridgwater College and Somerset College to enact a fresh new model in university education. This innovative institution has a proud history and a bright future.

Qualifications include vocational degrees and degree-level apprenticeships across a range of subjects that blend academic rigour with real-world experience in the workplace. Building on our enviable heritage in delivering vocational degrees, this is an institution for the future.

Subjects include:
- Access to Higher Education
- Agriculture
- Animal Management
- Art & Design
- Business
- Computing
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Counselling
- Dance Teaching
- Early Childhood Studies
- Engineering
- Food Technology
- Health & Social Care
- Horticulture
- Motorsport
- Music
- Public Services
- Sports
- Teaching

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An Access to Higher Education qualification can be the route to a wide range of career and Higher Education opportunities.

We offer eight different routes for the Access to Higher Education qualification enabling you to progress onto a number of courses. Your chosen career route will dictate which course you undertake; all courses have particular progression routes linked to them.

Courses include Art & Design, Business & Computing, Business Studies, Education, Forensic Science, Health & Social Care, Humanities, Nuclear Engineering, Science, Science & Engineering and Social Science. In addition, you may study core subjects including English, Information technology, Maths, Study skills and attend tutorials.

No formal qualifications are required but you will undergo an initial assessment to ensure you are on the right course for your skill level. You must be aged 19 or over and will be eligible for a loan to cover your course fees.

Entry requirements include a minimum of a Level 3 Extended Diploma in an art subject or five GCSEs at A* to C or 9 to 4. Entry is subject to an interview and portfolio of work.
Your Educational Journey

The level of the programme is the most important thing to get right.

Your expected GCSE results will help decide which one is going to be suited to your abilities. The questions here will help point you in the right direction and give you some idea of the type of programme that might be right for you. This is only a guide, so make sure you check out all pages featuring courses that are of interest to you.

Are you a practical learner?

- YES
- NO

Do you prefer coursework-based assessment?

- YES
- NO

Do you prefer to be assessed by written exams?

- YES
- NO

Do you want to go to university?

- YES
- NO

Do you want to go into employment after college?

- YES
- NO

A Levels are the traditional route for university with assessment based on written examinations.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma is an internationally recognised alternative to A Levels.

Diplomas and Apprenticeships also offer routes to university.

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Have you always wanted to become a teacher, vet, architect or engineer but haven't quite figured out how to get there?

Don't panic. There are usually several routes into any profession. We've selected a few and illustrated the educational paths you could take to achieve your goal.

### Mechanic/F1 Pit Crew member
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/4 English and Maths
- Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle
  - OR
  - Level 3 Diploma in Motorsport
  - Apprenticeship at Mercedes F1 Team
  - OR
  - BSc (Hons) Motorsport Technology

### Nurse/Midwife
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/4 English, Maths and Biology
- Two/Three A Levels – BSc eg. Biology/ Psychology/Chemistry
  - OR
  - Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
  - OR
  - International Baccalaureate
  - BSc (Hons) Nursing
  - OR
  - Nursing Degree Apprenticeship

### Primary School Teacher
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/4 English, Maths and Science
- A Levels
  - OR
  - Level 3 National Diploma Children's Play, Learning & Development
  - OR
  - International Baccalaureate
  - Degree and PGCE
  - OR
  - BA (Hons) Primary Education

### Solicitor
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/5 English Language and Maths
- Three A Levels – A*AA eg. English Language/Literature and History
  - OR
  - International Baccalaureate
  - Bachelor of Law and Legal Practice Course

### Vet
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/5 in English, Maths and Science
- Three A Levels – Chemistry, Physics and/or Maths, or academic subject
  - OR
  - Level 3 Diploma in Animal Management plus AS Chemistry
  - OR
  - International Baccalaureate
  - BVSc Veterinary Science

### Architect
**GCSEs** – minimum grade B/6 in English
- Three A Levels – A*AA eg. combined Maths or Physics with Art or DT
  - OR
  - International Baccalaureate
  - OR
  - Level 3 Extended Diploma in relevant subject
  - BA Architecture

### Engineer
**GCSEs** – minimum grade C/4 English and Maths
- Three A Levels – minimum grade C Maths/Physics/Chemistry/D&T
  - OR
  - Level 3 Diploma in Engineering/ Aerospace/Design & Technology
  - BSc (Hons) in Engineering
Work experience is designed to prepare you for the world of work and enhance your experience. Work placement or work experience in an industry sector that interests you will help you as you progress from College to supported employment. In many cases they lead to better employment in a junior role.

More than that though, we arrange for you to actually experience what it’s like to go to work. The excellent relationships we’ve built with a wide range of employers, both large and small, enable us to offer every student a work placement or work experience in an industry sector that interests them.

Work experience generally lasts for one week and a minimum of 30 hours, whereas a work placement of 50 to 750 hours is an essential part of some vocational courses. Work placements are generally a mixture of day release and attendance in week-long ‘blocks’.

Both work experience and placements are brilliant opportunities to try out a particular job or line of work before committing yourself. In many cases they lead to better things; if you enjoy the work and impress the employer, you may even find they offer you full- or part-time employment or an apprenticeship. Work experience will also help you develop your people skills, and even if it doesn’t lead to a job offer, it will always look good on your CV. At the moment we have students doing work experience with large companies as well as a host of smaller, local businesses, and they all tell us that they find this aspect of their course really useful.
Flourishing is the name of the game at Bridgwater & Taunton College. That means giving you the best range of options when your programme is at an end.

To help achieve this, the Bridgwater & Taunton College Advantage is embedded into every course we offer.

This ensures that you:
• Become a more effective learner
• Are more confident
• Develop high aspirations and take positive steps towards future employment or training
• Are safer, healthier and happier
• Adopt a community-minded approach by showing mutual respect and tolerance
• Become a better communicator and understand how your words can affect others

In short, whatever your programme of study, staff at Bridgwater & Taunton College will do everything possible to ensure you have the knowledge, skills and experience you need to progress smoothly to the next stage of your career, whether that be further study, an apprenticeship or full-time employment.

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Let’s assume you’ve attended an Open Day or taster session, done your research, and know that we’re the College for you.

Now you just need to apply – and it’s very straightforward. Follow our guide, and you’ll be ready to start at college in no time at all. We use email to keep you in the loop and occasionally a letter, text message or phone call, so please make sure the email you supply is the one you check regularly.

If you’re not sure what you want to do, keep your options open and apply for more than one course.

When you complete your application form, please provide contact information that you regularly check and let us know if your contact details change.

**STEP 1 Applying**

Leave yourself plenty of time to fill in the application form. You can apply online at www.btc.ac.uk or fill out the application form at the back of the prospectus and post it back to us.

If you’re still not sure what’s right for you, you’re welcome to apply for more than one course on your form. If you need any help filling it in, please ask your careers teacher or contact us direct.

**Top Tip**

It’s a good idea to work on a rough version of the application form before tackling the one you intend to submit.

**STEP 2 The Interview**

Once we’ve received your application, you’ll be invited to an interview via email. If you’re applied for more than one course, you’ll be invited to a corresponding number of interviews.

The important thing to say is: ‘Don’t panic!’ What our staff want to see is the real you, so don’t feel as if you have to be anything other than yourself.

You are welcome to bring parents or guardians along for moral support, and you may like to bring your Record of Achievement. Art and Design students are advised to bring or prepare anything else, for example a portfolio of your best work or an audition.

**Top Tip**

Secure your place by either calling, emailing or writing to us to confirm you’d like to come.

**STEP 3 Offers**

Soon after your interview, you’ll hear from us with an offer of a place. This correspondence will let you know the GCSE grades you need to start the course in September.

After receiving your offer, please let us know if you accept your place either by calling us, emailing or post.

Once you’re happy that your place is secured, it’s back to the books in preparation for your GCSEs. We’ll be thinking of you, and wish you the very best of luck.

**Top Tip**

Keep an eye out for the GCSE helpline number that goes live on Results Day.

We’ll look forward to seeing you in September.

**STEP 4 Welcome Day**

During the summer, you’ll be invited to a Welcome Day. This is a chance to cut the queues in September, make new friends, meet your course tutor and see where you will be studying.

**Top Tip**

Everyone else will be nervous too, so don’t worry. It’s a fun, relaxed way to start making friends.

**STEP 5 Results Day**

No doubt your palms will be sweating as you tear open your exam results. If you get the grades you need: congratulations. We’ll contact you via email to confirm your results, and see you in September.

If your grades are better, or perhaps aren’t what you’d hoped for, give us a call or pop in to see us. There’ll be lots of alternatives for you to choose from, and you’ll still have the chance to study at Bridgwater & Taunton College.

**Top Tip**

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**STEP 6 Start of year**

You’ll be invited in for an Enrolment Day to set-up your student account and have your picture taken for your student card. Once this is done, you’ll be a College student and ready to get involved in all the fun and exciting opportunities we offer.

This is the start of a whole new adventure, which we hope you’ll enjoy.

**Top Tip**

Don’t forget to bring your results slips with you on Enrolment Day.
Getting Here

It’s easier than you think

All roads lead to Bridgwater & Taunton College’s campuses, as do many trains.

So wherever you’re coming from, getting here is simple. Here’s what to do to make travelling to College as straightforward as possible.

Taunton Campus

By bus
The Taunton Campus is a ten-minute walk away from Taunton’s main bus station, and many buses stop right outside the College.

Further information is available from Traveline, by calling 0871 200 2233, or visiting www.traveline.info. Alternatively, contact the College Information, Advice & Guidance team on 01278 441234.

By train
Taunton’s busy rail station connects directly to Taunton, Exeter, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Bath and Bridgwater – as well as many other small stations in between. You can walk from the station to College in about 20 minutes. If you’re in a hurry, you can always catch the bus.

Park & Ride
This service stops right outside the door, and costs 90p (correct at time of printing) for Bridgwater & Taunton College students.

Bridgwater & Cannington Campuses

By bus
The Bridgwater campus has approximately 24 buses arriving and leaving each day. There are also connecting buses that will transfer you to and from our Cannington Campus. Please visit www.bridgwater.ac.uk for detailed timetables.

By train
Bridgwater is on the main train line from Bristol to Exeter and the Campus is only a ten-minute walk from the station. For timetables and costs please contact Trainline or National Rail.

By bicycle
Bike it, and you’ll be doing yourself and the environment a whole load of good. There are designated areas across all campuses for bicycles and we offer a College bike loan scheme.

For prices, application forms or further information on any of the passes, as well as available bursaries to help with costs, please contact the College Information, Advice & Guidance team on 01278 441234.

Terms & Conditions and criteria apply based on availability, location and income.

Travel costs
Getting to and from College can be a costly affair for some students, and we don’t want money issues to put anyone off attending.

Don’t forget to walk, cycle or take the bus when possible...

For prices, application forms or further information on any of the passes, as well as available bursaries to help with costs, please contact the College Information, Advice & Guidance team on 01278 441234.

* This is an annual pass and the price is subject to Somerset County Council and transport providers not making significant increases in the cost of passes. It is also subject to the College’s Terms & Conditions and criteria.
Plan Your Programme
Progression to A Level study is for many students, the ‘natural’ next step in their post-16 education following successful completion of GCSEs. The A Level Department offer subjects you may not have had the chance to study before including Psychology, Politics, Geology, Philosophy, Economics and Law. The teaching staff will help and guide you through your subject choices to ensure the subjects you choose align with your future ambitions. On completion, over 75% of our A Level students progress directly to universities in the UK and overseas, or stay with us to study a degree at the University Centre Somerset. Your tutor and subject lecturers will support you through your UCAS application.

If you are ambitious and predicted to achieve highly in your GCSEs, then you can apply for an Academic Scholarship and/or membership to our Honours Academy. This will be in addition to your A Level programme.

Entry Requirements
The standard entry requirement is a minimum of five GCSE passes at 5 and above (including Maths and English). As a recommendation it is advantageous to you to be gaining a 6 in subjects that you have studied in school and wish to continue at A Level. If you do not achieve a 5 or above in Maths or English and are accepted on to the A Level programme you will need to retake the GCSE in your first year. You do not necessarily need to have studied the subject at GCSE level to take it at A Level, but some subjects have certain requirements (please see the table).

Why Choose the A Level Route?
Here are a few factors to take into consideration when choosing between A Levels and other programmes of study:
• A Levels are highly valued by universities and employers
• The A Level route follows an academic approach and assessment is based mainly on written examination. Some courses do still have a coursework element
• You will have the opportunity to study a range of subjects, enabling you to keep your career and professional options open
• For specific university courses and career paths you will require A Levels to gain entry

KATHERINE BETHELL
A Levels - Chemistry, Biology, Maths and English Literature
Work College Community School

I liked the freedom offered by the College, the wide range of A Level subjects to choose from, and academies to join.

In my free time I’m able to study in a friendship group, bouncing ideas off each other and having a really good time. I’ve met so many new people which means I now have a large network of new friends.

After College I hope to go to university and study Biomedical Sciences. I’d love to work in research, focusing on the causes and cures of modern day diseases. Taking two sciences at A Level has helped enhance my enquiring mind and curiosity, and I’ve become even more enthusiastic about my field of study. My Tutors have helped me plan, prioritise and balance large workloads from each subject, but you need to be prepared to work hard for your grades.
Academic Scholarships
If you achieve at least eight GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English and Maths (these subjects must be at 5 or above) with at least four at grade 8 (we would count Maths and English grades at 8), you can apply for an Academic Scholarship. Please note that you do not need to complete the application form if you have applied for the Academic Scholarship. The Honours Academy will provide you with the opportunity to:
• Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
• Extend your learning within and outside of your area of study
• Develop leadership skills
• Increase your confidence, public speaking, social and presentation skills
• Take part in master classes from visiting experts, including STEP Maths support, and former College students who have progressed onto top universities
• Take part in trips, visits and residential events such as Oxbridge summer schools

Extended Project
A Level students can apply to take an Extended Project as an AS Level, in addition to their chosen A Level subjects. Students are required to choose a topic that they find particularly interesting and conduct a research project culminating in an essay, piece of art, model or film installation. The project will enrich your academic portfolio and develop your initiative as well as research, organisation, reflection and evaluation skills.

Residential Trips and Visits
As part of a number of A Level programmes you will have the opportunity to take part in one or more visits or residential trips. In the past these have included:
• Learning language skills in Paris, Madrid and Berlin
• Geography and Geology trips to Italy and Iceland
• Computing and Business conference at Disneyland Paris
• Arts, Media and Graphics trip to study the art and culture of New York
• Sociology trip to study cultural diversity in Prague
• Experiencing different cultures in Morocco

Subjects

Accounting
A Level Accounting is a good precurser to a professional career. You will benefit from being taught by teachers who are qualified and experienced lecturers in the area of accounting. There is the opportunity to take part in work experience in the second year, working in a variety of accountancy roles and environments. Many students progress directly to study Association of Accounting Technician (AAT) courses which are professional qualifications.

Biology
Biology is a natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms. In essence this includes gaining an understanding of an organism's structure, function, growth, origin, evolution, distribution, and even classification. You will study biochemistry and look at the rudimentary chemistry of life, cell physiology, and examine the physical and chemical functions of the tissues, organs and organ systems, and ecology. You will study through a hands-on approach with experiments such as simple genetic engineering, enzyme investigation and consideration of disease vectors.

Business
This subject is for anyone who wishes to develop an interest in the key issues facing today's business world. Utilising industry links and covering relevant business examples related to the world of work, this A Level provides a springboard for careers in business and management. Students can take part in a trip to Jaguar Land Rover and Disneyland Paris to experience lectures on a number of business related topics. A Level Business Studies provides students with the opportunities to develop important skills and relevant tools that will be helpful in other courses and for employment.

Chemistry
Chemistry is the branch of science that involves the study of substances. It looks at the interactions that exist between substances but also crucially how we can use this understanding to synthesise new products to dramatically improve our lives. You will develop a sound grasp of theories, concepts and chemicals, many of which you meet in everyday life; what are polymers and how are they made, how do they 'design' pharmaceuticals, what exactly are catalysts and which chemical elements and compounds do we rely upon day after day? Chemistry and the work of the chemist is all around us and understanding that in a very practical way makes the subject exciting.

Computer Science
Computer Science is for students who have a passion for technology and want to pursue a career in this exciting and rapidly developing global industry. The course will appeal to you if you would like to become a games developer, programmer, web developer, or technical support assistant. The A Level consists of three modules, covering fundamentals of programming and data structures and the theory of computation, databases, functional programming and big data.

Dance
Students focus on three main aspects of dance: performance, choreography and dance appreciation. The course is equally weighted between practical and theoretical work with examination including choreographing and performing as well as written exams which focus on dance analysis, anatomy and dance training.

Design Technology
Design Technology holds many fantastic and exciting opportunities. If you aspire to design the next generation of technologies this is the course for you. Product Design (3D design) helps students to take a broad view of design and technology, develop their capacity to appreciate engineering design, production of products and appreciate the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing.

Drama
This is a highly practical and hands on A Level programme that balances performance, technical skills and theatre studies. All students will be required to perform both devised and scripted works and will study separate texts as part of their written examination. During the first year students will be invited to attend professional productions which they will review as part of their written paper. You will benefit from access to The McMillan Theatre.

Economics
This A Level is ideal for anyone who wishes to develop an understanding of the dynamic between consumers, manufacturers and the government. Economics is a lively and interesting subject and current affairs are regularly used during the lessons to apply economic theory. The recent financial crisis and political unrest have been used to illustrate the impact on the economic performance of selected countries. By studying Economics you will develop analytical skills and an in-depth understanding of the global economic environment.

English Language
If you are passionate about words and intrigued by the development of our language, then this is the subject for you. This A Level will introduce you to a range of linguistic concepts. You will analyse your own idiolect (the words and phrases you use), along with a variety of spoken and written text ranging from children's language to Shakespeare. You will also have the opportunity to craft your own writing for a variety of purposes and audiences.

English Language & Literature
This is an ideal subject if you want to develop your written and analytical skills. You will study a variety of texts analysing this material from both a literary and linguistic viewpoint. You will also produce your own writing and complete a coursework folder. For anyone interested in future careers such as teaching, journalism, the creative arts and marketing to name but a few, this would be a great choice.

MYLES FISHER

A Levels
Maths, Further Maths and Physics
Clifton Trinity School

I really enjoy studying at Bridgwater & Taunton College. I often use the maths workshop if I need support when I am struggling with a piece of work, and that’s really helpful. All my lessons have a friendly atmosphere and there’s always the opportunity to push myself with extension questions. The exercises we are given are fun to attempt but even more satisfying to complete, they push your ability to the best it can be.

I am delighted to have achieved a gold certificate in the 2017 Senior Maths Challenge. The challenge tested my overall understanding of mathematics and included abstract and complex questions. Studying here has allowed me to gain the qualifications necessary to read maths at degree level.

My tutor and teachers have all given me useful information to help me with the application process. I have received an offer from Bristol University and selected them as my firm choice.

I’m still unsure of the career I will pursue, but I’m enjoying my time learning and will decide near the end of my degree.

Honours Academy
If you are a high achiever, the Honours Academy may be for you. The Academy will help challenge and stretch you to progress to leading universities and sought-after employment by offering additional tuition and skills development.

Entry is based on your GCSE grades.

A minimum of four TUs (which can include grade 7 in Maths and English) is required, along with completion of an application form; you can access the latter via the Academy pages on our website. Please note that you do not need to complete the application form if you have applied for the Academic Scholarship. The Honours Academy will provide you with the opportunity to:

• Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
• Extend your learning within and outside of your area of study
• Develop leadership skills
• Increase your confidence, public speaking, social and presentation skills
• Take part in master classes from visiting experts, including STEP Maths support, and former College students who have progressed onto top universities
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Film Studies
Studying the extensive and exciting film industry, students will discover links to industrial practices, economics, sociology and cultural developments whilst engaging with fun and dynamic subjects. An exciting blend of coursework and analytical theory is supported by the use of digital and web technologies to maintain learning. Projects are developed using industry standard equipment, building successfully on the understanding students develop. Our students’ work is showcased to audiences throughout the College through various shows and exhibitions.

Further Maths
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During my course I’ve written a 4,000 word essay on the use of essential oils as an antibacterial. This was an important step as I learnt academic skills such as critical evaluation, referencing and practical laboratory skills, along with time management and teamwork.

One of my favourite times at College has been the trip to Morocco. Before we went, we spent time fundraising to help the village where we were staying. That was really fun and the fact that it was for a great cause made it even more satisfying. The trip itself was wonderful. I’m learning French as part of the IB, so gave French lessons to the village children. It was great to interact with them in a different language, and an unforgettable part of the trip.

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Vocational Courses

If you like practical learning, and prefer to study and be assessed through coursework, then a vocational course is a great fit. Vocational courses are designed to cover specific areas of employment, so if you know which career interests you or simply enjoy a subject, a vocational course will provide a route to higher education or start you on the career ladder.

Subjects include:
- Agriculture
- Animal Care & Management
- Arboriculture
- Art, Design & Media
- Automotive
- Barbering
- Beauty & Complementary Therapies
- Business
- Children’s Care, Play, Learning & Development
- Computing & Games Technology
- Construction Crafts
- Construction Professions
- Countryside Management
- Engineering & Nuclear
- English (ESOL)
- Equine Studies
- Fisheries Management
- Floristry
- Forensic Science
- Foundation Studies
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- Horticulture & Turf Maintenance
- Hospitality, Catering & Food Technology
- Music, Dance & Performance
- Public Services & Outdoor Education
- Sports, Coaching & Exercise Health
- Travel & Tourism

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POTENTIAL CAREERS
- Agricultural Technician, Agronomist
- Estate Manager, Farm Manager, Feed Hard Manager
- Logistics Coordinator, Nutrient Consultant
- Project Manager, Sales, Veterinary Surgeon
**LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN LAND-BASED STUDIES**

This course is suitable for those interested in acquiring the knowledge, skills and understanding to lay the foundation to work in the land-based industries. This is highly relevant in land-based studies suitable for students with few formal qualifications who are looking to enter the land-based sector. You will learn how to work safely, care for animals and maintain structures as well as gain first-hand experiences of working on and around farms. It is ideal for a career in this area.

Units of study include:
- Use safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
- Develop performance in land-based industries
- Use transport and assist with the maintenance of tools and equipment
- Assist with the care of animals
- Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals
- Introduction to crop systems
- Carry out tractor operations
- Introduction to wildlife and conservation

**Entry Requirements**
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualification. A genuine interest in the land-based industries and a willingness to learn is vital. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

**Teaching & Assessment**
This course involves classroom-based and practical work, with ‘hands-on’ experience in a variety of land-based industries, and previous students have taken part in visits and trips related to the course. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical work, and tests/exams. You will also be subject to a successful interview.

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**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE**

This practical-based course is designed to give you a good understanding of all aspects of agriculture and help you to secure a career in this fast moving industry. It provides an excellent foundation so you can progress on to higher vocational qualifications related to the agricultural industry including apprenticeships and the Level 3 Diploma to further develop your skills and knowledge.

This qualification incorporates a wide range of agricultural activities such as working with livestock and operating machinery.

The course consists of six main areas of study:
- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Environmental and land-based business
- Introduction to farm animal production
- Introduction to land-based machinery operations
- Introduction to animal and plant husbandry
- Introduction to grass and forage crop production

**Entry Requirements**
You need at least five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 5 range including Maths and English, and an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through coursework in the form of written assignments, presentations and practical work. The industry and organisations module is assessed externally.

**Progression Opportunities**
You could progress onto the Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture (Mechanisation/Livestock) or Apprenticeship in Agriculture. Alternatively, you could find full-time employment in the industry.

**Teaching & Assessment**
You will receive classroom and training from a range of experienced and qualified practitioners and have access to the modern agricultural and IT facilities at the College’s 200 hectare commercial farm and Agricultural Innovation Centre. Tutorial support and guidance runs throughout your training.

You will be assessed in the workplace and at College. You will be visited in the workplace by an assessor to check on your progress and ensure that you are building evidence towards your final qualification. Assessment at College is through short answer style questions and tests.

**LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN AGRICULTURE**

This programme is ideal if you are employed full-time in the farming industry and wish to study on a day release basis. Whilst at work you receive comprehensive practical training to enable you to complete the jobs required by your employer and achieve the Level 2 or 3 Apprenticeship.

You will select one of the following options to reflect the type of work you do, alongside learning about health and safety and obtaining any necessary qualifications in English and maths functional skills:
- Livestock production: feeding, housing, managing and monitoring livestock, stock tasks, milk production
- Mixed farming: establishing and maintaining crop production, establishing and maintaining livestock performance, using tractors and equipment
- Crop production: establishing and maintaining the growth of crops, harvesting, using tractors and machinery
- Poultry: poultry learning and training, stock tasks, and feeding, housing, managing and monitoring livestock

**Entry Requirements**
Practical experience, enthusiasm and to reflect the type of work you do. The Level 3 Apprenticeship requires you have GCSEs A* to C or 9 to 4 in English and Maths. If you have the appropriate practical experience and knowledge, you will be able to work towards functional skills qualifications alongside the apprenticeship programme. An assessment in Maths and English is required for all learners.

