



City of  
Portsmouth  
College

# LEAVERS SCHOOLS

**2024/25 PROSPECTUS**

Your guide to academic, technical & vocational courses



# Welcome

## Welcome to City of Portsmouth College

**Hello and welcome to Portsmouth's one and only 'super' college. Ever since the merger of Highbury and Portsmouth Colleges back in 2021, we've gone from strength to strength.**

This year's Prospectus is bigger and better than ever because it's packed so full of brilliant courses. You'll find more choice than ever before, with an unrivalled choice of inspiring and exciting options.

Our award-winning Sixth Form Campus is Apple distinguished and we're unique in offering combined A Level and vocational courses.

Highbury Campus is renowned for its impressive array of vocational courses, including our exciting new range of T Levels.

North Harbour has long been known for outstanding trades courses and we continue to excel in expert innovative and traditional construction and building services training.

It doesn't stop there. Our range of high-quality technical and academic courses will continue to grow and develop, providing the best possible routes into higher education, employment or an apprenticeship.

At the same time, we continue our significant investment programme to provide the very latest and best facilities.

Whichever course you choose, our dedicated team share a passion for further education.

We're fully committed to learning techniques which are as individual as you are, in a caring, supportive, inclusive and welcoming environment.

Drop in to one of our Open Events and see for yourself.

You'll be able to chat to our teams, tour our campuses and meet some of our lovely current students.

We can't wait to meet you!



Warm wishes,  
**Katy Quinn**  
**Principal & CEO**

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# What our students say about us

We think our college is great, but don't just take our word for it!

Here's what our students say about us:

**'The support I received from my tutor has been outstanding'**

'College has helped me to build my confidence and overcome my anxiety'

**'A great place to study and to find new interests/friends'**

'All the teachers are brilliant and they care about your learning'

**'My course has been amazing, I have loved every minute of it'**

'I think this college is the best'

'Phenomenal year, looking forward to next'

**'My teachers have really helped my self confidence and push me to go for higher grades in a nice way'**

'Can't wait for next year!'

**'It's a good college and I know where to go if I need advice'**

'The college has helped me a great deal'

'The teachers are very friendly and always help us in our studies'

'The timetable layout is great and the timings of lessons are good too'



**The support provided by my college teachers was amazing – they were always encouraging and provided valuable feedback throughout my time at COPC.**

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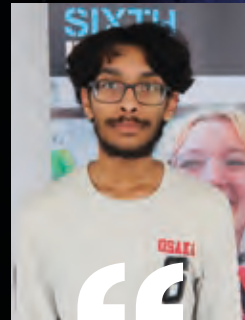
**Mia McCall**  
Studying Media, Psychology & Business



**My tutor was amazing throughout my two years. You learn a lot more about travel than you thought you were going to!**

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**Niamh Denham**  
Studying Travel & Tourism



**COPC have great support staff and amazing technology that aids your learning.**

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**Ridwan Ahmed**  
Studying Pure Maths, Computer Science & Geography

# Portsmouth's super college

## Highbury College

**1870**

The Borough of Portsmouth and Gosport School of Science and Art, a privately funded organisation, was founded to train dockworkers and engineers.

**1894**

The school's science and technology courses were brought under the control of the local authorities as the Borough of Portsmouth Municipal Technical Institute.

**1908**

The institute was renamed Portsmouth Municipal College.

**1950s**

The Municipal College was designated a regional college and renamed Portsmouth College of Technology.

## Portsmouth College

**1705**

The marshland on the eastern edge of Portsea island, where Portsmouth College now stands, was first reclaimed.

**1888**

Portsmouth Higher Grade School was formed.

**1956**

It became the Southern Grammar School for Boys.



Photos Credit: Old Secundrians Association



### 1963

Highbury College was officially opened. Built as at a cost of £590,700, it was originally designed for 2,800 students but 5,000 enrolled in the first year!

### 1970

A major extension was completed, including the iconic 10-storey tower which remains a significant landmark and can be seen from across the city.

### 1970s

Student enrolment reached 10,000 and the name changed again - to Highbury College of Technology.

### 2000

The completion of a £2.2 million refurbishment programme, including new library facilities.

### 2004

Highbury North Harbour Campus opened and continues to offer outstanding training in construction skills and the built environment.

### 1975

The grammar school changed to Great Salterns Secondary School.

### 1984

Secondary education in Portsmouth was reorganised, with Great Salterns Secondary School becoming a sixth form college, home to all the city's sixth form provision.

### 2009

Winner of the Association of College's Beacon Award for college/school partnerships.



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### 2021

Highbury and Portsmouth Colleges merged to become City of Portsmouth College.

### 2022

The exciting new City of Portsmouth College brand was unveiled.

### 2024

And beyond – watch us grow!

**The city's first and only super college, it boasts a uniquely flexible curriculum including A Levels, T Levels, vocational diplomas, apprenticeships and higher education qualifications.**

# 9 top reasons to choose

## City of Portsmouth College

- 1 Unbeatable range of courses**
- 2 Quality of learning**
- 3 A strong focus on careers**
- 4 Stand out Sixth Form timetable and iPad accreditation**
- 5 Our E6 personal development programme**
- 6 The Sports Academy**
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- 8 WorldSkills**
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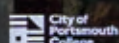




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# 1 Unbeatable range of courses

**We inspire and empower all of our students to find their place in the world by fulfilling their individual academic and vocational passions in a college that's diverse, welcoming and inclusive for all learners, their families, employers and staff.**

**We recognise that everyone is different, and we celebrate those differences - the unique qualities which make you who you are.**

As a student here, you'll benefit from even greater flexibility with your programmes and access to dedicated subject facilities at the different campus locations.

Ours is a uniquely flexible curriculum offer within the city of Portsmouth, comprising and often blending A Levels, T Levels, vocational diplomas and apprenticeships

## Qualifications explained

### **A Levels Level 3**

Two year, subject-based qualifications that can lead to university, further study, training or work.

### **T Levels Level 3**

Equivalent to three A Levels, T Levels offer the best of both worlds, combining in-class learning with real-life work experience. They prepare you for work, further training or university.

### **Vocational Certificates and Diplomas Levels 1, 2 and 3**

CTECs, BTECs or UAL qualifications enable you to demonstrate your knowledge and skills through practical work. Choose from an extended certificate (equivalent to one A Level after two

years, a diploma (equivalent to two A Levels after two years) or an extended diploma (equivalent to three A Levels after two years).

### **Apprenticeships Levels 2 – 5**

A real job with training, leading to a recognised qualification related to the job you do. They take one to four years to complete, depending on the level and the job sector you're in.

### **Functional skills/GCSEs Level 2**

If you didn't get the maths or English results you expected, don't worry. We give you the opportunity to re-sit and improve your grades. Our lovely, expert tutors can assess what you need to do to help meet your goals.

## Here's how it works

### Sixth Form

– with additional vocational qualifications

- Study at our Sixth Form Campus
- Choose from a wide range of A Levels or a combination of A Levels and vocational qualifications
- Select two, three or four courses to form your unique study programme.

### Technical and vocational

- Study at our Highbury or North Harbour Campuses
- Choose from a wide range of subjects, from entry level to Level 4.

### Apprenticeships

- Study at our Highbury or North Harbour Campus (depending on your chosen subject area)
- Usually you'll study one day a week at College and build on your practical skills in the work place for one to five years
- Earn while you learn, a great opportunity to study and gain qualifications alongside working in your chosen field.

## Entry requirements

**Sounds great** – so what do I need to get in?

Entry requirements are detailed on the course information pages but as a general rule of thumb:

### Entry Level

- No formal requirements, just an interest and enthusiasm for your chosen subject!

### Level 2

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English
- Or an entry level qualification with maths and English (at least Entry Level 3)
- Interest, skill and enthusiasm for your chosen subject.

### Level 3, A Levels and vocational

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English
- Or a Level 2 qualification at merit grade or above with tutor recommendation
- Level 2 or above in English
- Some areas will also call for Level 2 or above in maths
- For some technical subjects you may need to start at Level 1 or 2 regardless of grades.

### Level 4

- Three A Levels, an Access to HE diploma or a Level 3 vocational qualification with a sufficient pass/merit
- Plus a Level 2 in maths and English.

## 2 Quality of learning

**Our lecturers are passionate about the subjects they teach so we offer the highest quality teaching, learning and assessment for our students.**

**The mix of academic, technical and vocational courses also means you can benefit from unrivalled blended learning opportunities.**

And we have fantastic relationships with employers across the region so there are many opportunities for high-quality and meaningful work experience and industrial replacements.

You'll be enrolled on specialised study programmes, uniquely tailored to your needs.

A study programme is made up of eight elements:

### **Your qualification**

The qualification you are studying towards in your chosen subject, e.g. A Levels, T Level, Level 2 or Level 3 Certificates and Diplomas.

### **Maths & English**

Important to employers and may also be a key requirement if you want to progress to other courses after college or university. Achieving grade 9–4 in both subjects at GCSE is highly recommended, often leading to higher earnings in the future. Don't worry if you don't achieve these at school, you'll have our expert support in working towards them alongside your core qualification.

### **Work experience**

Vocationally relevant and high-quality work placements are an integral part of your study programme, allowing you to develop many of the skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace. Students at every level are given the opportunity to complete work experience during their course, with some Level 3 vocational students undertaking 45 day industry placements.

### **Tutorials**

During weekly personal tutor time, we deliver key content, to support your development and learning. As part of the tutor programme, you will meet with your tutor on a 1:1 basis, to ensure you are progressing as expected, discuss any concerns you have, ensuring all your needs are met to the best of our abilities.



## **Enrichment**

To get the most out of your time at college, we offer a range of activities to get involved in. Known as 'E6 enrichment', they provide excellent opportunities to make new friends, learn new skills, help others, improve your health and wellbeing and boost your CV/university application.

## **Progression support**

If you have any questions about your career, university application or the qualifications you need to achieve your goals, our expert careers team is here for you. We offer impartial and confidential advice about your options for university, further education, training and employment or an apprenticeship.

## **Employability skills**

Embedded into your study programme at every level helping you prepare for your chosen career. Undertaking 45 day industry placements.

## **Attendance**

To ensure you gain the best from your studies we expect 100% attendance for all aspects of your study programme, including maths and English.

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# A strong focus on careers

**Our expert and friendly careers team provides personalised and impartial information, advice and guidance, tailored to you.**

We deliver a planned programme to offer you the most appropriate support at various stages of your course, including:

- internal progression support
- UCAS university applications
- finding an apprenticeship
- employment options.

If you're academically minded, we enjoy a close link with the University of Portsmouth and work with you on the challenges involved in making applications for Oxford or Cambridge universities, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and other highly competitive higher education opportunities.

For the more vocationally biased, we have close links with leading industries and employers across the region.

We hold careers events throughout the year, including:

- careers information evening for parents
- higher education fairs
- employment and apprenticeships fairs
- careers fairs for SEND students and parents
- regular visits to universities and employer venues.

The careers team is also fully engaged with other college programmes to support your skills development and progression.

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**Did you know we adhere to the gold standard Gatsby Benchmarks, to make sure we're offering the highest standards of careers advice and support to all our students?**



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# Stand out Sixth Form timetable and iPad accreditation

**Our Sixth Form Campus has a timetable designed to get the very best outcome for you with no trapped time, at least one morning and one afternoon free for private study a week and a 9.55am start - what's not to like!**

You'll have one lesson in the morning and one in the afternoon with a guaranteed 4pm finish.

Our Sixth Form students use Apple iPad technology to enhance their academic study.

As a certified Apple Distinguished School, we have been recognised as a centre of innovation, leadership and educational excellence by using Apple technology to inspire creativity, collaboration and critical thinking.

If you already have your own iPad, Chromebook or tablet etc, you're welcome to use it on the campus, connecting to our wi-fi network and systems.

If not, we can help you buy a new iPad via a discounted monthly payment scheme.



**I felt that having the resources there all compacted into one little tool was so much better for me. It allowed me to really find a better learning style, which enabled me to achieve A\*, A+ and A, securing my place at Oxford.**

**Nathan Clark**  
shares his thought on using iPad technology





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# Our E6 development programme

**Our pioneering E6 personal development programme is a six-strand initiative made up of courses, training and experiences that focus on developing your soft skills in preparation for the world of work.**

These opportunities will provide you with a pathway in readiness for securing a job, an apprenticeship or a place in higher education. You can even gain recognition for taking part in the programme through our Gold, Silver and Bronze Principal's certification scheme, to mark your commitment and achievements.

## **Enterprise**

A fun and interactive 10 week course for budding entrepreneurs run in partnership with specialist company Unloc. Working alongside expert mentors and other entrepreneurs, you will learn essential business knowledge, with the opportunity for additional mentoring through the Portsmouth Young Innovators Hub, a free co-working space to run your own businesses.

## **Employability and Experience**

A range of employability workshops focusing on key topics including application writing, interview skills and creating an online professional image. We will even help to find you work experience linked to your chosen pathway to enhance your career aspirations.

## **E-curriculum**

We offer a variety of online courses for a range of new skills to support you through college and beyond. You can work at your own pace, at home or in college, with access to one-to-one support. Certified courses range from money management to caring for the environment.

## **Extension**

A wide range of extracurricular activities to develop new skills, make new friends and build your confidence. Programmes could include First Aid, Combined Cadet Force, Chess Club, LGBTQIA+ Society, Course Rep, Student Ambassador, Student Newspaper and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

## **Exercise**

Take advantage of specialist training and represent the College in AoC competitions including football, basketball or badminton. Or work on your fitness and develop your team-building skills by taking part in 'You Can' activities like 5-a-side football or personal training.

## **Explore**

Get involved in local and worldwide communities, make memories for life and gain valuable experiences as well as transferable skills through opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and organised volunteering opportunities.



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# The Sports Academy

**Support your studies, get fit, stay fit and make new friends with our fabulous Sports Academy.**

All campuses can access the excellent facilities which can be found at our Sixth Form and Highbury locations.

Sixth Form Campus has a well-equipped gym, sports hall and playing fields while Highbury Campus benefits from a multi-function sports hall, aerobics studio and fitness suite.

Join one of our Sports Academies and play competitively in AoC (Association of Colleges) sport competitions including football, athletics, boccia, basketball or badminton.

Or just have fun joining in with our other activities, from personal training to table tennis, netball or 5-a-side football. We also support you in competing at national level in your chosen field.



**Here are the weekly training times:**

#### **Men's football**

Mon: 1-3pm at Furze Lane

Wed: game day

Fri: 9-11.30am at Furze Lane

#### **Women's football**

Mon: 4-6pm at Goals

Weds: game day

Fri: 10-12pm at Goals

#### **5-a-side football**

Weds: 1-3pm at Goals

#### **Netball**

Tues: lunchtime at the Sixth Form Campus

#### **Badminton**

Tues: 8-10am at the Sixth Form Campus

Wed: game day

Fri: 10-12pm at Sixth Form Campus

10-12pm at Highbury

#### **Men's basketball**

Mon: 4-6pm (elite only) Sixth Form Campus

Weds: 8-10am Sixth Form Campus

Thurs: game day at Highbury Campus



# 7 Prince's Trust

**Join “Team”, our free 12-week personal development programme, to gain valuable skills and experience, earn a qualification, and boost your confidence.**

The programme is designed to take your confidence sky-high and prepare you to take the next steps into work, education or training.

## Here's what you'll get out of the Team programme:

- take part in an action-packed residential trip, where you'll get to know the other people in your team
- make a positive difference in your community by working together on a group project
- get two week's work experience in a profession or organisation that interests you
- earn a nationally recognised qualification, and develop your maths and English skills
- receive support to write a standout CV and learn how to impress in an interview.

Twelve weeks may sound like a long time, but the programme flies by. You won't believe how far you've come when you share your journey at the final celebration.

## Who is this course for?

This course is for you if you are:

- in need of support to find your next steps into work, education or training
- looking for ways to boost your confidence
- wanting to earn a nationally recognised qualification
- keen to meet new people
- excited to improve your teamwork and communication skills
- rest assured that joining the programme won't affect your benefits!



Prince's Trust



### **Day 1:** **Meet new people**

If you're worried about turning up on your own, don't be! Everyone will be in the same situation, the day will be informal and there will be plenty of activities. You'll soon feel part of the group.

### **Week 1:** **Take action**

You'll start planning for the weeks ahead. You'll set out what you want to achieve during the programme. And you'll find out how to earn your qualification.

### **Week 2:** **Experience new things**

You'll spend this week on our residential trip. During this time away from home, you'll try new things and learn how to work in a team. Your activities could include canoeing, climbing, raft-building and much more.

### **Weeks 3–6:** **Collaborate on a project**

As a team, you'll plan and carry out a project to benefit your local community. The project could be anything from regenerating a public garden to creating a short film to inspire people to make a positive change. You'll do everything from planning and fundraising to rolling up your sleeves to get the job done. This will give you valuable experience to talk about at interviews.

### **Weeks 7–8:** **Take on a work placement**

Now is the time to see how you can use the skills you've developed so far in the workplace. It's a great chance to try out a type of work to see whether you like it.

### **Week 9:** **Plan for the future**

You'll be supported to write a standout CV, practise your interview skills and write applications.

### **Weeks 10–11:** **Meet the challenge**

You and your team will take on a challenge to help people in your community. This is a great opportunity to put into practice all the skills you've developed during the course.

### **Week 12:** **Celebrate your progress**

At the end of the programme, you'll have a chance to showcase your newly discovered talents by giving a presentation. This may sound scary now! But after 12 weeks, you'll be amazed at how far you've come.

### **Find out more:** **[princes-trust.org.uk](https://princes-trust.org.uk)**

# 8 WorldSkills



## Build your confidence and showcase your talents!

**WorldSkills competitions, also known as the 'global skills olympics', are the gold standard of skills excellence. They inspire competitors to reach new heights and help turn your passion into a profession.**

We support competitors to enter regional and national competition heats in a wide range of vocational areas, including construction, hairdressing, horticulture, health & social care, automotive, engineering and computing.

As a trusted WorldSkills event partner, we also regularly host regional competitions in hairdressing and web design.

In recent years, five outstanding students competed in national finals, including computing students Jack Day and Kai Oliver, plus Foundation Prospects students Kevin Stubbs, Dean Roberts and Danny Walker.

In 2021, Kevin Stubbs scooped a gold medal in the Horticulture Foundation Skills finals, closely followed by teammate Dean Roberts who was awarded silver.

This year, three foundation students got through to the national finals being held in Manchester in November 2023.

Lily Coben, Amy Gratton and Jordan Whiting were competing in Foundation Hairdressing.

**“All the students that took part in the WorldSkills competition worked so hard, they attended extra classes, learnt many new skills, and watching their confidence and self-belief grow was just amazing. ‘Super super wow! I’m so proud of them all.’ They’re among eight UK finalists taking part in the Foundations Hairdressing Final, it’s such a great result for COPC.”**

**Lisa Mayhead**  
Lecturer





**“Winning gold felt really good and it really boosted my confidence. That’s the best thing about WorldSkills, it gives you so much confidence. I could see all the other competitors getting more confident during the day too.”**

**Kevin Stubbs**

WorldSkills UK Gold Medallist,  
Horticulture Foundation Skills

# 9 Opportunities to gain experience

**Don't just learn – experience!**



## Sport

Join one of our Sports Academies and play competitively in AoC sport competitions including football, athletics, boccia, basketball or badminton. Or just have fun joining in with our various activities, from personal training to table tennis or a 5-a-side football. We also support you in competing at national level in your chosen field.



## Performing arts and music

Our students have performed in the Dance Live! event for schools and colleges. You too could take part in the event which showcases dance, performance, off-stage technical skills and creative design. You could learn to play an instrument and perform solo or in a band, either in College or at local venues like the Wedgewood Rooms, the Guildhall or Victorious Festival. You could even make use of our recording studio.



## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards

Get involved in this challenging and prestigious award and you will find there are four fun components: an expedition, service to others, learning a new skill and physical recreation. Not only will it build your confidence and abilities, it also looks great on your CV or university application.



## National Citizens Service

A fantastic opportunity for 16 and 17 year olds to engage in outdoor, community and volunteering activities, National Citizens Service combines an adventurous outdoor activities residential course with local community and social enterprises to raise money for good causes. Promoted by the College, the programme is run by our partners at the Pompey in the Community organisation.

## Visits and travel opportunities

We offer trips, visits and conferences to enhance your enjoyment and understanding of subjects.

Examples include: local and national art galleries and museums; universities; law courts; theatre trips; BBC Question Time; outdoor adventure activities; the Houses of Parliament; professional music studios and venues; field trips; army, navy and police days and sports science laboratories.

You could also pay to join a residential trip to worldwide destinations such as Poland, Iceland, Venice, Rome, New York, Paris, South Africa or China.

## Competitions

You will be encouraged and supported to take part in local and national competitions to test your skills and develop your confidence. Competitions include WorldSkills, annual hairdressing & beauty competitions, the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, the International Biology Olympiad, the International Salon Culinare and the Bricklayers Southern Regional Craft Competition.

## And there's more...

Through our E6 personal development programme, you can broaden your horizons and have fun by getting involved with projects like learning first aid, supporting in schools, volunteering, becoming a sports leader, setting up a small business, training as a student mentor, becoming a student ambassador or joining our student committee.

# Student support

**Our specialist staff will support you throughout your time at college, so that you can develop the skills and qualifications you need to move onto the next stage of your life.**

## Course advice

The admissions and careers teams are available to offer course and progression information, advice and guidance and you can talk to us in confidence.

## Learning

We welcome applications from students with disabilities, learning difficulties, mental health conditions or medical conditions.

Our learning support team will assess your needs and explain about how they can help you get the most from your time here. The learning support team also offer:

- specialist Dyslexia support
- assistance with access arrangements
- exam support
- specialist speech & language support
- specialist behaviour & emotional support
- literacy support
- literacy and Dyscalculia support
- help for parents/carers applying for their child/dependent's Educational Health Care Plan.

## Personal tutors

All full-time students are assigned a tutor or teacher who will support you with regular catch-ups to talk about your progress. Additional sessions may be available to support exam revision or practical workshops.

You will also have class tutorials most weeks covering subjects such as planning your career, managing money, health and fitness, personal development and study skills.

## Health & wellbeing

We offer a range of mental health and wellbeing support. The First Aid Hub and College social areas often host drop-in sessions with external support agencies or charitable organisations such as NHS Sexual Health, the local chaplaincy and Solent Mind.



## Financial

If you're under 19 on 31 August in the year in which you start your full-time course, you will not be charged tuition, examination or registration fees for the majority of courses.

You need to be a UK/Irish national or EU/EEA national with the UK Settled or Pre-Settled status, living in the UK or Ireland for the last three years.

If you're aged 19+ and studying at Level 3 or above, you'll be required to pay your fees (unless you are eligible for fee remission) but there are excellent flexible payment services available.

We provide college bursaries for students from low-income families, enhanced bursaries for students in

care, care leavers and others in receipt of qualifying benefits and free meals for students from families on certain state benefits.

If you're under 19 and have one or more children you could also be entitled to help with the cost of childcare through Care to Learn. Call 080 0121 8989, email [C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk](mailto:C2L@studentbursarysupport.co.uk) or visit [direct.gov.uk/caretolearn](http://direct.gov.uk/caretolearn)

## Careers

Our specialist team provides personalised and impartial information, advice and guidance, tailored to the needs of each student or apprentice.

We deliver a planned programme designed to offer you the most appropriate support at various stages of your course.

### We can support you with:

- internal progression support
- UCAS university applications\*
- finding an apprenticeship
- employment options.

\* Highly experienced staff work with students on the challenges involved in making applications for: Oxford or Cambridge universities, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and other highly competitive higher education opportunities.

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### Events include:

- careers information evening for parents
- higher education fairs
- employment and apprenticeships Fairs
- careers fairs for SEND students and parents
- regular visits to universities and employer venues (organised with curriculum staff).

The careers team is also fully engaged with other College programmes to support your skills development and progression.

## Travel and transport

- Termly seven day student passes are available to buy at discounted prices from First Bus and Stagecoach.
- College service PC1 (fees payable) cover Fareham, Cams Hill, Portchester, Paulsgrove, Cosham, Hilsea and Stamshaw.
- Additional support is available for some students living further afield (10km+) including the Isle of Wight.
- If you're entitled to a college bursary, you'll receive full support with the cost of travel. Bursary applications are means tested and have limited funds available – applications should be made as early as possible once forms are issued for the relevant year of study.
- If you're under 19, with learning difficulties and disabilities, you may get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority (LEA)\*.

\*Contact your LEA for further information.

If you live in the Portsmouth area with a postcode of PO1-PO6 you should apply to Portsmouth City Council via 023 9284 1238 or: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-transport-and-travel/>

Students who reside in all other postcodes in Hampshire should apply to Hampshire County Council on 019 6284 6924 or: <https://hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schooltransport/parent-carer/eligibility>



# Students' Union

**City of Portsmouth College's Students' Union (COPCSU) helps you get the most out of college life. It's run by student officers elected by you for you.**

All students studying at City of Portsmouth College are represented by members of the Student Union, benefitting from access to a variety of free services including welfare advice, information, social activities and entertainment.

COPCSU also plays a vital role in student representation and communication within the College - it gives you a voice. We're all about supporting young leaders, celebrating ideas and encouraging dialogue.

Each year, a Student Union is elected to act as a voice of the wider College community. As a team, they:

- play a vital role in representing and communicating the views of students to College management and governors
- provide advice and information to students
- organise social and fundraising activities
- raise awareness of local, regional and national issues.



**Being a course rep has helped me to be more confident. I am part of a group where my opinion matters, and our goal is to make College the best it can be for everyone."**

**Alaa Asad**  
Health & Social Care Course Rep





# Our campuses and facilities

**Make the most of great facilities and services, our campuses are modern and purpose-built.**


## Sixth Form Campus

 Tangier Road, Portsmouth , PO3 6PZ

### **Academic excellence, outstanding results**

Our academic centre of excellence, specialising in a wide range of A Levels and complementary vocational courses. The campus has extensive sports facilities including a gym, sports hall and playing fields.


## Highbury Campus

 Tudor Crescent, Portsmouth, PO6 2SA

### **Vocational and professional training for all**

Home to many of our technical and vocational courses including T Levels, BTECs, vocational diplomas and higher education options.


## North Harbour Campus

 Unit 1 Harbourgate, Southampton Road, Portsmouth, PO6 4BQ

### **Experts in innovative and traditional construction and building services training**

Specialist training in construction crafts, Net Zero technologies, building services and engineering. A state-of-the-art facility, it boasts industry standard workshops and the latest work-related teaching environments.

## Arundel Campus

 49 Arundel Street, Portsmouth, PO1 1SA

### **A range of training opportunities for adults and young people in the heart of the community**

Offering English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Prince's Trust and flexible adult learning courses. It's also home to our specialist supported programme, Engage.



### **Library services**

The College library at Highbury Campus brings together a variety of resources and equipment including computers, online materials, books, magazines and newspapers to meet your learning needs.

Your studies will be further enhanced by the College's online library catalogue, which can be accessed from any College computer or from home.

### **Study Centres**

Our Study Centres provide great places to work on your college projects, as members of the support team are always on hand to assist with your assignments.

### **Locations:**

**Highbury Campus** - in the library and on The Deck

**North Harbour Campus** – ground floor

**Sixth Form Campus** – ground floor

### **Food and drink**

Outlets at our Sixth Form and Highbury Campuses sell a choice of refreshments. With a wide range of reasonably-priced hot and cold food, snacks and drinks, including Fairtrade products, healthy and vegan options.

### **Sports and fitness**

We offer excellent leisure facilities, Sixth Form Campus has a well-equipped gym, sports hall and playing fields while Highbury Campus benefits from a multi-function sports hall, aerobics studio and fitness suite.

### **Hair and beauty**

Our Eden hair and beauty salon at Highbury Campus, run by talented students, offers a range of treatments at affordable prices for students and members of the public.

# Outstanding results

**95.6%**

overall  
**A Level**  
pass rate

**43.6%**

of students  
received  
high grades

**100%**

pass rate  
in 18 subjects  
at A Level

**357**

students  
received  
grade A-B

**154**

A\* - A grades



**99%**

Vocational  
pass rate

**338**

students progress  
to Higher Education

**40**

L3 Vocational  
programmes with  
**100% pass rate**

**1600**

Level 3 results  
for 16-18 yr olds  
were issued



# Work placements

**Our specialist staff will support you throughout your time at college, so that you can develop the skills and qualifications you need to move onto the next stage of your life.**

## Work placements on vocational programmes

Vocationally-relevant and high-quality work placements are an integral part of all our vocational study programmes, allowing you to develop many of the skills needed to thrive in the modern workplace.

Our unrivalled links with employers, both local and national, enable us to offer placements in a wide range of industries and environments. At every level, you are given the opportunity to complete a minimum of 30 hours of work experience during your course, with some Level 2/3 students undertaking 45 day industry placements.

We aim to provide all vocational study programme students with at least 30 hours of work placement and many courses exceed this during the year. Our broad range of courses means we offer work placements in almost every sector and industry, from carpentry to catering.

Some of the key industry businesses City of Portsmouth College has worked with this year include Marriott hosting our catering and travel students, Eaton Aerospace and DKW engineering hosting our engineering students and Currie & Brown for our Built Environment students.

## Industry placements on T Levels

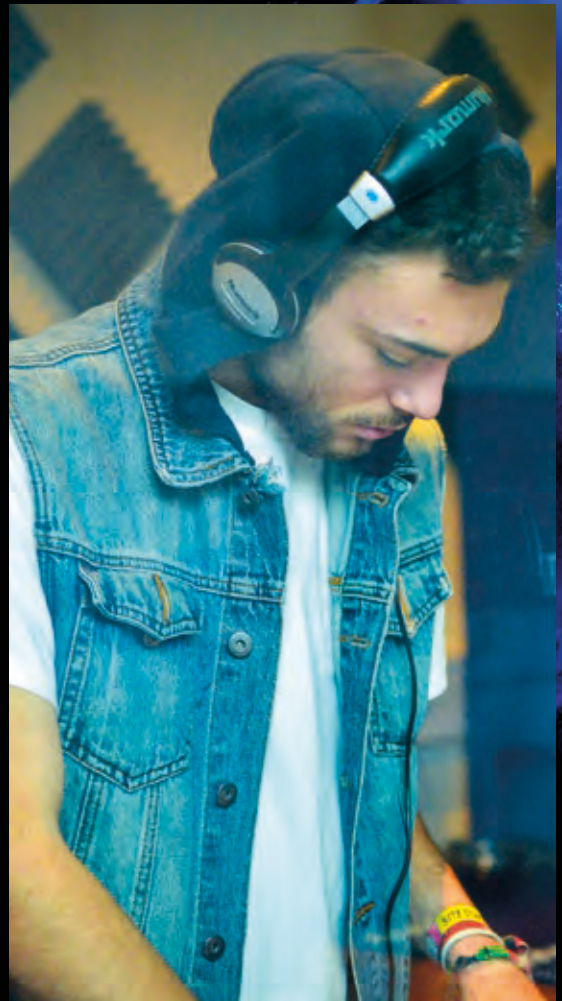
Our new and exciting range of T Levels include excellent, high-quality industry placements in a range of sectors, including healthcare, science, digital technologies and engineering.



**The thing I liked best was learning about the variety of roles and different jobs Vodafone have in their workplace. I discovered surprising jobs that not many people know about.**

### Hallie Scobie

Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT  
(Software Development)  
Completed the Vodafone Innovators  
Virtual Work Experience placement



# Visit us

## Our open events give you an excellent opportunity to:

- learn more about our variety of A Levels, T Levels, vocational courses and apprenticeships
- visit the College and view the facilities
- find out about our E6 personal development and enrichment opportunities
- chat to current students and teaching staff
- meet our learning support, advice and welfare teams
- see how our unique 9.55am Sixth Form timetable benefits students
- discover how our Sixth Form campus integrates Apple iPad technology to support learning and enable students to thrive.



## Save the dates

### City of Portsmouth College Open Events

(Highbury, North Harbour and Sixth Form Campuses)

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 11 October 2023

4.30-7.30pm, Thursday 12 October 2023

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 28 February 2024

### Adult & Vocational Open Event

(Highbury and North Harbour Campuses)

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 15 May 2024





City of  
Portsmouth  
College



**So full of brilliant  
courses, we're fit to**

**BURST!**

**Find your brilliance...**

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# Animal Care

**If you are an animal lover, with a caring nature and love the idea of working with all creatures great and small, a qualification in animal care could be for you.**



Our first-step animal care courses are ideal for those who wish to progress to higher vocational study. Based at Highbury Campus, you will develop your skills and experience with a range of small animals, including guinea pigs, rabbits and reptiles. As well as enjoying a range of practical and theory-based tasks on your course, you will also enjoy visits to zoos and wildlife centres.

Throughout the year, you will benefit from hands-on practical sessions with the College's range of animals. Units of work include animal health and welfare, recognising animal species and daily care, including feeding, alongside an industry-based work placement to gain hands on experience.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain a valuable Functional Skills qualification if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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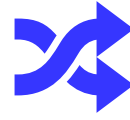




Take care of  
**Highbury  
Campus pets!**



**Industry**  
placement  
opportunity



**Be part of the  
change**  
In 2022 RSPCA  
Investigated and  
closed 63,563  
complaints of animal  
cruelty



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STUDENT

I recommend taking this course because you get a good connection with the animals and the people that are around you. It sets you up to be able to work with animals and to work in a zoo or other areas in the future.

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**Dillon Hewett**

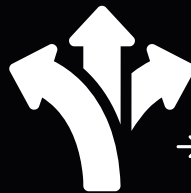
**Studying:** Level 1 Animal Care

**Future plans:** Go onto university or get an apprenticeship in business

**See what courses are on offer for Animal Care at:**

**Highbury Campus**

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### **Exciting job options in the Animal Care sector**

- **Wildlife Rehabilitation Specialist**  
Look after and care for injured or displaced wildlife, often with the aim of a successful re-release.

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- **Animal Control Officer**  
Be responsible for complaints regarding animals' welfare, stray animals, and all areas of animal control.

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- **Pet Groomer**  
Ensure our furry friends are looking their best, by grooming their coats and trimming nails.

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- **Vet assistant**  
Be a hands-on support for Veterinary Surgeons and Nurses in all aspects of animal care, whilst animals are at the vets.

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- **Pet nutritionist**  
Create custom diet advice for animals to promote their health and wellbeing.

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# Art & Design

**Creative skills are incredibly sought-after in today's society and a qualification in Art and Design can help you succeed and thrive in one of Britain's fastest growing sectors. City of Portsmouth College can help you achieve your artistic talents and skills.**





Across our Highbury and Sixth Form campuses, we boast a purpose-built art and design studio featuring specialist workshop areas for textiles, 3D design and screen printing, a photographic darkroom and access to Mac and PC suites with the Adobe Creative Suite.

You will be fully engaged with our curriculum, which encompasses both live projects for clients and developing and executing your own projects. Annually, the creative departments also produce work for our creative festival, which is open to the public and is a wonderful exhibition of all things art and design.

Students will be taught by practising artists and designers with high levels of industry and educational experience. You may also be able to work with visiting artists and designers.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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Dedicated and  
**state-of-the-art**  
facilities



**£31,000**  
Average  
Graphic Designer  
salary



**In demand**  
career choice!



I like that there's a lot of freedom, loads of different ways you could go. In the classroom there's lots of freedom on what I want to make, and I can make it really personal to what I like to do.

**STUDENT**

**Brooke Mackie**

**Studying:** A Level Graphic Communication

**Future plans:** wants to be an architect.



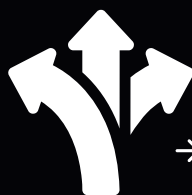
**See what courses are on offer for Art & Design at:**

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### **Exciting job options in the Art & Design sector**

- **Animator**  
Creatively bring characters and concepts to life through motion graphics or 2D or 3D animation. Think Wallace and Gromit or Finding Nemo!

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- **Web Designer**  
Create standout websites considering user experience, look and feel and functionality. Perfectly suited for someone tech savvy and creative!

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- **Interior Designer**  
Plan and design the full styling of an interior space, and decorate to suit clients request, often breaking the mould.

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- **Graphic Designer**  
Masters of many skills creating visual concepts for projects in the form of logos, advertisements, posters and campaigns.

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# Automotive

**Do you love cars? Not afraid of getting your hands dirty and love a challenge? A career in the automotive industry could be ideal for you.**

At City of Portsmouth College, our Highbury campus is home to a well-equipped garage workshop and MOT test centre, exposing you to industry equipment and environments throughout your learning journey.

All our courses have been developed with the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) and EMTA Awards Limited (EAL), to help you gain the right skills and qualifications needed for employment.

You will be given the opportunity to work on a variety of vehicles, broadening your skillset and adaptability with maintaining and fixing vehicles. Experienced tutors will teach you through a mix of individual assignments and group activities.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**Regular day trips**  
to automotive businesses



**The perfect**  
subject to learn  
transferable skills



One of the  
**world's largest**  
industries





### Why do you love the subject you teach?

Firstly, it's the technology that is involved and the continued advancements that are being made. Secondly, it's using the skills I have learnt to diagnose a fault and have the abilities to repair or replace those parts. Thirdly seeing the students learning those same skills, seeing the understanding in their faces and the sense of achievement when they complete a task in the workshop for the first time on their own.

**Stuart Webber - Lecturer**  
Automotive Department  
Highbury Campus

### See what courses are on offer for Automotive at:

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### Exciting job options in the Automotive sector

- **Mechanic**  
Diagnose vehicle issues, carry out routine maintenance and ensure vehicles are safe and road worthy.
- **Automotive Engineer**  
Be involved from the concept and design of vehicles, through to the production and testing.
- **Automotive Quality Controller**  
Specialise in ensuring vehicles and components meet industry standards and safety regulations.
- **Automotive Electrician**  
Develop your bright spark. Installing, repairing and customising electronics in vehicles, from wiring to lighting and audio systems.
- **Test Driver**  
Evaluate new vehicles and prototypes to assess their performance, safety, and handling characteristics.



# Bricklaying

**As a Bricklayer, you will be a fundamental part of the building industry. Your hard work and attention to detail will never go unnoticed. You will be responsible for creating new buildings and walls, measuring site work, and repairing or maintaining existing structures.**



Bricklaying is a fine art and a career that will give you great satisfaction. You can very easily tell bad workmanship from good, so you will be highly praised and recognised for a job well done and there is no better place to learn A+ skills than at our North Harbour Campus. It is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry-standard workshops and realistic working environments. During the course, you will be encouraged to use your skills to contribute to the local community.

As an essential trade, your skills will be in demand and bricklaying can be a financially rewarding career, with salary increasing with experience.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**72,240**  
number of  
bricklayers  
employed in  
the UK



**£17k - 40k**  
Average  
UK bricklayer  
salary



**In demand**  
career choice!



**Our lecturers  
are brilliant.**

**They take the time to  
do one-on-one with  
you and show you  
how it's done.**

**STUDENT**

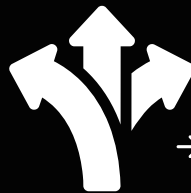
**Megan Juryeff**  
Studying: Level 1 Bricklaying



See what courses are on offer for Bricklaying at:

**North Harbour Campus**

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### Exciting job options in the **Bricklaying** sector

→ **Heritage Restorer**

Look after listed buildings, often with great significance, restore brickwork and strengthen structures using specialised techniques.

→ **Stonemason**

A skilled profession using hand tools, crafting statues, decorative building features, repairing historical artworks and restoring items of historical significance.

→ **Construction Site Supervisor**

Oversee the work on a site, delegating tasks, quality control and ensuring stock is sufficiently stocked and available to complete the build.

# Business

**If you find yourself dreaming of owning your own small or large business, building a name for yourself and bringing your creations to life, creating cutting edge marketing campaigns that are seen worldwide or just want to learn the basics to help progress your career in the corporate world, then a qualification in Business will be the perfect pairing.**

City of Portsmouth College can make your dreams a reality by finding the right course for you. We have courses at all levels, that feature business principles at either our Highbury Campus or our dedicated Sixth Form Campus, both offering digitally equipped classrooms, a virtual learning environment and wonderful facilities. Our lecturers have extensive commercial experience, and we maintain close links with employers, universities, industry and professional bodies to ensure you have the knowledge and skill set required to succeed in this fast paced and exciting sector.

Varied units of work are covered including business strategy, finance, people management, HR and many more, as well as maths and English skills, allowing you to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable functional skills if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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1	<b>Pathway</b> Business	3	<b>A Level</b> Business
2	<b>Level 2 Technical Certificate</b> Business Administration and Marketing	3	<b>A Level</b> Economics
3	<b>T Level - NEW COURSE!</b> Accounting	2	<b>CTEC Certificate</b> Business
3	<b>T Level - NEW COURSE!</b> Finance	3	<b>CTEC Cert/Extended Cert</b> Business
3	<b>T Level - NEW COURSE!</b> Legal Services	3	<b>BTEC Cert/Extended Cert</b> Marketing
3	<b>T Level - NEW COURSE!</b> Management and Administration Business		
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**Learn  
integral skills**  
for many  
industries



**Meet the  
professionals**  
in these courses



Take part in the  
**Enterprise  
Academy**  
and become an  
entrepreneur



**When I leave  
college, this course  
opens me up to  
loads of different  
opportunities. It's  
useful because  
you're not learning  
about one thing, it's  
a bit of everything to  
do with business.**

**STUDENT**

**Mia Harfield**

**Studying:** Level 3 Business

**Future plans:** : Go onto university or  
get an apprenticeship in Business.



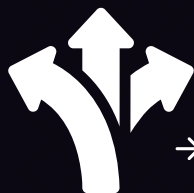
**See what courses are on offer for Business at:**

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**Exciting job options in the Business sector**

- **Business Analyst**  
Evaluate current business practice and make suggestions for improvement.

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- **Marketing**  
Create ground-breaking campaigns to sell products and services in multiple industries.

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- **Account Administrator**  
Look after a business's customers and clients and manage the relationship for improved business success.

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- **Entrepreneurship**  
Create your own bustling business.

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- **Finance & Accounting**  
All money matters relating to a business.

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# Carpentry & Joinery

**Carpentry is a highly respected trade and has been used in construction for many centuries. The work involves using natural materials such as wood and timber to create property framing, custom pieces, staircases, furniture and even boats.**



As a carpenter you could be installing doors, floors, and furniture in new builds, or renovating or refitting existing structures, or be commissioned to create a customer storage solution for a client. The work can be very varied, creative, and rewarding.

Our carpentry and joinery courses are based at our North Harbour Campus, which is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry-standard workshops and realistic working environments. Alongside their programmes, students at City of Portsmouth College are also encouraged to use their skills to contribute to the local community.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

### What courses are on offer...

#### NORTH HARBOUR CAMPUS

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Attend  
**UK Construction  
Week and  
Timber Expo**



**£30,000**  
average  
UK salary



Brand new  
**T Level**  
available!



**I always wanted  
to get a job as a  
carpenter and this  
college has helped  
me to get that job.**

**STUDENT**

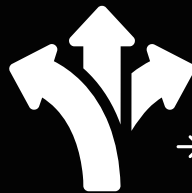
**Ruben Hutchinson**  
Studying: Level 2 Carpentry



**See what courses are on offer for Carpentry & Joinery at:**

**North Harbour Campus**

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**Exciting job options in the Carpentry & Joinery sector**

- **Joiner**  
Work with timber to create structures found in many building types.

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- **Kitchen fitter**  
Measure a space, craft and assemble kitchen units into a building.

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- **Shop fitter**  
Transform a commercial property with built-in fixtures and features.

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# Catering

**The catering industry is a fast paced and exciting environment to work in, showcasing your talents and often working as part of a close-knit team, producing memorable culinary dishes and dining experiences for customers.**

At City of Portsmouth College, you will gain the experience and skills needed to make your mark on the industry and create a fulfilling career.

You will be taught by highly qualified staff at Highbury Campus and have the opportunity to showcase your skills at College events such as The Creative Festival and enter local and national competitions, including WorldSkills and the Wessex Salon Culinare. You will also have exposure to industry experts such as Major International.

You will learn all aspects of practical catering, from basic cookery through to menu planning, customer service and presentation skills. All our courses teach you about food production and service, the principles of healthy eating and nutrition, health and safety, and job opportunities in the sector.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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Dedicated and  
**state-of-the-art**  
facilities



**Great career**  
for progression  
opportunities



**In demand**  
career choice!





STUDENT



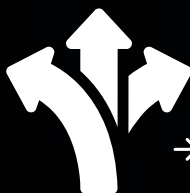
You get loads of different opportunities here. We were involved in a street market competition where you could do anything. We had fun doing it whilst also learning as well.

**Tallulah Stanley**  
Studying: Level 2 Catering

See what courses are on offer for Catering at:

**Highbury Campus**

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**Exciting job options in the Catering sector**

- **Pastry Chef**  
Design and create delicious treats including desserts, pastries and cakes for catering events and premises.
- **Food and Beverage Manager**  
Oversee the full operation and daily tasks of a food and beverage establishment.
- **Dietary Specialist**  
Assist and advise businesses on catering to different dietary requirements, such as vegan, gluten free and vegetarian.
- **Culinary Consultant**  
Provide expert advice and recommendations to catering businesses regarding menu design, kitchen setup, and culinary trends.
- **Chef/Cook**  
Prepare and create food for a variety of settings including restaurants, events or catering functions.

# Computing & IT

**Are you passionate about animation, digital graphics, web design, programming, or do you have an interest in hardware, switches, routers, and networking? Then a qualification in Computing and IT could be for you.**



At City of Portsmouth College, you'll be able to access our cutting-edge online learning environment, Alienware computer suites and networking environment.

All our courses teach analytical reasoning and creative problem solving, an understanding of the industry and job opportunities. Our facilities include Alienware computer suites, a full software suite and a Linux development suite. Our tutors are highly qualified and have a wealth of experience in a wide range of fields, including computer networking, software development, web design, multimedia, and systems support.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**Great pay**  
opportunities



**Number 1**  
sector in Europe



**Brand New**  
T Level on offer



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STUDENT

I chose Computer Science because I want to go into forensic computing, and I need to learn coding. The course will help me get there.

**Jack Butt**  
Studying: A Level Computer Science

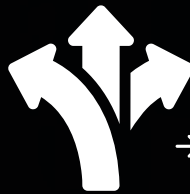
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**Exciting job options in the Computing & IT sector**

- **Web Developer**  
Create and code websites and phone apps to a brief and to suit their purpose.
- **UX Designer**  
Design user interfaces and user experiences for software applications and websites.
- **IT Consultant**  
Provide expert advice to businesses on their IT needs and strategies.
- **IT Support**  
Provide technical assistance and support to users and staff at organisations.
- **Games Developer**  
Design, develop, and test video games for various platforms.



# Construction Skills & Property Maintenance

**This important sector covers all aspects of property construction and maintenance, equipping learners with a full range of skills to build properties to a high standard and to code, maintaining buildings to keep them weathertight and conducting repairs ensuring they are fit for inhabitation.**



## Construction Skills & Property Maintenance

The sector offers a variety of pathways depending on your skill level, area of interest and expertise, with rewarding hands-on careers.

You could be working on multiple property types such as housing, healthcare, social care, hospitality, education, commercial properties, leisure and retail, covering public and private sector buildings. Careers in the sector require an attention to detail, and an aspiration to work to deadlines, providing a high level of workmanship, with care to clients and customers.

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**266,000**

additional construction workers will be required to meet UK construction demands by 2026



**35%**

of construction trades are self-employed



**2.69 million**

construction workers in the UK



I like the fact I get to do a bit of everything, I don't just do one thing. It's good to see what the other trades are like to see where you want to go.



**STUDENT**

**George Osgood**

Studying: Level 1 Construction Skills (Multi-Trades)



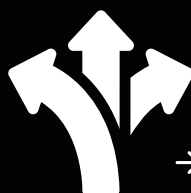
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**Exciting job options in the Construction Skills & Property Maintenance sector**

- **Contractor**  
Look after construction tasks from start to finish, work to budgets and timescales with multiple other trades on site

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- **Roofer**  
Install, repair, and maintain roofs on residential and commercial buildings.

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- **Property Maintenance Technician**  
Be responsible for performing routine maintenance and repairs on residential or commercial properties.

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- **Demolition Specialist**  
Safely remove or take down structures often using heavy machinery.

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- **Quantity Surveyor**  
Manage the cost and budget of construction projects, estimating materials, labour, and other expenses.

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# Education & Early Years

**Working with children in an early years setting can be an incredibly rewarding career choice and our courses can prepare you to excel and grow in this lively and engaging sector.**



These courses are for individuals that are caring, patient and compassionate, and who want a rewarding career helping children and their families.

Our facilities are specifically designed to replicate realistic work environments, which include a simulated nursery that is also used by preschool children. Work placements are a vital part of all courses and are tailored to meet the needs of individual students.

As a result, placements require a full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Staff have extensive vocational expertise and a thorough knowledge of current methods and legislation.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required

## What courses are on offer...

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**1.27 million**  
childcare places  
provided across  
England



**Honeypot  
Nursery**  
COPC's on-site  
childcare facility



**£25,000 –  
£58,000**  
average  
UK salary





STUDENT



I enjoy that it's a mixture of exam work, coursework, and practical placements. I really enjoy learning as I go and getting the skills necessary for the job. It builds up your confidence for when you go into the field.

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**Lalana Parker**

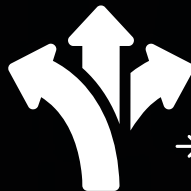
**Studying:** Level 3 Childcare & Early Years

**Future plans:** To work with SEND children.

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**Exciting job options in the Education & Early Years sector**

- **Nanny**  
Become a dedicated in-home based carer for a child or children. Often becoming part of the family and looking after all daily needs of the child.

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- **Primary School Teacher**  
Help young people to learn and develop essential skills through play and socialisation and monitor their progress.

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- **Childcare Assistant**  
Look after, teach and be a great role model for young children in childcare and nursery settings.

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- **Paediatric Nurse**  
Work with children and their families in medical settings such as hospitals providing care and managing medicines.

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# Electrical

**Electricians supply buildings with the energy needed to light rooms, heat water, and operate devices. They engage in the installation, examination, and assessment of electrical circuits, ensuring their safe operation.**

This is a highly skilled trade working with live electricity to provide power to buildings of all kinds, including essential services such as hospitals, traffic signals and even renewable energy power farms.

Electricity is everywhere and a vital lifeline for many, so your skills will always be in demand, and you will be paid favourably for them. Your career path can also be a varied one depending on your personal strengths and choice of direction.

Our courses cover everything you need to know about the electrical industry. Our qualifications have been developed by the top awarding bodies, including City & Guilds and EAL, the Sector Skills Council and the Industry Training Board for the construction industry.

You will learn at our North Harbour Campus, which is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry standard workshops and realistic working environments. Alongside their programmes, students at City of Portsmouth College are encouraged to use their skills to contribute to the local community.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**Realistic and fully equipped**  
campus for learning



Electricians are known as  
**“king of the trades”**



**£30,444**  
average  
UK salary



**I really enjoy the course. The lecturers have been helpful, and the resources and facilities are great. The location is also good for train connections, it's really easy access.**

**STUDENT**

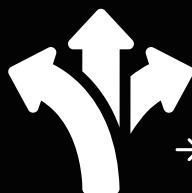
**Thomas Hull**  
Studying: Level 2 Electrical Installation



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**Exciting job options in the Electrical sector**

- **Electrical Engineer**  
Design, develop, and test electrical systems, components, and devices.

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- **Commercial Electrician**  
Work on electrical systems in commercial buildings, offices and other non-residential settings, ensuring its business as usual!

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- **Electric Vehicle Technician**  
Focus on the maintenance and repair of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, keeping the vehicles going.

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- **Lineworker**  
Work on overhead power lines, installing and maintaining electrical distribution and transmission systems.

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# Engineering

**Engineering plays a prominent role in all aspects of our daily lives, whether it's extracting resources from beneath the ocean floor, crafting environmentally conscious engines, innovative medical devices, or promoting sustainable construction practices, the range of careers is endless.**



Our courses cover a wide range of subjects, such as civil engineering, surveying, project management, Computer Aided Design (CAD), manufacturing, and electronics. You'll delve into both hands-on and theoretical aspects of construction before choosing your specialised area of study.

Within our state-of-the-art facilities, you'll have the opportunity to work with cutting-edge training systems in fully equipped workshops and CAD suites, providing a modern and dynamic learning environment.

All our tutors have worked in the industry and bring with them skills and expertise from a variety of disciplines.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

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workers in  
the UK



All of my teachers  
are good and they  
really care. They  
help you when  
you need help. If  
you want to be an  
engineer, this course  
is a good place to  
start.

**STUDENT**

**Alexandru Lucan**  
Studying: Level 3 Manufacturing and Engineering



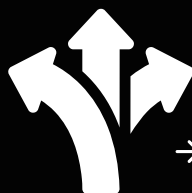
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### Exciting job options in the Engineering sector

- **Civil Engineer**  
Work on the design, construction, and maintenance of infrastructure projects, including roads and buildings.

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- **Urban Planner**  
Design and manage urban spaces to create sustainable and liveable communities.

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- **Robotics Engineer**  
Create robots and automated systems for various industries, from manufacturing to healthcare.

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- **Biomedical Engineer**  
Create medical equipment and devices, merging engineering principles with healthcare.

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- **Software Engineer**  
Develop software applications, systems, and solutions for a variety of industries.

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# English

**Our English courses teach you to develop outstanding communication by learning the principles of problem-solving and analytical, critical thinking, through tailored units of work.**

English Language is an excellent opportunity to improve your ability to analyse language, produce coherent and effective arguments and write creatively. Encompassing a broad range of text and ideas, English Literature provides a unique opportunity to hone your skills of analysis and argument, as well as challenging you to question your own ideas and those of others. You can delve deeper into the English Language, challenging your perception of well-known texts and interpret the meaning. A traditional, academic subject, it's highly regarded by leading universities. Combining English Language and Literature is great if you enjoy reading acclaimed literature and are keen to learn more about how writers create their imaginative worlds. It also helps develop your analysis and creative skills.

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**Highly transferable**  
qualification



Study the **business language**  
of the world



Take part in **“you speak”**  
debating  
competition!





STUDENT



I enjoy this course because of the teaching style and the way that it's structured. I find it very easy to learn in that way, the content is very interesting.

**Melissa Willett**

Studying: A level English Language

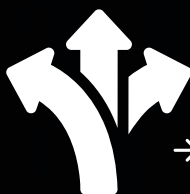
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**Exciting job options in the English sector**

- **English Language Teacher**  
Educate students in grammar, vocabulary, reading, writing, and language skills.
- **Editor**  
Review and revise written content for clarity and style for publication.
- **Book Reviewer**  
Read and analyse books to offer insights and opinions in blogs or other online platforms.
- **Freelance Writer**  
Work independently to write content for various publications and clients, including websites and press releases.
- **Scriptwriter**  
Write scripts for television shows, films, radio programs, and theatre productions.

# Foundation Pathways

**If you didn't get the results you wanted at school and feel like you're not achieving your full potential, it's not too late; our foundation pathways courses could be the perfect next step to get you on the path to success.**



At City of Portsmouth College, we offer a range of Level 1 study programmes, including business, IT, sport, childcare and art & design. Our experienced teachers give you the time you need to build your confidence and self-esteem so that you feel ready to progress.

You'll have the chance to work with others on community projects and you'll develop practical job search and interview skills. We'll also help you to identify future opportunities both at College and in employment. Each course also includes maths, English, work experience and employability skills, which will help you achieve your future career goals.

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# Foundation Prospects, Special Education Needs & Disabilities SEND

**Our programmes are designed for students with learning difficulties and disabilities. The courses focus on what they can achieve, helping to improve their confidence and life chances.**

Our students learn by doing. Real-life activities include working within our own enterprises, becoming independent travellers and gaining employability skills through our partnerships with local employers. Our students succeed at an amazing pace and gain the skills and confidence to move on to interesting lives outside of the College.

Our programmes offer a range of nationally accredited qualifications that recognise achievement and development of skills, knowledge and attitudes in preparation for progression in life and work. Full support is always available, ensuring that these placements are safe, enjoyable and beneficial experiences for our students.

While on the programme, students will experience a range of opportunities including educational visits, social events and our annual residential trip for Foundation Prospects students.

## What courses are on offer...

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# **Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Therapy**

**When you join a Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy course at City of Portsmouth College, you will gain hands-on experience using industry relevant equipment, in a fully equipped training salon. Our staff are highly experienced in all areas of hair and beauty and you will benefit from learning with blended methods including practical, theory based work and online sessions.**

Located at our Highbury Campus, Eden Salon is a state-of-the-art facility which is open to the public and where you will train whilst at college. This wonderful facility will prepare you for the workplace once you gain your qualifications and it will introduce you to industry professionals, as we regularly welcome visits from guest speakers showcasing new products and techniques.

In addition to your daily study, you can benefit from visiting exhibitions, training academies and product launches. In addition, you're encouraged to enter competitions, including WorldSkills and our annual Hairdressing and Make-up Show, which allows you to showcase your work at regional and national levels. All our courses include presentation and business skills, customer service and health and safety. You will also study employability and enterprise skills. Depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

### What courses are on offer...

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Attend **Salon International**  
at Excel London



Industry trips to  
**Dermalogica** and  
**Champneys**



**Wonderful**  
career choice  
for self-employment





STUDENT



I loved college, the teachers are the best! I regularly offer students work experience placements in the salon I work in and love helping them develop their skills and grow their confidence.

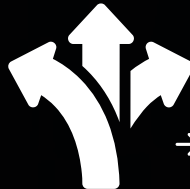
**Jess Kennelly**

Studied: Hair Professional Apprenticeship

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Exciting job options in the **Hairdressing and Beauty sector**

- **Barber**  
Specialise in men's grooming, offering haircuts, beard trims, and facial grooming services .
- **Bridal Makeup Artist**  
Specialise in creating stunning looks for brides and bridal parties on their wedding day.
- **Massage Therapist**  
Offer various types of massages to promote relaxation and address specific health concerns, with expert anatomical knowledge.

# Health & Social Care

**If you are kind, considerate and patient and feel that you can make a big difference to someone's quality of life, then a career within health and social care could suit you well.**



A skillset of great communication, an empathetic persona, good physical strength, and a strong work ethic will set you up for success in this industry. Establishments are often on the lookout for candidates to support and maintain a patient's independence with care and dignity, and a quality candidate with these skills will be very sought-after, in turn providing you with great job security.

At City of Portsmouth College, you'll be able to study in simulated residential and hospital ward environments.

Work placements are a vital part of all courses and are tailored to meet the needs of individual students.

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**Rewarding**  
career choice



The NHS is the  
**UK's largest**  
**employer** with 1.5  
million employees



**94% of nursing**  
**graduates**  
find a job within 6  
months of graduating



**I like that it's a mix of theory, practical and science. This course helps you a lot for the future, it's really rewarding and gives you a taste of what the real work is like.**

**STUDENT**

**Elouise Matthews**  
Studying: Level 3 T Level in Health & Nursing



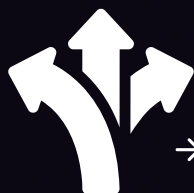
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**Exciting job options in the Health & Social Care sector**

- **Registered Nurse**  
Assess and identify a patient's needs and implement and monitor their treatment.

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- **Medical Social Worker**  
Support patients and families to navigate the challenges of illness, injury, and healthcare.

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- **Mental Health Counsellor**  
Provide support to individuals dealing with mental health challenges to help bring about effective change.

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- **Public Health Educator**  
Promote health and wellness within a community by creating educational programmes.

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- **Substance Abuse Counsellor**  
Support individuals struggling with addiction, helping them to develop coping skills via counselling sessions.

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# Humanities

**Humanities offers a wide spectrum of study, encompassing all aspects of human society and culture, with law and religion, politics, past civilisations and geography all falling under its umbrella. Humanities courses provide an excellent pathway in to study at University and a vast number of career choices.**

You could explore the worlds of ancient Greece and Rome with classical civilisation or opt for geography or history, both highly regarded by top universities as facilitating subjects.

Law, politics or philosophy, religion and ethics are similarly well-regarded and will stand you in good stead for future academic studies.

We offer a Level 3 alternative in applied law as well as an extended project qualification option, a self-study programme providing you with the enhanced skills so desired by universities.

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The humanities help us **understand others** through their languages, histories and cultures



**Varied career options available**



Become an **expert critical thinker**





STUDENT



There is a lot of good resources at this college and there's always something extra for you to do. There's always someone to help support you and help you to succeed.

**Tyreece Okine**

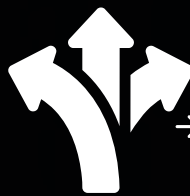
Studying: Humanities

Future plans: To become a commercial pilot

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### Exciting job options in the Humanities sector

- **Archivist**  
Preserve, manage, and catalogue historical documents, records, and artefacts in archives to be used in research and education.
- **Museum Curator**  
Oversee and manage collections, exhibitions, and educational programmes housed in museums.
- **Solicitor / Barrister**  
Represent a client throughout a court case, providing them with legal services and advice.
- **Academic Professor**  
Teach and conduct research in universities, shaping the next generation's understanding of humanities.
- **Civil Service / Politics**  
Analyse policy options, manage government contracts and provide frontline support for people accessing public services.



# Languages

**Widen your vocabulary, enhance your European travel or gain valuable skills to open up your resume to European or global businesses with a language qualification.**





French is a major language of international communication and proficiency is essential for anyone considering a career in any global or European organisation or business. German is also an excellent language to learn as Germany has the biggest economy in Europe and the fourth largest worldwide. It's also the fifth largest internet domain in the world, with 5.8% of all websites being written in German.

A popular and accessible language, Spanish is spoken by 400 million people around the world. This represents around 6% of the world population, ranking just ahead of English.

### What courses are on offer...

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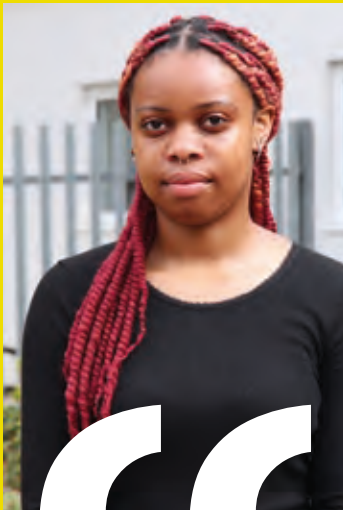
Opportunity to **volunteer** through the National Citizenship Service



Spanish is spoken by **400 million people** around the world as their native language



**Secondary languages** are highly respected in the workplace



I love the variety of topics we have. We go from astronomy to history in Spain or Latin America so you can explore different countries and how the language varies.

**STUDENT**

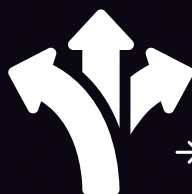
**Maria Bopamakole**  
Studying: Spanish



See what courses are on offer for Languages at:

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### Exciting job options in the Language sector

- **Translator**  
Convert written content from one language to another while preserving meaning and nuance.
- **Interpreter**  
Convert speech from one language to another, facilitating communication between groups who speak different languages.
- **Localisation Specialist**  
Adapt content and products to specific cultures and languages, ensuring their relevance.
- **Foreign Language Correspondent**  
Report on international news, providing insights into events to non-native speakers.
- **Language Data Analyst**  
Analyse linguistic data and patterns to improve language processing tools and technologies.



# Mathematics

**Maths is an essential subject for all areas of life as well as a vast number of career choices, and a qualification in this subject area is highly respected and desired by many employers.**

Maths, Further Maths and Statistics A Levels are all facilitating subjects at university. They underpin the skills required in many higher level university courses. Further Maths can be taken in addition to A Level Maths, for students who are considering a career linked to mathematics, physics, engineering or computing.

An A Level in Statistics would benefit students who are interested in data analysis and thinking of studying social sciences or economics.

Students who have not yet achieved a grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics can further their skills by taking Level 1 Functional Skills or GCSE Mathematics.

### What courses are on offer...

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An essential skill for a **huge number of careers**



Combine **Maths A Levels** with some of your other favourite subjects



Wide variety of **salary options** available





STUDENT

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I think Core Maths is really interesting. It's very different from GCSE Maths, and you get to learn about real world maths. It will be able to help you out with any career.

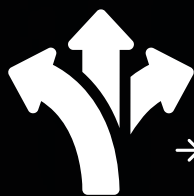
**Lucy Brazier**

Studying: Level 3 Certificate Core Maths

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### Exciting job options in the Maths sector

- **Cryptographer**  
Write the essential code used for data security by using ciphers and algorithms.
- **Economist**  
Analyse financial data and market trends to build forecasts and economic models.
- **Environmental Analyst**  
Collect and analysing weather data, water and soil samples to study climate trends.
- **Astrophysicist**  
Study the universe, its phenomena and events using mathematical models and calculations.
- **Forensics Accountant**  
Investigate financial discrepancies and inaccuracies, often helping to minimise fraudulent activities.



# Media, TV & Film

**Becoming a student studying media film and tv can be an exciting journey of creativity, providing you with the perfect platform to grow in your chosen field and giving you endless opportunities to work on exciting projects and for some highly recognised and respected companies.**



Our graduates find themselves in many jobs across the media landscape, holding positions in companies such as The BBC, Global Media, ITV News, Sky and various radio stations, as well as some of the UK's top universities. Your possibilities are exciting and endless!

While you study here at City of Portsmouth College, you might find yourself making TV shows, short films, radio broadcasts, unique stop-motion animations, movie previews, music videos, websites and even content for social media. This progressive curriculum will prepare you with all the up-to-date knowledge and confidence needed to shine in the industry.

You may also have the chance to work with local radio station Express FM. That means you can combine your study with real, valuable work experience to ensure that you have all the skills that universities and employer's demand.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**Great industry links**  
around Portsmouth



**Opportunity**  
to work with  
Express FM



**Leading market**  
for film in the UK



I'm really enjoying it. It's a really varied course, looking at lots of areas of the media industry within moving image. It lets you pick an area and learn a range of different skills and hand on experiences.

**STUDENT**

**Gareth Boyes**  
Studying: Level 3 Digital Media



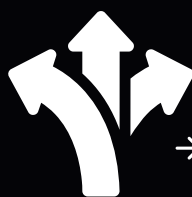
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**Highbury Campus**

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**Exciting job options in the Media, TV & Film sector**

- **Director**  
Responsible for the overall creative process to bring a movie or TV show to life, overseeing all aspects of production.