**Assessment**
You will be assessed through assignments, written tests and practical assessments.

**Progression & Careers Opportunities**
On completion, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Agriculture Management, available here at University Centre Somerset or find employment in a managerial role within the industry.

**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE (MECHANISATION)**

If you want to enter or progress within the mechanisation or crop production areas of agriculture, this course is the perfect qualification for you. Not only does the course provide you with practical skills it also ensures you are able to deal with the managerial aspects of a successful role in the agriculture/mechanisation industry.

Topics studied include:
- Principles of plant and soil science
- Animal anatomy and physiology
- Business management in the land-based sector
- Grassland management
- Agricultural crop production
- Undertaking land-based machinery operations
- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Undertake estate skills
- Agricultural forestry crop production
- Undertake land-based workshop practice
- Undertake land-based industries pollution and waste control management
- Undertaking principle of land-based machinery
- Undertaking agricultural combibale crop production
- Participate in business planning and improvement in the land-based sector

**Entry Requirements**
You need at least five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**
You will be assessed through assignments, written tests and practical assessments.

**Progression & Careers Opportunities**
On completion, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Agriculture Management, available here at University Centre Somerset or find employment in a managerial role within the industry.

**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE (LIVESTOCK)**

This qualification prepares you if you want to enter or progress within livestock production areas of agriculture. It includes practical and theory study in livestock husbandry, completed, production, grassland management, workshop skills, machinery use and land management. Our agriculture courses cover business management and scientific aspects of the industry as well as innovation to give you the real-life skills you will need for a successful career in farming.

Topics may include:
- Principles of plant and soil science
- Animal anatomy and physiology
- Business management in the land-based sector
- Grassland management
- Agricultural crop production
- Livestock production
- Animal health
- Undertaking land-based machinery operations
- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Undertake an investigative project in the land-based sector
- Undertake estate skills
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- Participate in business planning and improvement in the land-based sector
- Undertake a land-based project
- Undertake land-based industries pollution and waste control management
- Undertaking livestock breeding and nutrition
- Dairy, sheep, beef production
- Agricultural forestry crop production
- Undertake land-based industries pollution and waste control management

**Entry Requirements**
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**Harvey Parish**

Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture
South Molton Community School
I chose the College because my older brother studied the same course here and enjoyed it. It also attended an Open Evening where I chatted to the staff about the course, and had a look around the farm and Cannington campus.

I received a warm welcome when I started at College and my tutors are very knowledgeable. I’ve learned so much about farming over the last year and hope to continue my studies with the Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture. I live on a livestock farm, so learning about the arable side of farming has been very interesting and progressing onto the Level 3 course will expand my practical and theory studies even more.

The highlight of my year has been learning how to set-up and use the plough, as well as improving my understanding of field work. I really enjoy our practical sessions which help me understand the theory that is taught during the week.

It’s not all work though. On RAG day, we took part in the tug-of-war competition to raise money for charity. I really enjoyed meeting other students on other levels and making new friends.
Animal Care & Management

**LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL & HORSE CARE**

If you love animals and would like a career in an animal-based industry, this course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress in the industry.

The course covers seven units from animal care and horse care pathways. Units of study could include:

- Safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
- Developing performance in land-based industries
- Animals in the wild and in society
- Assist with handling and restraint
- Assist with feeding and watering of animals
- Assist with the preparation for exercise and aftercare of horses
- Maintain the health of horses

**Entry Requirements**

You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualifications. A genuine interest in the animal-based industries and a willingness to learn is vital. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

**Teaching & Assessment**

The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Progression Opportunities**

The course aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills to move into employment at a junior level or progress to a Level 2 qualification.

**POTENTIAL CAREERS**

- Animal Technician, Rescue Centre Worker
- Kennel/Cattery Assistant, Aquarium Keeper, Animal Behaviourist
- Zoo Keeper, Welfare Inspector, Veterinary Nurse, Marine Biologist
- Veterinary Care

**LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL CARE**

This broad-based course is designed to be the first step to a career in animal care. It is suitable for anyone who would like to progress on to higher vocational qualifications related to animal management. The course covers both domestic and exotic animals, and if you like science, you will enjoy the animal biology component.

The animal care topics include:

- Feeding and accommodation
- Animal health and welfare
- Animal behaviour and handling
- Work related experience
- Animal biology
- Animal breeds and grooming
- British wildlife species, habitats and rehabilitation

**Entry Requirements**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in English and Maths in order to determine the appropriate level of study, and a successful interview is required.

**Teaching & Assessment**

Learning takes place using a variety of activities including group work, practicals, information gathering from newspapers, oral presentations, lectures and peer group assessment. You also have the opportunity to look after the animals during practical husbandry sessions each week and complete work experience.

There is one theory exam and several synoptic assessments (written work that combines knowledge from across several units). Other assessment methods include creating a work experience portfolio, written coursework and presentations.

**Progression and Career Opportunities**

If you obtain a high grade at Level 2 with English and Maths at GCSE grade 4 or above, you could progress to an appropriate Level 3 course such as the Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management. Alternatively you could seek employment as assistant level or as an Apprentice.

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**LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN ANIMAL CARE**

This flexible qualification suits practical learners with a passion for animals who want to improve their knowledge and competence.

You have the option to study two pathways, dog grooming or animal care and welfare. To be successful, you must complete a range of mandatory and optional units. The selection of optional units depends on your pathway.

Examples of units may include:
- Control and restrain animals
- Maintain the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment
- Provide opportunities for animals to have freedom to exercise
- Prepare and groom animals
- Prepare feed for animals
- Contribute to the evaluation and implementation of basic animal training programmes

**Entry Requirements**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths, English and Science or an appropriate Level 2 qualification at Merit grade with English and Maths GCSE at 4 or above. Course entry is subject to a successful interview at the campus of your choice.

**Assessment**

Assessment includes written coursework, presentations, in-class tests, creation of posters and leaflets, work placement assessment and practical work.

**Progression Opportunities**

Having successfully completed this course, you can progress to the Level 3 qualification. Alternatively you may choose to continue to work within your current employment and use the knowledge you have gained to move into a supervisory position.

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**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

This course provides the underpinning knowledge of the principles of animal science, covering all major areas of the industry. Modules cover the entire industry in a science-based, practical and stimulating programme.

You will study a range of animal management topics such as:
- Animal welfare and breeding
- Biological systems of animals
- Exotic animal health and husbandry
- Animal behaviour and communication
- Animal health and husbandry
- Work experience in the animal sector
- Investigative research project
- Animal feeding and nutrition
- Estate skills

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**Assessment**

Assessment will be varied forms of external and internal assessments. These take the form of theory exams, synoptic assessments, a work experience portfolio, written coursework, presentations, in-class tests, creation of posters and leaflets, work placement assessment and practical work.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**

This qualification provides a solid basis to progress to university to study subjects such as animal science, conservation, zoology, animal nursing and other related subjects, as well as equivalent or Higher level apprenticeships in these areas. Popular courses to progress on to include the Foundation Degree in Applied Animal Management or Animal Conservation delivered via University Centre Somerset. Alternatively you could find employment at a supervisory level.

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**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN VETERINARY CARE ASSISTANTS**

This course is ideal if you are working in a veterinary practice and wish to have a recognised qualification. The course modules cover all aspects of veterinary nursing required at this level including anatomy and physiology, canine and feline husbandry and management, exotic husbandry and management, health and hygiene, first aid, basic nursing skills, reception skills, finance and administration.

You will be in College for one day a week and work in a veterinary practice ideally for the rest of the week.

**Entry Requirements**

Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in English and maths in order to determine the appropriate level of study, and a successful interview is required. If you wish to start the course, you need employment in a veterinary practice (not necessarily paid). This does not have to be an RCVS registered training practice.

**Assessment**

Assessment is through creating a portfolio of assessments and case studies both at College and your workplace.

**Progression**

Having successfully completed this course you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing to become a Registered Veterinary Nurse or continue to work within your practice and use the knowledge you have gained.

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**GEORGIA VINCENT**

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management

Worle Community School

Ever since a young age I have aspired to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals, dreaming of becoming an animal welfare officer/inspector for the RSPCA. This course is perfect to aid me in achieving that dream. I considered multiple different colleges in and around my local area, but the Cannington Campus was amazing in comparison and I’m definitely grateful to have chosen to study here.

I was excited that we were offered the chance to visit London Zoo and the Natural History Museum as part of the course. The museum is my all-time favourite place and so the trip was great fun, especially when I got to experience staying in a hostel with friends.

During my time at College I did work experience at Secret World Wildlife Rescue, which I adored. Secret World enabled me to build important skills and knowledge I will need in the future and opened my eyes to my passion for rehabilitating animals. Working with wild animals in comparison to common and exotic species of pets has taken me out of my comfort zone and taught me a lot about the local wildlife, especially how important it is.

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**ACROSS THE UK, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT NEARLY 80,000 PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED IN ANIMAL CARE. *  

* National Careers Service
Arboriculture

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN FORESTRY ARBORICULTURE

This course has a strong practical focus supported by key theoretical aspects. It is ideal for gaining a craft level qualification if you have an interest in trees and woodlands.

Modules may include:
- Introduction to the forestry and arboriculture sector: sector overview, utilities, work ethics, employment opportunities, job roles, CVs
- Environment and conservation: legal statutes, environmental legislation, pollution, habitat creation, management and protection, bio-security
- Tree classification and identification: classification, identification and botanical naming
- Introduction to plant science: soils, plant physiology, tree pests and diseases
- Tree establishment: species selection, site preparation, plant protection and aftercare
- Tree and woodland management: management plans, tree surveys, tree work, timber production
- Tools and equipment: specialist tool selection, preparation and operation

Entry Requirements
You need at least five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range, including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification at Merit or Distinction grade. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
You will be assessed by a range of methods including multiple choice exams, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 qualification, you could progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture, Level 2 or Level 3 Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could find full-time employment with arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission or National Trust. Opportunities also exist to undertake tree work across the globe.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN FORESTRY ARBORICULTURE

This course has a good mix of practical, hands-on activities together with theoretical work. If you have an interest in trees, woodlands or timber production, then this course is ideal for you. The technical content is designed to provide a sound foundation for those wishing to study at higher education level.

Modules may include:
- Land-based industry machinery
- Plant and soil science
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Tree pests and diseases
- Timber processing machinery
- Tree surveys and inspection
- Estate skills
- Tree identification and planting
- Advanced arboricultural practices

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit or Distinction grade. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
Teaching includes theoretical classroom work, workshop activities and on-site practical skills work. You will be assessed by a range of methods including multiple choice exams, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to an HNC in Horticulture here at the University Centre Somerset thus broadening your knowledge and increasing your career opportunities.

You may choose to progress on to full-time employment. Opportunities within the industry include arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission and National Trust. Opportunities also exist for undertaking tree work across the globe.

Ross Burland
Level 2 Forestry & Arboriculture
The King Alfred School

My time at College has been brilliant, and my lecturers have been great. They have pushed me to work harder at whatever I have been doing and they have helped me reach my full potential. I’ve also gained valuable life skills and found out what it’s like to work in the real world.

I’ve passed my NPTC tree climbing and aerial rescue qualification which is vital to work in the arboriculture industry. When I started the course I really struggled with plant identification, but with help from my lecturers and friends I have now achieved what I need to pass that part of the course.

On completion of my course I want to work in the industry and hope to travel the world working on different types of trees in different countries.
Art, Design & Media

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POTENTIAL CAREERS

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- Arts Office
- Curator
- Director
- Graphic Designer
- Photographer
- Producer
- Tailor
- Dressmaker

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* Earnings data

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

This course gives you the opportunity to gain experience working in a variety of areas including drawing, general art and design skills and animation as well as learning to use a range of software on Apple Mac computers.

You will have access to excellent facilities at a professional standard, a full Creative Suite on Apple Mac computers, darkroom, photographic studio, professional TV studio and bookable professional equipment.

Supportive staff are available due to the small group delivery and there are excellent progression routes.

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Assessment

The programme is assessed through a range of methods, including projects, assignments, case studies and coursework. Maths and English will be embedded but also tested as part of the course.

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design or Level 2 Media course to study media, visual art, design and animation before specialising at Level 3.

Previous students who have successfully completed the Level 1 Diploma have progressed onto Level 2 and 3 courses and continued to university, apprenticeships and on occasion moved straight into the creative industries.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

This course focuses on the creative aspects of 2D and 3D design and is a good place to develop a range of skills before choosing to specialise. The Level 2 Diploma is a practical, exciting and empowering course that gives you the opportunity to access a range of visual art media to see where your skills lie before progressing to a Level 3 qualification.

Modules may include:

• Animation
• Surface design
• Fashion and textiles
• 2D skills
• 3D skills
• Using industry standard software

Alongside these, you study the various creative industries and specialise in a pathway for your Major Project at the end of the course.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Teaching & Assessment

You will have access to trips and residential visits, speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace.

Assessment is through practical and written assignments, and observation by your tutor. You will be encouraged to evaluate your own work and the work of others, and to set targets for yourself in relation to your work and general progress.

Progression Opportunities

You can progress on to a two year Level 3 course in either art and design, commercial fashion, creative media production, digital media design or A Levels, subject to a successful interview.

POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A GRAPHIC DESIGNER.

* Earnings data

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

If you have a keen interest in art, design and media from animation and photography to fashion/textiles and fine art, this is the perfect course. This course focuses on the creative aspects of 2D and 3D design using both traditional and digital methods. It is a good place to develop a range of skills before choosing to specialise in one of the pathway choices at Level 3 in art and design, commercial fashion, graphics/media, photography or TV and film.

The Level 2 programme is a practical, exciting and empowering course. You have the opportunity to access a range of visual art media to see where your skills lie.

Units of study may include:

• Animation
• Drawing and painting
• Photography and film
• Fashion and textiles
• Contextual studies
• Graphic design
• 2D and 3D skills

Alongside these, you study the various creative industries and specialise in one for your Major Project at the end of the course. Work placements take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Teaching & Assessment

You will have access to trips and residential visits, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace.

Assessment is through practical and written assignments, and observation by your tutor. You will be encouraged to evaluate your own work and the work of others, and to set targets for yourself in relation to your work and general progress.

Progression Opportunities

You could progress to Level 3 Diplomas in Art and Design (Fine Art/3D/Fashion & Textiles) TV and Film, Graphic/ Media Photography or a Level 3 Creative Apprenticeship.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN MEDIA

Do you have a keen interest in media such as video, graphics, design and photography? This course is ideal if you wish to follow an educational route in media or digital media pathways. The course focuses on the creative design aspects of media products and the related industries and allows you to develop a range of skills before you specialise.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Assessment
Your progress will be assessed through practical and written assignments, and observation by your tutor. You will be encouraged to evaluate your own work and the work of others, and to set targets for yourself in relation to your work and general progress.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You can progress onto a Level 3 course in either art and design, creative production, digital media design or commercial fashion, or study A Levels subject to a successful interview.

Previous Level 2 students who progressed to Level 3 courses continued their studies to degree level, Higher Apprenticeships and found employment in the creative industries.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGN

This course is for those with a keen interest in designing for games, web and motion graphics, and a desire to follow a career in interactive and digital media. This course focuses on the creative design aspects of digital media products and the related industries.

The course is structured to give you a wide range of experiences that introduce basic digital skills and ideas. You will be involved in project-based work that will develop your creative and technical ability.

First year subjects include:
• Research and communication techniques
• Understanding the digital media industry
• Designing identities for television
• Digital storytelling
• Digital graphics
• Interactive app design
• Web design
• Game design

In the second year you continue project work with a more in-depth approach to analysis and the introduction of advanced technical skills. You have the opportunity to study more specialist areas of interactive and digital media with an outside client, and develop your own ideas in the form of a Final Major Project.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Assessment
Assessment is through a variety of methods including practical projects, assignments, case studies, presentations and externally examined coursework tasks. You need to compile a portfolio of evidence to present at the end of the course for assessment purposes.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could study a degree in games, animation, web design, interactive media or enter the industry as a Creative & Digital Media Apprentice or Intern.

ALICE HOWE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design
Castle School

I came to an Open Evening and discussed my options in detail with one of the course leaders. The opportunities and subjects covered on the diploma really interested me compared with the offer by colleges closer to home.

The aim in the first year is to allow you to experiment with techniques and processes in order to develop your own artistic style and creativity. In the second year there is more independent working, but there are sessions available if you need help and advice from your lecturers or the technicians.

My greatest achievement during my time at the College has probably been winning an Outstanding Achievement Award for my first year exhibition. Gaining that recognition really made it feel that my hard work paid off.

After advice from my tutors, I’ve decided to start an apprenticeship at a shoe design company. Ultimately I’d like to own my own business with a studio where I can experiment with ideas and maybe set up my own clothing brand business specialising in typography and photography.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN CREATIVE & DIGITAL MEDIA

This Apprenticeship is a training programme for new or existing employees working within a media function, including social media, marketing, video content generation, photography, radio or web design management. The programme operates in the workplace, where employees work alongside experienced staff to gain specific skills.

The Apprenticeship enables an employee to fill specific skills gaps, adapt to new opportunities and technologies and train their workforce in their own way, passing on skills that have been acquired over many years.

The course has flexibility to meet the individual needs of employers and apprentices, and commonly includes the following aspects:
• Identifying client’s requirements and writing design briefs
• Creative thinking techniques
• Copyright and legislation
• Using marketing and social media marketing techniques
• Digital software skills
• Digital video, photography or sound techniques and processes
• Market research
• Costs and budgets
• Time management
• English and presentation skills

We are working with a range of small and large businesses in a variety of sectors - anywhere where digital creative media solutions are needed.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Assessment
There are no exams, assessment is on an ongoing basis. Your tutors will obtain evidence that you can meet the required standards throughout your training. There will be tests for some of the additional qualifications, such as the Technical Certificate.

You will be appointed an Assessor who will visit you in the workplace and assess your progress. Some of these visits will provide you with evidence that you can use towards our qualification. One day a week you will work on your college course work gaining the underpinning knowledge required.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress on to a Level 3 Diploma or Apprenticeship, or remain in the workplace.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN MANUFACTURE OF SEWN PRODUCTS

This course is for individuals employed in the leather goods industry. You need to enjoy working in a practical way and within a team, and be keen to train both at work and at College.

Topics include:
• Carrying out complex cutting operations
• Skive and split
• Machine sew components to produce leather goods
• Machine form and embellish
• Prepare components

Most jobs combine a number of these aspects, but whichever job you choose to do, your Apprenticeship will be structured so that the training matches your job. You will work for your employer four days a week and train for one day a week either in-house or at College.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Assessment
There are no exams, assessment is on an ongoing basis. Your tutors will obtain evidence that you can meet the required standards throughout your training. There will be tests for some of the additional qualifications, such as the Technical Certificate.

You will be appointed an Assessor who will visit you in the workplace and assess your progress. Some of these visits will provide you with evidence that you can use towards our qualification. One day a week you will work on your college course work gaining the underpinning knowledge required.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress on to a Level 3 Diploma or Apprenticeship, or remain in the workplace.
LEVELS 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN DESIGN

This Apprenticeship is a training programme for new or existing employees working within a design function. The programme operates in the workplace, where employees work alongside experienced staff to gain specific skills, whilst also receiving tuition from the College. The Apprenticeship enables an employer to fill specific skills gaps, adapt to new opportunities and technologies and train their workforce in their own way, passing on skills that have been acquired over many years.

The course has flexibility to meet the individual needs of employers and apprentices, and commonly includes the following aspects:

- Identifying clients’ requirements and writing design briefs
- Creative thinking techniques
- Using the design process effectively
- Digital software, for example Adobe CC
- Creative image-making techniques and processes
- Layout and composition
- Drawing
- Presenting design/artwork
- Branding
- Market research
- Costs and budgets

We are working with a range of small and large businesses in areas including graphic design, fashion and textiles and product design.

Entry Requirements
For the Level 2 you need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of work.

Assessment
Assessment takes place throughout the course and there are no exams. Examples of assessment methods include, producing design work, verbal discussions, video evidence, observation activities, witness statements, evidence of theoretical knowledge and understanding, and written assignments, projects and case studies.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

This Creative Skillset Tick approved course is ideal if you have a strong interest in art and design related areas and wish to study a broad-based course before specialising in a particular field.

The core skills of drawing, the study of historical and contemporary artists, exploring ideas and visual communication form the basis of your study whatever your specialism. At the end of the course you will compile a portfolio of work to help provide access into higher education or employment, and all students will participate in an end of year exhibition.

In the first year you cover a broad range of skills including:

- Drawing
- Art history
- Photography
- Fine art 20/3D
- Fashion and textiles
- Graphic design
- Moving image

The second year focuses on specialist areas of practice.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and evidence of creative work in a portfolio is beneficial.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could study a degree in subjects such as fashion, textiles, interior design, photography, architecture, game design, animation, illustration, graphic design, fine art, education, set design, media, makeup, costume design or applied arts.

Alternatively you could find employment at junior level in areas such as display, the clothing and fashion industry, graphic design and community arts or events promotion.

Assessment
Assessment is through practical and written assignments, continuous assessment and external moderation. Your progress is monitored by tutorials and seminars.

Progression Opportunities
If you are thinking of progressing on to a degree, this course will help you decide which degree will be most suitable for your skills and passions.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN (FINE ART, 3D, FASHION & TEXTILES)

This course encourages engagement with the major disciplines in art and design, as well as an appreciation of the connections between them. We want to unleash your creative spirit and provide a chance to specialise in an area that particularly inspires you, whilst developing significant skills and engaging with the wider creative industries.

You will develop skills and explore techniques in the following disciplines:

- Fine art
- Fashion
- Printmaking
- Textiles
- 3D work
- Drawing
- Contextual studies

On the programme, you develop a creative and effective working method through learning processes and technical skills for creative problem solving. These skills and qualities are in great demand by employers. They are also a prerequisite for progression to higher level courses after successful completion.

Your practical studio-based experience will be enriched through a stimulating programme of visits, speakers, live briefs and community work in a portfolio is beneficial.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design at Merit grade or above. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and portfolio of work.

Assessment
Assessment is through practical and written assignments, continuous assessment and external moderation, and your progress is monitored by tutorials and seminars. Your practical studio-based experience is enriched through a stimulating programme of visits as well as the opportunity to talk with working artists and designers.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a Foundation or Honours Degree here at the University Centre Somerset, or find employment at a junior level.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN (GRAPHIC DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM & TV)

This course looks at the relationship between disciplines in real-world contexts where branding, marketing, advertising and information come together. The course also allows for extensive experimentation and development of ideas in a graphic design, photography or media context. A dynamic mixture of industry briefs and challenging problems allows you to build an exciting portfolio, leading towards a particular area of specialism in year two. You will be introduced to visual language, research skills, critical and contextual awareness, materials, processes and technical skills, as well as audience engagement. These are all skills that employers in the creative industries and top universities require of entrants.

The course includes:

- Introduction to design principles
- Darkroom and studio techniques
- Experimental imagery
- Location photography
- Digital story-telling
- Use of 35mm film Digital SLR cameras
- Medium format film
- Moving image software tools
- Adobe Creative Suite

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design at Merit grade or above.

Assessment
Assessment is ongoing throughout the year and involves practical and written assignments.

Progression Opportunities
This qualification is the equivalent to three A Levels, giving you the opportunity to progress to the top creative universities or into industry through Higher Apprenticeships.
LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION

The Creative Media Production programme is a really successful and established course designed for those who have an interest in film, radio, television or journalism, and a desire to follow a media-related career.

Subjects include:
- Analysing and understanding the media
- Media production techniques
- Managing the production process
- Shooting and editing video
- Scriptwriting and design for film and television
- Experimental video and installation work
- Digital photography
- Music video production
- Studio filming
- Working with clients making live projects

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Assessment
Formal assessment will be on the basis of evidence gained through work undertaken in practical and written assignments. Your tutor will also assess you through observation whilst you are carrying out these assignments and these grades will contribute towards your final assessment grade.

Progression Opportunities
Throughout the course, you will be given support and advice when making applications to university and you will be assisted in the preparation of a portfolio of your work for university or job interviews. Previous students have progressed to top universities and in some cases, straight into industry both locally and nationally.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN THEATRICAL, SPECIAL EFFECTS & MEDIA MAKE-UP

This exciting course covers all aspects of media make-up that you see in theatre productions or on film sets. In your first year, you focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills. In addition to this programme we have developed a second year of education with a Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course. This second year enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, video, drawing techniques and special effects. You will gain a greater understanding of this diverse industry, often by working with industry professionals in order to further prepare you for progression to our outstanding BA (Hons) Media Make-up course at University Centre Somerset at our Taunton campus.

Subjects may include:
- Fashion photography make-up
- Media make-up
- Design and apply face and body art
- Monitor health and safety
- The art of colouring hair
- Airbrushing make-up
- The art of colouring hair
- Style and fit postiche

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of work and an interview to review your portfolio.

Assessment
You will be assessed through written coursework, practical assessments and your portfolio of work.

Progress & Career Opportunities
Alongside these, you study the creative and media make-up industries in detail and specialise in a pathway of your choosing for your major project at the end of the course.

Subjects may include:
- 3D
- Video
- Drawing
- Painting
- Body painting
- Casting
- Theory
- Digital

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical Special Effects & Media Make-up and five GCSE grades A* to E or 9 to 2, or another appropriate Level 3 qualification. Entry is subject to a successful application with examples of work.

Assessment
You will have access to trips, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness are encouraged throughout the course to ensure that you are ready for progression to degree-level study.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be assessed through written assignments, practical assignments and your portfolio of work.

Accreditation
You could progress to the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course, one of our hairdressing or beauty qualifications, the BA (Hons) or FdA in Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or find employment in the industry.

Career & Progression Opportunities
You could progress to a BA (Hons) or Foundation Degree in Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or other Higher Education courses. Alternatively, you could find employment in the industry.
LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN COMMERCIAL FASHION

This course is for those who have an interest, passion and desire to work in the fashion industry within commercial roles. The aim of the course is to build your confidence, knowledge, communication skills and develop them within a fashion business context in order to prepare you for progression to further study at university or your first steps into the industry. You may have already worked in the fashion retail sector either full-time or part-time, or completed an appropriate Level 2 qualification.

You will learn about the fashion industry, from buying and setting trends, to the marketing and promotion of garments and designs. Gain experience within the areas of business for fashion, creative thinking and application of skills, and also the manufacture of retail focused garments.

Topics include:
• The fashion retail environment
• Industry and history
• Planning and developing ranges
• Designing visual merchandising
• Garment production
• Styling
• Developing marketing campaigns

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Teaching & Assessment
There is a mixture of practical, academic and work experience sessions on the course. Assessment is through a portfolio of reports, presentations, creative projects and a final Major Project at the end of the year.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a university course, Higher Apprenticeship or seek employment in the fashion industry.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN CREATIVE CRAFTS

This course enhances and broadens your own creative skills, whilst learning new skills and gaining valuable employment experience. You will also learn about working within a team environment in the creative crafts industry. There will be many aspects covered within this Apprenticeship and each workplace will vary.

Topics covered include:
• Creating bespoke creative products
• Generating ideas and problem solving
• Working to specifications
• Costing and marketing products
• Dealing with customers

Most jobs combine a number of these aspects and your Apprenticeship will be structured so that the training matches your job. All training will be done in the workplace and you will only come into College for functional skills.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Assessment
Various assessment methods are used including written evidence, practical assessment, presentations and the creation of a portfolio.

£100 million WORTH OF ORDERS PLACED DURING LONDON FASHION WEEK.*

*British Fashion Council
Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 5 range, or an equivalent qualification, and a desire to learn about furniture making or design. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Assessment
You will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence, assignments and examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to our Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture course, start a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making, or explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry.

15,900
CREATIVE JOBS IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND. *

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

This is an enjoyable and stimulating course that has a strong emphasis on practical woodworking skills. In the specialist furniture workshop you will develop your own quality furniture using modern machines and hand tools. The design studio is where you will learn the background theory to working in wood and constructing furniture, alongside drawing and design skills.

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 1 furniture qualification or a similar woodworking qualification.

Assessment
You will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence, assignments and examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to our Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture course, start a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making, or explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN FURNITURE MAKING

This course is ideal if you are passionate about furniture making or fine woodworking and would like to earn while you learn. The course focuses on working with timber and creating timber-based projects with a hands-on approach.

The qualification is split into individual units that you need to complete including Functional Skills in English and maths. You will develop the techniques required to make quality furniture. You will use modern machines and hand tools to produce practical tasks as well as your own furniture. You will also be taught all of the associated knowledge required for this subject.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range, including Maths and English, or a Level 2 City & Guilds furniture qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

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Assessment
Assessment includes practical project work, project diaries and evaluations, discussions, written assignments, small research and design assignments, student presentations and end of module exams.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could find employment in a variety of craft trades or become self-employed. Alternatively, you could progress to art, design or craft subjects at degree level.
Automotive

Did you know . . .

You could join the ranks of graduates who currently have jobs at McLaren, Bentley and other high profile names in the industry.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE (LIGHT VEHICLE)

This practical and theory based course offers you an interesting introduction to the motor industry, which will contribute to a full qualification including knowledge of a wide range of vehicle systems. You will cover all foundation practical systems of the motor vehicle including:

• Engines
• Braking systems
• Steering systems
• Suspension systems
• Electrical systems

The qualification develops both your competency in the workshop and your underpinning knowledge in the classroom.

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the automotive industry is essential. On application you will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course via a friendly open discussion. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (included within your enrolment cost).

Assessment

The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. This ensures a good all round ability. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College’s fantastic workshops throughout the year and by working in a garage whilst on work experience. You will also be assessed via online exams throughout the year which all count towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion you could progress to Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Repair & Maintenance or an Apprenticeship (subject to an initial assessment and suitable employment in a garage). Alternatively you could find employment in the automotive industry.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

This course is for learners who have completed the Level 1 Diploma, Pre-apprenticeship programme or equivalent, or have experience of the motor trade. Topics covered will include:

• Advanced health and safety
• Light vehicle
• Operating principles of petrol and diesel engines
• Chassis systems
• Transmission systems
• Steering and suspension
• Vehicle electrical and electronic systems
• Simple fault diagnosis

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or the Pre-apprenticeship Programme in Light Vehicle, with Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (payable via the College shop).

Assessment

The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. This ensures a good all round ability. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College’s fantastic workshops throughout the year and by working in a garage whilst on work experience. You will also be assessed via online exams throughout the year which all count towards your final qualification.

Progression Opportunities

You may progress onto an Apprenticeship programme (subject to initial assessment and suitable employment in a garage), or the Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Motorsport.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Technicians, Mechanics, Electricians, Vehicle Body Builders, Repairers, Paint Technicians, Assemblers, Electrical and Electronics Technicians, Engineering Technicians, Tyre, Exhaust and Windscreen Fitters, Research and Development Engineers.

£32,292

POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A VEHICLE BODY REPAIRER. *

* www.prospects.ac.uk
LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE & MAINTENANCE (LIGHT VEHICLE)

The day-to-day tasks faced by a Motor Vehicle Technician are constantly changing, driven by the introduction of ever more complex technologies and diagnostic techniques. An apprentice working in the industry has to demonstrate expertise in the technical side of their role. They must have strong problem-solving skills and a good grasp of the theoretical and practical aspects of a vehicle’s systems. They must be able to work independently but also operate as an effective team member, understand how their workshop and the dealership’s garage functions from a commercial perspective, and have good customer handling skills. The growing complexity of today’s vehicles, and the pressure to deliver a high-quality customer experience, requires the retail automotive sector to attract and train high calibre individuals.

Entry Requirements
Individual employers set their own selection criteria, however it is recommended that to optimise the chance of selection, you demonstrate an interest in how the industry operates as well as the ability to work in an organised and methodical way to analyse and solve problems. You should also be able to demonstrate mechanical skills and an ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

You need a GCSE in English and Maths at grade C or 4, however Maths and English will be worked on as part of the apprenticeship and each application will be looked at individually for suitability to start the course.

Assessment
You will be required to take an active part in reviewing your progress with the College and employer, including annual evaluations in the form of professional discussions. At the end of the apprenticeship you will be required to take theory and practical examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On completion of your apprenticeship you may wish to progress onto IMI Accreditation or the Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Automotive Studies. The majority of apprentices can expect to be offered a permanent contract with their employer.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

This course is for learners who have completed a Level 2 Diploma programme or equivalent, or have vast experience of the motor trade.

Topics covered will include:
• Diagnostics and rectification of automotive auxiliary
• Electrical faults
• Diagnosing and rectifying light vehicle engine faults, chassis, transmission and driveline faults
• Knowledge of inspecting light vehicles using prescribed methods

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSE's in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (payable via the College shop).

Assessment
The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. This ensures a good all round ability. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College’s fantastic workshops throughout the year and by working in a garage whilst on work experience. You will also be assessed via online exams throughout the year which all count towards your final qualification.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. You need a positive attitude, as well as the enthusiasm to complete the programme and progress onto the next level or employment. On application you will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course via a friendly open discussion. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (included within your enrolment cost).

Assessment
The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. This ensures a good all round ability. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College’s fantastic workshops throughout the year and by working in a garage whilst on work experience. You will also be assessed via online exams throughout the year which all count towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Accident Paint Principles or Level 2 Apprenticeship in Vehicle Body & Paint Operations (Body Repair). Alternatively you could find employment in the automotive trade at an entry level.
**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT BODY REPAIR/PAINT SPRAYING OPERATIONS**

This course is ideal if you are looking at following a career in vehicle accident repair or customisation, and wish to progress onto a Level 3 qualification in either body repair or refining.

You will learn how to repair body panels and paint them using the latest techniques. Subjects will include:

- Health and safety for the vehicle technician
- Vehicle panel repair (hammer and dolly techniques, filling, sanding and panel replacement)
- Vehicle panel preparation (sanding, cleaning, making)
- Vehicle refinishing techniques (priming, sanding, colour and clear coat finishes)

**Entry Requirements**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, Maths and Science, or an equivalent qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and initial induction process, and a keen interest is vital. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (included within your enrolment cost).

**Teaching & Assessment**

You will work in our workshops, repairing and painting real vehicles and sample work. Study will be over three days each week, leaving the other two days free for work experience or other studies. Assessment is through practical tasks, written phase tests, coursework and online assessment tests and classroom coursework.

**Progression Opportunities**

You could progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Painting. Alternatively, you could find employment in the industry as a paint sprayer or body repairer.

**129,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IN GREAT BRITAIN.**

www.gov.uk
This course is for those who are looking to progress on to an apprenticeship, employment in the heavy vehicle industry or are interested in gaining the Army whilst studying heavy vehicle mechanics. The Army Bursary Scheme is the way into a fantastic new learning experience that will enable you to earn while you learn.

Topics covered will include:
- Advanced health and safety
- Removal and replacement of heavy vehicle units and components
- Routine vehicle maintenance and safety inspections (with emphasis focused on the Vehicle & Operator Services Agency (VOSA) Heavy Goods Vehicle Inspection Manual)

You will gain hands-on experience using a fully equipped workshop and simulator. You will use modern vehicle electrical diagnostic equipment. The course also covers the theory and operating principles of all major vehicle systems. These include fault diagnosis, diesel engines, tyres, brakes, steering and suspension, vehicle electrical and electronic systems.

**Entry Requirements**

Individual employers will set their own selection criteria. It is recommended that to optimise the chance of selection, you must demonstrate an interest in how the HV industry operates as well as the ability to work in an organised and methodical way to analyse and solve problems. You should be able to demonstrate mechanical skills and the ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

Ideally you should hold a GCSE in English and Maths at grade C or 4. Maths and English will be worked on as part of the Apprenticeship and each application will be looked at individually for suitability to start the course.

You will be required to take an active part in reviewing your progress with the College and your employer, including annual evaluations in the form of professional discussions. The discussion will reflect on behaviours, past performances and achievements. At the end of the apprenticeship, you will be required to pass an assessment consisting of theory and practical examinations.

**Progression Opportunities**

On successful completion of your apprenticeship you could progress on to IIMI Accreditation, an IRTc Large Goods Vehicle Inspection course or study the Level 2 Certificate in Advanced Automotive Studies.

**Assessment**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the motorcycle industry and an overall enthusiasm to succeed is essential. You need a positive attitude, as well as the potential and stamina to complete the programme and progress. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course and to discuss your hobbies, interests and motivations. You also need safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities (included within your enrolment cost).

**Assessment**

Assessment is through a range of assignments and coursework containing theoretical and practical work, with online multiple choice tests and practical work.

**Progression Opportunities**

On completion of the course, you have the opportunity to progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Motorsport. This is an alternative route to university, since it combines significant academic achievement with applied and relevant technology subjects. Graduates from University Centre Somerset are now working at Empire Race Cars, Xltrac Engineering, McLaren GT, Radical Performance Engines and Bentley Cars.
Barbering

Did you know . . .
You could help shape male identity by studying all aspects of basic gent’s hairdressing while working in a realistic environment created within the College’s barber shop.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Barber, Shop Owner, Lecturer. Barbers often find employment in locations such as barbershops, resorts, cruise ships, nursing homes, prisons, the military and hospitals.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BARBERING
This course is designed to provide a sound basic knowledge of gents’ hairdressing. It is for those who have a genuine interest in barbering and who are dedicated and committed to joining a full-time course, with the ambition to succeed in this exciting industry.

This course covers all aspects of basic gents’ hairdressing. Learners will gain experience working in a realistic environment within the College’s Barber Shop and will provide services to paying clients.

Units may include:
- Health and safety within the barber shop
- Advise and consult with client
- Cut hair using barbering techniques
- Cut facial hair to shape using basic techniques
- Change men’s hair colour

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range, including English and Maths, and a keen interest in the subject of barbering. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Assessment of practical skills is undertaken in the College salon through observation. The theoretical units will be assessed by means of oral questions, online tests and assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress on to the Level 3 Diploma in Barbering. Alternatively, you could move into employment in a salon, barber shop or on a cruise ship.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BARBERING
This course is designed to provide you with a good knowledge of advanced gents’ hairdressing. It is for those who have a genuine interest in barbering and who are dedicated and committed to joining a full-time course, with the ambition to succeed in this exciting industry.

Units may include:
- Promote additional services or products to clients
- Design and create a range of facial hair shapes
- Creatively cut hair using a combination of barbering techniques
- Provide face massage services
- Colour hair using a variety of techniques
- Wet shaving

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including Maths and English, and a Level 2 hairdressing or barbering qualification. You also need to have a keen interest in the subject of barbering and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
You will gain practical experience working in a realistic environment within the College Barber Shop and will provide services to paying clients. Assessment methods include practical observation, oral questions, online tests, assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you may choose to study for a business qualification, or move straight into employment in a salon, barber shop or on a cruise ship.

A FULL HEAD OF HAIR IS STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF TWO ELEPHANTS *

* www.beautyandtips.com

THE VALUE IN MEN’S GROOMING DECLINED IN 2014 DUE TO THE TREND FOR HIPSTER BEARDS.

* www.euromonitor.com
PROSPECTUS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS 2018/19

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN NAIL TECHNOLOGY

Do you love being creative with make-up and nails and want to be part of this dynamic industry? This course covers theoretical knowledge and practical understanding in order to prepare you for employment.

Units may include:
• Working in the beauty industry
• Follow health and safety in the salon
• Client care and communication
• Promote products and services
• Provide facial skincare
• Apply nail art
• Provide manicure and pedicure treatments
• Apply make-up
• Provide and maintain nail enhancements
• Salon reception duties

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range with English and Science, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be taught in class contact sessions including lectures, tutorials and workshops. Assessment is ongoing and through online examinations, practical assessments, written coursework, presentations and a final exam.

Career & Progression Opportunities
On successful completion, you could further your studies with the Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy or Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies, a business course or short courses. Alternatively, you could seek employment in nail bars or salons, become self-employed or become a mobile nail technician.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

This course is suitable for those with a keen interest in beauty therapy and an enthusiasm and commitment to working in the industry.

Units include theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. These may include:
• Working in the beauty industry
• Follow health and safety in the salon
• Client care and communication
• Promote products and services
• Provide facial skincare
• Remove hair using waxing techniques
• Provide manicure treatments
• Provide pedicure treatments
• Provide eyelash and brow treatments
• Apply make-up
• Salon reception duties

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs at the A* to E grades, and a mature attitude and passion for working within this industry. Training or travel abroad.

Teaching & Assessment
This is taught through a combination of units, including theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. These may include:
• Working with colleagues
• Monitoring and maintaining health and safety
• Client care and communication in beauty related industries
• Promote and sell products and services
• Provide body massage
• Provide body electrotherapy
• Provide self-tanning
• Indian head massage
• Camouflage make-up
• Pre-blended aromatherapy oil massage
• Apply stone therapy

Career & Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could gain employment in beauty salons or spas, on cruise liners, as a self-employed or mobile therapist, in sales and marketing, working with product companies, in the make-up industry, training or travel abroad.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

This course is designed for those wishing to advance their beauty skills to enable them to work within this diverse industry, carrying out a full range of treatments. You will be required to show a mature and professional attitude and passion for working with clients.

You will be studying a combination of units, including theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. These may include:
• Working with colleagues
• Monitoring and maintaining health and safety
• Client care and communication in beauty related industries
• Promote and sell products and services
• Provide body massage
• Provide body electrotherapy
• Provide self-tanning
• Indian head massage
• Camouflage make-up
• Pre-blended aromatherapy oil massage
• Apply stone therapy

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs at the A* to C or 9 to 4 range and a relevant Level 2 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
Units are taught in class contact sessions including lectures, tutorials and workshops. Assessment is throughout the year and through online examinations, practical assessments, written coursework, presentations and a final exam.

Progression Opportunities
To expand your knowledge, you could study a Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies course, business course or short course.

On successful completion you could gain employment in beauty salons or spas, on cruise liners, as a self-employed or mobile therapist, in sales and marketing, working with product companies, in the make-up industry, training or travel abroad.

UK CONSUMERS SPENT £8.9 billion ON BEAUTY & PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS IN 2013. *

* raconteur.net
**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES**

This course is suited to individuals intending to use complementary therapies to treat a wide range of clients with a variety of conditions, with a possible collaboration with the medical profession.

Topics include:
- Anatomy, physiology and pathology
- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy
- Principles and practice of complementary therapies
- Business practice for complementary therapists

**Entry Requirements**
You need Level 2 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**
- You will be assessed through examinations, practical assessments, case studies, assignments and final assessments.

**Career & Progression Opportunities**
On successful completion, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy, Barbering or Health Farm.

**INCOME POTENTIAL**

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**LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY**

This course has been created to provide work experience to develop basic industry skills, with a focus on communication and client care. It will appeal to students who have a keen interest in working within the hair and beauty industry.

This is an exciting bespoke course that will be developed to support students during the course. You will be supported to develop your learning and personal growth in a nurturing and supportive environment. You will develop excellent communication skills, building practical skills in a multiple sector environment, to help you prepare for progression and employment within the hair and beauty sector.

**Units may include:**
- Shampoo and condition hair
- Skin care
- Basic make-up application
- Nail art
- Wellbeing
- Basic media make-up

**Entry Requirements**
You need a Level 2 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**
- You will be assessed through examinations, practical assessments, case studies, assignments and final assessments.

**Teaching & Assessment**
Some units will be assessed through practical observation; other elements of the course will be assessed by written assignments.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the course, you may progress on to a Level 2 course in Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Barbering or Media Make-up, or on to one of the College’s Apprenticeship programmes. This will depend on the progress that you make during the course.

**JORDAN PARKER-HUNTER**
Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
Chilton Trinity School

You have more freedom at College than you do at school and I like to use the time in between my lessons to go to the library to finish work. There are lots of books on beauty and computers that we can use.

We’re free to experiment with our own ideas on real people, the theory we learn actually comes to life. I also enjoy the trips that we go on as part of the course. Last year we visited The Clothes Show at the NEC in Birmingham.

The course so far has covered client care and communication which are really important skills in the beauty industry. The work experience in the salon prepare us for what it’s like working in a real environment. The staff are really supportive and easy to get on with and they’re always available if I need help with anything. I’ve learnt new skills and techniques and have gained confidence.

After my course I’d like to go on to do a Level 3 at the College, either in media make-up or beauty therapy. My ultimate goal is to become a freelance make-up artist.

**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIR & MEDIA MAKE-UP**

This course is for people who have a genuine interest in working in the hair and make-up industry. This exciting course is for those who would like to progress onto a Level 3 course to become a make-up artist or progress to study the Foundation Degree in Media Make-up at our Taunton campus.

**Units may include:**
- Working in the beauty industry
- Provide eyelash and brow treatments
- Body art design
- Apply skin tanning techniques
- The art of dressing hair

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths and English, and you must have successfully achieved a Level 1 qualification. All applicants require a successful interview.

**Assessment**
- Assessments will take place throughout the course and will include written course work, online examinations, practical assessments and a final exam. You will also build a portfolio of your work.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto the Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up qualification or move into employment as a trainee make-up artist or stylist.

**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN THEATRICAL, SPECIAL EFFECTS & MEDIA MAKE-UP**

This exciting course covers all aspects of media make-up that you would experience when working on theatre productions or on film sets. In what could be your first year, you will focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills. In addition to this programme we have developed a second year of education with a Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-degree course, this second year enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, video, drawing techniques, special effects and gaining a greater understanding of this diverse industry - often working with industry professionals and further preparing you for progression to our outstanding BA (Hons) Media Make-up course at University Centre Somerset.

**Subjects may include:**
- Fashion photography make-up
- Media make-up
- Design and apply face and body art
- Media make-up
- Camouflage make-up
- Working with colleagues within the beauty related industries
- Applying Prosthetic pieces and bald caps
- Airbrushing make-up
- The art of colouring hair
- Style and fit postiche

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

**Teaching & Assessment**
You will be assessed through written coursework, practical assessments and your portfolio.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
Upon successful completion of the course you can progress onto the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-degree course, one of our Hairdressing or Beauty qualifications, the BA (Hons) or FdA in Media Make-up University Centre Somerset or find employment in the industry.
LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS, TRAVEL & COMPUTING

This course is designed to enable progression into the exciting and diverse environments of computing, travel or business. If you are looking for a career in the modern business, travel or computing world, then this course is an excellent choice to help you understand and decide your next steps.

Tutors will nurture and support your learning and ensure you enhance your communication skills. You will have the opportunity to specialise in your chosen pathway and be given the opportunity to find out about a variety of subjects.

Topics covered include:
• Produce a product and decide how to brand it to your customers to increase its appeal
• Create a visual display
• Research travel and tourism businesses in your local area, what they offer and how they operate to stay competitive
• Installing hardware and software
• Computer systems
• Imaging software
• Multimedia
• Project

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualification.
You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course and sit an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study for you.

Teaching & Assessment
You will gain experience working in a business environment through a work experience placement in organisations such as a bank, hotel, travel and tourism operator or estate agent. Assessment is through practical assessment such as programming, role-plays and presentations or organising a small event.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion, you could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Business Studies, Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism or Level 2 Diploma in Creative Technology. Alternatively you could start an Apprenticeship at the College and with an employer.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS

This course is ideal if you wish to further your interest in business. There is an emphasis on employees being work ready, so business skills and qualifications are more important than ever in today’s dynamic modern economy. If you have a passion of business and are an entrepreneur, then this is the course for you.

This qualification puts emphasis on real world business rather than just being limited to theory. Students will prepare for the workplace by developing marketing and entrepreneurial skills.

The course consists of both mandatory and optional units such as:
• Enterprise in the business world
• Promoting a brand
• Finance for business
• Principles of customer service
• Visual merchandising
• Principles and marketing
• Business online

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range with English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
The majority of subjects are assessed internally through assignments, while some units are externally assessed either through an in-house exam or external controlled assessment.

Progression Opportunities
You could choose to continue your studies at the College and progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business & Creative Marketing or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business & Entrepreneurship. Alternatively you could start an Apprenticeship and enter the workplace.

POTENTIAL CARRIERS
Chartered Management Accountant, Economist, Ergonomist, Financial Manager, Risk Analyst, Statistician, Recruitment Consultant, Operational Researcher, Product Manager, Administrator, Environmental Consultant, Payroll Director, Budget Manager, Bank Clerk, Wedding Planner.

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LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

The role of a Customer Service Practitioner is to deliver high quality products and services to the customers of their organisation. Your actions will influence the customer experience and their satisfaction with your organisation. Key responsibilities are likely to include dealing with orders, payments, offering advice, guidance and support, meet-and-greet, sales, fixing problems, after care, service recovery or gaining insight through measuring customer satisfaction, being the first point of contact and work in any sector or organisation type.

During this apprenticeship topics could include:
• Knowing your customers
• Understanding the organisation
• Meeting regulations and legislation
• Systems and resources
• Your role and responsibility
• The customer experience
• Product and service knowledge

Entry Requirements
You will be required to have or achieve a Level 1 English and Maths qualification and have taken Level 2 English and maths tests prior to completing the Apprenticeship.

Assessment
On-programme assessment will include delivery of essential knowledge modules and an e-portfolio assessing competence. You will prepare for end point assessment which will include a showcase, practical observation and professional discussion.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Completion of this apprenticeship will lead to eligibility to join the Institute of Customer Service as an individual member at Professional level.