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- **Editor**  
Assemble all the footage to shape the story and create an engaging final product.

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- **Online News Producer**  
Publish and curate news stories for online platforms.

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- **Film Critic/Journalist**  
Provide insights, reviews, and analysis of films, TV shows, and industry trends.

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- **Podcast Producer**  
Oversee all aspects of a podcast's creation, from scripting to distribution.

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# Painting & Decorating

**Painters and decorators help to bring a plain space to life with colour. They undertake prep work and apply paint to the interior and exterior of a building to protect it and to enhance its appearance.**

As a painter or decorator, your skills will be in high demand and will provide a competitive salary. You could play a key role in transforming residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, or specialise in heritage projects, helping to preserve the beauty and architectural detail of the past.

The average salary scale in this sector ranges from £17,000 to £50,000, so it's a wonderful career choice to work your way up and become an expert in your field. It is also a very sought-after trade, meaning you will never be short of work opportunities, including starting your own bustling business.

At City of Portsmouth College, you will learn at our North Harbour Campus, which is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry standard workshops and realistic working environments.

Alongside your programme, you will be encouraged to use your skills to contribute to the local community.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

### What courses are on offer...

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Painting has been around for over **30,000 years!**



Taught at our **fully equipped** construction focussed campus



**Attention to detail** is a must in this career





All my brothers came here. I really enjoy painting and being artistic and I get to do that here. It's nice to be able to do what you want to do and not worry about being the only girl and I've learnt a lot of new things. My tutors are amazing. They listen and take the time to show you everything.

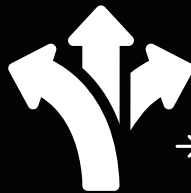
**Isabelle Weedon**

Studying: Level 1 Diploma  
Painting & Decorating

**See what courses are on offer for Painting & Decorating at:**

**North Harbour Campus**

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### **Exciting job options in the Painting & Decorating sector**

- **Decorative Painter**  
Specialise in creating intricate designs and murals on walls, ceilings and other surfaces, making a real impact!
- **Eco-Friendly Painter**  
Specialise in environmentally friendly paints and coatings that have minimal impact on the environment and wildlife.
- **Professional Painter**  
Apply paints, stains, and finishes to walls, ceilings, and other surfaces, often in residential buildings.
- **Colour Consultant**  
Select paint colours, finishes, and colour schemes for a client that complement the aesthetics of a space.
- **Commercial Painter**  
Work on painting projects for commercial properties such as offices, retail spaces, and hospitality establishments.





# Performing Arts & Music

**The performing arts and music sectors are a vibrant and exciting area of study, providing you with a wonderful platform to build your confidence. Learn to work well as a team and strengthen your performance style with theory and practical assessments.**





If you're already confident in one of the core disciplines of acting and dance and want to develop your ability in the other, then a Level 3 in performing arts is for you. For training in a variety of genres and style including contemporary and jazz, choose Level 3 dance, designed for those who wish to explore and develop their technique, choreography, live performance skills and appreciation of dance.

Music performance is for students who play an instrument and/or sing, enabling you to develop as a solo performer as well as contributing to group performances, while with music technology you can nurture your creative flair at the same time as learning about the music industry.

## What courses are on offer...

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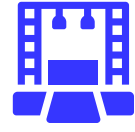
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See your name  
**up in lights**  
or in the credits!



**One of  
England's  
best known**  
and respected  
industries



**Dedicated  
studio theatre**  
at our Sixth Form  
Campus





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This course has helped me grow in confidence, which has helped me in my other A Levels too. It gives a bit of variety from the other A Levels which I think is great for mental health.

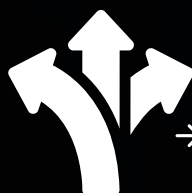
**Ella Grant**  
Studying: Level 3 BTEC Dance



See what courses are on offer for **Performing Arts & Music** courses at:

**Sixth Form Campus**

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### Exciting job options in the **Performing Arts & Music** sector

- **Actor/Actress**  
Bring dazzling characters to life on stage, in film, or on television.
- **Composer**  
Create original music for film scores, video game soundtracks, and orchestral compositions.
- **Voice Actor**  
Provide voices for characters in animation and video games giving the characters a real personality.
- **Music Therapist**  
Use music to address physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges, promoting well-being in clients.
- **Music Producer**  
Oversee the creation and recording stages of music, working with artists to develop their sound and arrange compositions.

# Pharmacy

**Pharmacy technicians prepare and supply medicines for prescriptions, under the supervision of a pharmacist, providing vital support for the team.**



Pharmacy technicians are expected to communicate effectively with healthcare professionals, patients and the public, while respecting and maintaining confidentiality and privacy. You could work in community services, justice (the Prison Service), GP practices, dispensing doctors' practices, care homes and clinical commissioning groups, mental health, defence and within the pharmaceutical industry. You will be responsible for preparing the correct dosage, ordering medicines and providing knowledgeable advice to patients, with great discretion and professionalism.

## What courses are on offer...

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Average salary  
**£25,000 -  
£30,600**  
as a qualified  
Pharmacy  
Technician



Work in a  
**hospital or  
primary care  
facility**  
with your  
apprenticeship



**Earn**  
while you learn!



**I like my apprenticeship  
because it gives you  
the opportunity to go  
into college and also  
learn on site.**

**STUDENT**

**Farhana Begum**

**Studying:** Level 3 Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Standard

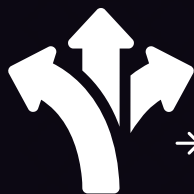
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See what courses are on offer for Pharmacy at:

**Highbury Campus**

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### Exciting job options in the Pharmacy sector

- **Clinical Pharmacist**  
Work in hospitals and clinics to conduct medication reviews and provide specialised clinical services.
- **Pharmacy Educator**  
Teach and train future pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in academic institutions.
- **Pharmacy Researcher**  
Focus on exploring new drug compounds, drug interactions, and therapeutic approaches.
- **Pharmaceutical Scientist**  
Research and develop new medications, conduct clinical trials and contribute to medical advancements.
- **Regulatory Affairs Specialist**  
Ensure that pharmaceutical products meet regulatory requirements and are safe for distribution and use.

# Plastering

**Plasterers are key players on construction sites, responsible for giving walls and ceilings a sleek and smooth finish in preparation for decorating. A plasterer can also specialise in creating intricate details and plaster designs for period properties and renovations.**



These include decorative ceiling roses and stylish cornices, made by blending plaster with short fibres, and shaping them using moulds and casts, mixing art with construction!

There is no better place to learn than at our North Harbour Campus, which is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry-standard workshops and realistic working environments.

Alongside their programmes, students at City of Portsmouth College are encouraged to use their skills to make a contribution to the local community.

We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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## Plastering



The ancient Egyptians were **masters at plastering** which has lasted 4000 years



**Great career option**  
to run your own business



**Apprenticeships often offered**  
in this field of work





STUDENT

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I've always wanted to do plastering ever since I was little. It's a very interesting course and the experience I'm getting here will help me further on in life.

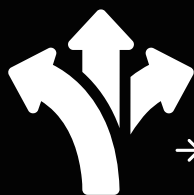
**Bobby Jeal**

Studying: Level 1 Diploma in Plastering

**See what courses are on offer for Plastering at :**

**North Harbour Campus**

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### Exciting job options in the Plastering sector

- **Plasterer**  
Apply plaster or other materials to walls, ceilings, and structures to create a smooth and finished surface ready for painting.

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- **Plaster Sculptor**  
Create three-dimensional sculptures using plaster for highly decorative spaces.

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- **Stucco Applicator**  
Work with stucco, a plaster-like material, to create textured and weather-resistant exterior finishes on buildings and structures.

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- **Plaster Mould Maker**  
Create moulds used in casting materials like concrete, ceramics, and metal.

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- **Parging Specialist**  
Apply a thin coat of plaster to the outside surfaces of walls to improve the look and protect against weathering, and enhance insulation.

# Plumbing & Gas

**As one of the top providers of plumbing and gas training in the country, we offer flexible, hands-on courses that develop the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in this exciting and expanding sector.**

Our courses cover everything you need to know about the plumbing and gas industry.

Our qualifications have been developed by the top awarding bodies, including City & Guilds, BPEC and EAL, the Sector Skills Council and the Industry Training Board for the construction industry.

You'll learn at our North Harbour Campus, one of the largest facilities of its kind in the South East, with industry standard workshops and realistic working environments. Our North Harbour Campus stands out from other training providers as it is equipped to deliver courses with 'live systems' in sustainable technologies.

## What courses are on offer...

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The word 'plumbing' originates from 'plumbum', **Latin for lead**



Millions of homes in the UK are **heated by gas boilers** and will continue to be well beyond 2025 when new build legislation comes in



Famed video game icons **Mario and Luigi** are actually plumbers





STUDENT



My courses are very interesting and I'm learning new skills. Now I can fit whole bathrooms and kitchens with my tiling qualification that I also did at North Harbour.

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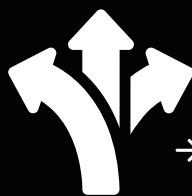
**Molly Wells**

Studying: Level 1 and 2 Diploma  
in Wall & Floor Tiling

**See what courses are on offer for Plumbing & Gas at:**

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### Exciting job options in the Plumbing & Gas sector

- **Plumber**  
Install, repair, and maintain plumbing systems, including pipes and drains, to ensure proper water distribution and waste removal.

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- **Gas Fitter**  
Work with gas lines, installing, repairing, and maintaining gas appliances, boilers, and heating systems.

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- **Renewable Gas Engineer**  
Work on developing and implementing technologies that produce gas from renewable sources like biomass and waste.

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- **Green Plumbing Consultant**  
Advise on environmentally friendly plumbing practices and systems that conserve water and energy.

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# Prince's Trust

**Get free support to develop the skills and confidence you need to find a job or start a business and get into training or volunteering.**





Every young person should have the chance to succeed.

We know how hard it can be to get started in life. Whatever challenges you're facing, if you're aged 16 to 25, the Prince's Trust is here for you.

You've got what it takes to gain the confidence and skills to get a job. But sometimes it takes that first step, and we're here to help.

We've got your back through even the most difficult of times.

A million young people have started something with the Prince's Trust – becoming health workers, sports coaches, youth workers, fashion designers, builders and business owners. Could you be next?

Whether you're looking to build your confidence, need help getting a job or want support to start a business, we have support and resources for you. Start something with the Prince's Trust today.

[princes-trust.org.uk](http://princes-trust.org.uk)



Prince's Trust

## What courses are on offer...

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**Entry 3, Level 1 & 2**  
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# Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

**Refrigeration, Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Engineering Technicians are responsible for heating and cooling systems in a broad range of business activities including food production, product distribution, retail storage and display, transport and office climate control, manufacturing processes, IT/datacentres and medical/healthcare services.**



As a refrigeration and air conditioning technician, you will be in high demand for a huge variety of locations with your specialist knowledge and skill. This is an emerging sector in the UK with the interest in home air conditioning systems growing with the rising cost of Gas. You will become an expert working with ventilation systems and ductwork, you will learn to service these systems in use and prolong their life span and you may even choose to work with renewable energy facilities at tidal, solar and geothermal energy plants.

### What courses are on offer...

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The first air conditioner was **invented by Willis Carrier in 1902**  
- to dry ink



**Albert Einstein**  
co-invented the refrigerator



Heat pumps are **three times**  
as efficient  
as gas boilers

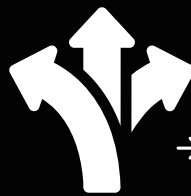




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Exciting job options in the Refrigeration & Air Conditioning sector

- **HVAC Engineer**  
Design and implement systems that control temperature, humidity, and air quality in buildings.
- **Energy Efficiency Consultant**  
Analyse and recommend energy-saving solutions for different systems, helping reduce costs.
- **Heat Pump Technician**  
Install and maintain systems that provide both heating and cooling.
- **Refrigeration Technician**  
Install, maintain, and repair refrigeration systems used in commercial, industrial, and residential settings.
- **Indoor Air Quality Specialist**  
Assess and improve the quality of air in buildings, ensuring the health and comfort of occupants.

# Science

**Enhance your understanding of the world and the way it works by studying a science subject.**

In great demand by employers and those in higher education, you'll find you can progress into a wide range of career paths including medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering and biomedical.

Biology is the natural science that studies life and living organisms, chemistry is the study of matter and the chemical reactions between substances and physics enables you to apply your understanding of the laws of physics to solve problems on wide-ranging topics.

We also offer a Level 3 qualification in medical science, which focuses on the anatomy of the human body, diagnosing medical illnesses and outlining how these are treated. It's ideally suited for those wishing to work in the healthcare industry or in pathology labs and quality control facilities.

## What courses are on offer...

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**£37,500**  
average salary  
in the chemistry  
sector



Regular field visits to  
**universities  
and labs** for  
practical learning  
opportunities



Opportunity to visit  
**The Hadron  
Collider**  
in Switzerland with  
our Physics course







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Studying here you have great teachers and facilities. We have some great equipment that allows us to see some of the really interesting practical elements of the course.

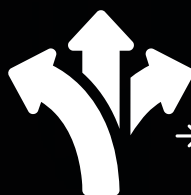
**Alexander Lane**

Studying: Chemistry A Level

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### Exciting job options in the Science sector

- **Climate scientist**  
Investigate the impact of human activities on the global climate and contribute towards climate policy.
- **Ecologist**  
Study the relationship between plants, animals, and the environment.
- **Astrophysicist**  
Study space to deepen our understanding of the universe's origins and evolution.
- **Wildlife Biologist**  
Study wildlife to make a difference in their conservation and protecting their ecosystems.
- **Data Scientist**  
Analyse raw data to turn it into meaningful information that can be used by clients.

# Social Science

**Social science is the study of people as individuals, communities and societies; their behaviours and interactions with each other and with their built, technological and natural environments.**

Social scientists work in business, the public sector and for charities. The knowledge, skills and ways of thinking that studying social science brings opens up a huge range of career opportunities – especially if you go on to degree level.

Whether you aspire to specialise in a technical discipline like coaching or sports science and medicine, apply your management and leadership skills to developing programmes and teams, work in one or multiple sports, this is an exciting community to be part of and there are many different career options available.

## What courses are on offer...

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Social Sciences are considered **'soft sciences'** as they use qualitative methods of analysis.



The term **'Sociology'** was coined by Auguste Comte.



David Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx and Max Weber are three principal **architects of modern Social Science.**



We're given the **independence we need** to study the course, but we also know that **extra support** will be provided for us if we need it.

**STUDENT**

**Livia Jeram**

Studying: Psychology

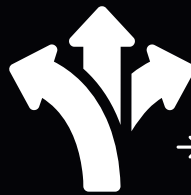
Future plans: Study Psychology at Southampton University



**See what courses are on offer for Social Science at:**

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### **Exciting job options in the Social Science sector**

- **Behaviour analyst**  
Work with individuals with development disorders or behavioural challenges to modify behaviour patterns.

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- **Criminal profiler**  
Work with law enforcement to identify patterns and consistencies in criminal behaviour.

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- **Psychologist**  
Study the human mind and provide therapy and counselling to individuals as well as developing appropriate treatments.

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- **Sociologist**  
Analyse social structures, institutions, and interactions to find out patterns and trends within society and culture.

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- **Criminologist**  
Study criminal behaviour and its causes in order to reduce or prevent it.

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# Sport

Ever since the introduction of Lottery Funding in 1997, high performance sport in Great Britain has gone through transformational change. There are around 1,000 high performance sport jobs spanning a range of organisations operating right across the UK.

These jobs range from National Governing Bodies, to the Home Nation Institutes of Sport, to central agencies like UK Sport, the British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association.

Whether you aspire to specialise in a technical discipline like coaching or sports science and medicine, apply your management and leadership skills to developing programmes and teams, work in one or multiple sports, this is an exciting community to be part of and there are many different career options available.

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Over 40 Summer and Winter Olympic and Paralympic sports now have established **World Class Programmes (WCPs)** in place.



There are around **1,000** high performance sport jobs spanning a range of organisations operating across the UK.



The European football market is now worth a record **£21.9bn.**





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I like the mix of practical and theory. I like joining with the other groups to play sports and I like the coursework when we get to do presentations. You're not just sat at a table all day, so it doesn't get boring.

**Calle Patterson**  
Studying: Level 3 Sport

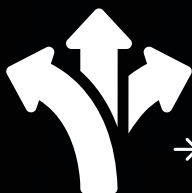
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**Exciting job options in the Sport sector**

- **Performance sports scientist**  
Use your knowledge of how the body works to help people improve their health or sporting ability.
- **Massage therapist**  
Manipulate clients' muscles and soft tissues, treat sports injuries and help people with health issues.
- **Health trainer**  
Promote healthy living and help people make healthier lifestyle choices.





# Teaching

**Have a life changing impact on the people you work with by becoming an apprentice teaching assistant. You will have the opportunity to start working in a classroom straight away, supporting students, making sure lessons run smoothly and leading smaller group activities. You will work very closely with students and often support the same ones long term.**

Typical tasks include:

- helping pupils with their learning
- running activities with small groups
- supporting individual students to overcome challenges, such as with reading, writing or confidence
- supporting students who have special educational needs and disabilities
- preparing the classroom with resources and displays.

After completion, you may progress to higher level teaching assistant roles and specialist teaching assistant roles.

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## Teaching



Many teaching assistants go on to become teachers – opening up a **world of opportunities**



Teachers of English for speakers of other languages can **work around the globe**



Inspirational teachers **stand out for everyone** – with life-changing effects

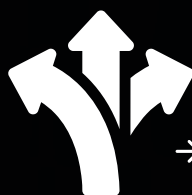




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**Exciting job options in the Teaching sector**

- **British Sign Language teacher**  
Teach sign language to children, young people and adults and teach other subjects using sign language.

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- **Outdoor activities instructor**  
Lead trips and teach skills in activities like hill walking, climbing, canoeing, skiing and snowboarding.

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- **Special educational needs teacher**  
Work with children and young people who have special educational needs or disabilities.



# Travel & Tourism

**Travel and tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. Staff with the right combination of business and customer service skills are in high demand.**





Taught by experienced lecturers and with many work experience opportunities included, these courses are the perfect stepping stone to a career in the travel sector.

You will have the opportunity to gain work experience with some of the region's leading organisations, including:

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- Portsmouth Guildhall
- University of Portsmouth Students' Union.

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We embed maths and English in all our lessons and depending on your current levels, you will have the chance to either improve your GCSE grades or gain valuable Functional Skills qualifications if required.

## What courses are on offer...

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**Travel the world,**  
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**10.4%**  
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The subject covers **many different sectors,** from food and beverages to adventure tourism.



**My studies gave me a great insight into the industry and the tutors have so much experience they were able to channel me in the direction I really wanted to go.**



**STUDENT**

**Stephie Zulu**

**Studying:** Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism

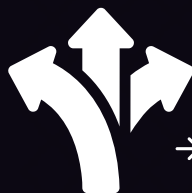




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**Exciting job options in the Travel & Tourism sector**

- **Airline customer service agent**  
Make sure passengers and their luggage safely board the right aircraft at the right time.

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- **Heritage officer**  
Help to take care of buildings, monuments and places valued for their cultural and historical importance.

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- **Tour manager**  
Manage the travel arrangements of holidaymakers and business clients to make sure their trips run smoothly.

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# Uniformed Protective Services

**If you love the great outdoors and like to challenge yourself physically, then why not consider a career in the uniformed protective services?**

Opting for a Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Public Services is a great introduction, while a physically demanding Level 3 qualification in uniformed protective services is valued by the police, emergency services and the armed forces, as well as by universities.

If you know where your career choice lies, you can also choose between an armed forces or blue light pathway to run alongside your studies.

### What courses are on offer...

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**Join the Royal Navy**

and benefit from free gym, sports, subsidised accommodation and meals as well as help to get on the housing ladder and a great pension



**£31,506**  
average UK salary  
for protective  
service officers



Ideal if your career goal is to join **the military, emergency services, police, ambulance, fire or prison services**





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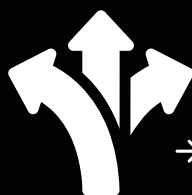
**Maddie Threapleton**

Studying: Level 3 Uniformed Protective Services

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**Exciting job options in the Uniformed Protective Services sector**

- **Aid Worker**  
Help people in overseas countries affected by man-made and natural disasters like wars, outbreaks of disease and earthquakes.
- **Coastguard**  
Prevent the loss of life along the coast and at sea by co-ordinating and supporting search and rescue operations.
- **Dog handler**  
Work with specially trained dogs to help detect and prevent crime, find lost or missing people and protect property.
- **Forensic collision investigator**  
Use science and engineering to investigate the causes of road traffic and vehicle related incidents.



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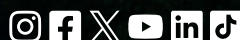


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-  **Canteen**
-  **Health and Wellbeing space**

# A view of Sixth Form Campus







# Art & Design



Explore our selection of Art & Design courses taught at Sixth Form Campus.



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## A Level

# 3D Design / Architecture

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who love developing their ideas in three dimensions, by exploring the world around them through making, working with and exploiting the creative potential of a range of materials including paper, card, wood, plaster, clay and wire.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- personal portfolio
- personal investigation.

Starting with a series of workshops, encouraging you to explore the most effective way to visually communicate your ideas, you will then work on your personal portfolios, developing your creative confidence through investigations, contextual studies and idea development through drawing and making. You will be encouraged to explore themes and concepts that reflect your personal interests. Following the completion of the personal portfolios you will work on the personal investigations, building on skills and techniques learned in Year 1.

### The fun stuff

You will be encouraged to focus on the design process from initial ideas being sketched on paper to realising three-dimensional concept models. Final outcomes may be architectural however they can also be lighting, body adornment, sculpture, set design and product design.

There will also be opportunities built into the course for you to meet and work with local artists, visit galleries nationally and immerse yourself in the creative world. Learn how to use the right materials to bring your ideas to life, develop an understanding of scale, form, mass and construction techniques and blend creative thinking with practical application.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and an art and design based subject preferred (if taken at GCSE) or a portfolio of evidence.

### What next?

Students who study this course go on to further study in a wide variety of careers including architecture, interior/spatial design, 3-dimensional design, product design, exhibition design, design for television, stage and film, silversmithing, model making and environmental design.

## A Level

# Digital Art & Design (Moving Image)

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Ideal for those interested in the technicalities and creative possibilities of film, animation and moving image.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- storyboarding
- camera techniques and composition
- editing, cropping and pacing
- the quality of lighting used in location work
- the use of sound and its interaction with moving images and text
- using appropriate industry-standard computer software such as Photoshop, Premiere Pro and After Effects.

### The fun stuff

You'll create your own films and animations, developing technical skills in the use of computers and Adobe creative software. You will also learn to be technically able to use a manual digital SLR, using your own camera and creating short films, from pre-production to final outcome.

As a moving image maker you'll be encouraged to share your films, entering competitions for young filmmakers, where highly original and creative work has enjoyed considerable award-winning success. Other opportunities that will get you ready for the world of work have included filming and editing for local events.

There will also be opportunities built into the course for you to meet and work with local artists, visit galleries nationally and immerse yourselves in the creative world.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and an art and design based subject preferred (if taken at GCSE). No previous experience of this subject required.

### What next?

You can progress to a degree programme in either film production or animation. Students who have taken this subject have progressed to careers in animation, photography, motion graphics and filmmaking.

## A Level Fine Art

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Are you creative and imaginative and do you enjoy exploring ideas and looking at things in different ways? If you do, then fine art is for you.

### What will you study?

Fine Art A Level is the broadest of all the individual specialisms, covering a wide variety of media and techniques. These include traditional drawing, painting and sculpture as well as more contemporary art processes including installation art, photography, printmaking and digital imagery. You will begin with a series of workshops, encouraging you to explore the most effective way to visually communicate your ideas. You will then begin working on your personal portfolio, developing creative confidence through investigations and idea development through drawing and experimenting with different techniques and processes. You will be encouraged to explore themes and concepts that reflect your personal interests. You will then work on your personal investigation, building on skills and techniques learned in Year 1.

### The fun stuff

You will develop your technical skills through investigations into other artists' work, refining your practice through sustained practical projects. The course will help you develop a sophisticated visual aesthetic and understand the use of colour, mark-making style and technique, encouraging you to be self-critical and inquisitive.

You will be encouraged to get involved in local opportunities, working with galleries such as Aspex to broaden your understanding of the role that fine art can play in society, as well as entering competitions nationally. There will also be opportunities built into the course for you to meet and work with local artists, visit galleries nationally and immerse yourself in the creative world.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language is preferred, plus a grade 5 or above in art (if taken at GCSE). Evidence of drawing ability shown through a portfolio will be required at interview.

### What next?

Possible degree options include 2D and 3D animation, 3D design, applied arts, architecture, art history, art therapy, ceramics, digital media, fine art painting, fine art printmaking, fine art sculpture, game design, illustration, industrial design, interior architecture and design, visual communication and visual effects for film and TV.

## A Level Graphic Communication

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Do you want to understand the visual world around you? Graphic communication offers fantastic opportunities to develop creative skills working on exciting design projects, such as poster design, packaging, branding, book layout and publishing.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- developing skills in the field of information design through the application and synthesis of colour, text and images
- digital design techniques
- using appropriate industry-standard computer software
- producing traditional hand-made design work using drawing, painting and collage.

### The fun stuff

You will develop technical skills in the use of computers and creative software. You will also learn the process of digital design, including digital storage, image resolution and print and file formats, to industry standard. You will broaden your knowledge of information design and gain an insight into why graphic design plays a vital communicative role in the world we live in.

Opportunities that will get you ready for the world of work have included entering various local competitions, responding to real life project briefs as well as following your own creative intentions, personalising projects that reflect you and your interests.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and an art and design based subject preferred.

### What next?

You can move on to a degree programme in graphic design or progress to a career in architecture, fashion photography, fashion design, set design for film, publishing, animation, app design, graphic design or advertising.

## A Level Photography

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

If you love taking photos and using them to visually communicate, then this is the course for you.

Photography A Level encourages you to develop your creative confidence through taking and editing photographs.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- documentary photography
- studio photography
- computer image manipulation
- black and white and colour film
- history of photography
- critical analysis
- photography as an art form and social document
- traditional darkroom wet photography
- use of industry standard digital studio equipment and digital processes.

### The fun stuff

Documenting the world around you by using your A Level studies to develop your skills in a variety of different photographic applications, you will develop technical skills and understanding that can be applied to both current and emerging photographic technology. You will be effectively using both 35mm darkroom black and white wet photography and fully manual digital SLR application with your own camera.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and an art and design based subject preferred.

### What next?

Careers in photography include art, advertising, commercial work, editorial, fashion, film, food, forensic, industrial, architectural, aerial, portraiture, wedding photography, sports and travel.

## Level 3

# UAL Subsidiary Diploma in Visual Arts

Equivalent to one A Level

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For post-16 students studying within the sixth form environment who have an interest in the visual arts and who would like to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding in this area.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- fine art
- graphics
- textiles
- photography
- craft.

### The fun stuff

This course has been designed with the intention for it to be delivered alongside two other similarly sized Level 3 qualifications. You will also have the opportunity to undertake a specialist investigation in response to an externally set brief, focusing on one particular specialism within the visual arts.

In the first year you will try a broad range of different processes from painting, printing and drawing to photography and working with digital media. Then in the second you'll get to decide which area of visual arts you'd prefer to specialise in. There will also be opportunities built into the course for students to meet and work with local artists, visit galleries nationally and immerse yourself in the creative world.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and an art and design based subject preferred, or portfolio of evidence required.

### What next?

This qualification is designed to provide you with the relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to progress to further and higher education courses and/or into training or employment within the creative sector.

# Business



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## A Level Business

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This exciting and dynamic subject offers you the opportunity to develop key life skills. You will explore a diverse range of companies in various markets; from planning and financing a business, through to managing a company, and developing strategies to succeed in the fast-paced business environment.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- business objectives and strategy
- entrepreneurship
- marketing
- finance
- human resources
- how and why a business is set up in local, national and international marketplaces
- how firms define their objectives
- how technology, social media, environmental and ethical concerns influence strategic decision making in the national and global marketplace.

### The fun stuff

You will improve your analytical and communication skills and your expertise will be developed in reviewing data, observing business patterns and drawing logical conclusions.

You can even learn how to set up and run your own business or enterprise through Unloc and take part in work experience or volunteering.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to work in retail, human resources, finance and marketing, as well as a host of other careers. Many students become accountants, bookkeepers, business managers, management analysts, teachers and lecturers.



## A Level Economics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Economics is a well-established and highly regarded academic subject. It provides great opportunities for research and discussion of some of the major challenges facing Britain and the world today. An excellent partner to Politics and Business A Levels.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- microeconomics - the operation of markets and market failure
- the economic problem, price determination, types of market and Government intervention
- macroeconomics - the national economy in a global context
- performance, circular flow of income, macro economic policy.

### The fun stuff

You will improve your analytical and communication skills. Economists must be able to review data, observe patterns, and draw logical conclusions. Economists must be able to explain their work to others and this course will improve your critical thinking skills.

You can take part in the Enterprise Academy, Unloc, which supports business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. You will also be supported to set up your own personal enterprise or business.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE maths and English.

### What next?

You could become an accountant, actuary, bookkeeper, budget analyst, business manager, credit analyst, financial analyst, management analyst, teacher or lecturer.

## Level 2 CTEC Certificate in Business

**Equivalent to one GCSE**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

As an introduction to business, you will develop relevant business understanding with transferable skills through hands-on experience and preparing further study in business or the world of work.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the principles of working in business administration
- understanding the role of the administrator
- the use of social media for business
- supporting the organisation of an event.

### The fun stuff

You can work with the Enterprise Academy, Unloc, which supports business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills, and take part in work experience or volunteering.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language.

### What next?

On completion of this course, you could progress onto the Level 3 Certificate in Business. This qualification also provides an excellent foundation year for progression onto a T Level in Management and Administration.

### Level 3 CTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate in Business

**Certificate equivalent to one AS,  
Extended Certificate equivalent  
to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years  
**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

It's an exciting opportunity to learn about the latest trends and developments in the business sector.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- the business environment
- marketing and market research
- working in business
- customers and communication
- responsible business practices.

#### The fun stuff

You can take part in the Enterprise Academy, Unloc, which supports business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. You will also be supported to set up your own personal enterprise or business.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language and maths.

#### What next?

You could progress to study in further or higher education. You could also progress straight to employment in careers including retail, human resources, finance and marketing.

### Level 3 BTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate in Marketing

**Certificate equivalent to one AS,  
Extended Certificate equivalent  
to one A Level**

**Duration:** Two years  
**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to pursue a successful career in marketing, this course provides an understanding of the industry and the types of behaviour, values, skills and techniques required to participate in it.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- principles of marketing
- customer communications
- careers in marketing.

#### The fun stuff

The marketing industry is dynamic and evolving at a pace and there are many different marketing opportunities for employment. This qualification is fully mapped to the CIM (Chartered Institute of Marketing) L3 Foundation Certificate in Professional Marketing. This means that it will be recognised by employers and will support entry into this industry, as a marketing executive.

You can also take part in work experience or volunteering.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE English and maths.

#### What next?

You could progress to a broad range of higher education programmes, including Higher National Diploma and bachelor's degrees. Alternatively, progress to the workplace via an apprenticeship in marketing or employment.

# Computing & IT



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## **Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate in eSports Equivalent to one GCSE**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This exciting new qualification is focused on progression to employment across a range of roles within eSports.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- introduction to eSports
- eSports skills, strategies and analysis
- enterprise and entrepreneurship in the eSports industry
- health, wellbeing and fitness for eSports players.

### **The fun stuff**

You will learn a range of different skills from presentational skills to technical and tactical elements to improve your online gaming. There is a range of specific course options, which will include visits to Expos relating to the gaming industry.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language. Students enrolling on this course should have an active interest in gaming and have some experience of online gaming in particular.

### **What next?**

You could progress to an eSports degree or employment as an eSports player, shoutcaster and presenter, social media influencer, video production editor or data analyst.

## Level 2

# CTEC Certificate/Diploma in ICT & Digital Media (Games Development)

**Certificate equivalent to one GCSE**

**Diploma equivalent to three GCSEs**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course will provide students with an introduction into ICT with a link to both IT and games production.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- communicating in the IT and gaming industry
- working in the IT and gaming industry.

Specialist units include:

- website development
- installing and maintaining computer hardware
- installing and maintaining computer software
- creating digital graphics
- digital games production
- graphic design for a game product.

### The fun stuff

You will use a range of IT software, including Adobe Photoshop, website and app development software and Microsoft applications. You will develop skills in research, design and portfolio building, to provide you with the broadest experience of ICT and what it has to offer.

You can part in IT-related work experience which focuses on hardware, software and design elements. Students will be able to take part in a range of activities that will support their course, this will include voluntary work experience placements and visits from guest speakers.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language.

### What next?

This ICT course can be used as a platform for those who wish to progress to Level 3 ICT, other Level 3 courses or IT-related apprenticeships.