* www.prospects.ac.uk
LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION

As an Apprentice, you may work as an administrator, office junior, receptionist, or junior secretary. Tasks vary depending on the level and sector in which you are employed and may include producing documents, preparing notes, organising and co-ordinating events and meetings, developing and delivering presentations and managing projects.

You will study units such as:
• Communication in a business environment
• Principles of providing administrative services
• Principles of business document production and information management
• Understand employer organisation
• Manage personal performance and development
• Develop working relationships with colleagues

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs at the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course and sit an initial assessment.

Teaching & Assessment
The course includes a tutorial programme that covers subjects such as email etiquette, professional letter writing, time management and personal guidance on equality and diversity, safeguarding and money matters. Assessment takes place in the workplace by an Assessor who has specific sector knowledge. You will build an online portfolio using various assessment methods and your knowledge will be assessed via online tests.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship, you could progress to the Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship in Business & Administration or other Level 3 qualifications. On successful completion, there may be the opportunity to apply for a permanent contract with the employer with endless progression opportunities going forward.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & CREATIVE MARKETING

This qualification puts emphasis on real world business rather than being limited to theory. You will prepare for the workplace by developing marketing and entrepreneurial skills. The course consists of both mandatory and optional units, including:
• Exploring a business
• Personal and business finance
• Managing an event
• Market research
• Visual merchandising
• International business
• Digital marketing
• Pitching for a new business

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit grade. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
The majority of units are internally assessed through assignment work graded at pass, merit and distinction. Some units are externally assessed either through an on-screen exam or controlled assessment.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 3 qualification, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Business Management or BA (Hons) Business Administration at the University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you have the option to progress into the industry, obtain a Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeship or start an Internship.

KARA FRAMPTON
Level 3 Apprenticeship in Business & Administration
Haygrove School

At first I studied A Levels at the College but have started an Apprenticeship working at St John and St Francis Church School. Gaining a qualification while earning money is invaluable since I can’t afford to go to university. This way, I’m able to save money and continue my education.

I really appreciate the one-to-one training, encouragement and support the staff at work and the College have given me. Since starting the Apprenticeship my confidence when dealing with people has dramatically improved and I feel really happy using a computer all day.

The school has offered me a full-time job after I complete my Apprenticeship. All my hard work has paid off and I plan to stay at the school to develop my skills and gain more responsibility. It’s such a good feeling to find a job you love and I can’t wait to see what my future holds.

£104,915
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A SALES DIRECTOR. *
* EPM data 2016

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURIAL MARKETING

Successful entrepreneurs have an understanding of their markets and their product, they are creative and have a passion for success. This course is for anyone who believes they have a passion for entrepreneurship and business, and who wants to develop a broad understanding of business in the modern world.

The course comprises both theoretical and practical units of study that provide a mix of business knowledge and skills to be a successful entrepreneur in the 21st century.

Units include:
• Exploring business
• Developing a marketing campaign
• Personal and business finance
• Managing an event
• International business
• Principles of management
• Business decision making
• Pitching for a small business
• Visual merchandising
• Investigating customer service
• Recruitment and selection processes
• Training in business
• Recording financial transactions

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit grade. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview and reference.

Assessment
The majority of the units will be internally set and marked, and will include case studies, written reports, projects, observation and practical work. There will be externally set and marked assessments and one exam consisting of a two hour paper.

Progression Opportunities
You could find employment within the business world or move on to study at a higher level. Previous students have gained full-time employment following successful work placements, and many have gone on to study degrees at institutions such as Cardiff Business School and Bournemouth, Exeter and Liverpool University.

In your workplace you should be in a first line management role, with operational/project responsibilities or responsibility for managing a team to deliver a clearly defined outcome. Whether in the private, public or third sector and in all sizes of organisation, specific responsibilities will vary, but the knowledge, skills and behaviour needed will be the same whatever your role.

Topics may include:
• Personal development as a first line manager
• Resource planning
• Meeting stakeholder needs
• Managing and communicating information
• Identifying development opportunities
• Improving team performance

Entry Requirements
The entry requirement for this Apprenticeship will be decided by each employer, but may typically include five GCSEs at Grade C (4) or higher.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be regularly assessed by your employer and the College through the development of a portfolio, 360-degree feedback within the ongoing development portfolio and successful completion of CMF Level 3 Diploma in First Line Management (QCF) through production of assignments. There is also assessment at the end of the course through a knowledge test, competency-based interview, a portfolio of evidence and professional discussion.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you may choose to register as an Associate Member with the Chartered Management Institute and/or the Institute of Leadership & Management, to support your professional career development and progression.
Administration skills are crucial to the effectiveness and efficiency of any organisation. By completing this qualification, you will demonstrate a thorough understanding of current theory and practice, which is respected and recognised by employers.

Mandatory units include:
- Communicate in a business environment
- Manage personal and professional development
- Principles of business communication and information
- Principles of administration
- Principles of business

In your workplace, you could perform a variety of tasks such as producing documents and preparing notes, organising and co-ordinating events and meetings, developing and delivering presentations, and managing teams.

The course includes a tutorial programme to cover subjects linked to the work environment such as email etiquette, professional letter writing, time management and personal guidance on equality and diversity, safeguarding and money matters.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

An assessment of your job role will be made to ensure there is enough scope and responsibility for you to achieve the qualification as it is based on levels of competence.

Assessment
Assessment in the workplace and by an Assessor who has specific sector knowledge. You will be required to build an online portfolio using various assessment methods such as observation, professional discussion, work product and witness testimony.

As an Assistant Accountant you will provide support to internal and external customers and will work predominately either as an assistant accountant within a practice or alternatively within the finance function of an organisation. Part of your role will involve assisting in the day-to-day financial activities such as data entry to month-end management accounts and/or year-end financial statements. In addition you may find yourself involved in regulatory financial requirements such as the completion of VAT returns or assisting in the preparation of tax computations.

Topics may include:
- Advanced bookkeeping
- Indirect taxation
- Ethical standards
- Financial accounting and reporting
- Management accounting

Entry Requirements
Individual employers set the selection criteria, but this is likely to include five GCSEs, including Maths and English, although some employers will accept other relevant qualifications and experience, including a relevant Level 2 qualification. Apprentices without English or Maths at Level 2 must achieve this prior to taking the end point assessment.

Assessment
Assessment is through an end point assessment which will include a synoptic test covering the knowledge and skills gained throughout the programme, and a portfolio and reflective discussion.

Career Opportunities
As well as ensuring full competency as an Assistant Accountant, this apprenticeship provides the foundation for progression into a number of career paths in the accounting sector including Audit Trainee, Corporate Recovery Analyst, Credit Controller or Tax Accountant.

**IN 2014 THERE WERE 5.2 MILLION BUSINESSES IN THE UK.**

* Source: ONS
LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & EARLY YEARS

If you are looking for a career in health, social care or childcare this is the course for you. It is suitable for students who have a positive attitude but lack formal qualifications.

This course will provide a foundation entry onto Level 2 courses throughout the College. This course enables you to develop skills in caring for others within Health and Social Care and Early Years.

Units may include:
• Communicating with others
• Practical health and safety
• Care activities for young children or older adults
• Growth and development
• Self-development

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including English and Maths. It is important that you have a good level of English both spoken and written. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

Teaching
Modules are taught through a mixture of class teaching to a successful interview and induction. Assessment
You will have practical assessments, written coursework, examinations (external assessment), presentations and a portfolio.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Progression to the Level 3 qualifications requires a merit profile and a minimum of a grade C (or 4) in Maths and English Language. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Nursery Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Nanny, Au Pair or Pre-School Assistant.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN CHILDREN’S PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

The aim of this course is to prepare you to work with children between birth and eight years and will provide Assistant Practitioner Status.

Units may include:
• Children’s development
• Keeping children safe
• Principles of early years practice
• Children’s language and literacy
• Professional development, roles and responsibilities in child care
• Children’s play and learning

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 3 range, including English and Maths. It is important that you have a good level of English both spoken and written. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

Assessment
You will have practical assessments, written coursework, examinations (external assessment), presentations and a portfolio.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Progression to the Level 3 qualifications requires a merit profile and a minimum of a grade C (or 4) in Maths and English Language. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Nursery Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Nanny, Au Pair or Pre-School Assistant.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CHILDREN’S PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

This course covers all areas of children’s development and learning, including current curricula and how theoretical learning underpins working with children. You will gain practical experience during your 750 placement hours. These will be made up in a variety of settings to include nurseries, schools and special needs placements.

You will cover units such as:
• Children’s development, play and learning
• Working with children with additional needs
• The early years foundations stage
• Promoting children’s development outdoors

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including English and Maths. You will also need a reference and DBS check.

Assessment
The teaching staff and assessors have recent, relevant workplace experience and enjoy the opportunity to nurture new practitioners.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Progression to the Level 3 qualifications requires a merit profile and a minimum of a grade C (or 4) in Maths and English Language. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Nursery Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Nanny, Au Pair or Pre-School Assistant.

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE’S WORKFORCE

These Apprenticeships are designed to be suitable for those who wish to study while earning a salary in paid employment. They are assessed in a work situation and combine knowledge and practical skills. They are flexible programmes and learners will have the opportunity to be involved in planning learning activities in their workplace.

You will study all aspects of childcare and learning including:
• Care and development
• Working safely with young children
• Healthy environments
• Learning through structured activities

Entry Requirements
The Level 2 requires you to have GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a Merit or Distinction. Ideally you need to have English and Maths at grade C or above.

Entry is subject to a successful interview and you are expected to have employment in a school of at least 30 hours a week and the employment needs to last the duration of the course.

Assessment
There are no written exams for the apprenticeships, instead you build a portfolio which includes coursework and practical assessments from your workplace. You may be required to sit exams for Functional Skills in English and Maths and if you do not already have these.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Early Years at University Centre Somerset or find permanent employment in early years settings.

FOR PARENTS, CHILD MINDERS ARE OFTEN AN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL PART OF CHILDCARE, OFFERING A FLEXIBLE, HOME-BASED ENVIRONMENT WHICH MANY PREFER.
level 1 diploma in business, travel & computing

This course is designed to enable progression into the exciting and diverse environments of computing, travel or business. Work experience will be available in a range of travel, business and computing organisations, such as tour operators, banks, hotels, travel and tourism operators and estate agents. This will support your development in a range of employable skills such as working with others, communication and interpersonal skills along with developing basic industry skills.

Units may include:
- Installing hardware and software
- Computer systems
- Imaging software
- Multimedia
- Project

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is subject to a successful interview and induction. If you don’t have a grade C or 4 in English and Maths you will be required to study for this alongside your course.

Teaching & Assessment
This study programme offers a range of assessment methods from practical assessment such as programming, role-plays and presentations to organising a small event.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You will be ideally placed to progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Business Studies or the Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism or Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Computing & Creative Technology. Alternatively you could choose one of the College’s Apprenticeship programmes or move into full-time employment in the business, travel or computing sectors.

level 2 extended certificate in applied computing & creative technology

Are you looking to pursue a career in IT but don’t know where to start developing the specialist skills required? If you are looking for a route to a career and higher qualifications in IT and computing fields such as programming, software development, networking, technical support, network security or information systems, then this course can provide you the means to kick-start that journey.

You will learn to set up different types of networks as well as build PCs from scratch and configure them for different requirements.

Units may include:
- The online world
- Technology systems
- Mobile app development
- Computer networks
- Software development
- Website development
- Installing and maintaining computer hardware

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range and a keen interest in computing. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
This course involves a mix of theoretical and practical units. We look at a range of computing, travel or business. Work experience will be available in a range of computing, travel or business. Assessment is through a variety of examinations and coursework-based methods including observations, case studies, presentations and group work.

Progression
This course is an ideal springboard for progression to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Digital Creative Media (Games Development) or Digital Media Design qualifications, as well as Apprenticeship courses.

Did you know . . .
You could be the master of the machine in the techno-mad 21st Century or get serious about your gaming hobby by turning it into your dream career.
LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL CREATIVE MEDIA (GAMES DEVELOPMENT)

This course is for anyone who has a keen interest in creative digital media and in particular games design. If you have an interest in how the games industry works and how games can be created, then this is the course for you. Although people who enrol on this course enjoy gaming, this should not be the sole reason you choose to do this course as there is only very limited game playing and the vast majority of your time is learning how the industry works.

Units may include:
- Responding to a commission
- Working in the creative media industry
- Specialist subject investigation
- Media campaigns
- App production
- Games testing
- Games engines scripting
- 3D modelling and 3D digital animation

Entry Requirements
- the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including English and Maths, or a Merit in an appropriate Level 2 qualification.

Teaching & Assessment
The topics in this course are covered in a range of theoretical and practical teaching sessions. The majority of the units are internally assessed through assignment work, graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction. Some of the units are externally assessed using different methods either through an on-screen exam or a controlled assessment.

Progression & Career Opportunities
There are a number of progression options. You could continue your studies at Bridgwater & Taunton College where there are related courses on offer at all the way up to Level 6. You also have the option to go straight into industry, although this is very difficult without having a degree but it is possible with a very strong portfolio of work.

£44,160
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A LEAD DESIGNER.
*  "Ems data 2015

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CYBER SECURITY & WEB TECHNOLOGIES (COMPUTING)

This course is for anyone who has a passion for computing. It covers many areas but if you have a particular interest in cyber security and how encryption works then this is the course for you.

Units may include:
- Principles of computer science
- Fundamentals of computer systems
- IT systems security and encryption
- Human computer interaction
- Website development
- Business applications and social media
- Virtualisation
- Managing and supporting systems
- Software design and development project

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Merit at a related Level 2 study programme.

Teaching & Assessment
The course covers the general aspects of the computing industry in a range of theoretical and practical teaching sessions. The course is assessed in a number of different ways. The majority of the units are internally assessed through assignment work, graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction. Some of the units are externally assessed using different methods either through an on-screen exam or a controlled assessment.

Progression & Career Opportunities
There are a number of progression options available after this course. You can choose to continue your studies here at Bridgwater & Taunton College where there are related courses on offer at all the way up to Level 6. You also have the option to go straight into industry, although this is very difficult without having a degree but it is possible with a very strong portfolio of work.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED COMPUTING & SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Do you have a natural affinity with computers and IT? Perhaps you’re interested in becoming a Programmer, Security Specialist, Website Designer or Network Manager. If this appeals, then this course is for you.

Using the latest technologies and purpose-built facilities, you will learn how to write computer programs, design and produce professional websites and databases, create and manage computer networks, identify and resolve business or client problems, manage projects and cover many more related topics and subjects.

Units may include:
- Principles of computer science
- Fundamentals of computer systems
- Planning and management of computing projects
- Software design and development
- IT systems security and encryption
- Object oriented programming
- Computer networking
- Business applications of social media
- Managing and supporting systems
- The impact of computing
- Systems methodology
- Website development
- Systems analysis and design

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range (Maths and English would be a distinct advantage as they can be a requirement for Higher Education progression) or an overall Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification in Information Technology. You also need a keen interest in computing and software systems with some experience of using PCs and software.

Assessment
Assessment is through a variety of examinations and coursework-based methods including case studies, practical observations, assignments, individual research and work-based projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities
The Extended Diploma is equivalent to Three A Levels and will allow for direct entry into university or on to our Foundation Degree in Computing & Internet Technologies at University Centre Somerset.

£79,400
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A LEAD PROGRAMMER.
*  "Ems data 2015

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGN

This course is for those with a keen interest in designing for games, web and motion graphics, and a desire for a career in interactive and digital media. This course focuses on the creative design aspects of digital media products and the related industries.

The course is structured to give you a wide range of experiences that introduce digital skills and ideas. You will be involved in project-based work to develop your creative and technical ability.

First year subjects include:
- Research and communication techniques
- Understanding the digital media industry
- Designing ideas for television
- Digital storytelling
- Digital graphics
- Interactive app design
- Web design
- Game design

In the second year you continue project work with a more in-depth approach to analysis and the introduction of advanced technical skills. You have the opportunity to study more specialist areas of interactive and digital media with an outside client, and develop your own ideas in the form of a final major project.

Throughout year two, you are given support and advice to prepare a portfolio of work for an university or job interview.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range (Maths and English and a relevant Level 2 qualification, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Assessment
Assessment is through a variety of methods including practical projects, assignments, case studies, presentations and externally examined coursework tasks. You need to complete a portfolio of evidence to present at the end of the course for assessment purposes.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNOLOGIES

As an Infrastructure Technician you provide support to internal and external customers, helping them to be productive when using technology to do their own jobs, by using tools to problem solve and trouble shoot non-routine problems.

The Infrastructure Technician sets up people on systems and provides support when they need it, rectifying issues to maintain the organisation’s productivity.

Entry Requirements
Individual employers set the selection criteria, although there is a need for GCSEs (especially English, Maths and a science or technology subject), a relevant Level 2 Apprenticeship, other relevant qualifications and experience or an aptitude test with a focus on IT skills.

Assessment
Technical knowledge and understanding are assessed through a combination of Ofqual-regulated knowledge modules and specified employer and professional qualifications. You will prepare for an end point assessment which includes a portfolio, a project, employer reference and a structured interview with an independent Assessor.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to other digital industry apprenticeships which provide a wide range of progression opportunities, including Data Analyst, Cyber Security Technician or Digital and Technology Solutions. You will be eligible to apply for a place on the independent Register of IT Technicians, providing recognition of your competence in applying technical skills in a business environment whilst signing up to a professional code of conduct and behaviours.

81,000
POTENTIAL SALARY FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN.
*  "Ems data 2015

I chose to study at the College because it offered a unique technology course that matched my preferred career path. Gaming has been a long standing interest of mine and the College held taster sessions that helped me decide.

I’m involved in the Student Union and have taken part in clubs and events that have helped me make friends and share interests with many others across the College. College is a time to find out who you really are so my proudest moment was when my friends and I gave a talk to tutors about equality and LGBTQ+ values. I was honoured to work with staff on the best approaches for supporting more diverse individuals.

I’ve had opportunities to network with the gaming industry through trips and tournaments and every term I talk to my personal tutor about the best routes to a career in gaming.

I have been offered several unconditional offers from universities and have chosen to study BA (Hons) Game Art & Design at Plymouth University.
Construction Crafts

Did you know . . .
Everyone admires a skilled craftsman and they’re always in great demand. Develop your talents alongside experienced professionals and local industries such as EDF, Wessex Water and Laing O’Rourke.

Did you know . . .
£92 Billion contributed to the UK economy in 2014. *
* www.parliament.uk

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING
This course is aimed at learners who wish to become a Bricklayer and gives a firm grounding to progress on to an Apprenticeship programme. The qualification focuses on the theoretical knowledge-based elements of the construction industry, as well as developing your practical ability to enable you to possess the skills to set out and build a variety of cavity and solid wall masonry structures to industry standards.

Entry Requirements
You need GCE A Levels in the D to G or 2 to 1 range and an interest in the bricklaying sector. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Practical projects will be assessed through externally set practical skills tests with the opportunity to achieve the units at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

A series of theory examinations will assess your underpinning knowledge of health, safety and welfare in construction as well as more trade specific technical exams based around the principles of bricklaying and the job opportunities that are available.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to a full Level 1 Diploma or an Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN BUILDING SERVICES
This course is ideal if you plan on going into a career in building services, covering a range of practical tasks across the plumbing and electrical trades.

Topics include:
• Health and safety
• Plumbing
• Electrical

Entry Requirements
You need four GCSEs in the E to G or 2 to 1 range and an interest in the building services sector. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be taught in a realistic environment with excellent up-to-date facilities. English and maths are embedded within the course timetable, to enable you to progress towards C grades at GCSE level. Assessment is through a range of practical tasks and the creation of a portfolio.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to a full-time Level 2 qualification or an Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL BRICKWORK
This course is designed to develop your practical skills whilst still covering the theory of the construction industry in general. You will learn about health and safety, the different types of construction, sustainability, the energy saving materials used in construction and the job opportunities that are available.

The course is geared towards improving your practical ability in preparation for the full Level 1 Diploma in the second year: Bricklaying projects include reading drawings and producing a finished piece of work set to varying specifications.

Units studied could include:
• Introduction to health and safety in the construction industry
• Introduction to the construction industry
• Constructing half brick and one brick walling
• Constructing block walling
• Constructing half brick return corners
• Constructing cavity walls in brickwork and block work
• Laying a patio

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Assessment
Practical projects will be assessed through externally set practical skills tests with the opportunity to achieve the units at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

A series of theory examinations will assess your underpinning knowledge of health, safety and welfare in construction as well as more trade specific technical exams based around the principles of practical bricklaying in practical bricklaying and the job opportunities that are available.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress on to a full Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying or an Apprenticeship at the College. Alternatively you could find employment within the construction industry.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Painter & Decorator, Bricklayer, Dry Liner, Carpenter, Cabinet Maker, Plumber, Bench Joiner, Furniture Maker, Electrician, General Construction Operative, Shoemaker, Site Joiner, Ceiling Fixer.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN CARPENTRY & JOINERY

This course is ideal if you wish to follow a career in wood occupations. The site carpentry route may include:
• Carry out second fixing double doors and mouldings
• Carry out first fixing for floor and complex roofs
• Advanced second fixing
• Operate fixed and transportable machinery

The bench joinery route may include:
• Manufacture stairs with turns
• Manufacture shaped doors and frames
• Operate fixed and transportable machinery

Entry Requirements
Entrants to this course will normally have undertaken the Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry & Bench Joinery. Acceptance is via interview and prior experience will be taken into consideration.

Assessment
You will be set practical tasks that require the production of complex carpentry and joinery projects. Your carpentry and joinery knowledge and skills will be assessed in a range of ways including observation of your practical work, practical tests, production of a portfolio of your knowledge and practical work, multiple-choice tests, practical and knowledge workbooks.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress on to a higher level construction course. The College has a range of design, supervisory and management construction courses up to Level 7, including National Diploma and HNDs.

On completion of this course you will be well placed for a job with a construction company or to set up as a self-employed tradesperson.

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN BRICKLAYING

This course is for you if you have secured an Apprenticeship position with an employer and wish to become a fully qualified Bricklayer. You will study a range of College-based practical and theory units whilst completing NVQ site assessments in the workplace.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification such as the Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Assessment
Practical coursework will be marked through set practical tasks. Underpinning knowledge is assessed via internally set test papers, however there will be a need to complete a multiple choice test in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship you could progress to the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Bricklaying. Upon completion of the Level 3 qualification, you will become a fully qualified craftsperson and be able to work in all areas of the construction industry.

Students are fortunate to have a dedicated facility for construction craft in wood occupations at both campuses, with workshops that are well-equipped with a range of carpentry tools. Well-appointed classrooms and computer facilities enhance the workshops and provide a link between practical and knowledge aspects of the course.

This course is made up of practical and theory elements, which means you will be able to work at your own pace to complete the modules that are required to achieve the qualification. You will also sample a number of other trades including electrical, giving you a rounded understanding of the construction industry.

Entry Requirements
For the Level 2 you need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range or an equivalent qualification. The Level 3 requires five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course and you need to secure a position with an employer.

Assessment
For the theory modules you will be assessed via a series of classroom-based and multiple choice online exams. Practical pieces are built to technical drawing specifications and assessed in the workshop. Site-based assessments take place on-site and in the workplace.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship you could progress to the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Bricklaying. Upon completion of the Level 3 qualification, you will become a fully qualified craftsperson and be able to work in all areas of the construction industry.

CITB REPORTED THAT
MORE THAN £82,000
ADDITIONAL JOBS WILL BE NEEDED

* Construction News www.cnb.co.uk
LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN SITE CARPENTRY OR FRENCH JOINTERY

If you like working with timber and creating things with a hands-on approach, this is the ideal Apprenticeship for you. It is suitable for you if you are looking to earn while you learn and are passionate about choosing wood occupations as a career. You will develop your hand skills and learn how to use and care for both the hand and power tools of the trade.

Entry Requirements
You need to be employed as a Carpenter and pass the CITB entrance exam. Entry is subject to a successful interview and you will need the CSCS Apprentice card.

Assessment
You will be assessed through written examinations, practical assessments, written coursework, a portfolio and periodic reviews in both College and the workplace.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a Degree Level Apprenticeship. As a fully qualified craftsperson, you could find employment in the construction industry, and many Apprentices are offered a full-time position with their employer.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN SITE & ARCHITECTURAL JOINERY

This day release course is ideal if you like working with timber and are passionate about wood occupations and wish to progress to an advanced craft level while still creating things with a hands-on approach.

The Apprenticeship will introduce you to being a safe worker and help you to make the most of this wonderful material. Further develop your hand and machine skills while developing your understanding, care and use of power tools. Learn advanced practical and theoretical aspects of the trade, gain additional qualifications and develop transferable skills.

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 2 qualification or equivalent, to find employment as a Carpenter and hold a CSCS Apprentice card. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be taught for six hours a week at College including self-study time. For the remainder of the week you work in the industry. Assessment is through online tests, written coursework, the creation of a portfolio, workplace assessments and periodic reviews both in College and your workplace.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a Degree Level Apprenticeship. As a fully qualified craftsperson, you could find employment in the construction industry, and many Apprentices are offered a full-time position with their employer.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

This course has a strong emphasis on practical woodworking and will provide you with the essential skills needed for employment in the furniture or fine woodworking industry. You will learn the techniques of making quality furniture using modern machines and hand tools. The design studio is where you will learn the background theory to working in wood and constructing furniture, alongside drawing and design skills.

Units may include:
• Using all workshop tools, machines and equipment to undertake practical tasks
• Using techniques to produce shaped and veneered parts

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 1 furniture qualification or a similar woodworking qualification. Assessment will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence, assignments and examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to our Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture, start a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making or explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry. Alternatively you could enrol on a National Diploma in Art, Design and Craft, or any other design-based subject dependent on achieving an appropriate level of qualification.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

This course is ideal if you are passionate about furniture making or fine woodworking and would like to earn while you learn. This course focuses on working with timber and creating timber-based projects with a hands-on approach.

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 2 furniture qualification or a similar woodworking qualification. Assessment will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence, assignments and examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship or Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture at the College or find employment as a Furniture Maker.
LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

The course is made up of a number of units that focus on areas such as domestic and commercial installations. During the programme you may also sample a number of other trades including carpentry and plumbing, giving a rounded understanding of the construction industry.

All units have a practical and theory element and may include:
- Electrical engineering techniques
- Electrical testing
- Electrical systems and devices
- Electrical installation methods
- Wiring and circuit protection

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to D or 9 to 3 range, or other equivalent qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Assessment
Assessment is through the completion of a practical portfolio and written assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation at Bridgwater & Taunton College or an Apprenticeship programme if employment within the electrical trade is secured.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

This qualification builds on the learning of the Level 1 Diploma and aims to progress your knowledge and understanding of electrical installation and systems in domestic, commercial and industrial environments. It includes subject areas such as trade theory, electrical science and practical skills. This course is made up of a number of units which focus on areas such as domestic and commercial installations.

Units studied may include:
- Electrical installation theory and technology
- Electrical installation methods and requirements
- Electrical installation craft skills
- Electrical science and principles

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English, Maths and Science, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Assessment is through online exams, practical tasks and science projects.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to an Apprenticeship programme if you are able to secure employment within the electrical trade, or the Level 3 Diploma in Electrical Installation.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

On this course you acquire the advanced underpinning knowledge and related skills for electrical installation. It provides you with an opportunity to practise and be assessed in a secure environment and cover the installation and testing of electrical equipment, together with the relevant theory of electrical installation to the current edition of the wiring regulations. You will have the opportunity to acquire relevant understanding of electrical science and principles.

Entry Requirements
You need a relevant Level 2 qualification and five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths, English and Science. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Assessment involves on-screen examinations, practical assessments and theory assignments.

ONLY 13% TO 14% OF THE WORKFORCE ARE WOMEN

*www.parliament.uk

£23 billion CONTRIBUTED TO THE UK ECONOMY IN 2014.

*IBIS World | www.ibisworld.co.uk
LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN DRY LINING

This course covers the basics of the trade and provides an introduction to health and safety within the construction industry. This will enable you to identify the risks and hazards which are apparent on construction sites. You will develop your practical decorating skills and learn to use a variety of decorating techniques.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an equivalent Level 1 qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Assessment
Assessment includes written examination, practical assessment, written coursework, presentations, a portfolio and assessments in the workplace.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This Apprenticeship is a stepping stone to a career in construction maintenance. You will have the opportunity to progress on to further training within chosen specialisms or to gain employment in industry.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PAINTING & DECORATING

This course teaches you the painting and decorating skills required to work in industry as a tradesperson. You will develop your practical skills and knowledge in a range of contexts including health, safety and welfare, technical information, quantities and communication and construction technology.

Entry Requirements
This is a progression course. You need to have completed a Level 1 Diploma in Painting & Decorating along with GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range and assessed against standards expected in industry. You will not have to repeat the core knowledge in three core subject areas such as health, safety and welfare, technical information, quantities and communication and construction technology from your Level 1 Diploma in Painting & Decorating.

Assessment
You will be assessed through a series of practical projects in the workshop. Knowledge is assessed via written work produced in the classroom and end of unit multiple choice exams.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Painting & Decorating or a Level 2 Apprenticeship (providing you have secured an employer) at the College.
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CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN PAINTING & DECORATING

At the start of this course, you will need to have been offered an apprenticeship position with an employer within the relevant trade.

The Level 2 Apprenticeship develops your painting and decorating skills to an intermediate level. The course covers a range of skills that are required for industry. With a large focus on practical skills, you will be taught and set practical tasks that require the production of painted and decorated surfaces. You will cover units such as:

• Health, safety and welfare
• Technical information, quantities and communication
• Knowledge of construction technology
• Erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms
• Prepare common surface types for decoration
• Apply basic paint systems by brush and roller
• Apply foundation and plain papers
• Apply waterborne paint systems using high volume low pressure (HVLP) spray equipment

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range in Maths, English, or a Level 2 Diploma in Painting & Decorating. Applicants outside of the GCSE entry A* to E or 9 to 2 range will be considered but will have to complete Functional Skill Levels 1 in English and maths as part of the course. Acceptance on the course is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Your skills will be assessed in a range of ways including observations, end of unit practical tests, production of a portfolio of your knowledge and practical work, online multiple-choice end of unit knowledge tests, practical and knowledge workbooks.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could work towards a Level 3 Apprenticeship with your current employer/new employer, or progress on to a higher level construction course. Alternatively you could find full-time employment in the construction industry or become a self-employed tradesperson.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN PAINTING & DECORATING

At the start of this course, you will need to have been offered an apprenticeship position with an employer within the relevant trade area. The Level 3 Apprenticeship further develops your painting and decorating skills to an advanced level. The course covers a wide range of skills that are required for industry. With a large focus on practical skills, you will be taught and set practical tasks that require the production of advanced painting and decorating skills.

You will cover units such as:

• Erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms
• Prepare surfaces for protection and decoration
• Apply coatings by brush and roller
• Apply wall coverings to ceilings and walls
• Produce advanced decorative finishes
• Carry out specialist architectural feature work
• Apply waterborne paint systems using airless equipment

Entry Requirements
You need to have completed a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Painting & Decorating and have GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range in Maths and English, or have completed Level 1 Functional skills in both English and maths. Applicants outside of the GCSE entry A* to C or 9 to 4 range will be considered but will have to complete Functional Skills Level 2 in English and maths as part of the course. Acceptance on the course is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Your skills will be assessed in a range of ways including observations, end of unit practical tests, production of a portfolio of your knowledge and practical work, online multiple-choice end of unit knowledge tests, practical and knowledge workbooks.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress on to a higher level construction course or find employment in the construction industry.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA/APPRENTICESHIP IN PLUMBING

This course is designed to increase your knowledge gained and understanding of plumbing and heating. The course focuses on a range of plumbing theory and practices.

Units may include:
- Pipe bending and types of jointing
- Rainwater systems and maintenance
- Plumbing principles and practical applications
- Hot and cold water systems
- Central heating systems
- Drainage systems

Entry Requirements
You need to have completed the Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing.

Assessment
You will be assessed through practical tasks, multiple choice exams and by building a portfolio.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing or Plumbing Renewable/Gas. Alternatively, you could secure an employer and work towards a Level 3 Apprenticeship at the College.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA/APPRENTICESHIP IN PLUMBING RENEWABLE/GAS

This course focuses on the complex planning and installation of specialised plumbing installations.

Units covered may include:
- Installing and commissioning
- Unvented hot water systems, boosted cold water system and underfloor heating systems
- Installing solar thermal hot water systems on our new roofing and commissioning resources
- Organising resources
- Micro-renewables
- Electrical systems and installations

Entry Requirements
You will need to have completed the Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Assessment is through a range of practical tasks and an e-portfolio. The portfolio is made up of evidence gathered in the workplace in addition to some on-site assessments. You will also complete a range of multiple choice and written exams.

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Did you know . . .

Construction professionals quite literally build the world around us. So if you fancy playing a part in shaping the future, this is the area of study for you.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Estimator, Architect, Civil Engineer, CAD Technician, Construction Manager, Building Surveyor, Project Manager, Site Operative, Structural Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, Site Engineer.
LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION DIPLOMA/EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CONSTRUCTION IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This course will meet the needs of those aspiring to a professional or technical career in construction and civil engineering. You will study a mix of theory and practice, and the course includes work experience, site visits, exhibition visits and guest lectures.

Units of study may include:
- Construction principles
- Construction design
- Construction technology
- Surveying in construction
- Health and safety in construction
- Building regulations and control in construction

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Merit grade in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Assessment
Some of the units are externally assessed but most of the course is assessed through a series of internally set assignments involving a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This course provides the ideal foundation for applying for Higher Education courses, and provides the opportunity for a wide range of careers in architecture, building surveying, building control, civil engineering, quantity surveying, site engineering, site management and structural engineering.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

This course is for you if you are looking to start or develop your career in civil engineering. The Apprenticeship is an excellent opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification whilst gaining work experience in the industry. The course helps to develop a broad understanding of the whole construction industry and uses realistic scenarios to help you apply this knowledge.

Units studied may include:
- Construction technology
- Construction principles

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Assessment
Some of the units are externally assessed by the awarding body but most of the course is assessed through a series of internally set assignments involving a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This course helps to develop a broad understanding of the whole construction industry and uses realistic scenarios to help students apply this knowledge. Working with some of the most well-known construction companies in the world, you will have the opportunity to gain experience and qualifications in a career that has fantastic opportunities for progression.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Assessment
Some of the units are externally assessed by the awarding body but most of the course is assessed through a series of internally set assignments. These involve a combination of scenario-based tasks linked to project work, practical exercises, timed tasks, individual study and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This Apprenticeship is the first stepping stone to a career in construction. Starting as a technician, you have the opportunity to progress on to an HNC, Foundation Degree, Degree and ultimately Chartered Membership of the Institution of Builders (IOB).
Did you know . . .

If you dream of swapping the classroom for the great outdoors to conserve, maintain and manage areas of the countryside, this career could be just the ticket.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Manager, Warden, Countryside Officer, Wildlife Trust Worker, Conservation Officer, Coppice Worker, Gamekeeper, Environmental Officer, Government Department Officer.

Countryside Management

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN LAND & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (CONSERVATION)

This course offers you a great opportunity to develop core, practical conservation and countryside management skills and gain an understanding of the principles of countryside and environmental management.

Units covered may include:

• Ecology
• Working in land and wildlife industries
• Countryside interpretation
• Work experience
• Land-based machinery
• British habitats

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
This course is delivered through classroom-based lessons, practical sessions and tutorials. You will be assessed by examinations, online tests, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

Progression
On successful completion you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Countryside) at the Cannington Campus.

Career Opportunities
With further practical experience, you could find employment as a craftsman within the sector. Opportunities exist within private estates, the National Trust, nature reserves, Government and non-Government organisations, charities, contractors and possibly self-employment.

Countryside Officer

POTENTIAL SALARY

£18,000 - £50,000

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

This Apprenticeship offers high-quality training to meet the countryside industry standards. The qualification was designed by the industry for employers and this ensures that the training you receive will equip you with the skills needed by the industry.

You will attend the College one day per week to work towards gaining detailed underpinning knowledge of your chosen subject area.

The units studied may include:

• Working practices
• Prepare ground for seeding and planting
• Establish and protect moorland vegetation
• Maintaining plants
• Environmental machinery
• Health and safety and legislation
• Identification and use of plants
• Carry out habitat management

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range. Course entry is also subject to an initial assessment.

Assessment
Practical assessment takes place throughout the course and you will compile a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate your competence.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to supervisory level employment within the industry or continue your studies with a Level 3 Apprenticeship or the Level 3 Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Countryside).

COUNTRY SIDE OFFICER

POTENTIAL SALARY

£18,000 - £50,000

ASHLEIGH SCOTT

Level 3 Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Countryside)
Kingsmead Community School

I chose the College after speaking to College staff at a schools careers day and visiting the College’s Open Day.

College is really different from school. You’re given more independence to plan your own work and there’s a wide range of lessons including off-site practical sessions. All that and the different resources have helped my studies by improving my subject knowledge, confidence and English skills.

My work placement has been great and was in exactly the area I want to work in. I’d also recommend volunteering as it’s a great way to find out about conservation organisations and find the perfect work placement. I feel I’m gaining practical experience and employment skills to help me get a job in estates management.

While at College, there’s also lots to do on top of your course. I’ve taken part in a range of activities and made friends from different courses and areas.
**LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN COUNTRYSIDE & ENVIRONMENT**

This Apprenticeship offers high quality training to meet the countryside industry standards. The qualification was designed by the industry for employers, and this ensures that the training you receive will equip you with the skills needed by the industry. You will be assisted by the College to find a suitable work placement with a local employer and attend College one day per week to work towards gaining detailed underpinning knowledge of the industry.

Units could include:
- Establish and protect moorland vegetation
- Maintaining plants
- Environmental machinery
- Identification and use of plants
- Carry out habitat management

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in Countryside Management (or equivalent) at Merit grade. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**
Practical assessment takes place throughout the course and you will compile a portfolio of evidence to demonstrate your competence.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
If you have completed the Level 2 Apprenticeship, you could progress to the Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could find employment at supervisory level within the industry.

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**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN LAND & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (COUNTRYSIDE)**

This course will help you develop a comprehensive overview of the countryside, wildlife and conservation industry. It encompasses practical techniques, technical skills and core knowledge.

Units covered may include:
- Health and safety
- Estate skills
- Ecology
- Woodland habitat management
- Business
- Freshwater and wetland management
- Specialist project
- Land-based machinery
- Plant and soil science

In addition, you will undertake 150 hours of relevant work experience in each year of this two year course.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in Countryside Management (or equivalent) at Merit grade. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

**Teaching & Assessment**
This course is delivered through classroom-based lessons, practical sessions and tutorials. You will be assessed by practical assessments, written assignments, examinations and online testing, presentations and projects.

**Progression**
The course provides an ideal progression route to higher education opportunities, such as the Foundation Degree pathways available at the University Centre Somerset.

**Career Opportunities**
You could find employment within the extensive countryside and conservation sector. Opportunities exist within private estates, nature reserves, Government and non-Government organisations, charities, contractors and possible self-employment.

Roles such as Reserve Assistant, Ranger or Warden are common career plans.

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**Did you know . . .**

In today’s world, engineers work in a sector that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions, from aircraft design to nuclear development.
### LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Engineering holds many fantastic and exciting opportunities. In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting edge technologies and innovative solutions, so you could find yourself designing the next generation of supersonic aircraft. This course will give you the experience and recognised qualification necessary to pursue the career of your dreams.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of aerospace engineering. You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths or Physics.

Units may include:
- Aircraft flight principles and practice
- Aircraft workshop methods and practice
- Aircraft gas turbine engines
- Engineering principles
- Fabrication manufacturing processes
- Composites manufacture and repair

**Entry Requirements**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths at grade 6/B or above, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

**Assessment**

You will be assessed through a variety of methods including practical assessment, written coursework and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**

This course is a pre-employment course where your skills will be assessed and marked internally by College staff and assessed on an ongoing basis and you may be required to undertake mock exams. There will however, be examinations at the end of the year and subject to successful interview.

**Teaching & Assessment**

You will take a Level 2 Diploma in Advanced Engineering or Mechatronics at University College Somerset and decide to do a Diploma because it has assignments, rather than exams.

We're treated like adults from day one and the course encourages you to be self-directed. You have the responsibility of researching and finding sources of information, but the tutors are also really helpful. The equipment is great and they don't limit us on what we can use. As long as we have health and safety briefs we can create practice pieces and real projects, obviously supervised by the staff.

I really enjoy the hands-on work in my welding, machining, hydraulics and pneumatics lessons. A highlight would be that at the end of my first year engineering students have become Design Technicians, Architectural Technicians and Mechanical Engineers.

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### LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

This course is ideal if you would you like to go into product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electronics, electrical engineering or the automotive industry as a Project Leader or Designer.

The Level 2 Engineering study programme is a one-year practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. It introduces you to the employment area you have chosen and provides a good basis to progress to a more advanced work-related qualification such as the National Diploma or an Engineering Apprenticeship.

**Entry Requirements**

You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 3 range including Maths at grade 6/B or above, or a relevant Level 1 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

**Assessment**

You will be assessed through a range of practical and written assessments. You will complete a range of assignments and assessments. These are assessed on an ongoing basis and you may be required to undertake mock exams. There will however, be examinations at the end of the year and subject to successful interview.

**Teaching & Assessment**

You will study a combination of practical and theory subjects, with half of your time spent in our specialist engineering workshops. The programme is assessed through a range of assignments and assessments. These are assessed on an ongoing basis and you may be required to undertake mock exams. There will however, be examinations at the end of the year and subject to successful interview.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**

You will have the opportunity to progress to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering as the Level 3 Extended Diploma provides progression to the HNC in Electrical/Electronic Control Engineering or Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering which are both offered at University Centre Somerset, and lead to the HNC with the University of the West England. Former engineering students have become Design Technicians, Architectural Technicians and Mechanical Engineers.
LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MANUFACTURING & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

In today’s world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting edge technologies and innovative solutions, so you could find yourself designing the next generation of smartphones, designing robots, manufacturing components for fighter jets or developing sustainable energy. Study engineering and you could work within a variety of engineering disciplines such as product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical and electronics, communications, mechanical, nuclear and energy, environment or transport.

You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths or Physics.

Units may include:
• Engineering principles
• Engineering product design and manufacture
• CAD and engineering drawing
• Manufacturing machining processes
• Manufacturing computer numerical control machining

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths (Higher) at grade B or above, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit grade which includes Maths and Science.

Assessment
Assessment methods include exams, written coursework, presentations and practical assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will enable progression onto University, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Higher Apprenticeships. University Centre Somerset offers a Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering leading on to a BEng or MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England delivered here at University Centre Somerset. Former students have become Design Engineers, Aerospace Engineers and have moved into employment with GE Oil & Gas, Rolls-Royce Aerospace and EDF Energy.
LEVEL 3 NUCLEAR GATEWAY PROGRAMME

This bridging programme is ideal if your ambition is to work within the nuclear engineering or scientific sectors, and is suitable for those looking to progress onto an Apprenticeship.

This one year programme is delivered by the College at the recently built National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) in Cannington. This new state-of-the-art facility includes a reactor simulator and virtual reality training environment.

Working with industrial partners such as EDF Energy ensures the training provides a unique experience that develops the skills needed in this high profile, technical and demanding sector. Work experience is an essential element to the programme, expanding your understanding of the sector and working environment.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of subjects such as:

- Nuclear science and the nuclear industry
- Mathematics for engineering and science
- Introduction to radiological measurement and protection
- Mechanical and electrical science for nuclear technicians
- Chemistry and engineering practical

Entry Requirements

- You need five GCSEs at A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths at grade 6/B, or appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.
- Assessment

Progression Opportunities

This study programme provides the opportunity to progress onto a Level 2 or 3 Apprenticeship in Nuclear or the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear).

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING (NUCLEAR)

Students work towards a Level 3 Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear); an industry-recognised qualification. It will appeal to those with a keen interest in Engineering. You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths. You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of subjects including:

- Specialist engineering project
- Engineering principles
- Engineering mathematics
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Microcontroller systems for engineers
- Electrical power distribution and transmission
- Condition monitoring techniques
- Mechanical behaviour of materials
- Work experience in the engineering sector

Entry Requirements

- You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths at grade 6/B, or appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

Assessment

The majority of subjects are internally assessed through assignments graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction. Some units are externally assessed using different methods, either through time constrained exams or controlled assessments.

Progression Opportunities

The Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will provide progression onto Higher Education, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships. In partnership with the National College for Nuclear, degree pathways awarded by The University of the West of England and endorsed by our industry partners are available.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (PHYSICAL SCIENCE - NUCLEAR)

This course will provide you with comprehensive technical training needed for the nuclear industry. Nuclear energy is a fast-moving, exciting industry which incorporates continuing development of technology, science and systems. This course is a Level 3 study programme that consists of three parts:

- A Level Maths
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear) or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Nuclear)
- Nuclear-related extended project

Entry Requirements

You need a minimum of five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths at grade 6/B or above, in total providing 55.2 QCA points or higher.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a variety of methods including practical assessment, time constrained exams, written coursework and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This qualification is equivalent to four A Levels and has been designed to give you the underpinning knowledge and specific skills needed to enable you to progress onto an Advanced or Degree Apprenticeship or university-level course with the National College for Nuclear.

Careers in the nuclear sector include Nuclear Operator, Instrumentation & Control (I&C) Engineer; Electrical Engineer; Radiation Protection Technician; Project Control Engineer; Research & Development.

The National College (Southern Hub) in Cannington

TECHNICAL BACCALAUREATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (NUCLEAR) OR SCIENCE

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- A Level Maths
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear) or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Nuclear)
- Nuclear-related extended project

Entry Requirements

You need a minimum of five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Maths at grade 6/B or above, in total providing 55.2 QCA points or higher.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a variety of methods including practical assessment, time constrained exams, written coursework and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This qualification is equivalent to four A Levels and has been designed to give you the underpinning knowledge and specific skills needed to enable you to progress onto an Advanced or Degree Apprenticeship or university-level course with the National College for Nuclear.

Careers in the nuclear sector include Nuclear Operator, Instrumentation & Control (I&C) Engineer; Electrical Engineer; Radiation Protection Technician; Project Control Engineer; Research & Development.

The National College (Southern Hub) in Cannington

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING & NUCLEAR SCIENCE

These Apprenticeships allow you to gain technical knowledge and real practical experience, along with behavioural and personal skills required for your job and future career. The programmes are delivered by Bridgwater & Taunton College in partnership with the National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) and have been developed with industry partners, educational partners and government.

Entry Requirements

The Level 3 Apprenticeship requires five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths. For the Level 2, you need five GCSEs in the A* to 9 to 2 range, including Maths. Alternatively, a Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit which includes Maths and Science is also appropriate for both levels.

Assessment

Your knowledge and skills will be continuously assessed and you will have to demonstrate that you can meet the required standard throughout your training. There will be a mixture of coursework, projects, practical tasks, exams and end assessment. As an Apprentice you will have an allocated Trainer Assessor who will oversee your training at work and College. Your Trainer Assessor will regularly review your progress and help you with any problems.

A £15m capital investment provides a state-of-the-art nuclear training facility, including a virtual reality environment, a reactor simulator and computer-equipped training rooms. This innovative collaboration space and student accommodation. These fantastic facilities and dedicated staff enable us to replicate the nuclear environment, engaging students in project-based work that help you learn new skills, behaviours and the safety culture essential for a licensed site.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Apprenticeships provide excellent career progression opportunities and are widely recognised in the market. Fully qualified engineers are always in demand, both at home and abroad, and are often among the top earners. Level 3 Apprentices can progress to the Higher Education courses including a BEng/BSc Degree with the National College for Nuclear, apply for Tech-Ing status or study further professional qualifications.

The National College (Southern Hub) in Cannington

21% OF THE UK’S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CAME FROM NUCLEAR POWER IN 2015 *
English

Did you know . . .

If English isn’t your first language, this course is designed to improve your spoken and written English in preparation for further study or employment.

ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (ESOL)

If English is not your first language, this course will develop your skills prior to progressing your education. The course welcomes students with no knowledge of English, as well as students who already have a limited use of the language.

Modules include:
• Core English language studies
• Maths
• Information technology/computers
• Project work
• Vocational study - Health & Social Care, Childcare, Catering, Art or Business Studies
• Self study

Entry Requirements
There are no formal qualifications required for entry. You will undergo an informal interview and possibly an initial assessment to determine which level of the course is right for you. For your first visit to College, you will need to bring your passport or Home Office documents/visas.

Teaching & Assessment
Various guest speakers visit during the year and there may be the opportunity to undertake work experience. You will be required to give presentations and take part in discussions. In addition, you are required to take responsibility for your own learning, complete homework, work in pairs or groups when appropriate and complete self-study activities.

Examinations are in three parts; speaking, listening, and reading and writing. Revision sessions are organised to prepare you for the exams and tutorial sessions follow and review your progress.

Progression Opportunities
On completion of the course you may progress to either the next level of ESOL or another course if you have the correct level of English.

1,500 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE SPEAK ENGLISH, OF WHOM ONLY 375 MILLION ARE NATIVE SPEAKERS *

* www.statista.com
Equine Studies

**LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL & HORSE CARE**

If you love animals and would like a career in the animal-based industry, this course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress in the industry.

The course covers seven units from animal care and horse care pathways.

Units of study could include:
- Safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
- Developing performance in land-based industries
- Animals in the wild and in society
- Assist with handling and restraint
- Assist with the feeding and watering of animals
- Assist with the preparation for exercise and aftercare of horses
- Maintain the health of horses

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate in Equine Care and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Teaching & Assessment**
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Teaching & Assessment**
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Teaching & Assessment**
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Teaching & Assessment**
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Assessment**
Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations.