## Level 3

# CTEC Certificate /Extended Certificate or Diploma in Digital Media

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Diploma equivalent to two A Levels**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

It would suit those interested in a career in digital media production, who are keen writers and have a strong interest in social media.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- journalism processes
- producing your own print-based or audio-visual product
- media products and audiences
- pre-production and planning
- social media and globalisation
- journalism and the news industry.

### The fun stuff

You will begin by learning how media institutions operate to create media products that will appeal to target audiences. You will also study journalism processes and get creative in producing your own print-based or audio-visual product.

There are a range of specific course options, which will include trips to major gaming industry events with a chance to test some newly-released games. There will also be visits to both the University of Portsmouth and Southampton Solent University, alongside professionally-led workshops sessions delivered through the course curriculum as well as possible trips to EGX and REZZED gaming expos.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

### What next?

You will have a vast array of job opportunities within the field of interactive media entertainment (computer games). Digital media games design and development will open up opportunities to those who are looking to progress to either a production, design, or programming aspect of the industry.

## Level 3

# BTEC Certificate/Extended Certificate or Diploma in ICT

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Diploma equivalent to two A Levels**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those interested in a basic introduction to the study of IT with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses or employment, not necessarily in IT.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- communication and employability
- information technology systems
- creating systems to manage information
- using social media in business
- website development
- e-commerce
- digital graphics
- website production
- installing software and hardware
- computer maintenance.

### The fun stuff

There is a range of course-related opportunities, including visits to local universities, along with professionally-led workshop sessions delivered through the curriculum by local IT-based organisations and visits from guest speakers.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

### What next?

You can progress to the workplace either directly or via study at higher level. Success in this course will demonstrate to universities or potential employers your ability to communicate effectively and a range of vocational skills, such as knowledge of Information Technology systems, managing information systems and developing website and a range of interpersonal skills.

## Level 3

# **BTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate in eSports**

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This exciting new qualification is focused on progression to employment across a range of roles within eSports.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- introduction to eSports
- eSports skills, strategies and analysis
- enterprise and entrepreneurship in the eSports industry
- health, wellbeing and fitness for eSports players.

### **The fun stuff**

This qualification with industry endorsement will let you learn underpinning knowledge, develop technical and transferable skills, and gain experience in a variety of different sections of the eSports industry. There is a range of specific course options, including visits to Expos relating to the gaming industry.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language. You should have an active interest in gaming and have some experience of online gaming in particular.

### **What next?**

You can progress to an eSports degree or employment as an eSports player, shoutcaster and presenter, social media influencer, video production editor or data analyst.

# English



**Be the protagonist in your life story, and improve your career aspirations with an English qualification**



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## Level 2 GCSE English Language

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course enables you to take your next steps to a Level 3 programme. If you have a grade 3 GCSE in English language, you will be required to retake the GCSE in your first year at College.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- communication in speech and writing
- reading a range of extracts from well-known fiction and non-fiction books
- reading a range of political and inspirational speeches
- creative and imaginative writing.

### The fun stuff

You will read a range of extracts from well-known fiction and non-fiction books from the past 200 years such as *1984* by George Orwell, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold and *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, as well as a range of non-fiction texts like the journalism of Charles Dickens and Captain Bligh's diary after the Mutiny on the Bounty.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language at grade 3.

### What next?

You may be interested in progressing to an English or media-based subject. Future careers in these areas might include journalism, marketing and public relations. A grade 4 or above at GCSE English is the new gold standard for employers in all fields.



## A Level English Literature

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who love to read and discuss their ideas about texts. It is a traditional academic course that is valued by universities and provides students with skills that will be very useful for further study.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- drama and poetry pre 1900, including Shakespeare's Twelfth Night
- comparative and contextual study, including two Gothic prose texts
- non-exam assessment.

### The fun stuff

Do you love to read? Do you enjoy unpicking a literary text to find the deeper, hidden meanings? Studying English literature gives you a unique opportunity to hone your skills of analysis and argument, as well as challenging you to question your own and others' ideas. You will study a range of literary texts and genres as well as the contexts in which they were written. You will use literary theories to pose your own questions about the texts and develop your own ideas.

This course works with many opportunities, including the Extended Project (EPQ), Hinglish, mentoring through the Portsmouth Scholars scheme and Unloc's 'You Speak' debating competition.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in English language and a grade 6 or above in English literature.

### What next?

You can progress to university to study subjects such as English, journalism, media studies, drama and theatre studies, history, law and education.

## A Level English Language and Literature

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who enjoy reading acclaimed literature and are keen to learn more about how writers create their imaginative worlds. It will also appeal if you're interested in developing your analysis and creative skills, exploring language, literary concepts and context.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts
- explore theories, themes and concepts relating to the development of language
- investigating distinctive styles of speech and writing and how they are used
- creative writing.

### The fun stuff

You will learn to apply integrated literary and linguistic analysis to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. You will become proficient in the knowledge of terminology from different language levels and learn how to consider contextual influences on texts. You will explore different historical periods, linguistic and literary theories, different genre conventions, as well as psychological theories linked to communication.

This course works with many opportunities, including the Extended Project (EPQ), Hinglish, mentoring through the Portsmouth Scholars scheme and Unloc's 'You Speak' debating competition.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in English language and English literature.

### What next?

You can progress to university to study subjects such as English, journalism, media studies, drama and theatre studies, history, law and education.

## A Level English Language

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Those who have a genuine interest in the ways that English language is used in the world. You should have a confident knowledge of current affairs as well as an understanding of world history.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- language variation - how language choices can create personal identities. You will also explore language variation in English from c1550 (the beginnings of early modern English) to the present day
- child language - how children learn to speak, read and write and the stages of development. You will learn about theories around language acquisition
- investigating language - to develop your independent research skills and to focus on an area of language that interests you.
- crafting language – this module allows you to demonstrate your skills as writers within your selected genre, crafting texts for different audiences and/or purposes. You will also reflect on your research and writing in an accompanying commentary.

### The fun stuff

Have you ever wondered why we use certain words and phrases in our spoken exchanges? Using linguistic terminology and concepts, you will develop the ability to see what language choices reveal about a person's opinion of themselves, their listeners and what their real purposes are in the communication.

Explore these ideas as well as a wide range of language issues. You will see how changes in language over time have been influenced by key historical events. You will also explore how children learn to communicate based on their environmental influences - like family interactions, television and books.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in English language.

### What next?

You can progress to university to study subjects such as linguistics, English, journalism, media studies, drama, law, and business.

## Level 3

# CTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate Digital Media Journalism

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course would suit students interested in a career in digital media production, who are keen writers and have a strong interest in social media.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- media products and audiences
- pre-production and planning
- creating a media product
- pitch media product ideas
- journalism and the news industry.

### The fun stuff

You will learn how media institutions operate to create media products that will appeal to target audiences. You will also study journalism processes and get creative in producing your own print-based or audio-visual product.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

### What next?

You might be interested in careers or degrees in media production, journalism, advertising or social media marketing.

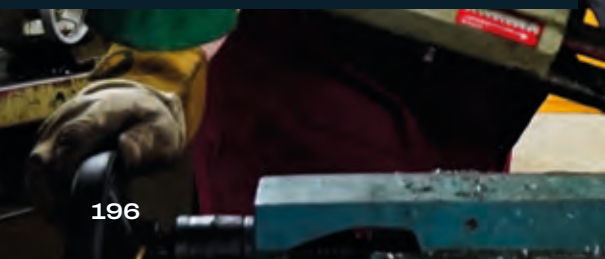
# Engineering



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## **Level 3 CTEC Extended Certificate Engineering**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in engineering.

### **What will you study?**

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- mechanical engineering – all machines and structures are constructed using the principles of mechanical engineering. Machines are made up of components and mechanisms working in combination. Engineers need to understand the principles that govern the behaviour of these components and mechanisms. Mechanical engineering explores these principles and how they are applied.
- electrical and electronic engineering - electrical systems and electronic devices are present in almost every aspect of modern life and it is electrical and electronic engineers who design, test and produce these systems and devices.
- engineering and the environment - environmental issues and sustainability are crucial in modern engineering. Looking at legislative, regulatory and ethical perspectives, minimising the impact of engineering on the environment.

### **The fun stuff**

You will have the opportunity to use the manufacturing equipment at our North Harbour campus.

### **Entry requirements**

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths & English. You must take A Level Mathematics.

### **What next?**

You could progress to a degree in engineering, an apprenticeship in engineering or a degree apprenticeship in engineering.

# Foundation Prospects Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)



Take a look through our Foundation Prospects course options to see if they will suit you and put you on the path to success.



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## Pre-Entry Life Skills - Year 1

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For learners working at pre-entry level, specifically those with severe learning difficulties and disabilities, it provides progression from Lifeskills Year 1 to Year 2 for those who are able.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- working with others
- learning to be safe
- personal awareness
- getting to know your local community
- maths and English.

### The fun stuff

You can access appropriate and relevant education to improve your life opportunities, by gaining confidence and developing independent living and work skills. The qualification is based on individual starting points, creating a bespoke course around EHCP and individual targets.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You can progress onto other entry level programmes.

## **Pre-Entry** **Life Skills - Year 2**

**Duration:** One year  
**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For learners working at pre-entry Level, specifically for those with severe learning difficulties and disabilities, it provides progression from Lifeskills Year 2 to Entry 1 independent living courses for those who are able.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- working with others
- learning to be safe
- personal awareness
- getting to know your local community
- maths and English.

### **The fun stuff**

You can access appropriate and relevant education to improve your life opportunities, by gaining confidence and developing independent living and work skills. The qualification is based on individual starting points, creating a bespoke course around EHCP and individual targets. Work will continue on the progress made during the first year of the Life Skills programme.

### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### **What next?**

You can progress onto other entry level programmes at the same or higher level eg: SAIL E1.

## **Entry 1** **SAIL**

**Duration:** One year  
**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For learners working at entry level, including students with learning difficulties and disabilities, this course provides progression from Entry 1 to Entry 3 for those with lower-level literacy, numeracy and employability skills.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- supported work experience
- identifying employability skills
- team work
- developing personal skills and awareness.

### **The fun stuff**

You can access appropriate and relevant education, improving your life opportunities by gaining confidence and developing independent living and work skills. The qualification provides a foundation for lifelong learning by focusing on transferable skills that are essential for living and working in the community.

### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### **What next?**

You can progress to other entry level programmes at the same or higher level eg: SAIL E2.

# Health & Social Care



**Study towards a fulfilling career and give back to those in need, with a Health and Social Care qualification.**



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## **Level 3 CTEC Certificate / extended Certificate or Diploma / Extended Diploma Health & Social Care**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This programme is an ideal progression route from Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care and gives you the support to build your knowledge and understanding of the health and care sector.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- equality, diversity and rights
- human growth and development
- safeguarding and protection
- communication
- infection prevention and control
- psychological perspectives
- sociological perspectives
- working in health and social care.

### **The fun stuff**

You will spend time in a variety of health and social care settings and gain experience with a range of age groups and abilities. You will have an opportunity to run projects involving the local community, building your skills and knowledge of local care services. You could take part in a residential trip such as Disneyland Paris, alongside other excursions, which include the simulation suite at the University of Portsmouth. You will also be encouraged to participate in National Health Service and charitable campaigns raising awareness amongst fellow students.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

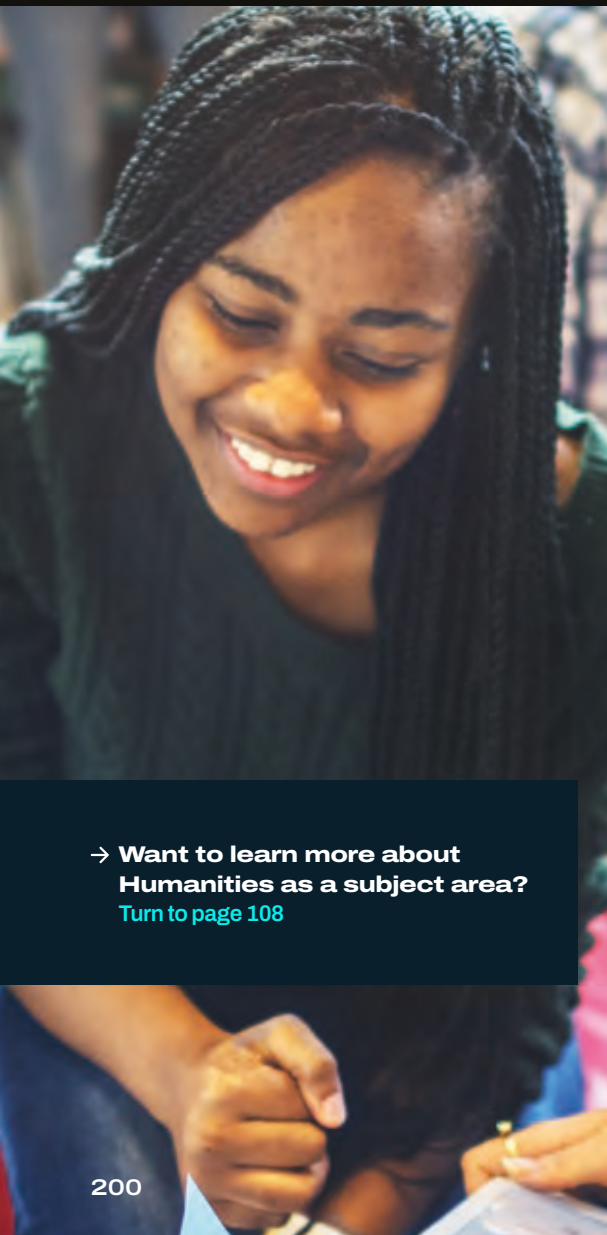
### **What next?**

You could progress on to the Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

# Humanities



**Maximise your future success and learn more about people, our habits and our society with a qualification in Humanities.**



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## **A Level Classical Civilisation**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For students who are fascinated by the myths and legends of the past, would like to explore the worlds of Ancient Greece and Rome and would like to learn more about the origins of our western civilisation.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- history, culture, religion and technology
- studying primary classical sources (texts or physical evidence)
- gaining an understanding of Greek and Roman societies and values.

### **The fun stuff**

This course deals with the period from the heroic Bronze Age of Homer's *Odyssey*, an in-depth study of Greek Religion and the archaeology that supports our studies, through to the world of Virgil and Augustus, Rome's first emperor. It will enable you to develop skills of logical and critical analysis, and fluency in written and spoken communication.

You will improve language and communication skills and gain an understanding of key historical and cultural events that have shaped our modern world and politics. There could be opportunities for study trips abroad to support your work, in previous years we have visited Greece and Rome. Students may also have the opportunity to visit the British Museum in London to view the classical civilisation exhibitions.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

### **What next?**

You can progress to study a range of degrees including history or classics at university. Some students pursue a career revolving around classics, with other career opportunities including teaching, museum curator or archivist. It is not vital, however, to be considering a career centred around classics to take this course.



## A Level Geography

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course addresses many of the challenging issues facing the world today and is an engaging subject for students who enjoy exploring a wide diversity of topics, places and global issues. Be ready to question the world as you know it.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- tectonic hazards
- globalisation
- the carbon and water cycles (can life exist without carbon?)
- urban and rural places
- global variations in health, human rights and conflict
- coastal landscapes
- superpowers (countries with changing political influence).

### The fun stuff

No two days in the world are the same, and in geography we help you to understand and question this through the development of your knowledge and skills. As the subject is so wide-ranging, and develops high transferable skills, it is very attractive to future employers. Geography is also a facilitating subject, meaning it is highly valued by the top universities in the country. You will study a combination of physical and human geography. You will engage with a broad range of current issues at a range of scales, thereby deepening your knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live.

Four days of fieldwork in human and physical geography is a compulsory part of the course, often as a residential in Dorset. You may also have the opportunity to participate in a range of residential visits that enhance your study of geography. Previous trips have included Iceland, Rome, Berlin and Poland.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSE's at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE English language, a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths and a grade 4 or above in Geography, if taken at GCSE.

### What next?

You can progress to careers in commerce, industry, transport, tourism and the public sectors. Directly-related careers include cartography, surveying, environmental management, market research, teaching, transport and city planning. It engenders many transferable skills which enables careers in less directly related fields such as law, banking, social research, cyber security and risk management. Many progress to higher education, including Russell Group universities.

## A Level History

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course provides students with a greater knowledge of history, providing you with a more sophisticated understanding of current national and international affairs. This A Level works well with Politics and Law, in addition to a whole range of other A Level subjects.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- Germany 1918-1989
- Italy 1911-1946
- British experience of warfare 1790-1918
- individual research extended essay focusing on a particular historical debate.

### The fun stuff

Provides the opportunity to explore the past and pose questions for the future as you explore some of the key events and controversies that have shaped the modern world. You will be encouraged to think for yourself, engage in independent study and research, and engage with classmates to complete tasks and debate complex historical issues throughout the course.

You could participate in a range of visits to complement your academic studies. Recent visits have included residential trips to Munich, Berlin, Rome and Poland, as well as the chance to attend local visits to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and the University of Portsmouth. As the subject is so wide-ranging, and develops high transferable skills, it is very attractive to future employers. History is also a facilitating subject, meaning it is highly valued by the top universities in the country.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and a grade 4 or above in history if taken at GCSE.

### What next?

You can progress to reading a wide range of degree level subjects at university, including history, law, politics, English literature, economics and geography. Graduates can go on to carve successful careers in a broad range of job areas, such as journalism, teaching, the legal profession, business and tourism.

## A Level Law

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

If you like arguing your case, then this is the course for you. As part of your studies you will learn about interesting areas of law including the three foundation units of criminal, tort and contract law.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- English legal system
- law making
- criminal law
- tort law
- contract law
- nature of law (law and morality, law and justice, law and society).

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to learn in our brand new courtroom, due to open in September 2022, sponsored by the University of Portsmouth. Join our Law Society and take part in additional E6 law units designed to prepare you for university study and a career in law.

There are visits to the Crown Court and Magistrates' Courts, alongside visits to London, Parliament, the Supreme Court and Royal Courts of Justice. There is also usually an annual Humanities department residential trip. Previous destinations have included Iceland, Rome and Venice, Berlin, Munich and Krakow. Students will also be able to engage with presentations from magistrates, the police, and you will take part in mock trials and mooting. Opportunities for work experience will also be available and students are regularly informed of opportunities with local and national law firms.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE English language.

### What next?

You can progress to many pathways including legal, business, police, government and charity. Many of our students go on to study law or similar courses at university including Russell Group and other top universities.

## A Level Politics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students with an interest in politics, how society is/should be organised, current affairs, debate and arguing.

### What will you study?

Units include:

Political systems of the UK

- Brexit
- powers of Parliament,
- the Prime Minister and judiciary
- political ideas of Liberalism, Conservatism, Socialism and Anarchism

Political systems of the USA

- the role of the president
- Democrats and Republicans
- the Supreme Court
- the importance of Federalism and the role of Congress.

### The fun stuff

You will develop an extensive knowledge and understanding of a wide range of political issues and current affairs in the UK, USA and abroad, with consistent opportunities to practise and improve your communication skills by presenting information to the class. This includes participating in class discussions and debates – you will argue every week!

There will be study trips to Parliament, The Supreme Court, Portsmouth and Winchester University Politics taster sessions, offsite politics conferences and a chance to participate in BBC Question Time. There is an internal College politics debate competition and a chance to represent the College in the Hampshire competition. You will take part in a mock election - you even get to form your own party, launch your own manifesto and campaign for office! You will also have an opportunity to take part in our fantastic residential study trips to Washington and New York, USA – the nerve centres of American politics!

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

### What next?

You can progress to extensive employment opportunities in areas such as management, advertising, law, the civil service, local government and journalism. The most prestigious universities see Politics as a highly academic and credible course, as do potential employers.

## A Level Philosophy, Religion and Ethics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone with an interest in the topics covered. The course will enable you to explore and debate many of the controversial but important issues facing society today to an in-depth level.

### What will you study?

Units include:

Philosophy of religion;

- arguments for and against the existence of God
- the problem of evil
- self, death and afterlife.

Ethics;

- what is meant by 'right' and 'wrong'?
- free will and moral responsibility
- human and animal ethics.

An in-depth study into a major world religion

- Islam.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to go on local and international trips, including visits to mosques, university lectures, museums and art exhibitions. There is usually an annual Humanities department residential trip. Previous destinations have included Iceland, Rome and Venice, Berlin, Munich and Krakow.

You will be discussing ideas and different viewpoints every lesson, so you will learn how to argue and debate effectively. You will develop academic writing skills, critical evaluation and the ability to reach credible conclusions. You will also develop a deeper understanding of contemporary political debate on many issues and will be able to engage in academic discussions on current ethical questions, with a much clearer understanding of multicultural Britain and issues of equality, diversity, representation and integration.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

### What next?

You can progress to higher education and explore extensive career opportunities in the police, social work, teaching, politics and law. This is a very well-regarded academic qualification demonstrating a range of transferable skills.

## Level 3 BTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate in Applied Law

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who prefer a combination of coursework and exams rather than purely written examinations at the end of two years of study, the course explores the foundation units of law including criminal, tort and contract law.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the English legal system
- criminal law
- tort law
- contract law
- legal analysis and presentation.

### The fun stuff

You will develop skills in research, communication and legal analysis as well as developing your essay and report-writing skills and your ability to apply the law to different scenarios.

There are opportunities for students to visit the Crown Court and the Magistrates' Courts as well as Parliament and the Supreme Court. We will attend law workshops at universities too which is a great way to see if that path is for you.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

### What next?

You can progress to many pathways that work effectively with this course, including legal, business, police, government and charity. It provides exciting routes into legal apprenticeships and legal executive courses and a proficient knowledge of the law will also facilitate many other areas of employment, including retail and marketing. Many also go on to study law at university.

## Level 3

# Extended Project Qualification

### Equivalent to one AS Level

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course provides you with the enhanced study skills desired by universities. As an independent study project, it fits alongside a full-time study programme. Advised for students in their second year of study.

#### What will you study?

You will undertake a project of your own choice, either in a subject you are studying, or in an area of personal interest. You will research, reflect on, and develop your own values, opinions and attitudes. You can choose to write an extended essay in which you include your own research and arguments, or you can produce something creative, such as art, music, architecture, poetry, performance and dance.

#### The fun stuff

This is a skills-based individual piece of work. Through the development of your project you will also develop an independent learning approach and skills in decision-making and problem-solving. You will demonstrate creativity and initiative and be inspired by new areas of study. You will acquire skills related to developing, researching and presenting a project and be able to apply appropriate technologies.

The Extended Project Qualification is an excellent addition to a CV or university application.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English language.

#### What next?

On completion of this course, you will have developed and demonstrated a range of valuable skills, through the pursuit of your interests and investigating topics in detail. The Extended Project Qualification holds numerous benefits, as it provides you with a wide range of transferable skills in preparation for higher education. It also encourages you to demonstrate creativity, initiative, motivation and commitment.

# Languages



**Find your place in the world and make a great impression by learning a secondary language and open up a entire sector of jobs.**



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## AS Level French

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

As French is a major language of international communication, proficiency is essential for anyone considering a career in any global or European organisation or business.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding spoken French
- understanding written French
- translating from French to English, and from English to French
- studying modern literary texts and films
- aspects of French society.

### The fun stuff

French and English are the only languages spoken on all five continents. You will study modern literary texts like *No et Moi*, or films such as 'Intouchables'. Spoken assessment will be on a previously studied theme such as Modern French Society or the French Resistance as well as on an independent study of your choice.

You will be able to join in an Enterprise project, undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) or discover the world and how you can contribute in it by volunteering through the National Citizenship Service. These are excellent additions to your CV or university application.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including a grade 6 or above in GCSE French and grade 5 or above in GCSE English language.

### What next?

There is a wide variety of job roles in which a language is considered useful, beneficial or essential. Examples include broadcast journalist, customs and excise employment worker, diplomatic service officer, English as a foreign language teacher, international aid/development worker, or logistics and distribution manager.



## AS Level German

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

As German is a major language of international communication, proficiency is essential for anyone considering a career in any global or European organisation or business.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding spoken German
- understanding written German
- translating from German to English, and from English to German
- studying modern literary texts and films
- aspects of political and artistic culture in Germany.

### The fun stuff

German is an excellent language to learn, as Germany has the biggest economy in Europe and the fourth largest worldwide. Germany also has a dominant internet presence being the fifth largest domain in the world – 5.8% of all websites are written in German.

You will be able to join in an Enterprise project, undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) or discover the world and how you can contribute in it by volunteering through the National Citizenship Service. These are excellent additions to your CV or university application.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including grade 6 or above in GCSE German and grade 5 or above in GCSE English language.

### What next?

There is a wide variety of job roles in which a language is considered useful, beneficial or essential. Examples include broadcast journalist, customs and excise employment worker, diplomatic service officer, English as a foreign language teacher, international aid/development worker, or logistics and distribution manager.

## AS Level / A Level Spanish

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to boost their employment prospects in many areas such as tourism and business.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding spoken Spanish
- understanding written Spanish
- translating from Spanish to English, and from English to Spanish
- studying modern literary texts and films
- aspects of Spanish society.

### The fun stuff

A popular and accessible language, Spanish is spoken by 400 million around the world as their mother tongue. This is around 6% of the world population and ranks just ahead of English!

You will be able to join in an Enterprise project, undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) or discover the world and how you can contribute in it by volunteering through the National Citizenship Service. These are excellent additions to your CV or university application.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish and grade 5 or above in GCSE English language.

### What next?

There is a wide variety of job roles in which a language is considered useful, beneficial or essential. Examples include broadcast journalist, customs and excise employment worker, diplomatic service officer, English as a foreign language teacher, international aid/development worker, or logistics and distribution manager.

# Mathematics



**Calculate your future success with a Mathematic qualification and gain an essential skill that all employers with appreciate.**



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## **Level 1 Functional Skills Mathematics**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

If you have a grade 1 or U in your GCSE Mathematics, you will be required to take Level 1 Functional Skills in order to build your confidence, before progressing on to GCSE.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- representing
- analysing
- interpreting.

### **The fun stuff**

You will develop problem-solving strategies and build the confidence and skills required to tackle unfamiliar challenges. Among other things you will study number, data handling and geometry in real-life situations. You will gain mathematical and practical skills which you can use in further education, work and everyday life.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above including a grade 1 or below in GCSE Maths.

### **What next?**

A pass in Functional Skills Level 1 will enable you to progress to GCSE Mathematics the following year.

## Level 2 GCSE Mathematics

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to achieve a higher grade in their maths GCSE. A good pass (grade 4 or 5) will be hugely valuable in terms of progression opportunities.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- number
- ratio and proportion
- algebra
- geometry and measures
- probability and statistics.

### The fun stuff

You will have a basic knowledge of mathematics, which you will build on during the one-year GCSE course. The course requires you to use a scientific calculator, as two out of the three exams allow the use of a calculator.

Gaining a grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths is essential for many progression opportunities into higher education, employment and apprenticeships. While it may not be your choice to study GCSE Maths again, leaving College with a good GCSE pass will be hugely valuable in terms of your future education and career aspirations.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above including a grade 2 or 3 in GCSE Mathematics, or a pass in Level 1 Functional Skills

### What next?

A grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics will support you in whatever career or educational pathway you embark upon.

## AS / A Level Further Mathematics

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is for students who particularly enjoy mathematics or who are considering higher level studies in maths, physics, engineering or computer science.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- pure mathematics
- discrete mathematics
- statistics.

### The fun stuff

Develop your skills in algebra and in applied areas of mathematics. You will discover new topics such as complex numbers, matrices and vectors, and link algebraic processes with a geometric interpretation. You will develop your knowledge of probability and statistics as well as discrete mathematics. Some of the topics you will study are hypothesis testing, algorithms and graph theory. You will also further your knowledge of integration and differentiation.

You could be invited to go to University Taster Days and take part in a mentoring scheme with other college or university students. You will also be able to take part in the Senior Maths Challenge (individual and/or team).

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and a grade 7 or above in GCSE Maths. You must also enrol on A Level Mathematics.

### What next?

A great advantage if you want to study mathematics or a maths-related subject at university, it supports a huge range of careers including architecture, engineering, economics, computer science, data analysis, teaching and accountancy.

## A Level Mathematics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

Considered essential for students who are also taking one or more of the sciences at A Level, this course combines well with virtually all subjects. It supports a medical career and scientific research as well as business, finance and engineering.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- calculus - differentiation and integration techniques and applications
- trigonometry - graphs, equations and identities
- algebra - working with a variety of functions to solve problems
- proof - meeting new methods of proving (or disproving) statements
- mechanics - understanding how objects move and the forces involved
- statistics - dealing with data, probability distributions and hypothesis testing.

### The fun stuff

A Level Maths is a challenging and rewarding course which will enable you to work to a high standard and support you in developing higher-level problem solving skills. You will find that your algebraic skills develop rapidly as you tackle interesting and varied problems. We will support you in structuring your revision to help achieve your full potential.

Throughout the course, you could be invited to go on university problem solving days, take part in the Senior Maths Challenge and participate in mentoring schemes with other college or university students. There will also be careers and apprenticeship talks to provide ideas for future pathways.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and a grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths.

### What next?

Maths is a subject that will open many doors for you in the future. You could go on to a career in medicine, banking, data analysis, business, architecture and many more.

## A Level Computer Science

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

An underpinning subject for science and engineering fields, computer science is also key for anyone looking to go into the mobile and gaming industries.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- how to design, write and test programs
- how a computer system deals with data
- developing skills such as problem solving, as well as thinking creatively, innovatively, logically and critically
- developing computer science knowledge alongside practical programming
- application of computer science principles, such as abstraction, decomposition, logic algorithms and data representation
- working with binary and boolean algebra.

### The fun stuff

A primary skill that will be developed is the ability to think logically. As with mathematics, in computer science the answer is either correct or incorrect. Using logic to achieve the answer is a key skill; however, we will also look at artificial intelligence where it is possible to achieve an answer that is not quite correct.

You can take part in a work experience placement and workshops in areas such as CV writing, creating an online professional image and interview skills. Volunteering through the National Citizen Service or participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award can set you apart from the rest.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including a grade 5 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 5 or above in GCSE computer science if taken at GCSE.

### What next?

You can progress to university with some of the directly related progression courses including software engineering, computer science, forensic computing, and computer games technology. Other courses are physics and maths-based disciplines. Apprenticeships in computer science and IT are also available, including higher apprenticeships.

## A Level Statistics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to develop data handling and probability skills learnt at GCSE level.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- collection of data
- representing and interpreting data
- correlation and linear regression
- standard probability distributions
- probability theory
- hypothesis testing.

### The fun stuff

You develop your skills in working accurately, applying a method, using technology such as calculators and spreadsheets and summarising your results. You will apply a statistical eye to the world and interpret data and results.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and a grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths.

### What next?

You could progress to a career in investment analysis, data science, market research, as an actuary or in zoology, where an understanding of statistics is required. You may also wish to think about a career such as data analyst, biologist, geologist, statistician or within journalism, as these all use statistical analysis techniques.

## NEW COURSE

## Level 3 CTEC Extended Certificate Engineering

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For learners who wish to go into the engineering or technical field and learners who are undertaking mathematics, physics and computer science.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- mechanical engineering – all machines and structures are constructed using the principles of mechanical engineering. Machines are made up of components and mechanisms working in combination. Engineers need to understand the principles that govern the behaviour of these components and mechanisms. Mechanical engineering explores these principles and how they are applied
- electrical and electronic engineering - electrical systems and electronic devices are present in almost every aspect of modern life and it is electrical and electronic engineers who design, test and produce these systems and devices
- engineering and the environment - environmental issues and sustainability are crucial in modern engineering. Looking at legislative, regulatory and ethical perspectives, minimising the impact of engineering on the environment.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to use the manufacturing equipment at our North Harbour campus.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English. You must take A Level Mathematics.

### What next?

You could progress to a degree in engineering, an apprenticeship in engineering or a degree apprenticeship in engineering.

## Level 3

# Certificate in Core Mathematics

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who want to develop data handling and probability skills learned at GCSE level and have an interest in numerical methods such as using percentages and financial calculations. A great support for other subjects including psychology, geography, biology, business and economics.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- personal finance including tax, National Insurance and loan repayments
- handling data – statistical diagrams, averages and measures of spread
- project management - critical path analysis
- estimation techniques.

### The fun stuff

This course teaches you to use mathematical methods for real-life problem solving in areas including business, economics, psychology and biology. Maths can help us understand the world so we will look at news stories and discuss how the maths we learn can help us to suggest improvements and make predictions about what might happen in the future.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language and a grade 5 or above in GCSE Maths.

Core mathematics can support any other course, but you cannot take A Level Mathematics with Core Mathematics.

### What next?

You could progress to a finance-related career, or a career in which you need to be able to deal with data. It also supports anyone who aspires to set up and run their own business.

# Media, TV & Film



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## A Level Film Studies

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This academic course is for students who enjoy watching films but want to understand the theoretical concepts behind them.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- film form and response
- audience analysis
- film theory
- evolution of film.

### The fun stuff

Film studies provides an opportunity to explore this popular and specialist area of commercial art whilst also enabling you to develop valuable and transferable academic skills in research, analysis, discussion and the construction of arguments in writing. There is also the opportunity to explore your creativity and technical skills by making your own film.