**Progression & Career Opportunities**
On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

**Teaching & Assessment**
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test.

**Entry Requirements**
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EQUINE MANAGEMENT

This course covers a range of topics which are supported by visits and guest speakers from the industry. The programme will provide you with the knowledge and skill set required to directly enter employment or progress to a Level 4 qualification in equine science or management. Over the two years you study a range of practical and classroom based units as well as non-riding pathways.

Units may include:
• Principles of health and safety
• Competition grooming
• Horse biology and health
• Business management
• Equine feeding and nutrition
• Stable and yard management
• Riding on the flat and over fences
• Horse behaviour, welfare and stud practices
• Horse fitness and training
• Horse rehabilitation and therapy
• Horse tack and equipment
• Prepare horses for presentation
• Working horses from the ground
• Equestrian coaching
• Event management

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths, English and Science, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification at Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be competent riding on the flat and over small fences.

Assessment
You will be assessed through a variety of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical/riding assessments and presentations.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could progress to a Foundation Degree or BSc (Hons) in Equine Science/Management. Alternatively, you could find employment at a supervisory level in riding schools, competition, livery and racing yards or complete British Horse Society stages.
Fisheries Management

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN LAND & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISHERIES)

By studying one of our fisheries management courses, you can become part of this exciting and rapidly growing industry. The Level 2 course is ideal if you want to improve your training alongside work, or engage in entry level employment. Aquaculture is an important part of global food production with around 1,200 fish farms in the UK alone. The aquatics retail industry is worth an impressive £400 million and imports approximately £35 million worth of fish per year and employs in excess of 10,000 people.

Modules may include:
- Work experience
- Working in land and wildlife industries
- Fish health and biology
- Ornamental aquatics
- Aquatic ecology
- Species identification

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification such as the Level 1 Diploma in Land-based Management. Entry subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
You will undertake work experience as well as being continuously assessed through coursework including written assignments, practical observations, online tests, examinations, seminars and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 with a Distinction, you could progress to our Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries). Alternatively, you could find entry-level employment with a number of aquatic, aquarium or aquaculture related industries.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN LAND & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISHERIES)

This course is ideal if you wish to turn your passion for aquaria, aquatics, wildlife and conservation into a viable career. The Level 3 provides you with the relevant knowledge and skills for a career within the aquatic industries or progression on to university to study subject areas such as aquaculture, fisheries management and marine science.

Modules may include:
- Health and safety
- Work experience
- Land-based machinery
- Estate skills
- Specialist project
- Ecology
- Freshwater and wetland management
- Water quality
- Fish biology
- Fish health
- Aquatics ecosystems

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths, English and Science, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification at Distinction grade, such as the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries). Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
You will undertake work experience across both years and be continuously assessed through seminars and presentations, online tests, examinations, written assignments, practical observations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
A committed candidate may find employment within the related industries of public and private aquaria, water companies, local government, self-employment opportunities, charities and trusts, research institutes and related organisations.

Did you know . . .

Over 12,000 people are employed in this industry, so turn your passion for angling or fish-keeping into a career and join an industry on the lookout for skilled employees.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Water Bailiff
- Researcher
- Fisheries Officer
- Fishery Manager or Ghillie
- Ecologist
- Environmental Manager
- Fish Biologist
- Habitat Specialist

SALARY FOR AN EXPERIENCED FISH FARM MANAGER

£35,000 - £40,000

* Projects www.prospects.ac.uk

JACK TYRER
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries)
Westfield Academy

I’ve always loved angling so when I heard about the fisheries management course I went to an Open Evening to find out more and I liked what they had to offer.

My greatest achievement during my time at College has to be getting an award for being the most outstanding student. This was very rewarding and made me feel proud of what I had achieved.

The friendships I’ve made with my peers and lecturers are fantastic. My lessons are enjoyable and I love it when the lessons are practical; we have been lake and river fishing which is awesome as I love fishing. The environment is friendly and all the staff and the students make you feel welcome.

The staff and amazing equipment have helped me prepare for my next steps in life. After finishing College my dream job would be to work in the fisheries industry.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FLORISTRY

This course is ideal for those looking to start a career within the floristry industry as a trainee or junior florist. If you enjoy interacting with others, are creative and keen to develop practical and technical floristry skills, then this qualification is for you.

Units may include:
• Health and safety
• Customer service
• Caring for and maintaining floristry products
• Floristry design principles
• Creating floristry designs

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. No previous experience in floristry is required.

Teaching & Assessment
Modules are taught via demonstrations, lectures, tutorials and practical workshops. During the course you compile a portfolio of your work and will be assessed through coursework, practical assessments and examinations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Further study opportunities include the Level 3 Diploma followed by the Level 4 Higher Diploma and Level 5 Master Diploma in Floristry. Alternatively you may wish to move into employment within the floristry industry.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FLORISTRY

This course is aimed at those wishing to run their own floristry business or work in a supervisory role. It covers a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge and explores European influences, techniques and new trends within the industry. This qualification could also be used for progression into teaching.

Units may include:
• Health and safety
• Principles of creative design
• Plant and flower care
• Business management and marketing in floristry
• Event floristry

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English & Maths, or a Level 2 Diploma in Floristry at an overall Merit grade or equivalent previous industry experience. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

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Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you may wish to progress to the Level 4 Higher Diploma and Level 5 Master Diploma in Floristry. Alternatively, you could move into employment as a Florist, Demonstrator, Judge, Specialist Floral Designer or Teacher.

Did you know . . .

There is so much more to floristry than just arranging flowers. It requires artistic flair and creativity, excellent customer service, communication skills and sound business judgement.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Florist, Buyer, Retailer, Teacher, Event Organiser, Customer Care.

THE UK FRESH CUT FLOWER AND INDOOR PLANT MARKET IS WORTH £2.2 BILLION AT RETAIL LEVEL.

TO PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE, THE UK MUSIC INDUSTRY IS WORTH AROUND £2 BILLION *

* Flowers & Plants Association www.flowersandplantsassociation.org.uk

ABIGAIL COMBES
Level 2 Diploma in Floristry
Chilton Trinity School

I chose my course after attending an Open Day, which I found helpful. I got along well with the tutor and thought that what they were teaching looked enjoyable.

The staff at College are very supportive and helpful. They have helped me with coursework and practical sessions, and are always there to help with any personal issues.

I’ve also enjoyed the social side of College. I made lots of new friends on my course and felt welcomed by people from all over the College.

During the year I’ve learnt a lot. Creating a Valentine’s window display was one of my favourite projects. I’ve also gained extra skills, such as learning about risk assessments, accounting and customer orders.

On completion of my course I’m going to progress on to the Level 3 Floristry course which I’m really looking forward to.
Forensic Science

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ANALYTICAL & FORENSIC SCIENCE

Forensic science is the application of science to the law. If you are interested in forensic science, you must have a real interest in analytical science work. Your analysis will produce results to be presented in court and lives may depend on your skills.

This course is made up of various units that focus on the diverse work carried out by scientists and enables you to gain both a theoretical and a practical feel for this fascinating and progressive field of study.

Units may include:

- Principles and applications of science
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills
- Laboratory techniques and their application in industry
- Vocational investigative project
- Contemporary issues in science
- Physiology of human body systems
- Genetics and genetic engineering
- Microbiology and microbiological techniques
- Applications of inorganic and organic chemistry
- Forensic evidence collection and analysis

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSES in the A* to C or 9 to 5 range including English, Maths and Double or Triple Science. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment

Assessment methods include internally set assignments with case studies, written reports, projects, performance observation and practical work, externally set controlled tasks (practical and written) and written exams.

Progression Opportunities

Depending on the specialism, many universities prefer that you study AS and/or A Level in Chemistry, Mathematics or Biology alongside your analytical and forensic science course. However, many universities accept the Extended Diploma in its own right. If you are considering a particular career please do some research before selecting your course to study at college.

Did you know . . .

If you have an enquiring mind, enjoy communicating and have a methodical approach to work, a career as a forensic scientist may be for you.

POTENTIAL CAREERS


EMILY WALES

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Analytical & Forensic Science

Bridgwater College Academy

I knew I wanted to study Forensic Science and not many other colleges offered this course, which shows how unique this College is.

The tutors are very helpful and supportive, and the lessons are really enjoyable. There are well-structured revision and study sessions which fit into everyone’s timetable. I’ve a friendship group that meet in the Library to study and support each other. This friendly atmosphere makes studying much easier.

I felt proud at the end of my first year because I achieved three distinctions. I wouldn’t have been able to do this without the support of my tutor and the College’s facilities. I’ve gained an outstanding grade that will help me get into university and that’s not all! I’ve gained experience in working in teams and grown in confidence.

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CHOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE

This programme has been designed for young people leaving a specialist residential or special school environment. It is aimed at meeting the needs of individuals with profound and/or complex needs to support the transition from school through college to future life. You will have the opportunity to develop communication, life skills and self-awareness. This is achieved by offering the opportunity to make choices in both class-based and realistic settings.

Your tutor and support team will work with you to create an individualised programme to help you acquire transferable skills and take part in different learning opportunities, as well as intensive interaction sessions, physiotherapy sessions and hydrotherapy.

Somerset Total Communication is embedded in all of our work.

A multi-sensory approach is used in learning situations which could include:
- Skills for life: literacy/numeracy
- IT
- Cause and effect programmes
- Self-awareness
- Music
- Tactile art

Entry Requirements
You must be able to tolerate demands made by others and being part of a small group. You need to communicate intentionally and be able to sustain concentration for a short time, remember a learned response over a short period of time and communicate simple choices, likes and dislikes.

Assessment
You will take part in an initial assessment to establish your starting point and agree your individual learning aims. Assessment is through continuous one-to-one observation and by building a portfolio of evidence using photographs and video.

Progression Opportunities
If you have made good progress you could progress to the Entry 1 Progression for Life course or go into Social Services day centre provision.

Did you know . . .

These programmes have been designed to help you adapt to college life and get you ready for the future, whether it’s working, studying or living more independently.
LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK

This course is ideal if you have a range of abilities but need help making independent choices and developing your independent living skills. The course aims to improve Functional Skills and provides you with work-related options, further training or employment where appropriate.

This course offers up to three one-year programmes. Each programme offers a wide range of subjects and exciting, practical units with an emphasis on creative and sporting opportunities. Functional Skills are also included to facilitate your progression through college towards independence.

Subjects include:
• Functional Skills
• Art and Media
• Health, Social Care and Early Years
• Hairdressing
• Horticulture
• Sport
• Creative media

Entry Requirements
You will need to pass an initial assessment and regular feedback. You will need to work within a small group and have a positive attitude to learning.

Assessment
You will work within a group of eight to ten students and your progress will be monitored through weekly tutor feedback, two-way parent reviews, transition reviews and an end of year examination.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could enrol on another Foundation Level programme or progress to Level 1 or 2 vocational qualification. Alternatively, you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship if you secure an employer.

FOUNDATION STUDIES

This programme provides up to three one-year programmes. Each programme offers a wide range of subjects and exciting, practical units with an emphasis on creative and sporting opportunities. Functional Skills are also included to facilitate your progression through college towards independence.

This course is ideal if you are undecided about your future and want to explore your options before moving on to vocational training or applying for work. The programme aims to support and develop your social, emotional and behavioural needs as well as academic attainment.

After an initial assessment, you will be guided through the process of building portfolios in a range of subjects that are relevant to your future needs.

Subjects could include:
• Independent learning and creativity
• Work skills
• Managing money
• Creative media
• Art and design
• Volunteering
• Life skills
• English and maths
• Nationally recognised qualification

Entry Requirements
You need to work within a small group and have the potential to progress. You also need to have the ability to work within a group of eight to ten students, and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
Staff will observe your work and provide regular feedback. You will build a coursework folder of written and pictorial evidence of your learning and be able to work towards the next level in Maths and English.

Progression Opportunities
On successful completion you could enrol on another Foundation Level programme or progress to Level 1 or 2 vocational qualification. Alternatively, you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship if you secure an employer.
LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY

This course has been created to provide work experience to develop basic industry skills, with a focus on communication and client care. It will apply to those who have a keen interest in working within the hair and beauty industry.

This is an exciting bespoke course that has been written to develop your learning and personal growth in a nurturing and supportive environment. You will develop excellent communication skills, building practical skills in a multiple sector environment, to help you prepare for progression and employment within the hair and beauty sector.

Units may include:
• Shampoo and condition hair
• Skin care
• Basic make-up application
• Nail art
• Wellbeing
• Basic media make-up

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

Teaching & Assessment
Some of your units will be assessed through practical observation and other elements of the course will be assessed by written assignments. You will also gain experience working in our commercial salons and clinics in an assisting role or through friends and family sessions.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you may progress on to a Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy, Barbering or Media Make-up, or one of the College’s Apprenticeship programmes. This will depend on the progress that you make during the course.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN WOMEN’S HAIRDRESSING

This course is designed to provide a good knowledge of basic hairdressing. It is for those who have a genuine interest in the subject and the ambition to succeed in this exciting industry. You will gain experience working in a realistic environment created within the College salon and provide services to members of the public and other paying clients.

Units may include:
• Health and safety within the salon
• Shampoo and condition hair
• Cut women’s hair
• Change hair colour using basic techniques
• Perm and neutralise hair using basic techniques
• Styling and blowdrying hair

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 1 or 2 qualification, and a keen interest in the subject of hairdressing. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, online tests, written assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing, Barbering or Media Make-up at Bridgwater & Taunton College. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.

Did you know . . .

Our courses will put you head and shoulders above the rest. In addition to on-the-job training in our salons, you have the opportunity to enter competitions, meet guest speakers and learn specialist techniques.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Stylist, Salon Owner, Colour Specialist, Lecturer. Hairdressing can take you around the world, including behind the scenes at fashion shows or on movie sets.

WHEN WET HEALTHY HAIR CAN STRETCH 30% THE ORIGINAL LENGTH. *
LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN HAIRDRESSING

This course is designed to advance existing hairdressing skills and knowledge, and offers a natural progression route from a Level 2 qualification.

Units may include:
- Develop advanced cutting and colouring techniques
- Client consultation
- Develop and enhance creative hairdressing skills
- Style and dress long hair
- Creative perming

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including Maths, English and a Level 2 hairdressing qualification with good references.

Assessment
Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, online tests, written assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion, you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Barbering or a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Hairdressing or Hairdressing Technician, or become self-employed.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HAIR & MEDIA MAKE-UP

This course is for people who have a genuine interest in working in the hair and make-up industry. This exciting course is for those who would like to progress onto a Level 3 course to become a make-up artist or stylist.

Units may include:
- Working in the beauty industry
- Provide eyelash and brow treatments
- Body art design
- Apply skin tanning techniques
- The art of dressing hair

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including Maths, English and Art, or you must have successfully achieved a Level 1 qualification. All applicants require a successful interview.

Assessment
Assessments take place throughout the course and include written coursework, online examinations, practical assessments and a final exam. You will also build a portfolio of your work.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could progress onto a Level 3 Media Make-up qualification at Bridgewater & Taunton College, or move into employment as a Trainee Make-up Artist or Stylist.

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN HAIRDRESSING

These Apprenticeships are designed for those with a keen interest in the hairdressing industry. This route will develop you as a stylist enabling you to work within the sector while gaining an occupational hairdressing qualification. This combination of working within the sector, completing additional theory, practical skills and knowledge in College is favoured by many as the route into industry.

This programme involves one full day of study at the Taunton campus where you will learn both the underpinning and practical skills for a number of fundamental core elements.

You will work within our practical salon environment to develop these skills, progressing to complete assessments on clients within our commercial clinics. Along with the curriculum delivery, you will complete English and maths Functional Skills at Level 1/2 and work towards completing Level 2/3.

Entry Requirements
For entry to the Level 2, you need four to five GCSEs at grade A* to E or 9 to 2, with at least two at D grade, or a previous VRQ Level 2 qualification. The Level 3 Apprenticeship requires that you have completed the Level 2 Diploma or Apprenticeship in Hairdressing and have good references.

Assessment
You will complete an end point assessment combining all elements of practical and theoretical learning. The assessment day includes observations on the skills developed through the programme of study and questions to demonstrate underpinning knowledge.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 Apprenticeship you could progress to the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Hairdressing, or Level 3 Diploma in Barbering. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Stylist or Technician, or become self-employed.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN THEATRICAL, SPECIAL EFFECTS & MEDIA MAKE-UP

This exciting course covers all aspects of media make-up that you see in theatre productions or on film sets. In your first year, you focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills. In addition to this programme we have developed a second year of education with a Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course. This second year enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, video, drawing techniques and special effects. You will gain a greater understanding of this diverse industry, often by working with industry professionals in order to further prepare you for progression to our outstanding BA (Hons) Media Make-up course at University Centre Somerset at our Taunton campus.

Subjects may include:
- Fashion photography make-up
- Media make-up
- Design and apply face and body art
- Monitor health and safety
- Camouflage make-up
- Working with colleagues within the beauty related industries
- Applying Prosthetic pieces and bald caps
- Airbrushing
- The art of colouring hair
- Style and fit postiche

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
You will be assessed through written coursework, practical assessments and your portfolio of work.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could progress to the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course, one of our hairdressing or beauty qualifications, the BA (Hons) or FdA in Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or find employment in the industry.

A SURVEY FOUND WOMEN SPLASH OUT JUST SHORT OF £28,000 ON KEEPING THEIR HAIR STYLED IN A LIFETIME.*

BOBBI SHUTE
Level 2 Diploma in Women’s Hairdressing
Kingsmead School

My first experience at College was at a Taster Day. I really enjoyed it and it helped me realise I wanted to study hairdressing. I really enjoy studying here; the tutors help with anything I find difficult and I’ve made good friends.

Before starting here I was quite nervous, but I’ve become more confident and do things I wouldn’t have thought about attempting before. I love the social aspect to College and hanging out with friends, but also think the course will set me up in the future.

I’ve been able to improve my skills, learn new techniques and the tutors have given me excellent advice about working in a salon.

After College I plan to carry on with my studies by starting a Level 3 Apprenticeship. That way I can study while working in a salon, earn a small salary and find out what it’s really like in the world of work.
LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & EARLY YEARS

If you are looking for a career in health, social care or childcare this is the course for you. It is suitable for students who have a positive attitude but lack formal qualifications. This course will provide a foundation entry onto Level 2 courses offered at the College.

This course enables you to develop skills in caring for others within health and social care and early years settings.

Units of study include:
- Communicating with others
- Practical health and safety
- Craft activities for young children or older adults
- Growth and development
- Healthy eating
- Service provision
- Person centred care

36 modules are taught through a mixture of classroom-based activities, practical sessions and work experience.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range including English and Maths, or to have studied an appropriate Entry Level course. You will be required to attend an interview, and to demonstrate a commitment to studying with a positive attitude.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Students can progress to Level 2 courses or enter employment. Some students are successful in securing an Apprenticeship from their work placement providers.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This course offers an interesting opportunity for anyone who would like to work in the care sector or wishes to progress to a Level 3 qualification. You will be looking at the skills needed to look after adults within care in a variety of settings.

You will cover all aspects of care including:
- Human lifespan development
- Health and social care values
- Healthy living
- Human body systems and care of disorders
- Creative and therapeutic activities in health and social care

The course also offers you the opportunity to gain experience of different client groups through placements during the course. You will visit care homes and develop activities to engage residents. Students develop team building skills through practical workshops both in College and on exciting trips which help focus on individual aspects of their course.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths. It is important that you have a good level of spoken and written English. You will be required to attend an interview and provide references. A DBS certificate is essential before placement.

Teaching & Assessment
This course is mainly classroom-based, with exciting opportunities to experience a range of care settings to prepare you for working in the sector. Assessment is through examinations, assignments and observations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course at Merit level with English and Maths at grade C or 4, you could choose to progress to the Level 3 Health & Social Care qualification at Bridgwater & Taunton College. Some students choose instead to progress into the workplace, for example as Care Assistants, Support Workers or Healthcare Assistants, or to progress on to an Apprenticeship.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Care Assistant, Support Worker, Healthcare Assistant, Mental Health Support Worker, Midwife, Occupational Therapist, Home Care Advocate, Dental Nurse, Nutritionalist, Physiotherapist, Speech & Language Therapist, Comissioned Drug & Alcohol Worker, Family Support Worker, Social Worker.

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

This course will appeal to you if you have a keen interest in health and care, a lively and enquiring mind, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate ideas effectively. You may be considering a career in the health care sector, teaching, the Police, youth work, nursing or social work.

The course offers valuable work experience opportunities in a range of placements with local health and care providers, including early years, care of the elderly and specialist health care placements such as hospitals.

The course will help you develop key skills that are highly valued by employers and universities and gain confidence by developing independent learning skills.

Units may include:
- Working in health and social care
- Human lifespan development
- Current research in health and social care
- Microbiology and health sciences
- Anatomy and physiology

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English, Maths and ideally Science, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with Merit profile and English and Maths at C or above (9 to 4 range). Acceptance is subject to a successful interview and suitable DBS certification.

Teaching & Assessment
This competency-based qualification is designed to be assessed in your workplace as you go about your normal work role with written assessments and observations by a qualified Assessor. Modes of assessment include direct observation, oral questioning, written case studies, assignments and projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities
It is anticipated that you will progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care, or specialist qualifications reflecting the context in which you work. The majority of apprentices can expect to be offered a permanent contract with their employer with endless progression opportunities going forward.
LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN LAND-BASED STUDIES

This course is for anyone who would like to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding to work in land-based industries. It features visits and trips related to the course and aims to equip you with the knowledge and skills to move into employment at a junior level or progress to a Level 2 vocational course.

Units of study could include:
- Use safe and effective working practices in land-based industries
- Develop performance in land-based industries
- Use transport and assist with the maintenance of tools and equipment
- Assist with the care of animals
- Introduction to crop systems
- Carry out tractor operations
- Introduction to wildlife and conservation

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualifications. A genuine interest in the land-based industries and a willingness to learn is vital. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Teaching & Assessment
The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of land-based industries. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written and practical assessments, and an externally marked online assessment. You will complete eight units to gain the full qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you could progress to a full or part-time Level 2 Course or Apprenticeship at the College to further your knowledge of land-based industries.

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE

This is an ideal qualification for those wishing to gain an understanding of the basic principles and practices of horticulture, landscaping and gardening with a view to gaining employment in the industry. This course offers an exciting opportunity to develop core practical skills.

The course is divided into a number of units of study, which may include:
- Care, maintenance and use of tools, equipment and machinery
- Preparation, planting and maintenance of plants
- Plant naming, identification, selection and science
- Horticulture business practices
- Production techniques in horticulture

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in English and Maths in order to determine the appropriate level of study, and a successful interview is required.

Teaching & Assessment
This course is delivered through classroom-based lessons, employer masterclasses, practical sessions and tutorials. You will be required to complete 150 hours of work experience across the year. Assessment is through multiple choice exams, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you may wish to further your learning at the College by studying a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture or undertake an Apprenticeship in Horticulture. Alternatively, you could seek employment within the horticulture industry in a variety of settings including parks and green spaces, private gardens, plant nurseries or commercial growers.

RYAN GIBSON
Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture
Berkshire School of Agriculture

One of my favourite parts of the course has been learning plant identification. Every week we’re given ten to fifteen different plants and we have to learn the Latin and common names for each one. It’s really interesting and I’ve improved as time has gone by.

Studying at the Cannington campus is great. We have practical lessons in the ancient Walled Gardens of Cannington and classroom-based theory sessions. The Gardens are open to the public, so we help them look their best and also have the opportunity to prepare show gardens for local and national garden shows.

I started my studies with a Level 2 Apprenticeship and the Level 3 has been a great progression. Between my work experience at Cantelo Nurseries and the help I’ve had from my tutors, I feel ready for university. I’ve applied to Birmingham University to study Landscape Architecture.
LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN HORTICULTURE

This course is ideal if you enjoy practical work in stimulating environments and like working outdoors. Horticulture and Landscape Operatives can be employed to work in public parks and gardens, green spaces and historic gardens, private gardens and estates or in production nurseries and retail outlets.

There are two options. The horticulture option focuses on plant propagation and plant growth. The landscape construction option focuses on the installation of features and structures: application of landscape materials, as well as supporting site management. You could also achieve several Level 2 qualifications in subjects such as emergency first aid, pesticides, safe handling, application of pesticides guidance or the Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides.