When moving into the competitive film industry, you will be supported in taking part in some valuable work experience.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

### What next?

Having studied A Level film studies, you are able to confirm to any university or employer your ability to analyse effectively and work to strict deadlines. It will demonstrate your ability to approach analytical tasks in a logical and effective manner. It works well with most other subjects and will certainly add strength to your overall course combination. Students who have studied A Level film studies have progressed to university to study subjects such as film studies, digital film making, English, journalism, media studies, business studies, drama, history and law.



## **A Level Media Studies**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This course is ideal if you wish to explore the way the media communicates with its audiences. You will also be involved in production work, where you can put your knowledge to practical effect.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- image analysis
- representation
- audience
- television
- magazines
- online marketing.

### **The fun stuff**

Media studies is a fascinating insight into the visual world around us. You will develop a range of strong analytical skills, helping you to interpret the carefully crafted adverts and well-scripted television shows we come into contact with on a daily basis.

In addition to the theoretical aspects of media studies you will also develop skills in Photoshop, designing a range of products, from your own magazine to DVD covers or perhaps a music video.

When moving into the competitive film industry, you will be supported in taking part in some valuable work experience in radio, advertising and marketing or journalism.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

### **What next?**

Media studies is a contemporary subject with lots of transferable skills. Success in this A Level confirms your ability to analyse effectively and work to strict deadlines. It will demonstrate your ability to approach analytical tasks in a logical and effective manner. It works well with most other subjects and will certainly add strength to your overall course combination. Students who have studied A Level media studies have progressed to university to study English, journalism, media studies, business studies, drama and graphic design.

# Performing Arts & Music



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## A Level

# Drama & Theatre Studies

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to develop their practical and theoretical understanding of drama. The course will also enable you to develop higher level communication skills.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- an exploration of the practical and theoretical ideas of Stanislavski, Brecht, Artaud and Brook
- live theatrical performances to support your understanding of performance styles
- the study of two set texts focusing on how an actor, director or designer would bring each play to life on stage
- practical acting skills assessments via two performance components: one focusing on performing extracts from three different plays, and the other being a group devised piece.

### The fun stuff

A core part of this course involves attending the theatre – this is in preparation for the 'live theatre performance' element of the written paper and in order to widen your understanding and experience of performance. It also allows you to develop self-confidence, presentation skills, personal discipline, time management and group work skills which are highly regarded by both employers and in higher education.

This course also links well with many of the College's E6 programme activities, including Dance Live, teaching placements and work experience.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including drama (if taken at GCSE level), or a merit in Level 2 performing arts. Significant extra-curricular performance experience would also be accepted.

### What next?

Achieving a high grade on this course could be the first step towards a career as an actor, with admission to a drama school or a university to study a degree in a performance subject being a possibility. Past students have taken up careers in the media, marketing, HR, teaching and customer service at management entry level.

## Level 3

# BTEC Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts

**Equivalent to one and a half A Levels**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who are already confident in at least one of the core disciplines of acting and dance and want to develop their ability in the other. It also allows them to build their self-confidence, presentation skills, personal discipline, time management and group work skills, which are highly regarded by both employers and in higher education.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- acting and dance from a vocational perspective via workshops and visiting professionals
- practical workshops exploring a range of styles and techniques in acting and dance
- how the performing arts industry works
- three assessed performances covering a range of performance genres.

### The fun stuff

Through practical performance work, you will gain a further understanding of how these key skills work alongside each other. You will explore a range of practitioners within these disciplines, all of which will extend your appreciation and understanding of the performing arts.

Taking part in Dance Live is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their performance abilities through dance, acting and storytelling. It is also a fantastic opportunity for students to gain experience working as a member of the stage crew and be involved in the performing arts from a behind-the-scenes perspective.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including drama or dance, or a merit in Level 2 performing arts. Significant extra-curricular performance experience would also be accepted.

### What next?

You could progress to studying performing arts at a higher level, at university or at a dance/drama school. There are also many opportunities within the arts industry, for example in stage-management, lighting technician.

## Level 3

# BTEC Extended Certificate in Dance

### Equivalent to one A Level

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to explore and develop their technique, choreography, live performance skills and appreciation of dance. It provides training in a variety of genres and styles including contemporary dance and jazz dance.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- current and influential practitioners of dance
- creating an original choreography to fulfil a brief
- developing a wide range of physical and interpretive skills.

#### The fun stuff

You will broaden your knowledge of the dance world and the forms, approaches and contributors that have shaped its development. You will have the opportunity to create work for various projects and develop the skills to perform to a high standard as part of an ensemble. It also allows you to develop self-confidence, presentation skills, personal discipline, time management and group work skills which are highly regarded by both employers and in higher education.

You will have regular opportunities to showcase your work in our Studio Theatre, to participate in trips to view live professional work and to represent the College.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and dance, or a merit in Level 2 performance qualification. Significant extra-curricular performance experience would also be accepted.

#### What next?

You could progress to an extensive range of options, from the further study of dance at a dance school or university, to a specific career path, including dancer, teacher, physiotherapist, arts administrator or manager.

## Level 3

# BTEC Foundation Diploma in Music Performance

### Equivalent to one and a half A Levels

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For students who play an instrument and/or sing and want to develop these skills within a professional environment.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- performing as an ensemble
- creating musical material
- using session styles
- planning a career in the music industry.

#### The fun stuff

You will learn how to create the right sound as a band, for specific popular music genres, such as blues, rock, soul, country and punk music.

The course is also designed to challenge and develop the elements of your personality that will support you as a self-employed musician. You will get the opportunity to explore real life scenarios as a professional musician, with the economic considerations that arise from that.

We have extensive links with local recording studios, music businesses and music venues that will open doors into the industry or allow you to gain invaluable work experience.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and ideally a merit in Level 2 music. You must play an instrument or sing to a good level to study on this course and an audition is a key part of the application process.

#### What next?

You could progress to some of the most prestigious music universities in the country, including BIMM, ACM, Leeds College of Music and Bath Spa, as well as progressing directly into industry. Previous students are working all over the world as performers, session musicians, recording engineers, music composers, vocal and instrumental tutors and teachers, as well as working for community workshop organisations.

## Level 3

# BTEC Extended Certificate in Music Technology

### Equivalent to one A Level

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to nurture their creative flair with music technology. Developing your skills and encouraging your creativity is one of the priorities of the course to allow you to develop as a producer.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- remixing and reworking
- commercial music production
- music and sound for media
- mixing and mastering techniques
- DAW production.

#### The fun stuff

This course will equip you with the skills, knowledge and experience necessary to produce, mix and master music whether you want to help realise another artist's vision or create your very own.

You will study a range of units that will challenge you and the way you think about sound. This will include film score composition, remixing and reworking tracks, audio recording in and outside of a studio as well as learning about the industry as a whole.

Digital music is massive and there are lots of progression opportunities. You will learn a wide range of practical skills and techniques within both the studio as well as developing theoretical knowledge surrounding recording techniques.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. No formal music qualifications are needed, however if taken, a merit in Level 2 music is required.

#### What next?

You could progress to some of the most prestigious music universities in the country, including BIMM, ACM, Winchester, Leeds College of Music, Bath Spa, Solent and Portsmouth University as well as directly into the industry.

# Science



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## **A Level Biology**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For any student who has an interest in the natural world and how it works, biology is the study of life and living organisms, including their physical structure, chemical processes, molecular interactions, physiological mechanisms, development and evolution.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- core concepts of biology
- biodiversity, classification and physiology
- energy for life
- continuity of life
- requirements for life
- optional unit in neurobiology and behaviour.

### **The fun stuff**

You will develop skills to allow independent learning and problem solving – a crucial element of being successful in this pure science subject. Practical work will be emphasised and you will be supported to complete the course with a practical endorsement alongside your A Level qualification. You will also have the opportunity to visit the New Forest to carry out ecological investigations as well as attending events at different universities.

The options of work experience available alongside the Extended Project Qualification, allow you to develop additional skills which will be useful for university and apprenticeship applications.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. You will also need grade 5 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 6 or above in biology and one other GCSE science subject, or 6s in GCSE double science.

### **What next?**

You could progress to university or straight to employment, particularly in medicine, dentistry and veterinarian sciences, as well as biochemistry, marine biology, bioengineering and many more non-science related subjects.

## A Level Chemistry

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to learn more about matter and the chemical reactions between substances. Chemistry is critical to the big issues facing our world, such as energy, climate change and feeding a growing global population, as well as cutting-edge development in materials science and biomedical sciences.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- development of practical skills in chemistry
- foundations in chemistry
- periodic table and energy
- core organic chemistry
- physical chemistry and transition elements
- organic chemistry and analysis.

### The fun stuff

You will develop skills to allow independent learning and problem solving – a crucial element of being successful in this pure science subject. Practical work will be emphasised and you will be supported to complete the course with a practical endorsement alongside your A Level qualification.

You are encouraged to undertake a relevant work experience placement, particularly if you are looking to pursue a career in medicine and veterinarian sciences. Also, if you would like to improve your maths qualifications, inquire about core mathematics alongside your main subjects.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. You will also need grade 6 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 6 or above in chemistry and one other GCSE science subject, or 6s in GCSE double science.

### What next?

You could progress to university or straight to employment, particularly in roles that combine maths, analytical skills and problem solving with links to biology and physics. Careers include engineering, manufacturing and branches of medicine, such as nursing, dentistry and veterinary, as well as law and financial industries.

# A Level Physics

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

## Who is the course for?

This course enables students to build on their knowledge of the laws of physics, applying their understanding to solve problems on topics ranging from subatomic particles to the entire universe.

## What will you study?

Units include:

- forces
- waves
- radioactivity
- electricity
- magnetism
- particle physics
- cosmology
- medical physics.

## The fun stuff

You will develop skills that can be transferred to just about any other area of work, from setting up a business to saving the planet. Even if you don't go on to become a physicist, learning to think like one will help you get to the root of any problem and draw connections that aren't obvious to others. Physics won't give you all the answers, but it will teach you how to ask the right questions.

You will have the opportunity to visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Switzerland. In addition, you will be offered to take part in the annual competitions and challenges such as the British Physics Olympiad. You will also get a chance to experience the Farnborough Airshow and visit Southampton and Portsmouth Universities.

## Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. You will also need grade 6 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 6 or above in physics and one other GCSE science subject, or 6s in GCSE double science.

You must also enrol on A Level maths.

## What next?

You could progress to university to study a physics degree or move straight to employment. You will be able to access a range of careers within the fields of sciences, medicine, engineering, computing, architecture and cosmology as well as the business and finance industries.

## Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Medical Science

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Diploma equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course enables students to focus on the anatomy of the human body, diagnosing medical illnesses and how these are treated. It also looks into medical research and case studies.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- human health and disease
- physiological techniques
- medical science research methods
- medicines and treatment of disease
- clinical laboratory techniques
- medical case studies.

### The fun stuff

Developed in conjunction with universities and clinical pathology laboratories, the course provides an engaging and meaningful context-led approach to the development of scientific knowledge and skills. It enables you to develop the tools necessary to understand, assess and suggest solutions to real-world medical problems and challenges. The course places significant stress on the development of good practical skills necessary to monitor health and disease.

You will have the opportunity to experience university open days on healthcare sciences such as radiography, paramedic science and nursing. You will also visit labs at local universities to meet professionals in the field of pharmacology, oncology and nursing, and take part in practical classes.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language, maths and science. GCSE biology is preferred if taken.

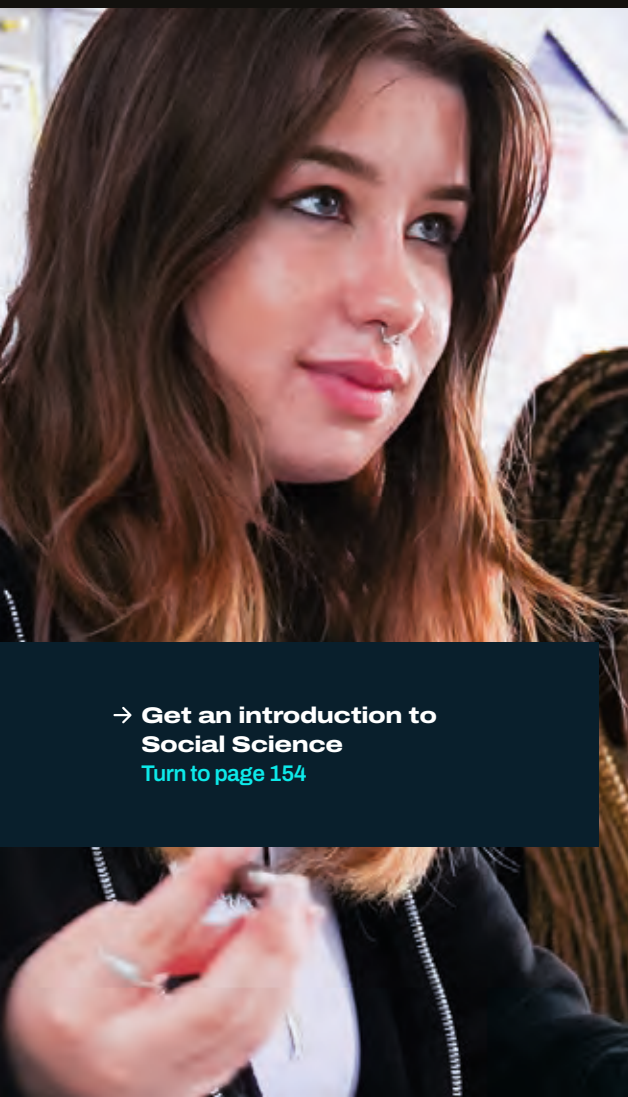
### What next?

You could progress to university to study a biomedical degree or pursue a career in nursing, midwifery or other health-related roles.

# Social Science



**Social science is the study of people as individuals, communities and societies; their behaviours and interactions with each other and their environments.**



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## A Level Psychology

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who are interested in people and the reasons behind their behaviours.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- social, cognitive, learning and biological explanations of behaviours
- methods used to investigate human behaviours
- mental health and addiction
- analysing bigger themes such as nature versus nurture.

### The fun stuff

Psychology offers an academic approach, looking at the research of psychologists and offering the chance to conduct your own studies. You will develop transferable skills such as strong written and oral communication skills and the ability to use evidence and logic to construct an effective argument.

Volunteering or a work experience placement is a positive addition to your CV. You could also undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) which allows you to pursue your own research topic.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. You will also need grade 5 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 4 or above in GCSE science.

### What next?

You could progress to a variety of occupations and careers that tend to centre around people. This could be counselling, education, healthcare or business but extends to the social sector as social workers, therapists or clinical psychologists, and the criminal sector as forensic psychologists within the police force.

## A Level Sociology

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to explore the changes taking place in society and their impacts. This could be the subject for you if you enjoy learning about people and social situations.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- concepts of culture
- contemporary family
- education
- methods of research
- crime and deviance
- social inequality.

### The fun stuff

Sociology gives you the opportunity to develop a range of skills which are both subject-specific and transferable. Some of the main transferable skills are strong written and oral communication skills, the ability to understand complex ideas and apply these to situations, research and analytical skills, and the ability to use evidence and logic to construct a good argument.

Volunteering or a work experience placement is a positive addition to your CV. You could also undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) which allows you to pursue your own research topic.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language. You will also need grade 5 or above in GCSE maths, and grade 4 or above in GCSE science.

### What next?

You could progress to a variety of occupations and careers that tend to centre around people. This could be within the education sector such as teachers, the social sector such as social workers, or the criminal sector such as working within the police force.

## Level 3 BTEC Certificate/ Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to develop an understanding of psychological approaches which underpin professional practice.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- application of psychological approaches
- research methods
- diagnosing and treating disorders
- understanding and explaining behaviours and lifestyle choices which affect health and wellbeing.

### The fun stuff

Applied psychology uses foundation theories which will allow you to consider explanations for behaviours such as aggression, mental health disorders, and health-related lifestyle choices. You will plan and carry out research, evaluating the strengths and limitations of conducting psychological studies.

Volunteering or a work experience placement is a positive addition to your CV. You could also undertake an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) which allows you to pursue your own research topic.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

### What next?

You could progress to a variety of occupations and careers within health and social care, including nursing, social work and counselling.

## Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Criminology

**Certificate equivalent to one AS Level**

**Diploma equivalent to one A Level**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to explore the causes of criminal behaviour, attitudes to crime, criminal investigations and the wider social impacts of campaigns for change.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- changing awareness of crime
- criminological theories – explanations of criminal behaviour
- crime scene to courtroom – police procedures and preparations for trial
- crime and punishment – the criminal justice system.

### The fun stuff

Criminology is very much a social science course, exploring behaviour and attitudes in the field of crime. You will also be looking at criminal investigations and legal procedures and will develop your analytical skills by exploring examples such as campaigns for change and delving into the usefulness of criminological theories.

Criminology could well be an appropriate subject option for students interested in other social sciences and law.

You will be actively encouraged to take on volunteer work or work experience to enhance your future prospects.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language.

### What next?

You could progress to university to study combinations of law and other social sciences or follow a pathway into a career within the police force or another public service, or social care.

# Sport



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## **Level 2 Focus Awards Certificate in Planning and Delivering Gym Based Exercise**

**Equivalent to one GCSE**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This course is for students who want to work in the fitness industry or progress onto becoming a personal trainer. This qualification will develop their ability to work with clients in order to meet their fitness goals both safely and effectively.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- anatomy and physiology for exercise
- health, safety and welfare in a fitness environment
- principles of exercise, fitness and health
- know how to support clients who take part in exercise and physical activity
- planning and instructing gym-based exercise.

### **The fun stuff**

You will develop interpersonal, written and practical delivery skills as well as having time to develop your own physique in order to be ready to work in the industry. This qualification is desired by the fitness industry, so you can work as a personal trainer once qualified after a year.

There will be opportunities to undertake work experience to learn from working PTs and develop your employability and are encouraged to complete a first aid qualification.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 3 or above including English language.

### **What next?**

On completion of this course, you are qualified to run group exercise classes and find employment in a gym. You can also progress onto the Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training.



## Level 2

### CTEC Sport

**Equivalent to one GCSE**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is for students who have an interest in sport and want to develop their leadership skills in working with people while combining practical and theory based learning.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- leading sports activities
- the human body and how it changes in response to exercise
- learning how to play specific sports
- analysing your own and others performance.

#### The fun stuff

The course also includes a Level 2 Award in Community Sports Leadership, which will develop your leadership skills in real life situations working with people in our community.

You can be a part of our sports academy teams and need to be committed to volunteering or extensive work experience.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five Level 3's or above.

#### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress onto employment in the local sport and leisure sector such as Recreation Assistant and Sports Coach, or move onto a Level 3 sport course.

## Level 3

### Focus Awards

### Certificate in Planning and Delivering Personal Training

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is designed for students who want to work in the health and fitness sector and specifically want to develop their ability to work with clients on a one-on-one basis. This course teaches you to plan and deliver exercise sessions, as well as giving nutritional advice to help clients reach their goals.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- anatomy physiology and kinesiology for exercise and health
- applying nutritional principles to personal training
- business acumen and the use of information technology for a personal trainer
- programme design for personal training clients.

#### The fun stuff

You will develop interpersonal, written and practical delivery skills as well as having time to develop your own physique in order to be ready to work in the industry. This qualification is desired by the fitness industry, so you can work as a personal trainer once qualified after a year.

There will be opportunities to undertake work experience to learn from working PTs and develop your employability and are encouraged to complete a first aid qualification.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language.

You must have already completed the NVQ Level 2 Diploma in exercise and fitness to study this course.

#### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress onto working as a personal trainer or fitness instructor.

## Level 3 BTEC Foundation Diploma/Extended Diploma in Elite Football

**Foundation Diploma equivalent to one and a half A Levels**

**Extended Diploma equivalent to three A Levels**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course combines students' development as a football player with a Level 3 BTEC in sports coaching and development. Where the course is football focused, it is integrated into our successful Portsmouth College Football Academy, which has won competitions both locally and abroad.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- sports psychology
- nutrition for sports performance
- applied coaching skills.

### The fun stuff

You will learn about a range of topics within sport such as psychology, anatomy and physiology, and fitness testing. Alongside the lessons, you will have high-quality football training sessions to develop your ability, as well as the opportunity to work with personal trainers to improve your physical attributes.

Learning and assessment are threaded into excellent coaching sessions with UEFA B licensed coaches, aiming to develop your technical ability.

You will have the opportunity to attend our annual US football tour to Philadelphia as well as accessing industry leaders in providing sporting scholarships to the USA. You will compete in National League and Hampshire Sixth Form College's leagues on a weekly basis. This is in addition to the many cups and small sided competitions you will be entered into throughout the year.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English language and maths. You will also need grade 5 or above in physical education.

### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress from our Portsmouth College Football Academy (PCFA) moving onto professional football clubs through our links within the game. You could also move onto a US Scholarship where you can play and learn at one of the universities linked to the Major League Soccer, or onto a degree course at a UK university to study a sport-related degree.

## **NEW COURSE**

### **Level 3**

## **BTEC National Extended Certificate / National Foundation Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in the Sport and Active Leisure Industry

#### **What will you study?**

- Each of these courses are one-year long and will include the new specification introduced in 2019, which does not include any external assessments (exams). The course will be assessed through a series of written, verbal and practical tasks that demonstrate the topics being taught in lessons
- These courses will develop existing knowledge of the human anatomy and experience of concepts such as leadership and coaching while introducing new topics such as nutrition and event management.

#### **The fun stuff**

This course includes a wide variety of practical and theoretical units ranging from Anatomy and Physiology to Practical Sports Application. You will have the opportunity to develop your coaching skills with our local school sports partnership links and also have the opportunity to achieve a L2 Gym Instructors qualification alongside a First Aid and Lifeguarding qualification.

#### **Entry requirements**

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### **What next?**

All BTEC L3 qualifications are diverse enough to develop you towards careers in coaching, teaching, sports psychology, sports therapy, and sports science.

## Level 3

# BTEC Extended Certificate/Foundation Diploma/ Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching and Development Diploma

**Extended Certificate equivalent to one A Level**

**Foundation Diploma equivalent to one and a half A Levels**

**Extended Diploma equivalent to three A Levels**

**Duration:** One or two years

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course offers students the opportunity to experience a range of different elements in the sporting world that students could progress on to in their future career.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- anatomy and physiology
- developing coaching and leadership skills
- sports development
- sport psychology
- nutrition
- planning and leading a sports event.

### The fun stuff

Your timetable will have the E6 Football Academy embedded into it.

You will also have access to trips specific to this course, related to other areas. You will also be provided with opportunities for volunteering, and personal enterprise, all of which are excellent items to put on a future job application.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English language and maths. You will also need grade 5 or above in physical education.

### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress onto higher education to a degree level course or into an apprenticeship/job in the sporting sector. The course is diverse enough to develop you towards careers in coaching, teaching, sports psychology, sports therapy, sports science, nutrition and more.



# Uniformed Protective Services



A career in Uniformed Protective Services opens the door to a whole host of job opportunities and is held in high esteem by employers across all industries.



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## Level 2

# BTEC Certificate in Preparation for the Public Services

### Equivalent to 3 GCSEs

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Sixth Form Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is for students who want to explore the skills required to be a member of the Uniformed Public Services (UPS) such as the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines, Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Paramedics, Customs & Excise and Security.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- teamwork and communication
- employment in the Uniformed Public Services
- career planning
- volunteering
- Combined Cadet Force.

#### The fun stuff

You will be expected to have a basic knowledge of teamwork and leadership which will be developed throughout the course. You will further enhance your skills in organising activities and evaluating your performance each term. Activities will include visiting military establishments in the area and gaining a wider experience of knowledge, fitness requirements and career options in the Blue Light services and Armed Forces.

Throughout the course, you will participate in activities with the City of Portsmouth College Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and you may get the opportunity to complete the National Citizen Service (NCS) course.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 3 or above. If you were unsuccessful in passing maths and English, this course allows time for these to be added to your timetable.

#### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress to our UPS L3 course which will enhance your knowledge further and prepare you for one of the most rewarding and exciting jobs in the public sector.

## Level 3 BTEC Extended Certificate/Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services

**Extended Certificate  
equivalent to one A Level**

**Diploma equivalent to 2 A Levels**

**Duration: One or two years**

**Location: Sixth Form Campus**

### Who is the course for?

This course is for students who have an interest in the Uniformed Protective Services (UPS) and strive to develop their leadership and teamwork skills.

It involves fitness training to ensure you can pass the entry requirements for your chosen UPS therefore it can be physically demanding at times.

### What will you study?

Units may include:

Year 1

- behaviour and discipline in the UPS (exam)
- leadership and teamwork
- criminology
- outdoor adventurous activities.

Year 2

- government policies (exam)
- citizenship and diversity
- physical preparation to join a UPS
- developing personal fitness programmes in the UPS.

### The fun stuff

Alongside this course, you will be required to choose a pathway that will guide you into your pending career. You can choose between an Armed Forces Pathway, where you will have an opportunity to be a part of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF), This will involve introducing you to military skills such as shooting, marching and the core values.

This pathway is for those who have career aspirations for the Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal Marines.

Alternatively, you can choose the Blue Light Pathway for those wanting to join either Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Paramedics, Prison Service or the Border Force (Customs and Excise and Security).

This includes completing another A level of your choice alongside the UPS - however, popular combinations with this pathway are Criminology or Medical Science A Levels - depending on career aspiration.

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) runs alongside the Level 3 Armed Forces Pathway which aims to enhance students' progression following the completion of their courses. This is a valuable opportunity for students to learn military skills and develop their teamwork ability.

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate - a new addition to this course is the opportunity to have a free taster day out on a powerboat. If you like it you can complete this course (1 week) during college time. We get this at a discounted rate - last year costed £249.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language.

### What next?

On completion of this course, you can progress into a role in the uniformed protective services such as police, emergency services and the armed forces.



## About the Armed Forces Pathway

This pathway is designed to expand students' experience of the armed forces and introduce them to military skills through participation in the college Combined Cadet Force (CCF). The course runs alongside BTEC Level 3 uniformed protective services and can also be combined with Level 3 sport courses.

The pathway includes practising and undertaking the Royal Navy recruitment test, weekly fitness testing at HMS Temeraire and a cadet fitness instructor course.

You will have been guided to achieve your end goal of joining the forces, having gained many interpersonal skills, as well as advancing to the fitness levels required for the forces.

An interest in the armed forces is essential and knowledge of potential career pathways is desirable.

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) runs alongside the Level 3 armed forces pathway which aims to enhance your progression following the completion of your course. This is a valuable opportunity to learn military skills and develop your teamworking ability.

You will also have access to trips specific to this course and your chosen career pathway.

On completion of this course, you will be able to apply to an Armed Force of your choice.

## About the Blue Light Pathway

Typical subjects include criminology, applied law, medical science and applied psychology that will be studied alongside the Level 3 BTEC Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services. This choice of blue light subject should be based on your intended career path.

The areas you will study may change to reflect any additional subjects you choose to combine with this course.

An interest in the blue light services (police/ ambulance/fire/coastguard) is essential and knowledge of potential career pathways is desirable.

Alongside the uniformed protective services qualification, you will gain an additional BTEC (equivalent to an A Level) in either criminology or law. As well as gaining the equivalent of three A Levels, you will complete in-depth studies concerning crimes and the psychological reasoning behind why criminals carry out crime.

You will have access to trips specific to this course as part of both the uniformed protective services and criminology/law, which are hugely beneficial.

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to apply to one of the blue light services or other armed forces. University will also be an option for those wanting to develop academically, as the course provides you with extra UCAS points.

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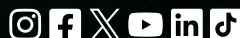


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
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# Animal Care



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## Entry Level 3 Pathway to Animal Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to progress to the Level 1 vocational study in animal care or equivalent.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- learning and employability
- introduction to the care of animals
- developing confidence working with animals
- checking the health of an animal
- recognising small animals
- the grooming of small animals.

### The fun stuff

You will take part in at least 30 hours of work experience within the animal care sector. You will also build a portfolio of work through activity, group, photo and video assessments. Alongside this qualification, you will be working towards specific Functional Skills or GCSE qualifications in maths and English.

### Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course.

### What next?

The majority of students progress to Level 1 courses, including the Level 1 Pathway to Animal Care.

## Level 1 Pathway to Animal Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Ideal if you aspire to work with animals, this course prepares you to progress to a higher qualification in animal care (or a similar sector).

### What will you study?

Units include:

- caring for animals
- developing confidence working with animals
- learning and employability skills.

### The fun stuff

You will take part in at least 30 hours of work experience within the animal care sector. You will also build a portfolio of work through activity, group, photo and video assessments.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone into further education and enables progression into other vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to work in an outdoor environment, this course has been designed to provide learners with the skills and knowledge that will enable them to progress to further study in animal care.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- animal health and welfare
- cleaning and maintaining animal accommodation
- providing food and water to animals
- career options in horticultural, environmental and animal care
- preparing for work placement.

### The fun stuff

You will take part in at least 30 hours of work experience within the animal care sector.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This course is perfect for those who wish to progress to higher level vocational study in horticulture, environmental and animal care or who need to develop their employability and/or learning skills alongside their vocational skills.

# Art & Design



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## Level 1 Pathway to Art & Design

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in art and design and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- introduction to materials, processes and skills in art, design and media
- introduction to contextual research in art, design and media
- art and design project
- employability skills.

### The fun stuff

Teaching, coaching and learning support staff will work closely with you and your parents/carers to help you achieve planned learning goals. Our staff are experienced at delivering classes to meet your needs and will work with you to build your confidence and skills.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in art and design combined with a desire to improve your maths and English levels is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 course that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course.



## Level 2

### UAL Diploma in Art & Design

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is for students who would like to develop their skills within the creative and media industries to prepare them for work or further study. Students on this programme may wish to work in set design, illustration, sculpture, media, textiles or fine art.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- materials, processes and skills
- contextual research
- drawing skills
- 2D and 3D problem solving
- time-based creative problem solving
- developing and producing a personal project.

#### The fun stuff

You will complete a one week work placement within the industry. You will also have the opportunity to work on many live projects and exhibit your work. At the end of your studies, you will be invited to exhibit your final design projects at the end-of-year showcase.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English. All places are subject to an interview with a portfolio of your creative work.

#### What next?

On completion of this course to a merit standard, you can progress to a Level 3 course, including a Level 3 UAL Diploma in Art and Design.

## Level 3

### UAL Applied General Diploma in Art & Design

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This practical course is for you if you want to develop your creative design skills and progress to a career in the creative industries. It has been designed to provide a strong foundation for progressing to a broad range of creative subjects at further and higher education, or creative apprenticeships.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- photography, illustration and graphic design
- painting and drawing
- 3D
- screen printing
- digital media
- diagnostic investigation.

#### The fun stuff

You will mostly be working in the art and design studios, sometimes you may be working in the photography studio or in one of our Mac suites and you may get the opportunity to work off-site on a project, with real clients. You will meet artists and visit galleries, as well as exhibiting your final design project at the end-of-year showcase.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and a creative subject, or a full Level 2 qualification at merit grade, with literacy and numeracy. All places are subject to an interview with a portfolio of your creative work.

#### What next?

Most students will progress to a Level 3 UAL Extended Diploma in Art and Design.

## Level 3

# UAL Applied General Extended Diploma in Art & Design

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course follows on from the UAL Level 3 Applied General Diploma in Art and Design, if you want to develop your creative design skills to a higher level and progress to a career in the creative industries. It provides a strong foundation for a broad range of creative subjects at further and higher education, or creative apprenticeships.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- more independent focus
- larger, more in-depth projects
- building a strong portfolio
- specialist practice within art and design.

### The fun stuff

The Extended Diploma usually involves working on a live project for an external client. Recent projects have included taking part in the Royal Opera House Design Challenge and creating mural designs for a hotel. On this course you can write your own brief for your final project.

### Entry requirements

Level 3 UAL Applied General Diploma in Art and Design at merit.

### What next?

You can progress to university, then find work as a graphic designer, photographer, fashion designer, interior designer, exhibition designer, ceramicist, jewellery maker, illustrator or fine artist. Or you could choose to move on to related job areas, including animation, television, visual merchandising or web design.

# Automotive



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## Level 1 IMI Diploma in Transport Maintenance

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is aimed at 16–19 year olds who have a keen interest in working in the automotive industry, as an introduction to that world.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- engine systems
- chassis systems (brakes, steering and suspension)
- transmission, lubrication and electrical systems
- health and safety.

### The fun stuff

The course is divided between theory sessions and practical sessions in a workshop. You will be working on light vehicles, learning the various systems and how to remove, assess and refit assemblies. Students also benefit from 24/7 access to our online resources LJ Create and Vehicle Visuals.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Maintenance and Repair Principles (Light Vehicle) or use this course as a foundation to an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 IMI Diploma in Maintenance & Repair Principles (Light Vehicle)

**Duration:** One year  
**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to develop the specialist knowledge required by the automotive sector, it has been designed to support the needs of employers within the industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- materials, fabrication, tools and measuring devices
- system components and operation
- system components and maintenance
- removing and replacing components.

### The fun stuff

You will be encouraged to enter competitions to test your skills against other colleges and the military. Events could include WorldSkills or the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Automotive Challenge. Students also benefit from 24/7 access to our online resources LJ Create and Vehicle Visuals.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Maintenance and Repair Principles, or into an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Autocare Technician Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 30 months  
**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

Ideal for those who have an interest in the autocare occupation but little or no formal training.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- inspecting light vehicles using prescribed methods
- maintaining a healthy and safe workplace
- using specific company IT systems, including point-of-sale systems and handheld devices
- communicating effectively with customers, suppliers and colleagues
- accessing vehicle technical data to inform inspections and make judgements on wear and serviceability.

### The fun stuff

You will carry out a range of services and repairs to cars, vans and light goods vehicles, working in an autocare centre, where you will be learning the fundamentals of specific vehicle systems including steering and suspension, braking systems, battery and charging systems, exhaust systems and air-conditioning systems. On completion, you will be eligible to apply for IMI membership as a Registered Young Professional or as an Associate Member. You will also gain entry to the IMI Professional Register.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You could progress to a Level 3 automotive course/apprenticeship or work within the industry. It is also possible to continue training via the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), should you want to specialise or advance your knowledge further.

## Level 3 Motor Vehicle & Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Three years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

For those who have a basic understanding of light vehicle maintenance and repair but want to progress and expand that knowledge further.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- engine systems and component faults
- transmission and drive-line system faults
- chassis system faults
- inspecting light vehicles using prescribed methods
- diagnostics, alternative fuels and electric vehicles.

### The fun stuff

You will work either in dealerships which focus on a particular manufacturer, or in an independent garage dealing with many different makes of vehicles. You will learn advanced skills around service and maintenance of vehicles specifically around components, servicing, emissions and diagnostics, as well as how to run an efficient garage/business.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You could go into full-time employment within the industry. Past apprentices have gone on to be promoted in their company to roles with more responsibility and within a short period of time have gone on to become managers and even company directors. It is also possible to continue your training via the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) should you wish to specialise or advance your knowledge further.

## Level 3 IMI Diploma in Maintenance & Repair Principles (Light Vehicle)

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to develop the specialist knowledge required by the automotive sector.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- vehicle auxiliary electrical faults
- light vehicle engine faults
- light vehicle transmission and driveline faults
- inspecting light vehicles using prescribed methods.

### The fun stuff

You will be taken on a number of trips to find out about different aspects of the industry and the many roles open to you. Students also benefit from 24/7 access to our online resources ATT, Electude, LJ Create and Vehicle Visuals.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and a Level 2 automotive qualification.

### What next?

You can progress straight into employment or a higher apprenticeship. Once employed, you can return to complete the part-time Level 4 Master Technicians course, MOT tester training and numerous Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) short courses.

## Level 3

# T Level Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in maintenance, installation and repair for engineering and manufacturing.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- working within the engineering and manufacturing sectors – an understanding of how materials, conditions and context influence design processes and products
- essential mathematics for engineering and manufacturing – a knowledge and understanding of mathematics including standard matrices and determinants and standard trigonometry
- materials and their properties – understanding material processing techniques and their effects on materials and material quality, the condition of materials, how these are managed, and materials testing methods and techniques
- business, commercial and financial awareness - basic commercial principles including commercial priorities and markets, customers/clients/ partners and resource allocation.

### The fun stuff

You also get to complete at least one module of occupation-specific content.

The specialisms available in the T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing are:

- maintenance engineering technologies: mechanical
- maintenance engineering technologies: mechatronic
- maintenance engineering technologies: electrical & electronic
- maintenance engineering technologies: control & instrumentation
- maintenance, installation, and repair: light and electric vehicles.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to engineering maintenance technician, motor vehicle breakdown engineer, vehicle body repairer, marine engineering technician, motor mechanic, telecoms engineer, mechanical engineering technician or auto-electrician. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

# Business



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## Level 1 Pathway to Business

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in the business industry or who dreams of running their own business.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector. Units include:

- understanding the uses of social media for business.
- creating business documents.
- understanding how to promote a product or a service.
- working with other people in a business environment.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and to take part in vocationally based projects. You will enjoy designing and planning your own business working with others in the group. Visits from local successful business owners will inspire and motivate you and you will also take part in real-life work experience.

### Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course but an interest in the world of business and a desire to improve your maths and English is essential.

### What next?

This course is perfect for those who wish to progress to higher level vocational study in the business sector.

## Level 2

# Accounts Assistant Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 15 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

An accounts or finance assistant is an integral part of the team responsible for maintaining an efficient and accurate finance function within a business. They are responsible for assisting the team of accountants with junior accounting duties. These can vary massively depending on the team structure and size of business. An accounts or finance assistant's work could include basic bookkeeping activities, working with sales and purchase ledgers, running calculations to ensure that records and payments are correct, recording of cash and data entry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- general business and ethical standards
- accounting systems and processes
- basic accounting and bookkeeping
- software.

### The fun stuff

You will learn the basic skills within the accounts or finance industry, either working for an accounting firm or within the finance department of a company within corporate businesses, sole traders, partnerships, public sector, not-for-profit organisations or educational institutions. You will have the opportunity to work with fellow professionals to learn the latest skills and standards within finance.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at College alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You could progress to a Level 3 Accountancy Apprenticeship or complete further short courses with relevant awarding bodies.



## Level 2

# Technical Certificate in Business Administration and Marketing

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This programme introduces two main functions within a business and provides a firm basis for further study within the fields of business administration and marketing. The technical and practical skills you will develop are highly transferable across all industries.

Within business administration, employers require their administrative staff to be multi-skilled, with a focus on efficiency and service delivery both in the workplace and digitally.

Marketing is an essential function in the success of all businesses. Marketing roles are varied and include researching initial product and service concepts through to their development, advertising, and digital marketing and sales.

### What will you study?

Developed with employers, this qualification enables you to learn the knowledge, skills and behaviours that will give you the best opportunity to be successful when moving into employment.

You will cover:

- understanding administrative services
- providing administrative services and business support
- using business technology to process and communicate information.
- planning, organising, and supporting business events.
- marketing in business
- marketing activities
- digital marketing communication
- marketing campaigns.

### The fun stuff

You will be taught by fully qualified and experienced tutors in the classroom, using a range of resources and methods, including textbooks, demonstrations, practical tasks, projects, and e-learning. You will be encouraged to take ownership of your own education and develop skills of independent and autonomous learning and self-discovery, with the support and guidance of the tutors.

To support your development of practical and technical skills, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours work experience that the college team will support you in securing.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language is preferable.

### What next?

This qualification forms an excellent foundation year to enable you to progress onto a level 3 qualification such as T Level in Management and Administration or other vocational routes including BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Marketing, CTEC Level 3 certificate in Business or onto an apprenticeship as a Level 3 Business Administrator or Level 3 Marketing Assistant.

## Level 3 Assistant Accountant Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 18 months  
**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed for a mid-level role in the accountancy profession, it can lead into a variety of careers with supporting professional qualifications.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- advanced bookkeeping
- final accounts preparation
- management accounting and costing
- indirect tax
- ethics for accountants
- spreadsheets for accounting.

### The fun stuff

You will develop skills in bookkeeping, cost accounting and the preparation of reports and returns. You will learn and master financial processes, including accounting principles and concepts, advanced bookkeeping, final accounts, VAT issues, management accounting, costing techniques and ethical practices. This programme also develops software skills through using accounting software and spreadsheet training for accounting.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 4 qualification, including a Level 4 apprenticeship, or into employment or higher education.

## Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 18 months  
**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Those who want to learn about how business works and earn a wage at the same time, the skills gained are essential to the smooth running of any business and are also transferable.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- organisational purpose, activities, aims, values, vision and resources
- organisational structure and roles
- laws, regulations and internal policies
- relevant external factors
- business fundamentals – managing change, business finances and project management.

### The fun stuff

Your role may involve working independently or as part of a team and will involve developing, implementing, maintaining and improving administrative services. You will develop key skills and behaviours to support your own progression towards management responsibilities.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can progress to a higher-level business administration course, a Team Leading/Supervisor Apprenticeship or an Associate Project Manager Apprenticeship.

## Level 4 Professional Accounting Technician Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 18 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed for those who want to gain advanced knowledge and develop skills in management and financial accounting, and the preparation of reports and returns.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- financial statements of limited companies
- management accounting: budgeting
- management accounting: decisions and controls
- accounting systems and controls.

### The fun stuff

You will have responsibility for creating and/ or verifying and reviewing accurate and timely financial information within the organisation in which you are employed or on behalf of another organisation. This role may exist in an accounting practice, a professional services company, HMRC or the accounting function of a business or other organisation. We have included two free AAT Level 4 optional units, Personal Tax and Business Tax, to provide you with a basic introduction to the UK taxation system. These units are assessed individually in end-of-unit assessments and will be taught after the main programme learning has been completed.

### Entry requirements

Maths and English GCSE grade 4 or above or Functional Skills Level 2, together with the AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting (Level 3), or an equivalent professional accounting qualification.

### What next?

You can work towards chartered accountancy and/ or a relevant undergraduate degree.

## NEW COURSE

## Level 3 T Level Accounting

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in accounting.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- fundamentals of financial accounting – an understanding of elementary financial principles, concepts and practices and how this content links to relevant accounting, bookkeeping and business mathematics requirements
- professionalism and ethics - an understanding of professional conduct and responsibilities in the workplace and ethical dilemmas for the individual, organisation and professional
- data driven innovation and analytics and design thinking – an awareness of key requirements of a data governance framework and understand the main contemporary visualisation tools and when they are best used to support decision-making.

### The fun stuff

You also get to choose at least one module of occupation-specific content. The specialism available in the T Level in Accounting is assistant accountant.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to an assistant accountant role. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 3 T Level Finance

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in finance.

#### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of sector-relevant issues, including:

- the business environment – a general understanding of business models, tax laws, fundamental business principles and drivers for change
- fundamentals of financial accounting – an understanding of elementary financial principles, concepts and practices and how this content links to relevant accounting, bookkeeping, and business mathematics requirements
- professionalism and ethics - an understanding of professional conduct and responsibilities in the workplace and ethical dilemmas for the individual, organisation and professional
- data driven innovation and analytics and design thinking – an awareness of key requirements of a data governance framework and understand the main contemporary visualisation tools and when they are best used to support decision-making.

#### The fun stuff

You also get to complete at least one module of occupation-specific content.

The specialisms available in T Level Finance are:

- retail and commercial banking analyst
- investment banking and asset and wealth management analyst
- insurance practitioner
- financial compliance/risk analyst.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

You could progress to financial services customer advisor, credit controller, insurance underwriter, bank manager, credit manager, mortgage advisor or pensions administrator. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

## **NEW COURSE**

### **Level 3**

## **T Level Legal Services**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

This course is suitable for you if you're keen to learn the core knowledge and skills that are needed for entry to a range of legal occupations.

#### **What will you study?**

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- the business environment
- careers within the legal profession
- regulation
- professionalism and ethics
- security and risk
- equality, diversity and inclusion requirements
- third party professional services
- the fundamentals of law
- the fundamentals of financial accounting
- an awareness of digital and emerging technology, digital transformation and digital tools
- data driven innovation, analytics and design thinking
- research skills
- project and change management approaches in legal contexts.

#### **The fun stuff**

You will also complete at least one module of occupation-specific content.

The Legal Services T Level consists of two legal assistant occupational specialisms:

- legal services assistant - business, finance and employment
- legal services assistant - crime, criminal justice and social welfare.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### **Entry requirements**

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### **What next?**

You could progress to legal services assistant in either business, finance and employment or crime, criminal justice and social welfare. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 3

## T Level Management & Administration

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in management and administration.

#### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- business context – an overview of organisational cultures and values, different types of internal and external stakeholder, different forms of governance and the impact of organisations on society and the environment
- project and change management – an understanding of the common change management theories and models and how to support and improve projects
- business behaviours – the importance of good communication and adapting social communication styles to professional standards and according to purpose, medium and audience
- quality and compliance – the importance of maintaining and improving quality in all aspects of public and private sector organisations.

#### The fun stuff

You also get to complete at least one module of occupation-specific content.

The specialisms available in the T Level in Management and Administration can include:

- business support
- team leadership and management.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

You could progress to manufacturing supervisor, civil service admin officer, medical secretary, secretary, barrister's clerk, admin assistant, school secretary, information scientist, court administrative assistant, office manager, personal assistant or indexer. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

# Catering



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## Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed for people who are looking to take their first steps into the world of culinary arts and who wish to develop their all-round catering skills.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- maintaining a safe, hygienic and secure working environment
- working effectively as part of a team
- maintaining food safety when storing, preparing and cooking food
- preparing and cooking vegetables
- preparing and cooking meat, poultry and fish
- preparing and finishing salad, fruit, and hot and cold sandwiches
- pasta, rice, eggs, pulses, grains and how to cook and finish simple bread and dough products.

### The fun stuff

You will complete a variety of work placements within the industry including the Brookfield Hotel 'takeover'. You will also have the opportunity to compete in local and national competitions, volunteer at events such as Victorious Festival and take part in charitable initiatives. In addition, you will be invited on trips to Billingsgate Fish Market and wholesale food providers.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery.

## Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students to develop their professional cookery skills and associated knowledge. This course will refine skills across a broad range of commodities.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- food safety in catering
- health and safety
- healthier foods and special diets
- kitchen operations, costs and menu planning
- applying workplace skills
- stocks, soups and sauces
- fruit and vegetables
- meat, offal, poultry, fish and shellfish
- rice, pasta, grains and egg dishes
- desserts, puddings and bakery products.

### The fun stuff

You will complete a variety of work placements within the industry including the Brookfield Hotel 'takeover'. You will also have the opportunity to compete in local and national competitions, volunteer at events such as Victorious Festival and take part in charitable initiatives. In addition, you will be invited on trips to Billingsgate Fish Market and wholesale food providers.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery or go straight into employment or an apprenticeship as a chef or member of the food service team in the hotel and catering industry.

## Level 2 Commis Chef Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 16 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

For the apprentice who is looking to develop their role to become Commis Chef. The primary objective is to learn and understand how to carry out the basic functions in every section of the kitchen.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- teamwork and communication
- business costings, healthier foods and special diets
- recognising and understanding sources and quality points of common food groups
- recognising how technology supports the development and production of dishes
- understanding how personal and team performance impacts on the successful production of dishes and menu items.

### What else?

A commis chef is the most common starting position in many kitchens. You will be preparing food and carrying out basic cooking tasks under the supervision of a more senior chef. The learning journey of any chef will vary considerably from one individual to the next, however it is necessary to understand and have experience in the basics that this role provides to progress to any future senior chef role.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 3 qualification including a Level 3 Chef de Partie apprenticeship, into employment or higher education.



## Level 2

# Production Chef Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 15 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

For the apprentice looking to develop their skills to become a Production Chef.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- maintaining excellent standards of personal, food and kitchen hygiene
- ensuring compliance to procedures, menu specifications and recipes
- producing food, meeting portion controls and budgetary constraints
- adapting and producing dishes to meet special dietary, religious and allergenic requirements
- following, completing and maintaining production schedules, legislative and quality standard documentation
- using specialist kitchen equipment
- communicating internally and externally with customers and colleagues
- commitment to personal development activities.

### What else?

Production chefs work as part of a team in time-bound and often challenging kitchen environments, for example, schools, hospitals, the armed forces, care homes and high street casual dining, take away services or pub kitchens. You will report to the senior production chef or appropriate line manager. In your role, you are likely to work with centrally-developed standardised recipes and menus, producing food, often in high volumes. You will apply highly methodical organisational skills, energy, accuracy, attention to detail and be mindful of the importance of sustainability and protecting the environment.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 3 qualification including a Level 3 apprenticeship or enter employment or higher education.

## Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

To develop your culinary skills and lead to a qualification that is highly sought-after by the industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the principles of food safety supervision for catering
- practical gastronomy
- advanced vegetable and vegetarian dishes
- advanced meat dishes
- advanced poultry and game dishes
- advanced fish and shellfish dishes
- fermented dough and batter products
- petits fours and paste products
- hot, cold and frozen desserts
- biscuits, cakes and sponges.

### The fun stuff

During the course, you will complete a variety of work placements within the industry including the Brookfield Hotel 'takeover'. You will also have the opportunity to compete in local and national competitions, volunteer at events such as Victorious Festival and take part in charitable initiatives. In addition, you will be invited on trips to Billingsgate Fish Market and wholesale food providers.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress into employment.

## NEW COURSE

## Level 3 T Level Catering

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone interested in a career in catering.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- culinary quality
- kitchen operations
- health, safety and security
- nutritional analysis
- food safety practices and procedures
- team working
- business, including risk assessment, waste management principles and supply chain management.

### The fun stuff

In addition to the core content, each student will also complete one module of Professional Cookery. Students are expected to develop understanding and advanced skills to work with a wide variety of food groups ranging from meat, poultry and game to dough and batter products including patisserie and all food groups in between

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to employment. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

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## **Level 1 eSports**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This exciting new qualification is focused on progression to employment across a range of roles within eSports.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- game engine technologies for creative media industries
- understanding how to promote product or service
- collaborative working using digital technology
- using social media.

### **The fun stuff**

You will learn a range of different skills from presentational skills to technical and tactical elements to improve your online gaming. There is a range of specific course options, including visits to expos relating to the gaming industry.

### **Entry requirements**

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in eSports combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential.

### **What next?**

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship.

## Level 1

# Pathway to Information Technology

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who have an interest in computing. The course is also designed to develop students who wish to train in the computing field but do not have the required maths and English levels to access other vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- word processing
- presentation software
- IT user fundamentals
- improving productivity
- setting up an IT system and optimising system performance.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude, including end of term trips, film nights and bowling.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in computing combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 qualification that will further enable your progression.

## Level 2

# OCR Cambridge Technical Diploma in IT

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed to teach you the latest IT skills, it includes a blend of business, technical, interpersonal and project-based knowledge and allows learners to determine which computing pathway they would wish to take in the future whether it is hardware or software.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- communication in the IT industry
- working in the IT industry
- doing business online
- installing computer hardware
- computer systems
- database systems.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to go on educational and university visits, as well as hear from experts in the field. You will also complete a minimum one week work placement in the IT industry to develop your work-related skills as part of your studies.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 3 course, specialising in either networking and system support or software development.

## Level 2

# Transition to Digital

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who are not ready to start a T Level but have the potential to progress onto one, this study programme is specifically designed to develop the skills, experience, knowledge and behaviours to support progression onto a T Level.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- cyber security
- data systems and analysis
- cloud storage and collaboration
- computer networking
- computer systems
- networking fundamentals.

### The fun stuff

This course includes time spent in the workplace, enabling you to apply your studies in a range of suitable settings, improving your knowledge and developing key employment skills.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You can continue to the Level 3 T Level, progress into an apprenticeship or find employment in the sector.

## NEW COURSE

# Level 3 T Level Digital Business Services

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in IT, specifically in areas such as IT solutions or data analysis.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of:

- how digital technologies impact business and market environment
- the ethical and moral implications of digital technology
- using data in software design
- using digital technologies to analyse and solve problems
- digital environments, including physical, virtual and cloud environments
- legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies
- the privacy and confidentiality of personal data
- the technical, physical and human aspects of internet security
- planning digital projects
- testing software, hardware and data
- digital tools for project management and collaboration.

### The fun stuff

You will also develop the knowledge and skills of a data technician:

- sourcing, organising and formatting data for analysis
- blending data from multiple sources
- analysing data to support business outcomes
- interpreting data and communicating the results
- discovering, evaluating and applying sources of knowledge.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to roles including data analyst, statistician or market research data analyst. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

## Level 3

# T Level Digital Support Services

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in digital infrastructure and support.

### What will you study?

You will develop a general understanding of:

- how digital technologies impact business and market environment
- the ethical and moral implications of digital technology
- using data in software design
- using digital technologies to analyse and solve problems
- digital environments, including physical, virtual and cloud environments
- legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies
- the privacy and confidentiality of personal data
- the technical, physical and human aspects of internet security
- planning digital projects
- testing software, hardware and data
- digital tools for project management and collaboration.

You will also learn about topics specific to digital support services, including:

- roles within the digital support services sector
- communication in digital support services
- fault analysis and problem resolution.

### The fun stuff

You also get to choose one of the following specialisms:

- digital infrastructure
- network cabling
- digital support.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

You could progress to IT security co-ordinator or IT support technician. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

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## NEW COURSE

### Level 3 T Level Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For young people looking to begin a career in the engineering, manufacturing, processing and control sector, T Levels are a high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels, offering new routes to employment or further learning.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- health and safety
- project management
- budgeting and resource allocation
- procurement
- risk management.

#### The fun stuff

This T Level will allow you to develop your knowledge and understanding in a broad range of design, surveying and planning for construction disciplines. It will include an industry placement, with a chance to apply your skills and knowledge in a real-life workplace environment.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or a Transition to Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction qualification.

#### What next?

You could progress to a degree, an apprenticeship, or into employment.



# Education & Early Years



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## Level 1 Pathway to Childcare & Early Years

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in childcare and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding play
- supporting children's learning through sensory play activities
- human growth and development
- understanding safeguarding in early years
- practical health and safety when with young children
- physical activities for young children
- developing skills for listening to children.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and to take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events. You will enjoy regular vocationally-relevant professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is also recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude that consists of end of term trips, film nights and bowling.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in childcare combined with a desire to improve your maths and English levels is essential.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term of this course, you will have an opportunity to study towards a vocationally-relevant Level 2 course that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 2 Diploma for the Early Years Practitioner

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for those aged from 16 years who have an interest in working with children between birth and seven years 11 months.

#### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- roles and responsibilities of the Early Years Practitioner
- health and safety of babies and young children
- equality and diversity
- safeguarding, protection and welfare of babies and young children
- support care routines and development
- purposeful play opportunities and education
- support healthy lifestyles and positive behaviours
- Special Educational Needs and Disability.

On completion you will gain a Level 2 licence to practice in the Early Years Sector.

#### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and use the onsite virtual nursery and sensory room. You will enjoy regular professional visits and take part in events with the onsite nursery giving you the extra skills and knowledge in your chosen field.

This course includes mandatory 250hrs work placement within the Early Years and Education sector.

#### Entry requirements

You will need five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

On completion of this course and the accompanying GCSEs in maths and English, you will be able to progress to the T Level 3 Early Years and Education, a traineeship, apprenticeship or employment.

### Level 3 T Level Education & Childcare

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For young people looking to begin a career in education and childcare, T Levels are a high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels, offering new routes to employment or further learning.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- supporting education
- safeguarding, health, safety and wellbeing
- behaviour
- parents, families and carers
- child development
- equality and diversity
- special needs.

#### The fun stuff

Our T Level Education and Childcare course is designed to increase your employment and progression prospects by having extended hands-on experience in real-life work placements, in which you will be supported by an expert.

#### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

You could progress to a degree, an apprenticeship, or into employment.

# Engineering



**Become an extraordinary innovator with one of our engineering qualifications and put your stamp on the industry.**



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## **Level 2 Transition to Engineering**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus  
& North Harbour Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For students aged 16-19 who are not ready to start a T Level but have the potential to progress onto one, this study programme is specifically designed to develop the skills, experience, knowledge and behaviours to support progression onto a T Level.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- engineering disciplines
- applied science and maths
- how to read engineering drawings
- materials
- tools and equipment
- production planning
- processing skills.

### **The fun stuff**

Additional activities could include fabrication, welding and maintenance to further improve your engineering skills.

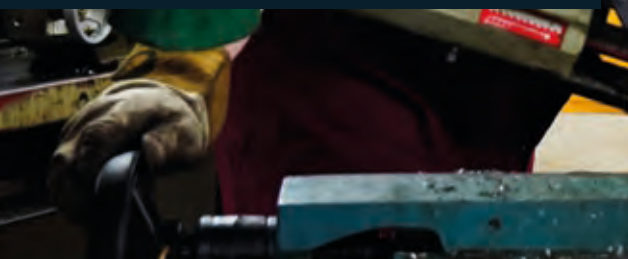
### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and English.

### **What next?**

You could progress to the Level 3 T Level, an apprenticeship or find employment in the sector.

**Workshops to be held at North Harbour Campus**



## Level 3

# T Level Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus  
& North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For young people looking to begin a career in the engineering, manufacturing, processing and control sector, T Levels are a high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels, offering new routes to employment or further learning.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- CAD technician
- 3D printing
- mechanical engineering
- electrical and electronic engineering
- control and instrumentation
- structural engineering.

### The fun stuff

This T Level will allow you to develop your knowledge and understanding in a broad range of engineering, manufacturing, processing and control disciplines. It will include an industry placement, with a chance to apply your skills and knowledge in a real-life workplace environment.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English or a Transition to Engineering qualification.

### What next?

You could progress to a degree, an apprenticeship, or into employment.

**Workshops to be held at North Harbour Campus**

# English



**Be the protagonist in your life story, and improve your career aspirations with an English qualification**



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## Entry Level 1/2 Resolve

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 with English as a second language who wish to progress on to an adult ESOL course or vocational programme. Resolve is a preparation course that aims to engage and assist students to develop the essential attitude and English language skills needed to progress to a vocational college course or an apprenticeship.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- ESOL Skills for life qualification in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- functional skills or GCSE in maths
- employability skills
- real-life work experience.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular professional visits and take part in real-life work experience, giving you the extra skills and knowledge needed in your chosen field.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You could consider the next step in your educational journey with one of our Level 2 Awards that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course or an apprenticeship.

# Foundation Pathways



Take a look through our Foundation Pathways course options to see if they will suit you and put you on the path to success.



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## Level 1 Pathway to Art & Design

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in art and design and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- introduction to materials, processes and skills in art, design and media
- introduction to contextual research in art, design and media
- art and design project
- employability skills.

### The fun stuff

Teaching, coaching and learning support staff will work closely with you and your parents/carers to help you achieve planned learning goals. Our staff are experienced at delivering classes to meet your needs and will work with you to build your confidence and skills.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in art and design combined with a desire to improve your maths and English levels is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 course that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course.

## Level 1 & 2 Pathway to Animal Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Ideal if you aspire to work with animals, this course prepares you to progress to a higher qualification in animal care (or similar sector).

### What will you study?

Units include:

- caring for animals
- developing confidence working with animals
- learning and employability skills.

### The fun stuff

You will take part in at least 30 hours of work experience within the animal care sector. You will also build a portfolio of work through activity, group, photo and video assessments.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone into further education and enables progression into other vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship.

## Entry Level 3 Pathway to Animal Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who wish to progress to the Level 1 vocational study in animal care or equivalent.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- learning and employability
- introduction to the care of animals
- developing confidence working with animals
- checking the health of an animal
- recognising small animals
- the grooming of small animals.

### The fun stuff

You will take part in at least 30 hours of work experience within the animal care sector. You will also build a portfolio of work through activity, group, photo and video assessments. Alongside this qualification, you will be working towards specific Functional Skills or GCSE qualifications in maths and English.

### Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course.

### What next?

The majority of students progress to Level 1 courses, including the Level 1 Pathway to Animal Care.

## Level 1 Pathway to Childcare & Early Years

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the apprenticeship for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in childcare and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding play
- human growth and development
- understanding safeguarding in early years
- practical health and safety when with young children
- musical activities for young children
- treating children as individuals.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and to take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events. You will enjoy regular vocationally-relevant professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is also recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in childcare combined with a desire to improve your maths and English levels is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term of this course, you will have an opportunity to study towards a vocationally-relevant Level 2 course that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course.

## Level 1 Pathway to Health & Social Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in health and social care and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- job opportunities
- introduction to communication
- equality and inclusion
- principles and values
- introduction to dementia
- awareness of protection and safeguarding.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular vocationally-relevant professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is also recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in health and social care, combined with a desire to improve your maths and English, is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education, enabling progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 qualification that will further enable your progression.



## Level 1 Pathway to Information Technology

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who have an interest in computing. The course is also designed to develop students who wish to train in the computing field but do not have the required English and maths levels to access other vocationally-related courses.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- word processing
- presentation software
- IT user fundamentals
- improving productivity
- setting up an IT system and optimising system performance.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in computing combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 qualification that will further enable your progression.

## Level 1 Pathway to Sport

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who have a general interest in sport and wish to progress into the field. The programme is also designed to develop students who wish to train in the sport industry but do not have the required maths and English levels to access other vocationally related programmes.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the principles of coaching
- how to plan coaching activities
- conducting coaching
- how to evaluate coaching activities
- taking part in sport
- understanding sport and active leisure
- nutrition
- leading others
- employment in outdoor activities.

### The fun stuff

You will gain a vital understanding of the sport and active leisure sector, understanding what's needed to gain employment in the outdoor and adventurous activity industry and leading your own sessions.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in sports and leisure combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential. Acceptance on to this course is subject to interview and initial assessment processes.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 course that will further enable your progression.

## Level 1 Pathway to Business

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in the business industry or who dreams of running their own business.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector. Units include:

- understanding the uses of social media for business
- creating business documents
- understanding how to promote a product or a service
- working with other people in a business environment.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and to take part in vocationally based projects. You will enjoy designing and planning your own business working with others in the group.

Visits from local successful business owners will inspire and motivate you and you will also take part in real-life work experience.

### Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course but an interest in the world of business and a desire to improve your maths and English is essential.

### What next?

This course is perfect for those who wish to progress to higher level vocational study in the business sector.

## Level 1 Pathway to eSports

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This exciting new qualification is focused on progression to employment across a range of roles within eSports.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- game engine technologies for creative media industries
- understanding how to promote product or service
- collaborative working using digital technology
- using social media.

### The fun stuff

You will learn a range of different skills from presentational skills to technical and tactical elements to improve your online gaming. There is a range of specific course options, which will include visits to expos relating to the gaming industry.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in eSports combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship.

## Entry Level 1/2 Resolve

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 with English as a second language who wish to progress on to an adult ESOL course or vocational programme. Resolve is a preparation course that aims to engage and assist students to develop the essential attitude and English language skills needed to progress to a vocational college course or an apprenticeship.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- ESOL Skills for life qualification in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- functional skills or GCSE in maths
- employability skills
- real-life work experience.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will also contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular professional visits and take part in real-life work experience, giving you the extra skills and knowledge needed in your chosen field.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, although realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You could consider the next step in your educational journey with one of our Level 2 Awards that will further enable your progression to a higher-level course or an apprenticeship.

# Foundation Prospects Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)



Take a look through our Foundation Prospects course options to see if they will suit you and put you on the path to success.



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## Entry 1 Pre-Introduction to Employment

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For learners working at entry level, including students with learning difficulties and disabilities, this course provides progression from Entry 1 to Entry 3 for those with lower-level literacy, numeracy and employability skills.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- supported work experience
- identifying employability skills
- team work
- developing personal skills and awareness.

### The fun stuff

You can access appropriate and relevant education, improving your life opportunities by gaining confidence and developing independent living and work skills. The qualification provides a foundation for lifelong learning by focusing on transferable skills that are essential for living and working in the community.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You can progress to other entry level programmes at the same or higher level.

## Entry 2 Connect

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For young adults that have ASD and need to work in a smaller and more structured groups to develop independent living and work skills.

### What will you study?

Functional Skills will be a mandatory part of your programme and followed at the appropriate level. These will provide you with the practical skills to work confidently, effectively and independently. They open doors to learning, to life and to work. These skills are valued by employers and further education and are a platform on which to build other employability skills. Better functional skills can mean a better future - as learners or as employees and in everyday life.

### The fun stuff

All programmes have access to a wide range of enrichment activities, including art, drama, dance and sport, to help develop team, interpersonal and creative skills. There are numerous other cross-college activities to get involved with. Our students host their own art exhibitions, take part in theatre performances with other students and enjoy external enrichment trips that develop independence and confidence.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements apart from a willingness to learn.

### What next?

You could progress to SAIL E2 or E2 Introduction to Employment.

## Entry 2 Introduction to Employment

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For young adults who want to become more independent and improve their employability skills and professionalism. The programme equips you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to be able to live a more independent life and prepare for employment or volunteering.

### What will you study?

Functional Skills will be a mandatory part of your programme and followed at the appropriate level. These will provide you with the practical skills to work confidently, effectively and independently. They open doors to learning, to life and to work. These skills are valued by employers and further education and are a platform on which to build other employability skills. Better functional skills can mean a better future - as learners or as employees and in everyday life.

### The fun stuff

You will learn by gaining experience in real life situations to develop confidence and skills which are transferable throughout your life. It also provides career development opportunities for anyone ready to work.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You could progress to SAIL E2 or Route to Employment.

## **Entry 2/3**

### **SAIL**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

For young adults aged 16-24 who want to further develop independent living and work skills. The Succeeding and Achieving in Independent Living (SAIL) programme equips you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to be able to live a more independent life and prepare for employment or volunteering.

#### **What will you study?**

Units may include:

- developing healthy relationships and respect
- personal care and hygiene
- managing money
- eating out
- household cleaning
- everyday food and drink preparation
- making a simple meal
- introduction to career preparation.

#### **The fun stuff**

You will develop employability skills, knowledge and attitudes that will see you working with real employers in the workplace. Your timetable will include qualification unit work, work experience, maths, English and enrichment. All sessions will help you develop employability skills and gain confidence. You will also have access to a wide range of enrichment activities, including hair and beauty, art, drama, dance and sport. These activities will help you develop team, interpersonal and creative skills.

#### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

#### **What next?**

You could move on to SAIL E3 or Route to Employment.

## **Entry 3**

### **Route to Employment**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

Suitable for young adults who want to learn the skills necessary to gain employment but still need a high level of support to acquire the confidence to work unaided.

#### **What will you study?**

Functional Skills will be a mandatory part of your programme and followed at the appropriate level. These will provide you with the practical skills to work confidently, effectively and independently. They open doors to learning, to life and to work. These skills are valued by employers and further education and are a platform on which to build other employability skills. Better functional skills can mean a better future - as learners or as employees and in everyday life.