This programme has been written by industry to ensure you learn the skills, behaviours and knowledge required to progress in the horticulture industry.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range with D to E (3 to 2) in English and Maths, or Level 1 Functional Skills. An English and maths initial assessment is required and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment
You will be assessed throughout the course by a portfolio of evidence showing your development. The end of the course you will be assessed through an observation in the workplace, a professional discussion and multiple choice test.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could progress to a supervisory or higher level within the industry or find employment as a grounds Operative. You may attend College one day a week for 36 weeks and then study on your own and work with your employer for four days each week. If you do not have a job, the College may be able to help you find one.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 2 range or a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture. An English and maths initial assessment is required and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
All training is delivered in the workplace where comprehensive instruction will be given. This is designed to equip you to carry out relevant real-life horticultural tasks. Regular visits are made to your workplace by a dedicated, qualified trainer to assist and to monitor your progress.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could find employment at a supervisory or higher level within the industry or progress to the Level 4 HNC and Level 5 HND in Horticulture at University Centre Somerset.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture. An English and maths initial assessment is required and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
All training is delivered in the workplace where comprehensive instruction will be given. This is designed to equip you to carry out relevant real-life horticultural tasks. Regular visits are made to your workplace by a dedicated, qualified trainer to assist and to monitor your progress.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you could progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship at the College, or a Level 4 HNC or Level 5 HND qualification at University Centre Somerset. There are many career opportunities including private and commercial landscaping, local authority parks, private gardens, plant nurseries and commercial growers.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Course entry is subject to an initial English and maths assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study, and a successful interview is required.

Assessment
Your knowledge and skills will be continually assessed, working towards an end point assessment with the use of e-portfolio to compile your evidence. You will be appointed a Trainer Assessor to visit your workplace and support you through the programme as well as workshops at the Cannington campus to cover the technical elements of the course and Functional Skills. When you are ready you will complete an end point assessment consisting of a multiple choice and written answer test and a practical assessment in the workplace.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion, you could progress to supervisory level employment within the industry or find employment as a grounds person or sales representative. Alternatively, you could continue your studies with a Level 3 Apprenticeship.
LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN GOLF GREENKEEPING

This apprenticeship is for anyone who wants to work as part of the greenkeeping and golf industry and prefers combining their practical abilities with the development of knowledge and understanding of greenkeeping activities. You will work with your employer for four days a week and train for one day each at our Cannington campus making use of the College’s excellent facilities as well as using an e-portfolio to collate your work.

Subjects may include:
• Maintaining the health of sports turf
• Preventing and repairing sports turf
• Use and maintain equipment and machinery
• Prepare and operate a tractor and attachments
• Health and safety

Our qualified and experienced staff ensure those who complete this qualification are fully trained to the latest industry standard. They work with you and your employer to ensure you have the best experience and outcome while accessing our high quality commercial golf course.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range, and to either hold or have the ability to achieve a D to E in English and Maths. GCSEs (3 to 2), or Level 1 Functional Skills qualification. Entry is subject to a successful interview and you will undertake an initial assessment in English and maths.

Assessment
Assessment is through a variety of methods including the completion of a logbook, practical assessments, written coursework and a final assessment involving a multiple choice underpinning knowledge paper, practical assessment at our golf course and a personal statement.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could progress to supervisory level employment within the industry or the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Sports Turf.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN SPORTS TURF

This qualification provides the perfect opportunity to work in a wide range of environmental situations including football pitches, schools’ grounds, councils, golf courses and sports grounds.

Subject areas include:
• Health, safety and security in the workplace
• Estimating resource requirements
• Managing resources
• Set up/marker landscape sites to establish grassed and planted areas
• Evaluate ground and environmental conditions to establish grassed and planted areas
• Prepare sites for soft landscape establishment
• Establish grass swards
• Plan the maintenance, repair and renovation of sports turf areas
• Plan and set out sports areas
• Maintain drainage and irrigation systems
• Maintain equipment and machinery
• Manage information for action

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or equivalent Level 2 qualification such as golf greenkeeping. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and employment is required. If you do not have a job, the College may be able to help you find one.

Assessment
There are no exams but your knowledge and skills will be continually assessed. You will be appointed a Trainer Assessor to visit your workplace and support you, as well as regularly assessing your progress with the aid of Onefile e-portfolio.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion, you could progress to higher level employment within the industry or continue your studies by enrolling on the HNC in Horticulture at University Centre Somerset.
LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN CULINARY SKILLS

This course is for those thinking of entering the catering profession who want to gain a national qualification. You will have the opportunity to gain a Certificate in Culinary Skills at Level 1 and qualifications in Functional Skills up to Level 1 or GCSE in Maths and English.

You will learn the skills needed to be employed in the catering and hospitality industry and have the chance to prepare food and meals for College staff, visitors and customers.

During your studies you will work towards your Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate and undertake work experience one day per week. There will also be opportunities to take part in a study tour.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 1 range, enthusiasm, a positive attitude and commitment to learning about catering.

Entry is also subject to a successful interview and completion of an initial assessment.

Teaching & Assessment
You will study theory in our training kitchen and other parts of the College. Following an initial assessment to establish your starting point, you will be given an assessment plan for all units at the beginning of the course and be assessed throughout. There will be plenty of opportunity for practice before your assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On completion of the Level 1, you could seek employment or start an Apprenticeship in the catering industry. Alternatively, you could further your learning by applying for a Level 2 course at the College.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY & CERTIFICATE IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

This is an exciting opportunity for you to enter into the ever changing world of hospitality. You will learn how to become a professional member of a team within our brand new state-of-the-art facilities, The Quantock Restaurant.

The course has been developed for you to gain professional qualifications with the workplace skills needed to be part of a vibrant industry. You will learn about the diverse opportunities whilst working alongside professionals at the Taunton campus as well as completing two weeks work placement in the local area. Our excellent relationship with employers ensures you gain relevant and valuable experience within the sector.

Entry Requirements
You need three GCSEs in the A* to C or 4 to range or a relevant foundation level catering qualification.

Teaching & Assessment
Your week will contain a combination of classroom and workshop lessons as well as sessions in our commercial operation where your practical skills will be assessed. You will complete written and practical exams as well as coursework.

You will have the opportunity to work with professionals on our guest chef nights as well as experience a variety of visits to expand your knowledge of the industry. Our links with high profile prestigious employers such as The Ritz, Michel Roux at Parliament Square, The Fat Duck Group, The Ritz and Browns Mayfair.

Assessment
There will be four assessment points in the course; I've experienced quality food along with an opportunity to work with guest chefs.

KATIE ENDICOTT
Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Haygrove School

I always struggled at school because I learn in a different way to everyone else. Since coming to the College I've received the support I need, not just with my cooking but with my Maths as well. If I have a problem with understanding things I feel able ask for help.

The opportunities are endless on my course. I've experienced quality food on our gourmet nights and had the opportunity to work with guest chefs. My advice to others would be to go for it and don't be worried. You'll make so many new friends and gain skills that will help you in your career. I knew no one on the course, let alone anyone in the College, but now I have the greatest people around who support me.

My favourite aspect of College so far has been being treated like an adult and having people around me that listen. This course has opened up so many pathways in catering. I'm excited about my future and considering which area to specialise in after I finish my course.

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LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP
IN FOOD & DRINK
(FOOD INDUSTRY SKILLS)

If you are looking for a career in the food manufacturing industry, an Apprenticeship is a hands-on work-based route. The food industry is diverse and roles range from agronomy and food production through to buying, product development, marketing and commercial sales. There are many associated roles such as financial, human resources, laboratory based, nutrition and health or sensory analysis.

Core modules may include:
• Product quality
• Food safety
• HACCP
• Maintaining safety standards in production
• Raw materials
• Weighing and mixing
• Product development

Entry Requirements
Entry is subject to an initial assessment and interview. Industry experience is welcomed but not essential. For the Level 2 you need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range. For the Level 3 you need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range.

Assessment
You will be assessed by written coursework, practical assessments, presentations and demonstrations, employer feedback, portfolio and examination.

Assessments will normally be in the workplace however any topics studied at College will be assessed in a classroom environment.

Progression
On completion of the Level 2 you could progress to the Level 3 Apprenticeship or a full-time Level 3 qualification at the College, or gain employment in a suitable junior management role. On completion of the Level 3 Apprenticeship you could progress to a Level 4 Foundation Degree at University Centre Somerset at the Taunton campus or gain a supervisory role within a business.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP
IN SENIOR CHEF PRODUCTION & COOKING

Senior Production Chefs strive to consistently produce meals to perfection according to predetermined specifications. They have the ability to work independently and lead a team in often hot and highly challenging kitchen environments. Production Chefs and their teams work quickly and efficiently producing food often in high volumes, day after day, requiring energy, highly methodical organisational skills and attention to detail.

Subjects covered include:
• Producing high volume meals to a specific brand standard, leading and mentoring a team to ensure the highest levels of customer satisfaction
• Learning how to control stock and manage budgets to ensure profit margins are met
• Leading the brand image and standard in the workplace

In the real working environment you can learn and hone your skills with one-to-one support from a specialist trainer and workplace mentor, all while earning a wage.

During a College interview, the Trainer/Assessor will discuss how best to obtain a position since you will be expected to work in a hospitality role with supervisory duties for a minimum of 30 hours per week.

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 2 qualification such as the Level 2 Apprenticeship in Commis Chef. You would be expected to complete an initial assessment in both Maths and English. If you do not have Level 2 in English and Maths, you will study for and pass a Functional Skills qualification.

Assessment
You will be continually assessed in the workplace to build evidence showing your development. There are four assessment exams at the end of the course made up of an observation in the workplace, a business project, a professional discussion and a multiple choice test.

Entry is subject to a successful interview and references.

Teaching & Assessment
Your week will consist of theory and workshop lessons as well as research study time. You need exposure to a job with a professional hospitality environment and will attend College alongside.

You will complete assignments and project work during the year as well as exams.
You will also have exposure to our realistic working environment.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Once you have successfully completed the course, you may progress to a Foundation Degree or Level 4 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Management. Alternatively we can support you into a relevant career.
LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT

Our strong links with the local food industry provide a mix of academic study and practical work. Work experience is an integral part of the course, providing you with the opportunity to gain experience and use the skills gained at College. Past graduates have had placements at Yeo Valley, Radford’s Fine Fudge, Farrington Farm Shop, Coombe Fisheries and Styles Ice Cream. Previous students have also taken part in study tours to utilise modern training facilities at Saint Lô Thère Food Technology College in Normandy, France. Industry recognised certificates in food safety and HACCP are incorporated into the course, complementing further studies in food science and manufacture, engineering, business or management.

Components of the course include:
- Quality assurance
- Laboratory analysis
- Food chemistry
- Business management and marketing
- Product development
- Packaging design
- Legal aspects
- Nutrition
- Food microbiology and processing

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs at the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, including Double Science, English and Maths. Course entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment
Teaching is enriched by visits and guest speakers, while assessment is through written assignments, projects, performance observations of practical work, presentations and workplace assessments. You will also complete exams to gain the qualifications in food safety and HACCP.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could apply for the Foundation Degree in Food Technology & Development at University Centre Somerset, or find employment in the food industry.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN HOSPITALITY SUPERVISION

This course is for those looking for a junior supervisory level position in the hospitality industry. The course can be tailored to ensure that it encompasses disciplines that suit you and your employer.

Subjects covered include:
- Developing working relationships within your sector
- Leading a team to improve customer service delivery
- Learning how to effectively control resources
- Implementing and monitoring health, security, safety and hygiene
- Learning how to run your own sector of the hospitality industry to maximise profits and customer satisfaction

During a College interview, the Trainer/Assessor will discuss how best to obtain a position since you will be expected to work in a hospitality role with supervisory duties for a minimum of 30 hours per week. There may be organisations that the College is working with who are looking for an apprentice that candidates could apply for a position with, or candidates may prefer to approach an organisation of their choice.

Entry Requirements
You need a Level 2 qualification such as a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Supervision. You would be expected to complete an initial assessment in both Maths and English. If you do not have Level 2 in English and maths, you will study for and pass a Functional Skills qualification.

Assessment
You are continuously assessed in the workplace to build evidence showing your development. There are four assessment exams at the end of the course which are made up of an observation in the workplace, a business project, a professional discussion and a multiple choice test.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This apprenticeship can lead to a Level 4 Hospitality Manager Apprenticeship. The training and skills learnt can lead towards becoming a Hospitality, Area or Catering Manager or a trainer in hospitality.

TYLER COX
Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Court Fields School

I knew I wanted to do a cookery course and chose Bridgwater & Taunton College because the facilities were the best I’d seen in the area.

The course is timetabled so that we experience working in the kitchen at all times of day and night to prepare us for what it’s like in the industry. I was really anxious about working front-of-house, but experiencing this as part of the course has pushed me outside my comfort zone and improved my confidence.

I helped with catering at a College event and as a result was offered a work placement at Bantham Grange Hotel in Devon. After I complete my course I hope to gain a full-time job at this hotel. I aspire to become a Head Chef and my ultimate goal is to one day open my own restaurant.

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN MUSIC

This course is a dynamic mix of practical and academic study in which you will learn about performing, the music industry and the use of computer music systems to compose, record and develop your own sound. Depending on whether you choose a music performance or music technology pathway, you will develop skills in your chosen instrument, audio editing, sampling, recording, performance and keyboard proficiency.

Units may include:
• Setting up computers for music technology
• Composing music
• Recording other musicians
• Rehearsal techniques
• The music industry

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 5 range, as well as an audio file of your work to bring to your interview. You don’t have to be a musician to study for this qualification, though it would help.

Assessment
Your work will be assessed through practical and written work. Teaching is supportive and you gain experience by being recorded and auditioned with your chosen instrument.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Music Technology & Performance.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
• Five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range, including Music, or a relevant Level 2 qualification passed at Merit level. For the performance pathway, you need to demonstrate skills equivalent to approximately Grade 5 standard on your first instrument, usually having played for at least three years. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and audition.

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments will involve practical work, group and individual projects as well as written work and research. Your work will be graded at Distinction, Merit or Pass level.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma with a Merit average and an interview, students can progress onto the Level 3 Extended Diploma courses including Music Practice, Music Technology or Production Arts. Alternatively you may seek employment in the performance arts, music and media industries.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGY & PERFORMANCE

This course is ideal if you want to develop a practical and theoretical understanding of the wider music industry through a broad approach to performance and technology.

The performance pathway allows experienced players to develop their performance, composition and theoretical skills. You will have many opportunities to perform, write and produce your music, then release it professionally via the Brainworks Music Label which is set up and run by students.

The technology pathway enables you to develop skills in industry-standard facilities and work with performers to professionally prepare music for release on the Label.

Modules across the pathways include:
• The music industry
• Recording other musicians
• Rehearsal techniques
• The music industry

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 5 range, including Music, or a relevant Level 2 qualification passed at Merit or Pass level.

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Teaching & Assessment
Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments will involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work.

As this is a music performance course, there will be the opportunity to access specialist one-to-one tuition in your first instrument. You will have opportunities to develop your technique and interpretation and take graded music exams.

I chose to study at Bridgewater & Taunton College due to the exceptional welcome I received when I came to an Open Day. The lecturers seemed incredibly kind, helpful and willing to support me in whatever I chose to do.

I had the opportunity to design and operate the lighting for many of the shows at College but most favourably, the dance showcases. Lighting has always been my passion and it was great to experience my designs coming to life and always filled me with a great sense of pride.

After finishing my course I gained a place at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London to study Technical Theatre Arts. University so far has been a tremendously enjoyable experience and has been immensely rewarding. It has given me the opportunity to build on the knowledge gained at College, work on a multitude of shows, work with like-minded students and express my creativity fully.

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LEVEL 2 FIRST DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS

This practical course will be of interest to those with a keen interest and some experience in the performing arts. The course gives a full introduction to subjects related to performing arts. It is made up of units that develop practical performance skills in acting, dance and singing. In addition, you will learn about the performing arts industry.

The Diploma is made up of different units which may include:

- Developing acting skills and techniques
- Jazz dance
- Devising drama
- Solo musical performance
- Working as a musical ensemble

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs at the A* to E or 9 to 3 range, or a relevant Level 1 qualification at Merit grade or above. Dance, Drama, Music or Expressive Arts and Performing Arts experiences of school would be an advantage. You will be required to attend an interview and application.

Assessment

Assessments take place in a variety of methods and are continuous throughout the course. They include written and practical assignments, performance projects, group and individual project work and research.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course you could progress to a related Extended Diploma course, subject to a Merit or Distinction profile and interview. Alternatively, you may choose to move into employment at junior level in the entertainment and leisure industries.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS

This course is practical in nature and suitable for students considering pathways into the performing arts industry or higher education performance arts training.

The Extended Diploma in Performing Arts provides skills within all aspects of the three disciplines of dance, acting and singing. The course also provides opportunities to develop skills in creativity and performance, audition preparation and professional training in each discipline. Sessions are delivered in the College's McMillan Theatre, with students regularly accessing workshops and performances by professionals. Our successful final course performances have seen students performing to packed houses of 300 people or more.

All students study a combination of dance, drama and singing units to give a broad introduction to the many aspects within performing arts. These include:

- Performing arts in context
- Musical theatre
- Drama improvisation
- Acting
- Choreography skills
- Voice and speech

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 Diploma at Merit grade. Experience and understanding of dance is essential, and will be assessed by interview and audition.

Assessment

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The College's performing arts students regularly progress to some of the best known London schools for performing arts. Students are also accepted on a wide range of other courses, employed in the entertainment or leisure industries, or go onto teaching qualifications.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DANCE

On this course you will study all aspects of dance and aspects of the performing arts including physical theatre, contact improvisation, site specific, audition techniques and relevant industry skills. You will also study historical and contemporary dance work and learn and perform choreographed pieces and devise exciting new work of your own. These will be performed in public in the McMillan Theatre as well as the region’s other venues.

The course has a strong history of working with the top dance practitioners and schools, and professionals regularly deliver workshops, with students also accessing training nationally and internationally during the course.

Units may include:

- Contemporary dance
- Choreography
- Ballet technique
- Contact improvisation
- Musical theatre
- Dance improvisation
- Acting
- Voice and speech

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 Diploma at Merit grade. Experience and understanding of dance is essential, and will be assessed by interview and audition.

Assessment

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The College’s dance students regularly progress to some of the best known universities for performing arts in the country. They have included London Contemporary Dance School, LIPA and Italia Conti.

Dance students are also accepted on a wide range of other courses, employed in the entertainment or leisure industries, or go onto teaching qualifications.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EVENTS PRODUCTION

The course is suitable if you have a keen interest in the technology and processes that underlie modern concert production and performing arts events. You should have a willingness to learn new skills as well as a determination to develop specialist areas of interest.

This advanced course in production arts allows you to study a wide range of subjects within the production industry. In year two of the course, you are encouraged to specialise in areas of production that interest you, in both internal and external projects through work placement and specialist lessons.

Units may include:

- Performing arts business
- Live sound for the stage
- Stage lighting design
- Performing arts events management
- Arts in the community
- Scenic construction

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve technology projects, individual research, group work, project work and performance support. You will study at least 18 units which, on successful completion, will give you a qualification equivalent to three A Levels.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On completion of the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Events Production you will be equipped with the skills required to apply for work as part of a theatre or live event production team, or to gain access to university in a wide range of subjects.

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN TECHNICAL THEATRE

This course is for individuals who are keen to gain employment in the production, entertainment or cultural events management industry. It is suitable for those with various skills and a keen interest in live events, theatre or live sound/lighting industries. You need to enjoy working in a practical way and within a team.

Units may include:

- Assessing risks
- Preparing and assembling rigging and de-rigging
- Operating sound for a live performance in the theatre
- Planning lighting requirements for a production
- Preparing drawings to communicate designs

A proportion of your learning will take place within the McMillan Theatre at the Bridgwater campus where you will develop skills, meet as a group, understand the wider industry and improve technical knowledge and behaviours. The majority of your course will take place in industry.

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs and to complete an initial assessment, either at College or in the workplace. This assessment will help us guide you to the most appropriate programme to meet your needs. You will also need a suitable employer.

Teaching & Assessment

You are assessed on your knowledge and skills on an ongoing basis and evidence that you can meet the required standards. There will be tests for some of the additional qualifications such as the Technical Certificate and you may take exams in Functional Skills. One day a week you will work on your College coursework to gain the required underpinning knowledge.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Upon completion of the course you will be equipped with the required skills to work in a wide range of venues.

THE DANCE INDUSTRY EMPLOYS AROUND 30,000 PEOPLE IN THE UK

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

This course is for those who like to be out and about in search of physical challenges, and have a desire to work within the outdoor adventure industry. It is designed to develop individuals into confident and successful leaders in outdoor and adventurous activities.

Units may include:
- Anatomy and physiology
- Psychology for performance
- Practical outdoor leadership
- Business skills
- Nutrition for performance
- Planning and running a major event

These six units of studies are complemented with additional qualifications which are part of your programme of study. These are:
- British Canoeing Union Paddle Star 1 or 2
- Mountain-bike Instructor Award Scheme
- Gear awards
- British Canoeing Union award

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range, with at least one at grade C (3) or above, or an equivalent vocational or Level 1 qualification.

Assessment
Practical assessments take place, during day trips which are a feature of the course. A variety of other assessment methods are also used including coursework, written reports, observations, group work and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
The course aims to prepare you to progress to the two year Level 3 Diploma in Outdoor Adventure Education & Leadership. Alternatively it allows you to progress onto a Level 3 course such as public and emergency services or sport. There is also the possibility of moving directly into the outdoor adventure industry at Assistant Instructor level.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

This programme enables you to study and develop knowledge and skills relevant to the outdoor adventure industry, incorporating land and water-based practical activity and theory.

The invaluable experience gained during the course will enable you to become a confident and efficient leader in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as kayaking, mountain biking, climbing, high ropes, expeditions and team building.

Units may include:
- Principles and practices in outdoor adventure
- Physiology of fitness
- Fitness training and programming
- Leadership in sport and outdoor and adventurous activities
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions

You will gain a range of additional qualifications during the course including First Aid at Work (specific to outdoor activities) and a British Canoeing Union award.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, with English and Science preferred. Alternatively you require a Merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Teaching & Assessment
You will benefit from practical sessions delivered by specialist outdoor education professionals. Assessments take place throughout the course via a variety of methods including coursework, written reports, practical sessions, observations, group work and presentations. Your work will be graded Distinction, Merit or Pass.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This programme is equivalent to two A Levels and will prepare you for either higher education or employment within the outdoor adventure industry.

Entry Level 3 qualification. You must have a keen interest in sport, public services and outdoor activities, and a positive attitude to learning.

Assessment
The course is based on continual assessment with each of the units being graded at Pass level. Assessments vary from individual written work to group presentations and practical assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This programme is equivalent to two A Levels and will prepare you for either higher education or employment within the outdoor adventure industry.

Did you know...

These courses prepare you for a variety of careers where you could serve our country around the world in military operations, protect the public as a member of the ‘blue light’ services or save people from natural disasters as part of the rescue services.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

Army Officer, Bodyguard, Dog Handler, Police Officer, Coastguard, Firefighter, Private Investigator, Customs Officer, Immigration Officer, Security Officer, Prison Governor, Outdoor Activities Instructor, Group Leader.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

This programme is designed for those seriously considering employment within a uniformed public or emergency service, such as the Police, Ambulance and Paramedic Services, Royal Navy, Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Prison Service or HM Customs & Excise.

The programme is divided into units of study delivered over a one year period in a trimester format. To achieve the Diploma, you must successfully complete all units, which may include:

- Public service skills
- Health and fitness
- Adventurous activities
- Expedition skills
- Leadership and teamwork

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 3 range, with at least one grade C or 4, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, together with high levels of motivation and an interest in public services. You must be willing to take part in a variety of practical activities.

Please note that a large number of public and emergency services organisations require applicants to be clear of the symptoms of asthma for successful application.

Assessment
You will be monitored and assessed throughout the course to ensure you achieve as high a level as possible. Assessment is continuous throughout the course and methods include written work, presentations, evidence logbooks and practical work. Work is graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you may progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services or another relevant Level 2 or 3 course. Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment in a wide range of related occupations.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN MILITARY PREPARATION

This course is designed to prepare you physically and mentally to embark on a military career. It is suitable for students who are in the application process or considering applying for a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office.

The course is a practical and theoretical based course designed to develop military skills and knowledge, including teamwork, leadership, field craft and navigation.

To achieve the Certificate you will study a selection of units which may include:

- Teamwork and communication
- Land navigation by map and compass
- Maintaining health and wellbeing in the field
- Preparation for expeditions
- Ceremonial drill and parade training

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range with at least one grade C or 4, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. You also need high levels of motivation and an interest in a military career.

Assessment
The course is based on continual assessment with each of the units being graded. The assessments vary from individual written work to group presentations and practical work.

Progression & Career opportunities
On successful completion of the course you will have reached the fitness levels and standards required to pass entry tests for any service. Alternatively, you may choose to progress to a Level 3 course at the College.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MILITARY SERVICES

This advanced level programme has been specifically designed as preparation for those interested in pursuing a career within a public or emergency service, such as the Police, Ambulance and Paramedic Services, Royal Navy, Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Prison Service or HM Customs & Excise.