#### **The fun stuff**

You will develop vocational awareness and independence skills. You will have the chance to experience real life situations to develop confidence and skills which are transferable throughout your life.

#### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

#### **What next?**

You could move on to Level 1 Progress to Employment.

## Level 1 Progress to Employment

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For young adults aged 16-24 who want to progress into vocational areas while gaining personal and employability skills.

### What will you study?

Units may include:

- communication in the workplace
- problem solving
- developing teamworking skills
- vocational tasters
- health and safety in a practical environment
- introduction to local community
- personal hygiene
- maths, English and technology.

### The fun stuff

You will be able to identify vocational pathways like retail, hospitality, animal care and art with the chance to experience real life situations to develop confidence and skills which are transferable throughout your life. You will improve your skills in communication, problem solving, listening and time management, learning to recognise good value deals when making purchases, writing effective application letters and using the internet to access local services or online banking.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

You could move on to a supported internship or Level 1 Provision across the College.

## Level 1 Creative

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For young adults who want to learn the skills necessary to gain employment but still need a high level of support to acquire the confidence to work unaided.

### What will you study?

Units may include:

- art and design workshop
- digital skills
- maths and English
- enrichment.

### Creative Designs Art/Textile Workshop

Students will work with a variety of art and textile materials. They should be able to think logically, critically and develop a more in-depth understanding of art and design. The students will work on a design project, learn basic skills about planning, organising, working as a member of a team and the opportunity to visit local galleries and museums. Students will design and create high quality art work for sale at the Foundation Prospects shop at City of Portsmouth College, Arundel Campus. Some of the art work is on display around the college buildings.

### The fun stuff

You will have the chance to experience real life situations, such as helping the local community, running an art workshop and using public facilities to develop confidence and skills which are transferable throughout your life. You will also have access to a wide range of enrichment activities, including hair and beauty, art, drama, dance and sport. These activities will help develop your team, interpersonal and creative skills.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

We will work with outside agencies, SEN and careers to find alternative provision.

## **Level 1**

### **Independence**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

For young adults who want to learn the skills necessary to gain employment but still need a high level of support to acquire the confidence to work unaided.

#### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- community project
- digital skills
- maths and English
- enrichment.

#### **The fun stuff**

You will develop employability skills, knowledge and attitudes that will see you working with real employers in the workplace. You will focus on work experience, accessing public services, and helping the local community, as well as getting used to travelling locally and using public facilities.

#### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements are required, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

#### **What next?**

We will work with outside agencies, SEN and careers to find alternative provision.

## **Level 1**

### **Supported Internship**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

For young adults who want to develop their work skills in partnership with Portsmouth City Council.

#### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- three days work placement
- maths and English
- employability.

#### **The fun stuff**

This course is partnered with Portsmouth City Council offering students three days of independent work experience, one day studying maths and English and one day studying units plus a tutorial, located at the Base Room within the Civic Offices.

#### **Entry requirements**

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

#### **What next?**

You could progress to a paid or unpaid work placement.



# Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty Therapy



**Style your way to success with one of our Hairdressing or Beauty qualifications at Highbury Campus.**



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## **Level 1 VTCT Diploma in Hairdressing**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

The perfect launch pad for anyone who would like to work as a professional hair stylist. Working in our commercial salon, you will learn a wide range of industry-standard treatments, developing your customer and business awareness.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- shampooing and conditioning hair
- temporary colour
- customer service
- effective teamwork
- blow-drying
- plaiting and twisting.

### **The fun stuff**

Our salons are open to the public, giving you valuable hands-on experience. Guest speakers visit to give demonstrations and you can add to your skills by completing short courses in specialist areas such as spray tanning, hair extensions and gel polish. You will have the opportunity to visit exhibitions, training academies and product suppliers in the UK and overseas. And you will be encouraged to enter competitions such as WorldSkills and our annual Hair & Beauty show, showcasing your work at regional and national levels.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### **What next?**

Most students progress on to the Level 2 VTCT Diploma in Women's Hairdressing or start an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 VTCT Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those interested in a career in hairdressing. Ideally you will have previous knowledge and/or qualifications in hairdressing.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- shampooing and conditioning
- cutting, styling and basic colouring techniques
- theme-based projects
- salon experience
- customer service.

### The fun stuff

You will work one day a week in the salon to enhance your customer service and salon skills. You are encouraged and supported to take part in local and national competitions, including WorldSkills and will have the opportunity to go on national and international visits. Alongside valuable work experience placements, you will also take part in a variety of voluntary and charitable activities, including Nurses Day at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Victorious Festival and community events.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress on to the Level 3 VTCT Diploma in Women's Hairdressing, an advanced apprenticeship or go directly into employment. Possible careers include barber, bridal hair stylist, junior stylist and colour technician.

## Level 2 VTCT Diploma in Beauty Specialist Techniques

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone wishing to become a professional beauty therapist, make-up artist or nail technician and would like to learn new skills to unlock future earning potential in a thriving and lucrative industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- facial skincare treatment
- enhancing eyebrows and lashes
- waxing
- manicure and pedicure
- salon reception and client care
- make-up
- creating images and display stock.

### The fun stuff

You may have the opportunity to go on national and international visits. Alongside valuable work experience placements, you could also take part in a variety of voluntary and charitable activities, including Nurses Day at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Victorious Festival and community events. And you will be encouraged and supported to take part in local and national competitions, including WorldSkills. Additional courses covering spray tan, Henna brows, gel nails and lash enhancements may be available.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress on to a Level 3 VTCT Diploma in Massage Therapy, an apprenticeship or directly into employment. Possible careers include make-up artist, beauty consultant and beauty therapist.

## Level 2 Diploma in Barbering

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Suitable for students interested in a career in barbering/men's hairdressing.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- advising and consulting with clients
- creating basic outlines and detailing in hair
- clipper maintenance
- cutting facial hair to shape using basic techniques
- cutting men's hair using basic techniques
- drying and finishing men's hair
- hair tonics
- health, safety and hygiene
- shampooing, conditioning and treating the hair and scalp.

### The fun stuff

You are encouraged and supported to take part in local and national competitions, including WorldSkills. Alongside valuable work experience placements, you will also take part in a variety of voluntary and charitable activities, including Nurses Day at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Victorious Festival and community events.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You may choose to further develop your knowledge and skills by completing a specialist qualification at Level 3, broaden your skills and progress into women's hairdressing or go directly into employment. Possible careers include junior men's hairdresser/barber in a variety of contexts.

## Level 2 Hair Professional Apprenticeship

**Duration:** 18 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For apprentices with no or limited knowledge within the trade.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- shampooing, conditioning and treating the hair and scalp
- cutting hair using a range of techniques to create a variety of looks
- styling and finishing hair
- colouring and lightening hair
- hair relaxing treatments and techniques
- maintaining effective, hygienic and safe working places
- customer service, communication and client liaison skills
- consultation skills.

### The fun stuff

Apprentices must have access to real work which is valid and productive, providing opportunities to develop, practice and evidence knowledge and skills that have been learned. This type of learning is undertaken outside the normal day-to-day working environment. It can include activities such as online learning, mentoring, role play, attending competitions and events or revision and assignments set as homework.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You could progress onto a relevant Level 3 course or apprenticeship or alternatively attend specialist courses in hairdressing.

## Level 3

# Advanced Creative Hair Professional Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 18 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed to enhance and develop basic hairdressing skills, enabling the apprentice to become a recognised advanced and creative hair professional.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- precision and personalised cutting techniques, creative finishing and dressing techniques, advanced creative colouring
- how to use a range of products, tools and equipment in accordance with legal requirements, manufacturers' instructions and salon policy
- smoothing and strengthening
- creative colour conversion
- colour correction
- problem solving by identifying and ensuring root causes are resolved
- flexibility to changing working environments and demands
- professional development.

### The fun stuff

You will deliver fashion forward hair trends, which are innovative styles inspired by current images and your own creativity, individual flair, imagination and interpretation. The most important part of the role is developing fantastic hairdressing skills and knowledge, recognising customer needs, matching them to the products and services and working as part of a team to ensure that every customer receives fantastic service.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You could apply to work in specialist salons, start your own business, work for suppliers and manufacturers within the hair industry or work within media and film.

**NEW COURSE****Level 3****T Level Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy****Duration:** Two years**Location:** Highbury Campus**Who is the course for?**

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in hairdressing, barbering or beauty therapy.

**What will you study?**

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- business context, including how the sector operates
- health and safety regulations
- safe working practices
- an understanding of the client journey
- client consultation
- sales and marketing
- business practices
- self-development.

**The fun stuff**

You also get to complete at least one module of occupation-specific content.

The specialisms available in the Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy T Level are:

- barbering
- hairdressing
- beauty therapy

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

**Entry requirements**

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

**What next?**

Career options include barber, make-up artist, hairdresser or beauty therapist. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

# Health & Social Care



**Study towards a fulfilling career and give back to those in need with a Health and Social Care qualification.**



→ **Read about the Health and Social Care sector in general**  
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## **Level 1 Pathway to Health & Social Care**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in health and social care and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- job opportunities
- the importance of healthy eating and drinking
- equality and inclusion
- principles and values
- introduction to mental health
- awareness of protection and safeguarding.

### **The fun stuff**

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and take part in vocationally-based projects. You will contribute to the planning and delivery of fundraising events, enjoy regular vocationally-relevant professional visits and take part in real-life work experience. There is also recognition and awards for good attendance and a committed attitude including end of term trips, film nights and bowling.

### **Entry requirements**

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in health and social care, combined with a desire to improve your maths and English, is essential.

### **What next?**

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education, enabling progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 qualification that will further enable your progression.

## Level 2 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Students seeking the skills and knowledge to start a career helping young adults, adults with specific needs, people with disabilities and the elderly.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health and social care values
- effective communication
- social influencers on health and wellbeing
- the impact of nutrition
- cultural diversity
- diabetes awareness
- dementia awareness
- infection prevention and control
- principles of safeguarding.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to undertake placements within the charity, social and health sectors. You will also be encouraged to participate in National Health Service campaigns, raising awareness amongst fellow students as well as attending course-related trips within the local area and further afield.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You could progress to a full-time Level 3 health and social care qualification, an apprenticeship or into employment within the health and social care sector. Possible roles include care support worker in adult residential settings; healthcare assistant in community, primary care and acute health environments; care support worker in domiciliary services, supported living or day services or community-based support worker.

## Level 2 Transition to Health Science

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who are not ready to start a T Level but have the potential to progress onto one, this study programme is specifically designed to develop the skills, experience, knowledge and behaviours to support progression onto a T Level in Health, Health Care Science or Level 3 Social Science related subjects.

### What will you study?

Level 2 Science and units including:

- human growth and development
- working in health and social care
- equality, diversity and rights
- communication in health and social care.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to explore working in Health and Science related professions, whilst developing the academic and practical skills to be successful on a level 3 related programme of study. You will use the simulated ward and science labs to knowledge develop your skills. This course includes time spent in the workplace, enabling you to apply your studies in a range of suitable settings, improving your knowledge and developing key employment skills.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths, English and science.

### What next?

You can continue on to the Level 3 T Level, progress into an apprenticeship or find employment in the sector.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 3 T Level Healthcare Science

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For young people looking to explore a career in the healthcare sciences including laboratory, optical or radiography professions. T levels are high-quality, work-focused alternatives to A levels offering new routes to employment or further learning.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- working within the health and science sector
- science concepts
- employer set project
- healthcare science
- pharmacy
- optical care.

#### The fun stuff

This course is designed to increase your employment and progression prospects by having extended hands-on experience in real-life healthcare science work placements, in which you will be supported by an expert. By completing this industry-recognised qualification, you can progress onto many different roles as a healthcare science associate, ranging from life sciences (such as infection science and blood sugar) to genomics, clinical pharmaceutical science and engineering.

#### Entry requirements

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including maths, English and science.

#### What next?

This course can lead you straight into employment in a health or health science setting, for example in Radiography or Optical services, or you may also choose to study a degree or degree apprenticeship in a related Healthcare Science field.

### Level 3 Health & Nursing T Level

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

#### Who is the course for?

For young people looking to begin a career in the healthcare and nursing sector, T Levels are a high-quality, work-focused alternative to A Levels, offering new routes to employment or further learning.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- working within the health and science sector
- science concepts
- employer set project
- adult nursing.

#### The fun stuff

Our T Level Health and Nursing course is designed to increase your employment and progression prospects by having extended hands-on experience in real-life healthcare work placements, in which you will be supported by an expert.

#### Entry requirements

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including maths, English and science.

#### What next?

You could progress to a degree, an apprenticeship, or into employment.



## Level 3 Technical Certificate in Health & Social Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This programme is an ideal progression route from Level 2 Diploma in Health & Social Care and gives you the support to build your knowledge and understanding of the health and care sector.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- equality, diversity and rights
- human growth and development
- safeguarding and protection
- communication
- infection prevention and control
- psychological perspectives
- sociological perspectives
- working in health and social care.

### The fun stuff

You will spend time in a variety of health and social care settings and gain experience with a range of age groups and abilities. You will have an opportunity to run projects involving the local community, building your skills and knowledge of local care services. You could take part in a residential trip such as Disneyland Paris, alongside other excursions, which include the simulation suite at the University of Portsmouth. You will also be encouraged to participate in National Health Service and charitable campaigns raising awareness amongst fellow students.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

You could progress on to the Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care.

## Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Leading on from the Level 3 Technical Certificate in Health and Social Care, this course continues to give students the support to build their knowledge and understanding of the health and care sector.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- empowerment
- protection of children, young people and adults
- anatomy and physiology
- research skills
- personal and professional development.

### The fun stuff

You will spend time in a variety of health and social care settings and gain experience with a range of age groups and abilities. You will have an opportunity to run projects involving the local community, building your skills and knowledge of local care services. You could take part in a residential trip such as Disneyland Paris, alongside other excursions, including the simulation suite at the University of Portsmouth. You will also be encouraged to participate in National Health Service and charitable campaigns raising awareness amongst fellow students.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

On completion of the programme, the focus is on healthcare and social care pathways for those wanting to step into these careers through employment opportunities or accessing university or higher level professional programmes.

# Media, TV & Film



Discover your ideal role by achieving a qualification in Media, Film, or TV, and thrive in your professional journey.



→ Take a look at what's on offer in the world of media, film and TV at City of Portsmouth College on our subject overview.

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## Level 2 BTEC Diploma in Creative Media Skills

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone who wishes to explore the dynamic digital world of creative media, your creativity and flair will be harnessed in the design and production of media products used within the industry, alongside creating a strong portfolio of photographic images.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- skills development
- creative media project
- personal development
- responding to a creative brief
- how to plan and pitch ideas
- developing a digital portfolio.

### The fun stuff

This course will help you develop your skills in photography, graphic design, filmmaking and radio production. You will have the chance to work in our TV and radio studios and get involved with our online radio station JAMM Radio, as well as focusing on producing an online blog and digital portfolio. You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience within the industry.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress on to a Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice or Level 3 Diploma in Art and Design.

## Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Practice

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone who wishes to explore the dynamic digital world of creative media, your creativity and flair will be harnessed in the design and production of media products used within the industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- research and communication skills
- single and multicamera filming and editing\*
- documentary, advertising and music video production for interactive media
- script writing
- radio production techniques.\*

\*subject to availability

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to go on external visits to media organisations, such as the BBC and the Warner Bros Studio, to meet industry professionals. You will also work on a variety of exciting live projects and short films for external clients.

Work experience is embedded within the course but you could be presenting live shows on JAMM Radio, producing film and media content and helping with marketing events and campaigns, as well as exhibiting your end-of-year show reel at an event designed to celebrate creative work from all areas of the College.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress on to the Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media Practice.

## Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma in Creative Media practice (TV & Film)

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Following on from the Level 3 Diploma, this course develops many of the skills learned in year one as well as teaching new ones. The programme has been designed to provide a strong foundation for potential progression to university and many students go on to gain exciting careers within the media industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- developing an understanding of industry roles
- personal progression routes for employability, higher education and training
- advanced camera operation and video editing
- critical and reflective application to creative projects
- advancing existing skills in production management and developing a proposal in response to creative industry brief
- an optional Level 4 unit with a critical self-appraisal.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to go on external visits to media organisations, such as the BBC and the Warner Bros Studios, and meet industry professionals. You will lead on many live and exciting projects, producing work for external clients to build an impressive portfolio, and exhibit your end-of-year show reel at an event designed to celebrate creative work from all areas of the College.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

You could progress to university or an apprenticeship. You could go on to work in television, film, advertising, radio, public relations, digital media or social media content management.

# Pharmacy



**Train in a vital sector, providing expert and confidential advice to patients ensuring their safety and improving their quality of life with tailored medicines and treatment plans.**



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## Level 3

# Pharmacy Technician Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

You must be working in a pharmacy environment as a pre-registration Trainee Pharmacy Technician (PTPT). Applicants are likely to be intending to join the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) register of Pharmacy Technicians. You must be employed in a community, hospital or primary care pharmacy for a minimum 30 hours per week on a continuous basis.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- providing safe and effective pharmacy services
- supplying medicines and devices to patients, whether on prescription or over the counter
- achieving the best outcomes through a patient's medicines
- assembling medicines for prescriptions
- providing information to patients and other healthcare professionals
- managing areas of medicines supply such as dispensaries
- supervising other pharmacy staff
- answering customers' questions face to face or by phone
- pre-packing, assembling and labelling medicines
- referring problems or queries to the pharmacist.

### The fun stuff

You will be responsible for carrying out both routine and specialist services, including highly complex activities requiring you to use your professional judgement. You are expected to work both individually and as part of a multi-disciplinary team, with minimum supervision and a high degree of autonomy, taking responsibility for the quality and accuracy of the work. Pharmacy technicians are expected to communicate effectively with healthcare professionals, patients and the public, while respecting and maintaining confidentiality and privacy.

### Entry requirements

You will need maths and English and double science or biology GCSE grade 4 or above, or a merit in a Level 2 BTEC applied science and Functional Skills Level 2.

### What next?

You will be able to practise in any sector of pharmacy, not just the sector where you have been a PTPT. The programme encompasses the key transferable skills between sectors but is also broad enough to experience the range of roles you can take on.

# Prince's Trust



Explore the “Team” programme and see if it's the perfect opportunity for you to grow your confidence and skills



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## Entry 3, Level 1, Level 2

# Prince's Trust Team Programme

**Duration:** 12 weeks

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Aimed at 16-25 year olds who are unemployed, and lacking in qualifications or confidence, it's a great opportunity to develop your existing skills and gain new ones. Even better, it's free of charge and doesn't affect any benefits. City of Portsmouth College is also the first provider in the country to offer a bespoke team programme especially designed for young people with a learning difficulty or disability.

### What will you study?

- week 1 – team introduction
- week 2 – action-packed residential week
- weeks 3/4/5 – planning and completing a local community project
- week 6 – work placement preparation
- week 7/8 – work placement
- week 9 – next steps, including CV workshops, interview techniques and guest speakers
- week 10/11 – team challenge
- week 12 – presentation.

### The fun stuff

You will complete a two-week work placement, take on rewarding projects in the community and enjoy an adventurous five-day team building residential trip. Activities during the residential week could include archery, canoeing and high ropes.

### Entry requirements

Open to those aged 16-25 years, not in education, employment or training.

### What next?

Seven out of ten young people helped by the Prince's Trust move on to education, training or employment.

If you would like any more information or would like to enrol on one of the programmes above, then please contact us on [info@copc.ac.uk](mailto:info@copc.ac.uk)

# Sport



**Work in one or multiple sports and join this and grow your skills. This is an exciting field to choose and there are many different career options available.**



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## Level 1 Pathway to Sport

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students aged 16-19 who have a general interest in sport and wish to progress into the field. The programme is also designed to develop students who wish to train in the sport industry but do not have the required maths and English levels to access other vocationally related programmes.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the principles of coaching
- how to plan coaching activities
- conducting coaching
- how to evaluate coaching activities
- taking part in sport
- understanding sport and active leisure
- nutrition
- leading others
- employment in outdoor activities.

### The fun stuff

You will gain a vital understanding of the sport and active leisure sector, understanding what's needed to gain employment in the outdoor and adventurous activity industry and leading your own sessions

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements, although a keen interest in sports and leisure combined with a desire to improve maths and English is essential.

### What next?

This course is the perfect stepping stone to further education and enables progression into further vocational courses, traineeships or an apprenticeship. In the final term, you will have an opportunity to study towards a Level 2 course that will further enable your progression.



## Level 2 Certificate in Sport

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who are considering a career in sport and fitness. It has been designed to help those wishing to explore and develop their skills in sports, coaching and fitness.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- participating in sport
- psychology for sports performance
- outdoor and adventurous activities
- leading an outdoor and adventurous activity
- factors affecting participation in sport.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to participate in multiple sports such as badminton, cricket, hockey, paddle boarding, orienteering, football, basketball, volleyball and handball. You will take part in practical sessions to improve your skills throughout the year and boost your fitness levels whilst doing so. You will also participate in outdoor and adventurous activities and have the chance to lead your own outdoor session, gaining vital leadership skills and knowledge of multiple sports.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This course can provide an excellent stepping stone to the Level 3 Sport course and help prepare you for employment in the sport and leisure industry. Possible future careers with progression could include sports, coaching, fitness, strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and nutrition.

## Level 3 NCFE Certificate in Sport (Outdoor)

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone wanting to develop their sporting skills, knowledge and general fitness, and for those considering a career in the sport and fitness industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- exercise, health and lifestyle
- preparing for a career in sport and physical activity
- principles and practices in outdoor adventurous activities
- sport nutrition
- outdoor and adventurous activities
- principles of anatomy and physiology.

### The fun stuff

This is a one-of-a-kind programme, specific to us here at City of Portsmouth College. Tailored to the outdoor industry, you will get the opportunity to participate in paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking and other adventurous activities. You will gain fundamental knowledge in sports nutrition, and how nutrition impacts your anatomy and physiology.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This programme could lead to a higher-level course at university or prepare you for employment in the sport and leisure industry.

## Level 3 NCFE Diploma in Sport (Outdoor)

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone wanting to develop their sporting skills, knowledge and general fitness, and for those considering a career in the sport and fitness industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- exercise, health and lifestyle
- preparing for a career in sport and physical activity
- principles and practices in outdoor adventurous activities
- sport nutrition
- outdoor and adventurous activities
- principles of anatomy and physiology.

### The fun stuff

This is a one-of-a-kind programme, specific to us here at City of Portsmouth College. Tailored to the outdoor industry, you will get the opportunity to participate in paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking and other adventurous activities. You will gain fundamental knowledge in sports nutrition, and how nutrition impacts your anatomy and physiology.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

This programme could lead to a higher-level course at university or prepare you for employment in the sport and leisure industry.

## Level 3 BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Sport in Partnership with Pompey In The Community (PITC)

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Pompey Study Centre

### Who is the course for?

Designed for aspiring footballers, male and female, aged 16-18. The course enables students to continue their academic studies while training and competing in a professional football environment. Students will develop their practical football abilities preparing them to play at the highest possible level.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- anatomy and physiology
- professional development in the sports industry
- fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing
- sports leadership
- sports psychology
- application of fitness testing practical sports performance.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to travel on our international football tour to Memphis and further national enrichment and academic trips. You will engage in weekly training sessions, match analysis and conditioning sessions. You will also compete in competitive fixtures against other professional clubs in either the National Football Youth League or EFL Community and Education Football Alliance League.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English. All applicants will need to undergo a football trial.

### What next?

You could progress to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport.

## Level 3

# BTEC National Extended Diploma in Sport in Partnership with Pompey In The Community (PITC)

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Pompey Study Centre

### Who is the course for?

Designed for aspiring footballers, male and female aged 16-18, it leads on from the 90 credit Diploma.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- investigating business in sport and the active leisure industry
- coaching for performance
- development and provision of sport and physical activity
- research methods in sport
- sports performance analysis
- skill acquisition in sport
- rules, regulations and officiating in sport.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to travel on our international football tour to Memphis and further enrichment and academic trips nationally. You will engage in weekly training sessions, match analysis and conditioning sessions. You will also compete in competitive fixtures against other professional clubs in either the National Football Youth League or EFL Community and Education Football Alliance League.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

### What next?

After successfully completing both qualifications, students can continue to study both at home and on an international basis, with many students applying for scholarships in North America and Oceania. Students who have progressed to university have gone on to have successful careers in sport science, physiotherapy, sports therapy, sports coaching, sports psychology and performance analysis.

# Teaching



Have a life changing impact on the people you work with by becoming an apprentice teaching assistant.



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## Level 3

# Apprenticeship Standard Teaching Assistant

**Duration:** 18 months

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Teaching assistants supporting children and young people across all educational settings.

### What will you study?

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- safeguarding
- equality, diversity and inclusion
- health, safety and security
- child development and learning theories
- curriculum, planning and delivery
- team working
- assessment for learning
- technology in education
- strategies to support SEN and challenging behaviour.

### The fun stuff

You will learn strategies to support the children and young people in their development and how to confidently deliver sessions to groups of children.

You will also learn the essentials of lesson planning and how to create effective and eye catching displays

You will also meet regularly with other apprentices to share ideas and build professional relationships. as well as taking part in enrichment activities.

### Entry requirements

You will need GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 in maths and English .

### What next?

You could progress to employment. You can also use this qualification as a step to teaching.

# Travel & Tourism



**Travel and tourism is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. Staff with the right combination of business and customer service skills are in high demand.**



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## Level 2 Diploma in Travel & Tourism

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

Those seeking opportunities to develop the practical skills and knowledge to work in the travel and tourism industry or to progress to further study. The rapid regrowth of the travel and tourism industry has prompted a surge in recruitment and a wealth of exciting employment opportunities across the sector. Whether you want to set sail or take to the skies this course provides you with the foundations for endless career opportunities at home or abroad.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- customer service in travel and tourism
- the UK Travel & Tourism Industry
- travel and tourism destinations
- promotion in travel and tourism
- hospitality in travel and tourism
- know about airports and airlines
- UK purpose-built visitor attractions
- understanding package holidays.

### The fun stuff

To support your development of practical and technical skills, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours work experience with some of the region's leading organisations and events, including Premier Inn, Shaping Portsmouth conference and Victorious Festival. You will also enjoy industry trips and visits during the year locally and around the UK. Previous visits include Brighton, London Dungeons, Madame Tussauds, Warner Bros Studio tours, Weymouth, and airline simulations.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English language is preferable.

### What next?

You can progress on to a Level 3 BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Travel and Tourism or other suitable Level 3 programme or into the workplace.

## Level 3 BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Travel & Tourism

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is the first year of the Extended Diploma. It provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare students for further study or training in a range of different sectors including business, management, marketing, hospitality and leisure, in addition to travel and tourism.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- the world of travel and tourism
- global destinations
- managing the customer experience
- travel and tourism enterprises
- sustainable tourism
- the airport experience
- visitor attractions.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to gain work experience with some of the region's leading organisations, such as the Mary Rose Museum, Village Hotel, Queens Hotel Portsmouth, Hovertravel and Portsmouth Guildhall. You will enjoy many trips during the year to top tourist attractions, as well as industry visits, talks and the opportunity to attend a three day study break to an overseas/UK based destination.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English.

### What next?

You could progress to the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism.

## Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Highbury Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course follows on from the Level 3 National Foundation Diploma and is designed to further develop students' academic and practical skills in the travel and tourism environment.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- principles of marketing in travel and tourism
- current travel trends and key issues
- managing accommodation services
- the UK as a tourist destination
- specialist tourism
- working overseas
- the cruise industry.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to gain work experience with some of the region's leading organisations, such as the Mary Rose Museum, Village Hotel, Queens Hotel Portsmouth, Hovertravel and Portsmouth Guildhall. You will enjoy many trips during the year to top tourist attractions, as well as industry visits, talks and the opportunity to attend a three day study break to an overseas/UK based destination.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, plus a merit or above on the National Foundation Diploma.

### What next?

You could progress to a degree course at university or employment.

# North Harbour Campus

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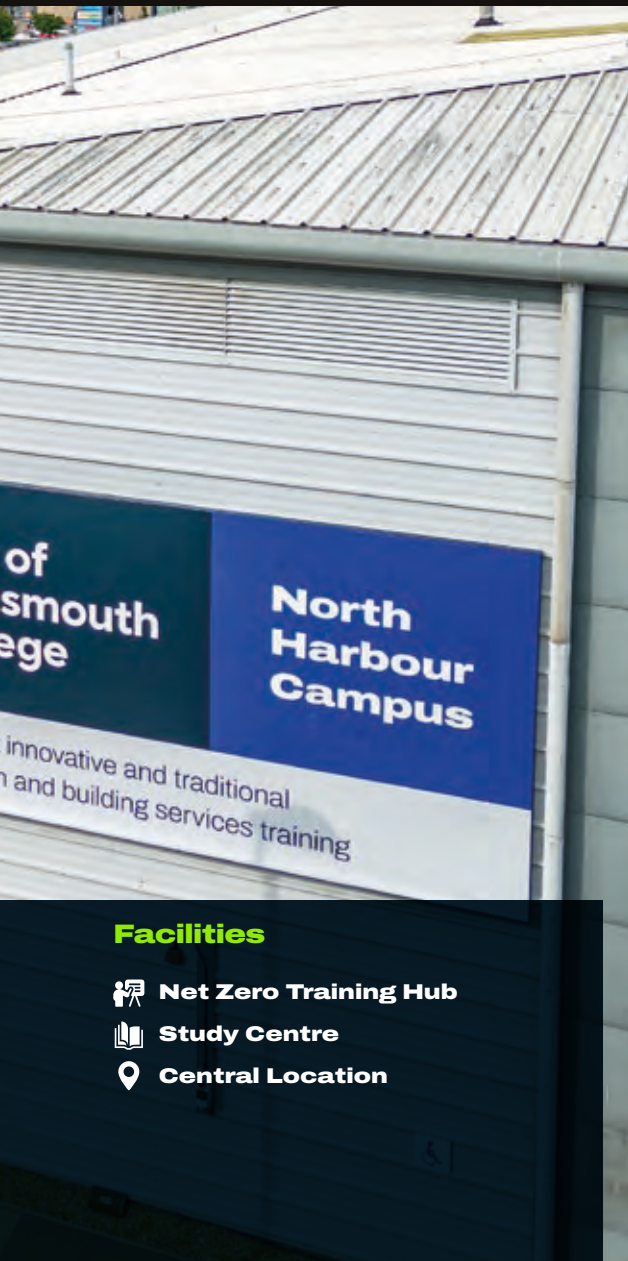
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# A view of North Harbour Campus





# Bricklaying



**Build your future with City of Portsmouth College and train to become a Bricklayer. Choose your preferred course from the following options, all taught at our state-of-the-art facility at North Harbour Campus.**



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## **Level 1 Diploma in Brickwork**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

For anyone looking to learn the essentials of brickwork, as a progression to a career in the trade.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- principles of building construction, information and communication
- health, safety and welfare in construction
- masonry structures up to the damp-proof course
- block laying
- bricklaying.

### **The fun stuff**

You will have the opportunity to work on many live projects and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts. You will also be encouraged to showcase your skills at local and national competitions, including the Guild of Bricklayers Southern Regional Craft Competition, hosted at our North Harbour Campus and you will complete 30 hours of on-the-job experience.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### **What next?**

You can progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Brickwork or to an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Diploma in Brickwork

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who have completed the Level 1 Diploma and would like to develop their skills and knowledge further.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health, safety and welfare in construction
- principles of building construction, information and communication
- building solid walling, isolated and attached piers
- interpreting working drawings to set out masonry structures
- constructing cavity walling forming masonry structures.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to work on many live projects and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts. You will also be encouraged to showcase your skills at local and national competitions, including the Guild of Bricklayers Southern Regional Craft Competition, hosted at our North Harbour Campus, and you will complete 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

### What next?

There may be the opportunity to progress on to a Level 3 Diploma in Brickwork. You could also take up an apprenticeship or go straight into employment.

## Level 2 Bricklaying Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

Ideal for those who have an interest in the bricklaying occupation but no formal training.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health, safety and welfare in construction
- the principles of high-quality customer service and communication methods
- thermal qualities, airtightness and building ventilation
- modern methods of construction, rapid build technology, alternative block, masonry, steel and timber-based cladding systems
- determine quality and quantities of building material including mix ratios of mortar and concrete, areas and volumes of materials and resources.

### The fun stuff

You will lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches, and other structures such as chimney stacks. You might also refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects. The range of sites and projects you may work on includes large commercial developments, new builds in housing, alterations, extensions and restorations.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can progress to a higher-level full-time course or apprenticeship within the construction industry, such as site management or surveying.

# Carpentry & Joinery



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## Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who wish to work with wood, either as a carpenter or a joiner, as part of their future career.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health, safety and welfare in construction
- maintaining and using carpentry and joinery hand tools
- preparing and using carpentry and joinery portable power tools
- producing woodworking joints
- principles of building construction, information and communication.

### The fun stuff

You will complete a minimum of 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry and have the opportunity to work on many live projects in the community. In recent years, carpentry students helped to convert a double-decker bus into a much-needed shelter for local homeless people. You will also benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English.

### What next?

You can progress on to a Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery.