Units may include:

- Government, policies and the public services
- Understand the impact of war, conflict and terrorism on public services
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions
- Responding to emergency service incidents
- Practical team sports
- Exercise, health and lifestyle

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 3 range, including English or Maths. High levels of motivation and a good standard of physical fitness would be beneficial. If progressing from a Level 2 Diploma, an overall Merit grade is a minimum requirement.

Assessment
Assessment methods employed within the academic units include individual research, group work, project work, presentations, visual displays and written papers. Each unit carries at least two assignments. Successful assessments will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression & Career Opportunities
This course is recognised as an entry-level qualification by a wide range of potential employers. The variety of subject areas within the programme provides a qualification that may be applied in a multitude of employment settings, both in and outside of the public services sector. Alternatively, you may choose to progress to a Foundation Degree in Public Service with Criminology, offered at University Centre Somerset in Taunton or move on to study a higher education course at an alternative university.

POTENTIAL SALARY FOR A FIRE FIGHTER

£55,018*

PEOPLE IN THE UK *

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POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Gym Instructor, Fitness Coach, PE/Health Coach, Sports Professional, Physiotherapist
- Referee, Personal Trainer, Exercise Instructor, Fitness Instructor
- Yoga Teacher, Sports Professional, Coach, Personal Trainer, Leisure Centre Manager, Referee, Fitness Instructor, Cycling Coach, PE Teacher.
LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & SPORT

This course will appeal to those who would like to have a second chance at education and wish to study a course specifically focused on sport, public services and outdoor adventures, and who enjoy learning in a practical environment. If you are interested in a career in the sports industry, emergency or armed services or outdoor activities then this is the course for you.

The course is a practical and theoretical based course designed to develop basic skills and subject knowledge. To achieve the qualification you will study a selection of units which include sports, public services and outdoor education.

Units may include:
• Introduction to expedition skills
• Practical teamwork for the public services
• Improving own fitness
• Taking part in sport

You will be given the opportunity to achieve additional qualifications alongside your main course. These will include specialist awards that are relevant to the subject you are studying. These could include First Aid and Sports Leader Awards.

Entry Requirements
You need GCSEs in the D to G or 3 to 4 range, or to have successfully completed an Entry Level 1 qualification. You must have a keen interest in sport, public services and outdoor activities, and a positive attitude to learning.

Assessment
Assessment includes both internal and external assessments. This will include both theoretical and practical assessments. Internal assessments include:
• Summative assessments
• Group presentations
• Practical assessments

Progression & Career Opportunities
This course will enable you to progress on to a Level 2 qualification in a related subject or into employment. You may choose to pursue a career in any of the armed or emergency services, or in the sport and leisure or outdoor adventure industries.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN SPORT

This course is designed for anyone with a keen interest in sport and the sports performer and wants to pursue an exciting and rewarding career within the sport, health, leisure and coaching industries. You will develop an understanding in many of the underlying principles to succeed in sport, including training programmes, the human body and how it responds to exercise. The course involves various practical elements, therefore a keen motivation to participate in a variety of sports is essential.

This course combines the theory and practice of sport and active leisure. You will study six different subject areas including:
• Anatomy and physiology for sport
• Psychology for sport performance
• Planning and leading sports activities
• Business skills in sport
• Nutrition for sport performance
• Planning and running a major sport event

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range with at least one at grade C or 4 and above, or equivalent vocational qualifications, or to have progressed from an appropriate Level 1 vocational programme.

Assessment
Assessment is continuous throughout the course via a variety of methods including coursework, written reports, the delivery of practical sessions, practical performance, observations, group work and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities
The course aims to prepare you to progress on to the two year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science. Alternatively, completion of this course can also allow you to progress onto another related Level 3 course or a sports Apprenticeship programme.

There is also the possibility of progressing directly into the sports and active leisure industry as a Leisure Assistant or similar.

SEAN FOX
Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training
Heathfield Community School

All my tutors are amazing. They’re friendly, honest, professional and want me to succeed. The College doesn’t just have great staff but also has some fantastic facilities such as a brilliant Learning Resource Centre, a quality AstroTurf pitch as well as a brand-new gym. The overall impression of the campus is one of safety, reassurance, relaxation, friendship and independence at within an atmosphere of hard work.

This combination of factors has made me feel confident and enthusiastic in my studies.

My course has taught me a lot about what is needed to be a successful personal trainer and coach. Not only has it advanced my knowledge about human physiology and nutrition, but it has shaped who I am. I’ve become a better communicator thanks to various opportunities such as working with children and special needs groups, and coaching other students. Being able to compete in a personal training competition has also improved my confidence as it made me step outside of my comfort zone.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN INSTRUCTIONING

This course is for those who have an interest in working as a fitness instructor, or a passion for sport and want to learn how to develop and improve other people’s fitness levels and participation in gym-based fitness. The course will enable you to gain a nationally-recognised qualification within the fitness industry and allow you to progress into the workplace with a sound underpinning knowledge and understanding of gym instructing and/or exercise to music.

Units may include:
• Anatomy and physiology for exercise
• Principles of exercise, fitness and health
• Understanding the active leisure and learning sector
• Diet and nutrition for healthy living
• Planning and instructing gym-based exercise

Alongside this qualification, you may also have the opportunity to supplement your fitness career with additional YMCA qualifications including group indoor cycling and circuit training.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification.

Assessment
Methods of assessment include observations as well as practical exams and multiple choice theory exams. You will also gather a portfolio of evidence and assignments throughout the course.

Progression & Career Opportunities
The course aims to progress you on to the Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training. However, there is also the possibility of progressing to an academic sport course, although this will require specific GCSE and Level 2 qualifications.

LEVEL 2 & 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN EXERCISE & FITNESS

This course is for those wishing to work in the fitness industry and who would like to study through work-based learning. The programme emphasises practical ability, backed up with an understanding of the principles involved.

The course is divided into three sections:
• YMCA Level 2 Award in Employment Awareness in Active Leisure and Learning
• YMCA Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing
• YMCA Level 2 Diploma in Instructing Exercise and Fitness

Course content is tailored to your needs and may include:
• Employment rights and responsibilities
• Anatomy and physiology for exercise
• Principles of exercise, fitness and health
• Diet and nutrition
• Planning and instructing gym-based exercise
• Anatomy and physiology for exercise and health care
• Design, manage and adapt a personal training programme with clients
• Motivate clients to maintain long term adherence to exercise and physical activity
• Deliver exercise and physical activity as part of a personal training programme

Entry Requirements
For the Level 2, you need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range. The Level 3 requires you to have five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range.

Teaching & Assessment
You will be assessed by multiple choice exams, workbooks, practical assessments and a portfolio of evidence. You will be visited regularly by an Assessor to check your progress and ensure you are building evidence towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion you could find employment opportunities within the industry or progress to the Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship.
LEVEL 2 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN SUPPORTING TEACHING & LEARNING IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SPORT

This course is offered to individuals wishing to work in the school environment who would like to study through work-based learning. The course places emphasis on practical ability, backed up with an understanding of the principles involved. Whilst at work, you will receive comprehensive practical training designed to develop competence in carrying out relevant tasks that the employer will value. Both courses are divided into two sections; an Award in Employment Awareness in Active Leisure and Learning Level 2/3 and an NVQ Certificate in Activity Leadership (Outdoors/Coaching/Exercise and Fitness/Leadership) or NVQ Level 3 Diploma in Supporting the Delivery of Physical Education and School Sport.

Course content is tailored to your needs and could include:
- Understanding key legislation related to physical education and school sport
- Principles of child development through movement
- Principles of inclusion in physical education and school sport
- Lead physical education and school sport activities
- Child and young person development
- Organise and lead a sports event or competition
- Safe practice in physical education and school sport

Entry Requirements
For the Level 2 you will need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 5 range and employer sponsorship in the form of a letter of recommendation and an initial assessment. The Level 3 requires you to have five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range and employer sponsorship.

Assessment
You will be assessed by practical assessment, workbooks, observations and a portfolio.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN MILITARY PREPARATION

This course is designed to prepare you physically and mentally to embark on a military career. It is suitable for those who have applied or are considering applying for a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office.

This is a practical and theoretical based course designed to develop military skills and knowledge including teamwork, leadership, field craft and navigation.

Units may include:
- Teamwork and communication
- Land navigation by map and compass
- Maintaining health and wellbeing in the field
- Preparation for expedition
- Ceremonial drill and parade training

Entry Requirements
There are no formal qualification requirements, but you will be required to attend an interview.

Assessment
The course is based on continual assessment with each of the units being graded.

Progression & Career Opportunities
The course is designed to prepare you physically and mentally to embark on a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FOOTBALL COACHING IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS

In partnership with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust and Bristol City Community Trust

If you are looking for a career in football coaching, this course is designed to help you achieve your goals. It will enable you to develop and learn about being a professional football coach and provides a valuable platform for competent students to work within the wider football industry or within a school environment.

Units may include:
- Anatomy and physiology
- Planning and leading sporting activities
- Technical and tactical performance
- Psychology of sports performers
- Emergency First Aid and safeguarding in sport

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 5 range, or relevant Level 1 or 2 qualifications. You will be required to attend an interview.

Progression & Career Opportunities
You could choose to progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Coaching Football in Community Settings offered at Bridgwater & Taunton College, alternatively you could find employment as an Academy Coach, Community Coach, PE Teacher, or a coaching role abroad.
LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING

In partnership with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust

If you are looking for a career in Football Coaching and you are passionate about football and sport, then this is the course for you. The course provides a valuable platform whereby competent students can be equipped to work within the wider football industry.

Units include:
- Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching
- Level 2 Coaching Certificate in Football, delivered by qualified FA Tutors

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range or a relevant Level 2 qualification. You should have proven experience of coaching football. Additionally, any FA qualifications are desirable and you will be required to attend an interview.

Teaching & Assessment
The course is made up of both practical and theory-based lessons. Assessments include practical elements including coaching, teaching, strength and conditioning, and understanding of gym instructing and operating as a Personal Trainer.

Alongside this qualification you may also have an opportunity to supplement your fitness career with additional YMCA Awards qualifications including sports massage.

Entry Requirements
To gain entry to the course you need to have completed the YMCA Awards Level 2 in Fitness instructing.

Assessment
The course is based on continual assessment made up of observation and practical exams, multiple choice theory tests and a portfolio of evidence and assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, further study opportunities include a Foundation Degree in Sports Science, Coaching & Education at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you may choose to move into employment as a coach at an Academy, in the community, in a school or abroad. You could even move to employment in America or Australia through Challenger Sports.

OLIVIA RAPSON
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport Development & Coaching

My friends were studying at the College and they recommended it to me, so I took part in a Taster Day which I really enjoyed and it made up my mind to study here.

All of the students and staff on my course are very friendly and they have made my whole College experience a positive one. This year I won an award for ‘Sports Personality of the Year’ at College, this made me feel pleased and proud that my hard work had paid off.

During my time at College I have represented the College at national level for women’s basketball, taken part in Team BTC football and played cricket, tennis and trampolining. My course has helped me build my confidence and I have gained lots of experience in my chosen pathway.

My lecturers are so kind, they have done everything they can to help me excel. I’m hoping to go on to university when I finish at College where I want to study sports teaching and coaching.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN RUGBY PERFORMANCE & COACHING

This exciting new programme aims to engage students who have aspirations of a career within rugby, either as a player or a coach. With our highly qualified staff and excellent links with a number of national league and premier clubs, Bridgwater & Taunton College is an outstanding choice for anyone who is serious about developing their skills.

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Teaching & Assessment
As well as over 12 hours per week of specific rugby development time, students also have the unique opportunity to develop their coaching skills alongside award winning Bristol Rugby Community Foundation coaches in local schools and on match days in order to gain vocational work experience. Assessments include observations, group work, presentations and portfolio work.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you will have the unique opportunity to develop your coaching skills alongside award winning Bristol Rugby Community Foundation coaches in local schools and on match days in order to gain vocational work experience. Assessments include observations, group work, presentations and portfolio work.

This course provides the ideal foundation for Higher Education courses, and the opportunity to pursue a wide range of careers including physiotherapy, sports coaching, teaching, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, nursing and sport development.

Units may include:
- Applied sport and exercise psychology
- Nutrition for sport and exercise performance
- Coaching for performance and fitness
- Biomechanics in sport and exercise science
- Sports technology

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range, with either English or Maths preferred, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Teaching & Assessment
The course involves a mixture of theory and practical relating to sport, recreation, leisure and physical education. It includes work experience, residencies in the UK and abroad, and coaching and officiating qualifications. Assessment is through a variety of coursework-based methods including observations, presentations and assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you may choose to progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton. Alternatively, you may find employment in a sport related setting as an Instructor, Administrator or Sports Development Officer.
This exciting programme aims to engage students who aspire to work in the world of golf as a coach, administrator or as a player. Golf has many career pathways and developing the next generation is of paramount importance to the sport and industry, as a career in golf extends further than just the fairway.

Units may include:
- Event management
- Sport psychology
- Sports coaching
- Injury rehabilitation
- Fitness testing

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range and to have either Maths or Science at a grade C or 5 or above. Motivation and enthusiasm for golf is essential.

Teaching & Assessment
This course includes both theory and practical elements. Each student will be part of the College’s Team BTC Golf and have the opportunity to combine their studies with training, practicing and playing golf. All students will receive expert coaching from our PGA golf professionals.

Assessment is continual throughout the course and includes written exams, group work, project work, oral presentations, individual research and report writing.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching or Science at a grade C or 5 or above. Gaining a PGA qualification can lead to employment or progression to study a Foundation Degree within sports coaching, health, fitness and exercise, sports science or leisure management.

LEVEL 2 APPRENTICESHIP IN LEISURE OPERATION
This course provides practical training designed to develop knowledge and competence at carrying out relevant real-life tasks that employers value. This practical course covers a wide range of subjects to give a broad basic knowledge.

The course is divided into three sections:
- Employment awareness in active leisure and learning
- NVQ Certificate in Active Leisure, Learning & Well-being Operational Services
- Certificate in Leisure Operations

Course content will be tailored to the needs of the individual and may include:
- Continued professional development
- Safeguarding and protecting children and vulnerable adults
- Resolve customer service problems
- Providing a facilities reception service

Entry Requirements
You will need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 4 range and an initial assessment.

Assessment
You will be assessed by practical assessment, workbooks, observation and a portfolio of evidence. You will be visited regularly by an Assessor to check progress and ensure that you are building evidence towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Successful completion of the course could lead to employment opportunities within the industry or progression to a Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship. Students may then progress to study a Foundation Degree at Level 4 and 5 within sports coaching, health, fitness & exercise, sports development, sports science and leisure management.

LEVEL 3 APPRENTICESHIP IN LEISURE MANAGEMENT
This course is ideal if you are wishing to work in the leisure industry and would like to study through work-based learning. The Apprenticeship in Leisure Management offers high quality training to meet the Leisure Industry Standards. Whilst at work, you will receive comprehensive practical training designed to develop competence in carrying out relevant real-life leisure tasks that your employer will value.

The course is divided into three sections:
- Employment awareness in active leisure and learning
- NVQ Certificate in Leisure Management
- NVQ Diploma in Leisure Management

Course content will be tailored to your needs and may include:
- Understanding how to lead a team in active leisure
- Plan, organise and evaluate active leisure services
- Promote learning and development in active leisure
- Ensure the health, safety, welfare and security of customers and staff in an active leisure environment
- Marketing in active leisure

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range. Entry is also subject to an initial assessment.

Assessment
You will be assessed by practical assessment, workbooks, observations and a portfolio of evidence. You will be building evidence towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities
Successful completion of the course could lead to employment or progression to study a Foundation Degree within sports coaching, health, fitness and exercise, sports science or leisure management.

If you’re keen to explore the world and are a people person with a passion for new experiences, then a course in travel and tourism could propel you into a fantastic career. If you’re keen to explore the world and are a people person with a passion for new experiences, then a course in travel and tourism could propel you into a fantastic career.

POTENTIAL CAREERS
Air Cabin Crew, Travel Agent, Resort Representative, Hotel Manager, Airport Information Assistant, Hotel Receptionist, Airline Customer Service Agent, Tourist Guide, Tour Manager, Cruise Ship Worker, Events Manager, Hotel Manager, Museum Assistant, Holiday Centre Manager.
LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL & TOURISM

This qualification is for anyone who would like to work within the travel and tourism industry. The industry is dynamic, vibrant and exciting to work in as you will get to meet and work with a wide range of people and potentially, travel across the country and the world.

Units may include:
• Customer service in hospitality, leisure and travel
• Interpersonal skills in travel and tourism
• Retail travel services
• Tour operations
• Resort representatives
• Travel planning

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to E or 9 to 2 range, and will be required to attend an interview. No prior knowledge of the travel and tourism industry is necessary but a keen passion for the subject area is essential, as are good communication and interpersonal skills.

Teaching & Assessment
Practical assessments will include role play and presentations. There will also be written coursework, short-answer question papers and online multiple choice tests.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could move on to the Level 3 course or into a range of employment opportunities within the sector such as travel agent, tourist information centre, overseas holiday representative, cabin crew, airport staff or at a visitor attraction. Previous students have been successful in moving into employment at Thomas Cook, Butlins, Capital Travel & Events, Exeter Airport, easyjet, Holiday Inn at Thomas Cook, Butlins, Capita Travel &

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL, TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGEMENT

This qualification is for anyone who would like to work within the travel or event management industries. These industries are dynamic, vibrant and exciting to work in as you will get to meet and work with a wide range of people.

Travel and events management has a vast range of opportunities enabling you to work both nationally and internationally. Upon completion of this course, you will leave with the confidence, experience and employability skills needed to thrive in the travel and events management industry.

Units may include:
• Travel and tourism destinations
• Promotion and sales in travel and tourism
• Conferences and events
• Planning and delivering guided tours
• Worldwide adventure Tourism
• Work placement in travel and tourism
• Entertainment programme in travel and tourism

Entry Requirements
You need five GCSEs in the A* to C or 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit grade.

Teaching & Assessment
The course is a mixture of practical and academic work. Practical assessments include role plays, welcome meetings, training sessions and presentations. There is also written coursework, short-answer question papers and online multiple choice exams.

Progression & Career Opportunities
On successful completion of the course you could progress to Higher Education in Tourism Management, Event Management, International Tourism Management or Hospitality Management. Many universities offer sandwich courses where you are able to combine subjects such as Business and Tourism.

Alternatively, you could move into employment at trainee management level, or an apprenticeship, in the sector.

JACK ASHFORD
Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism
The Kings of Wessex Academy

I chose to study here because I knew the College had a very good reputation and I have always had an interest in travel and tourism.

Being at College has brought me out of my shell. When I was at school I was always one of the ones who would be in the crowd but never at the front, and absolutely dread speaking or presenting. Since joining the College and studying my course I can now happily stand up in front of a crowd and present, speak in front of others and be one of the ones who is happy to go first and support others.

My greatest achievement has to be when I got back my very first assignment and gained a distinction. Seeing how well the work I put in paid off was very rewarding. From studying travel and tourism I have gained so much, not only a massive amount of confidence but also a great deal of knowledge of what is happening in the industry and customer service skills.

On completion of my course I plan to progress to the Level 3 programme. Once I’ve completed that, I’ll then move on to a full-time job.
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Horticulture & Turf Management

Greenkeeping
- App

Horticulture
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Sports Turf
- App

Hospitality, Catering & Food Technology

Culinary Skills
- Taunton: App

Food Technology & Management
- Taunton: L3

Hospitality Management
- Taunton: App

Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service
- Taunton: L1, L2

Senior Chef Production & Cooking
- App

Music, Dance & Performance

Dance
- Taunton: L3

Commercial Music
- Taunton: L2

Events Production
- Taunton: L3

Music
- Taunton: L3

Music Technology & Performance
- Taunton: L3

Performing Arts
- Taunton: L2, L3, App

Public Service & Outdoor Education

Military Preparation
- Taunton: L2, L3

Uniformed Public Services, Outdoor Adventure & Sport
- Taunton: L1

Sports, Coaching & Adventure

Coaching Golf & Performance Development
- Taunton: L3

Fitness Instructing
- Taunton: L2

Football Coaching in Community Settings
- Taunton: L2, L3

Leisure Operations
- App

Military Preparation
- Taunton: L3

Personal Training
- Taunton: L3

Rugby Performance & Coaching
- Taunton: L3

Sport & Exercise Science
- Taunton: L2, L3

Uniformed Public Services, Outdoor Adventure & Sport
- Taunton: App

Travel & Tourism

Travel & Tourism
- Taunton: L2, L3

Travel, Tourism & Events Management
- Taunton: L1

** This course is also offered at Ashton Gate

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Surname  Forename(s)
Date of birth  D  M  Y  Male/female
Address
Postcode
Home tel  Mobile tel
Name of current or previous school or college and year of leaving
When you have made your application, we would like to contact you by email. Please enter your email address if you check your emails on a regular basis.
Email
Nationality
Is English your first language?
■ Yes  ■ No
If no, please enter the date you entered the EU  D  M  Y
WHO DO YOU LIVE WITH?
Please tick the relevant box
■ Mother and/or father  ■ I live on my own  ■ Another adult (ie. foster carer, older sister/brother)
Parents/guardians/carer/s/next of kin's name(s)
Name
Address (if different from above)
Postcode  Tel  Email
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COURSE DETAILS
Which course(s)/apprenticeship are you applying for? Please refer to the prospectus for title.
1st choice
2nd choice
If you are applying for A Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD), please state the subjects you are interested in studying.
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Please briefly tell us why you have chosen this course.

Please tick if you are interested in finding out about the College Academies.
■ Sports Academy  ■ Performing Arts Academy  ■ Media Academy  ■ Fashion Academy  ■ Honours Academy  ■ 999 Academy  ■ Design Academy
Are you currently a full-time student at Bridgwater & Taunton College?
■ Yes  ■ No
If still at school, are you currently attending a programme at College?
■ Yes  ■ No
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
Do you need additional support with your studies?

Yes  No

To help the College provide the best support for you, please tick the boxes below if you consider yourself to have any of the following:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Severe learning difficulty
- Dyspraxia
- Multiple learning difficulties
- Temporary disability (eg illness/accident)
- Multiple disabilities

- Visual impairment
- Profound/complex disabilities
- Dyslexia
- ADHD/ADD
- Mobility difficulty
- Physical condition (eg epilepsy, asthma)

- Hearing impairment
- Emotional/behavioural difficulties
- Dyscalculia
- Mental health difficulty
- Anxiety issues
- Moderate learning difficulty

ETHNIC ORIGIN
White
- British (English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish)
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

Asian/Asian British
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background

Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group
- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed/multiple ethnic black

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British
- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean Black

Other Ethnic Groups
- Arab
- Any other ethnic groups

PRIVACY NOTICE
If you are aged under 19, the information you provide may be shared with your Parents/Carers, current School and the Careers Service, during and after the application process. Some of the information you supply will be used by the Skills Funding Agency to fulfil its statutory functions, issue/verify your Unique Learner Number (ULN) and update/check your Personal Learning Record. The Skills Funding agency may share your ULN and Personal Learning Record with other education related organisations such as your careers service, school, college, university, Government Departments and public bodies responsible for funding your education. Further details of how your information is processed and shared is available on the following website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/learning-records-service-the-plr-for-learners-and-parents

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## EVENTS 2017/18

### Open Evenings (Bridgwater campus)
- Wednesday 18 October 2017: 5.30pm - 8.30pm
- Thursday 23 November 2017: 6pm - 8pm
- Tuesday 16 January 2018: 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 7 March 2018 - Apprenticeship focus: 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 13 June 2018: 6pm - 8pm

### Open Evenings (Taunton campus)
- Thursday 19 October 2017: 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 22 November 2017: 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 17 January 2018: 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 8 March 2018 - Apprenticeship focus: 6pm - 8pm
- Tuesday 12 June 2018: 6pm - 8pm

### Open Days/Evenings (Cannington campus)
- Saturday 11 November 2017: 10am - 1pm
- Saturday 27 January 2018: 10am - 1pm
- Wednesday 20 June 2018: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

### Open Evenings (Yeovil Centre)
- Wednesday 1 November 2017: 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 28 February 2018: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

### Taster Mornings (Bridgwater & Cannington campuses)
- Tuesday 3 October 2017: 9.30am - 2pm
- Thursday 16 November 2017: 9.30am - 2pm
- Thursday 15 February 2018 (half term): 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Wednesday 23 May 2018: 9.30am - 2pm

### Taster sessions (Taunton campus)
- Thursday 5 October 2017: 9.30am - 2pm
- Tuesday 14 November 2017: 9.30am - 2pm
- Wednesday 14 February 2018: 9.30am - 12.30pm

### Taster Morning (Yeovil Centre)
- Thursday 15 February 2018: 9.30am - 12.30pm