## Level 2

# Site Carpentry Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed to develop the apprentice into a carpenter and provide them with the technical knowledge and behaviours they require to be successful in this role.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health and safety
- high-quality customer service and communication methods
- measuring, marking out, fitting, cutting, splicing, finishing, positioning and securing
- installing door and window frames, door and hatch linings, floor joist coverings, straight partitions and straight staircases
- installing doors, ironmongery, service encasements, wall and floor units and fittings, cladding and staircase components
- erecting inclined roofs with gables, joists, roof coverings and roof components
- repairing or replacing frames, mouldings, doors, windows, door and window ironmongery, roofing components, guttering and downpipes and window components
- using, maintaining and storing tools and equipment
- specific joints, such as mitres, butt and halving joints.

### What else?

The broad purpose is working with building materials (most often wood) to create and install building components. This typically involves shaping and cutting materials, installing finished materials like partitions, doors, staircases, window frames, mouldings, timber floor coverings and erecting structural components, such as floor joists and roofs. All work needs to be carried out safely, using the appropriate tools and to the quality specified.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship, you will need to have already achieved maths and English grade 3 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1.

### What next?

You can progress to a Level 3 Carpentry and Joinery Apprenticeship or a different construction course/apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Diploma Site Carpentry

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who have already completed a Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery and would like to complete the full qualification by achieving Level 2.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health, safety and welfare in construction
- principles of building construction, information and communication
- first fix flooring and roofing
- first fix frames, partitions and stairs
- second fixing operations
- carpentry maintenance
- setting up and operating a circular saw.

### The fun stuff

The opportunity to work on many live projects in the community. You will also benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

### What next?

You could continue your education by taking on a Level 3 Diploma in Site Carpentry or an apprenticeship, or go straight into employment.



## Level 3

# Site Carpentry Apprenticeship Advanced

**Duration:** 18 months

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

Students progressing from a Level 2 apprenticeship, that are looking to advance their knowledge and skills to cover more complex carpentry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- working safely and pro-actively in the application of good health and safety practice
- understanding the programme and work schedule and planning work accordingly
- developing and maintaining good working relationships with managers, supervisors and colleagues
- determining the best way of carrying out work and ensuring this is clearly communicated
- interpreting technical specifications and ensuring compliance with relevant legislation/guidance
- selecting the required quantity and quality of resources required
- being prepared to take a lead when working in a team, especially when complex or non-standard work is involved.

### The fun stuff

You will normally work on a building site, or in domestic and commercial premises, preparing and installing complex and often bespoke building components such as high quality doors, shaped linings, staircases with turns, complex wall and floor units, bespoke structural carpentry and complex roof structures. The main difference between the Level 2 and Level 3 apprenticeship is that the carpenter has responsibility for managing their own and other people's work, as well as being required to complete complex and non-standard work.

### Entry requirements

You will need to have already achieved maths and English GCSE at grade 4 or above or Functional Skills Level 2.

### What next?

You could progress to a wide range of employment opportunities, or move to full or part-time further education.

This standard meets the requirements of the Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) Advanced Skilled Worker standard and is widely recognised as a licence to operate in a skilled construction trade.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 3

## T Level On-site Construction Carpentry

**Duration:** : Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in bricklaying, carpentry and joinery, plastering or painting and decorating.

#### What will you study?

Units include:

- health and safety
- the science behind building design, surveying and planning
- making accurate and appropriate measurements
- construction methods
- building regulations and standards
- data management and information standards in construction
- relationship management and customer service
- how the Internet of Things (IoT) impacts construction
- digital engineering techniques
- mathematical techniques to solve construction problems
- construction design principles and processes
- the construction industry and its role in the economy
- sustainability and the environmental impact of construction
- business, commerce and corporate social responsibility.

#### The fun stuff

You also get to choose from one of the following specialisms:

- bricklaying
- carpentry and joinery
- plastering
- painting and decorating.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

You could progress to roles such as carpenter, shopfitter, bricklayer, plasterer or painter and decorator. You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

# Construction Skills and Property Maintenance



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## Level 1 Diploma in Construction Skills

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those aged 16-19 who have a general interest in construction and wish to develop their maths and English levels to access higher vocationally-related courses. It will include a mixture of theory and practical sessions in carpentry and joinery, brickwork, plastering, painting and decorating.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- introduction to health and safety
- painting techniques and wallpapering
- constructing half brick and block walling
- preparation and render coats
- introduction to the construction industry
- fixing architraves and skirting
- tiling walls and floors with a border
- preparation and finishing.

### The fun stuff

You will have the opportunity to attend enrichment sessions and to take part in vocationally based projects. You will enjoy regular professional visits and take part in real-life work experience, giving you the extra skills and knowledge needed in your chosen field. There are also a variety of awards for good attendance and a committed attitude.

### Entry requirements

GCSE grade 1 in maths and English or Functional Skills Level 3

### What next?

You will find this programme is the perfect stepping stone to further vocational courses and apprenticeships.



## Level 2

# Property Maintenance Operative Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** 13 months

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For anyone interested in optimising property conditions and quality, ensuring that buildings are kept in a safe state of repair. They will understand the mechanism of buildings including electrical, plumbing, plant, safety systems and equipment.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- understanding basic carpentry, electrical, plumbing and decorating
- complying with organisational safety, policies and procedures, identifying and reducing hazards
- the safe use of hand tools including screwdrivers, power drills, pliers and paper strippers
- demonstrating and implementing energy, environment and sustainable practices.

### The fun stuff

You will learn a broad range of skills covering all construction trades specific to domestic and commercial properties. Working across the fabric, power and heat of buildings you will learn new techniques that are cost effective, efficient and safe to carry out. You'll also learn to provide first and immediate response to fault finding, while maximising quality and ensuring cost effectiveness.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at College alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

This apprenticeship could lead to a higher level course or apprenticeship within the property industry or progression within the property maintenance industry.

# Electrical



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## **Level 2 Technical Certificate in Electrical Installation**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This qualification is for you if you wish to work as an electrician in the building services industry. It has been designed to deliver a high level of occupational skills and provide a platform from which to progress as a step towards becoming a competent electrician.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- health and safety and industry practices
- principles of electrical science
- electrical installation technologies
- installing and wiring systems and enclosures
- communication skills.

### **The fun stuff**

You will complete 30 hours of work experience within the industry, as well as taking part in College-based projects and being encouraged and supported to take part in both local and national competitions. Trips to trade shows, manufacturers and visits from industry specialists are also included in the course.

### **Entry requirements**

You will need five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including maths, English and preferably science. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

### **What next?**

You can progress to a Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Electrical Installation or into an apprenticeship.

## NEW COURSE

### Level 3

## T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction - Electrotechnical Engineering

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

#### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in areas such as electric installation and maintenance, plumbing or heating.

#### What will you study?

You will develop a general understanding of construction, including:

- health and safety
- the science behind building design, surveying and planning
- making accurate and appropriate measurements
- construction methods
- building regulations and standards
- data management and information standards in construction
- relationship management and customer service
- how the Internet of Things (IoT) impacts construction
- digital engineering techniques
- mathematical techniques to solve construction problems
- construction design principles and processes
- the construction industry and its role in the economy
- sustainability and the environmental impact of construction
- business, commerce and corporate social responsibility.

You will also learn about topics specific to building services engineering, including:

- building technology principles
- building services engineering systems
- maintenance principles
- tools, equipment and materials.

#### The fun stuff

You also get to just a specialism from:

- electrical and electronic equipment engineering
- electrotechnical engineering
- gas engineering
- protection systems engineering
- plumbing and heating engineering
- heating engineering and ventilation
- refrigeration engineering and air conditioning engineering.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### Entry requirements

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### What next?

You could progress to roles including engineering construction craftworker, security systems installer, building services engineer, electrical engineering technician, plumber, engineering construction technician, heating and ventilation engineer, smart meter installer, gas service technician, pipe fitter, engineering maintenance technician, refrigeration and air conditioning installer, domestic appliance service engineer or electrician.

You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

## Level 3

# Electrical Installation/Maintenance (Electrician) Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Four years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those wishing to pursue a career as an electrician, providing you with the technical knowledge and behaviours you require to be successful in this role.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- termination and connection of conductors, cables and cords
- wiring systems and electrotechnical equipment in buildings, structures and the environment
- electrotechnical systems and equipment in buildings, structures and the environment
- electrical faults in electrotechnical systems and equipment in buildings, structures and the environment
- design, building, installation and maintenance of electrical equipment and systems.

### The fun stuff

You will learn how to install, maintain and repair electrical systems in industrial, commercial and domestic environments, working in both indoor and outdoor settings. Electrical equipment and systems may include switchboards, motors, cables, fuses, thermal relays, fault current protection switches, heating, lighting, air conditioning and metering equipment as well as fire alarm systems and renewable energy technologies.

### Entry requirements

You will need to have achieved maths and English GCSE grade 4 or above or Functional Skills Level 2.

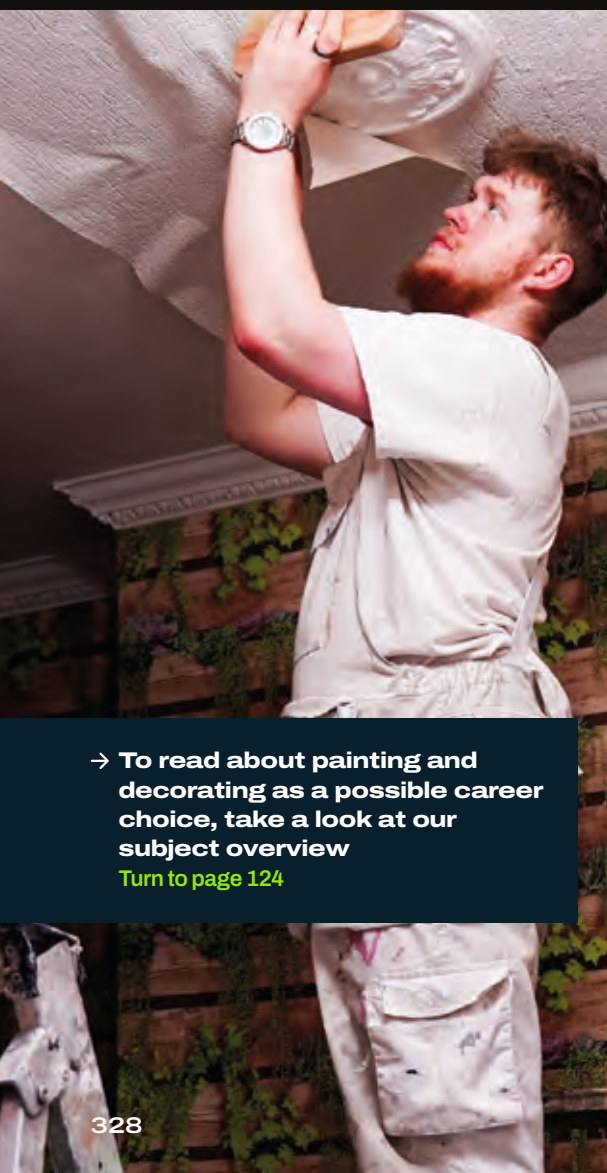
### What next?

You will be entitled to register as an Eng Tech by the Engineering Council. You can also work towards higher apprenticeships at Levels 4 and 5.

# Painting & Decorating



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→ To read about painting and decorating as a possible career choice, take a look at our subject overview

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## Level 1 Diploma in Painting & Decorating

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is ideal for students who wish to pursue a career in painting and decorating yet are currently not working in the industry.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- carrying out safe working practices
- communicating with others
- introduction to building studies
- health and safety
- introduction into the various types of paint
- hanging wall and ceiling papers
- textured coatings.

### The fun stuff

During the course, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry. You will have the opportunity to work on many live projects, including community and charitable projects, and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts. You will also have an opportunity to take part in competitions, including WorldSkills and Johnstone's painting and decorating awards.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### What next?

You could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating or into an apprenticeship.



## Level 2

# Diploma in Painting & Decorating

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those students who have already completed the Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating or have been working in the industry previously and can demonstrate their skills and knowledge.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- preparation of surfaces
- painting complex areas
- hanging papers to walls and ceilings
- decorative effects (marbling/graining)
- planning your work
- access equipment (tower, ladder, trestles, steps and low-level platforms).

### The fun stuff

You will complete a minimum of 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry. You will have the opportunity to work on many live projects including community and charitable projects and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts. You will also have an opportunity to take part in competitions, including WorldSkills and Johnstone's painting and decorating awards.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English plus a Level 1 Diploma in Painting and Decorating. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

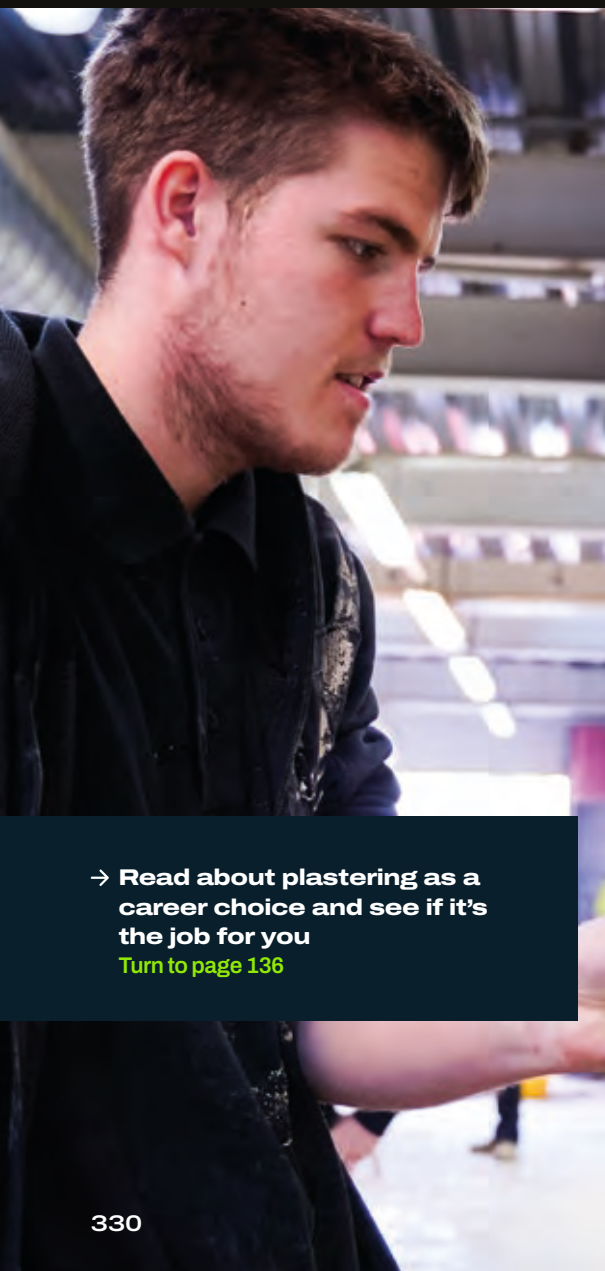
### What next?

You could progress on to an apprenticeship or go straight into employment.

# Plastering



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## **Level 1 Diploma in Plastering**

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### **Who is the course for?**

This course is designed for those students who wish to pursue a career in plastering and who are not currently working in the industry.

### **What will you study?**

Units include:

- understanding how to carry out safe work practices
- introduction to building methods
- introduction to construction technology
- introduction into preparing background surfaces
- introduction to plaster materials.

### **The fun stuff**

During the course, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry. You will also have the opportunity to work on many live projects including various community projects and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts.

### **Entry requirements**

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English.

### **What next?**

On completion of this course, you can progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Plastering or into an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Diploma in Plastering

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those who have already completed the Level 1 Diploma in Plastering and are looking to consolidate their knowledge.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- applying plaster materials to external surfaces
- how to fix dry lining and plasterboard products to interiors
- lay and finish floor screeds
- skim coat plastering.

### The fun stuff

During the course, you will complete a minimum of 30 hours of on-the-job experience within the industry. You will also have the opportunity to work on many live projects including various community projects and benefit from site visits, industry talks and demonstrations from experts.

### Entry requirements

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English plus a Level 1 Diploma in Plastering. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

### What next?

There may be the opportunity to progress on to further study. You could also take up an apprenticeship or go straight into employment.

## Level 2 Plastering Apprenticeship Standard

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

Ideal for those who have an interest in plastering but no formal training.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- health and safety hazards, current regulations and legislation
- health and safety legislation, codes of practice and safe working practices, including working at heights
- high-quality customer service as well as different communication methods
- construction methods, insulation, facilities, fire protection and damp proofing
- considerations before completing plastering work
- dry lining materials, methods, and finishes
- mortars and finishes
- render systems.

### The fun stuff

The broad purpose of this occupation is to apply layers of plaster onto walls, floors and ceilings. During this apprenticeship, you will be flexible and hands-on. As well as varied technical abilities, you will develop the functional and personal skills required for the job.

### Entry requirements

To successfully complete the apprenticeship you will need both maths and English at grade 2 or above, or Functional Skills Level 1. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

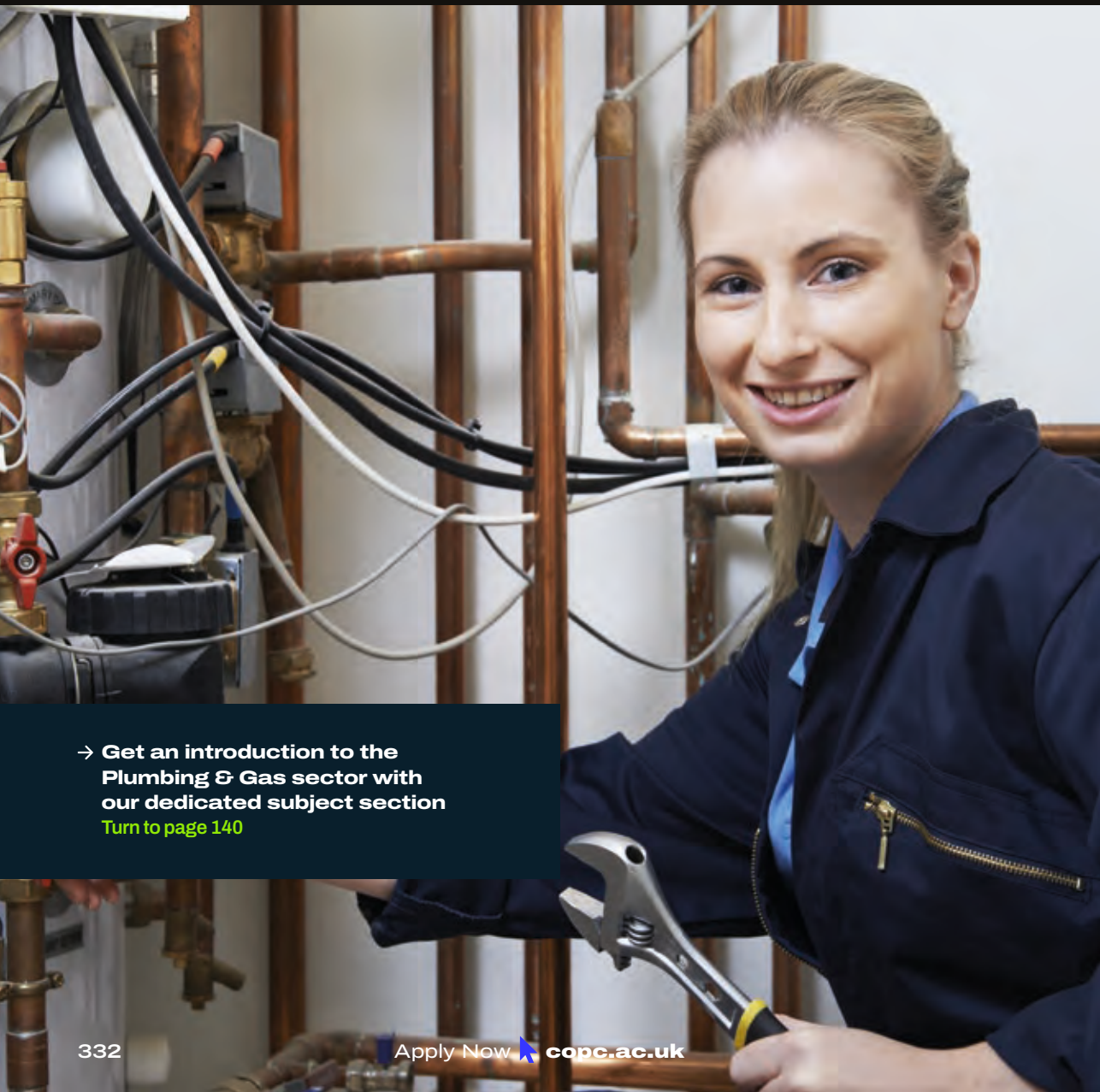
### What next?

You could move onto higher level full-time courses or into full-time employment within plastering.

# Plumbing & Gas



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## Level 1

# Diploma in Plumbing

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For students who want to enter the plumbing industry. The course enables students to focus on maths and English, while building skills, knowledge and confidence to take forward into the Level 2 course. Students may have the opportunity to complete some Level 2 units in preparation for the Level 2 course.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- safe working practices
- how to communicate with others
- applying environmental protection measures.

### The fun stuff

Manufacturers and industry specialists will showcase the latest developments in plumbing and environmental technology. You will go on industry visits and have the chance to work on live projects. You will also complete 30 hours of work experience within the industry.

### Entry requirements

You will need four GCSEs grade 3 or above including maths and English and preferably a science.

### What next?

You could progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing or into an apprenticeship.

## Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For new entrants into the industry or students progressing from the Level 1 Diploma. The course is designed to give you the fundamental knowledge and skill set to become a professional plumber. This course is also popular with existing workers wishing to gain recognised qualifications.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- safe working practices
- communicating with others within building services
- environmental protection measures
- scientific principles within building services
- site preparation and pipework fabrication techniques for domestic plumbing and heating
- domestic hot and cold water system installation and maintenance
- central heating system installation and maintenance
- domestic rainwater system installation and maintenance
- above ground drainage system installation and maintenance.

### The fun stuff

You will complete a minimum of 30 hours work experience within the industry. You will also take part in college-based projects, visit Portsmouth's central water treatment plant and attend industry trade shows. Manufacturers and industry specialists often visit the College to showcase the latest

developments in plumbing and environmental technology.

### Entry requirements

You will need five GCSEs grade 4 or above including maths, English and a science. Those with prior industry experience will also be considered.

### What next?

You could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Plumbing, an apprenticeship or into employment.

## Level 3

# Advanced Apprenticeship Standard in Plumbing and Domestic Heating

**Duration:** Four years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

Designed to develop apprentices into the role of a plumber and domestic heating technician, providing you with the technical knowledge and behaviours you require to be successful in this role.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- measuring, marking out, fitting, installing, maintaining and repairing or replacing plumbing components
- installing three different pipework systems on two separate occasions
- permanently or temporarily decommissioning two separate pipework systems
- designing and installing two pipework systems
- commissioning and testing plumbing and electrical control systems
- industry competence in water regulations, unvented hot water systems and gas installation
- using, maintaining and storing hand tools, power tools and associated equipment.

### The fun stuff

As a site plumber, you will normally work on a building site, or in domestic and commercial premises, preparing and fixing building systems and appliances, from the initial erection of a new building, through to the installation of all necessary fixtures and fittings, as well as a range of repair and maintenance activities. The installation of plumbing and heating systems includes accurate measuring, marking, cutting, bending and jointing metallic and non-metallic pipework. Appliances and equipment can include gas, oil and solid fuel boilers as well as pumps, heat emitters, bathroom furniture or controls. You'll also be working with cold water, hot water, central heating, above ground drainage and rainwater systems.

### Entry requirements

You will need maths and English GCSE grade 4 or above or Functional Skills Level 2.

### What next?

You could progress on to a Level 4 site management qualification or a different construction course/ apprenticeship.

## Level 3

# Advanced Apprenticeship, Gas Engineering Operative

**Duration:** 15 months

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

For those looking to enter the highly health and safety-focused world of gas engineering, involving the safe installation, commissioning, decommissioning and ongoing service and repair of gas appliances in either a domestic or non-domestic setting.

### What will you study?

Units include:

- gas and electrical theories and procedures involved in the practical installation, commissioning, decommissioning and/or ongoing service and repair of gas installations, appliances and associated equipment
- current health, safety and environmental legislation and regulations applicable to work in the gas industry
- safe gas and electrical installation, commissioning, decommissioning and/or ongoing service and repair procedures of gas installations and appliances needed to establish the safe operation of the equipment and installation in accordance with industry standards
- up-to-date energy efficiency advice and guidance to be given to the customer.

### The fun stuff

Working with our highly skilled and qualified gas team, you will learn all the latest knowledge, skills and behaviours of a standout gas engineer. You will also have the opportunity to learn new clean growth techniques within our Net Zero Training Hub, the first of its kind in the UK.

### Entry requirements

You will need both maths and English at grade 4 or above, or Functional Skills Level 2. If necessary, these can be studied at college alongside your apprenticeship.

### What next?

You can apply for your Gas Safe certificate, learn and qualify in the use of specific gas appliances or venture into commercial gas properties, LPG and metering.



## **NEW COURSE**

### Level 3

## **T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction - Plumbing Pathway**

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

#### **Who is the course for?**

This course is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in areas such as electric installation and maintenance, plumbing or heating.

#### **What will you study?**

You will develop a general understanding of construction, including:

- health and safety
- the science behind building design, surveying and planning
- making accurate and appropriate measurements
- construction methods
- building regulations and standards
- data management and information standards in construction
- relationship management and customer service
- how the Internet of Things (IoT) impacts construction
- digital engineering techniques
- mathematical techniques to solve construction problems
- construction design principles and processes
- the construction industry and its role in the economy
- sustainability and the environmental impact of construction
- business, commerce and corporate social responsibility.

You will also learn about topics specific to building services engineering, including:

- building technology principles
- building services engineering systems
- maintenance principles
- tools, equipment and materials.

#### **The fun stuff**

You also get to choose a specialism from:

- electrical and electronic equipment engineering
- electrotechnical engineering
- gas engineering
- protection systems engineering
- plumbing and heating engineering
- heating engineering and ventilation
- refrigeration engineering and air conditioning engineering.

This course includes nine weeks working with an employer on an industry placement.

#### **Entry requirements**

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths and English.

#### **What next?**

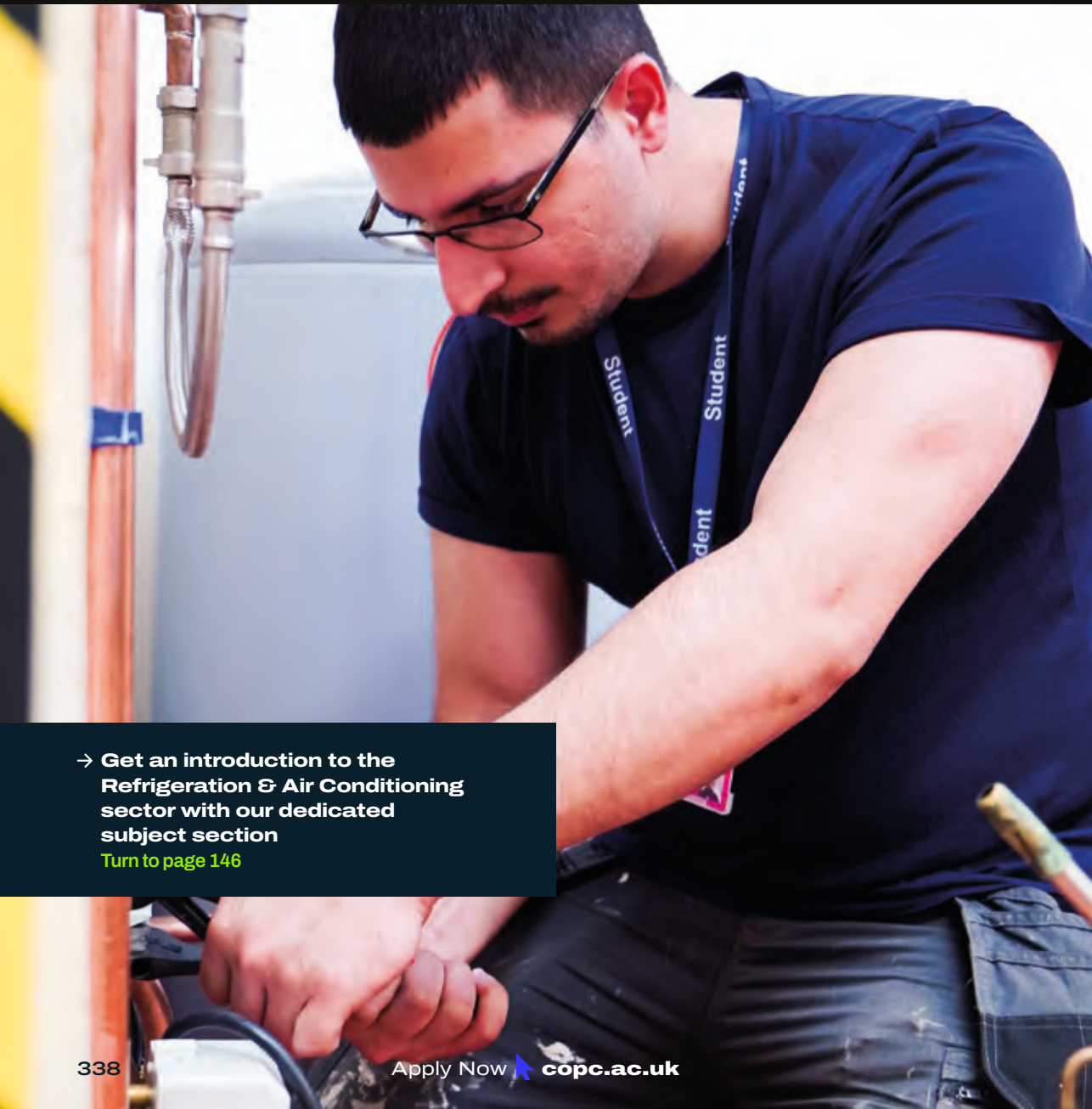
You could progress to roles including engineering construction craftworker, security systems installer, building services engineer, electrical engineering technician, plumber, engineering construction technician, heating and ventilation engineer, smart meter installer, gas service technician, pipe fitter, engineering maintenance technician, refrigeration and air conditioning installer, domestic appliance service engineer or electrician.

You can also use this T Level to move onto a higher level apprenticeship or course.

# Refrigeration & Air Conditioning



To see if a career in Refrigeration or Air Conditioning is for you, read through our courses in more detail



→ Get an introduction to the Refrigeration & Air Conditioning sector with our dedicated subject section  
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## Level 2

# Diploma in Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who is employed in the RAC industry as an engineer/trainee.

### What will you study?

You will develop Skills Knowledge and behaviours relevant to this industry sector. You will be taught the fundamental principles of refrigeration and air conditioning. This will cover topics including:

- environmental studies, communication, science, fundamental principles of refrigeration and air-conditioning and the necessary practical skills required for a level two operative
- the course is delivered on a day release basis and is split between theory and practical lessons each day. In order to achieve your qualification, you will be required to demonstrate your competence with the completion of a portfolio of work place evidence
- you will also be required to have two assessments at your place of work with our NVQ assessor
- this course will include the F-Gas qualification as one of the required units that must be achieved.

### The fun stuff

You will learn how to join pipework using a variety of methods including brazing with an oxy-acetylene torch at temperatures exceeding 30000C !

You will be taught a variety of skills to enable you to work safely and competently on RAC Systems in line with Industry standards.

You will also learn skills more often associated with the plumbing and electrical trades.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least maths and English at grade 4.

### What next?

You can progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

## Level 2

# Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Heat Pump Systems

**Duration:** Two years

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who is interested in employment in the RAC industry as an engineer/trainee.

### What will you study?

You will develop skills, knowledge and behaviours relevant to this industry sector.

You will be taught the fundamental principles of refrigeration and air conditioning. This will cover topics including:

- environmental studies, communication, science, fundamental principles of refrigeration and air-conditioning and the necessary practical skills required for a level two operative
- the course is delivered on a day release basis and is split between theory and practical lessons each day. In order to achieve your qualification, you will be required to demonstrate your competence with the completion of a portfolio of work place evidence.

### The fun stuff

You will learn how to join pipework using a variety of methods including brazing with an oxy-acetylene torch at temperatures exceeding 3000°C!

You will be taught a variety of skills to enable you to work safely and competently on RAC Systems in line with Industry standards.

You will also learn skills more often associated with the plumbing and electrical trades.

### Entry requirements

You will need at least maths and English at grade 4.

### What next?

You can progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

## Level 3

# Diploma in Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning\*

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** North Harbour Campus

### Who is the course for?

This course is suitable for anyone who are interested in employment in the RAC industry as an engineer/trainee. A requirement is to have completed a level 2 RAC course previously.

### What will you study?

You will develop skills knowledge and behaviours relevant to this industry sector.

You will be taught the more advanced principles of refrigeration and air conditioning. This will cover topics including:

- 3 phase electrical circuits and calculating heat loads within a building
- design and operation of complex systems
- the course is delivered on a day release basis and whilst there are some practical aspects of the course, there is a bias towards theory studies and this is reflected in the course delivery
- in order to achieve your qualification, you will be required to complete a number of written and practical assignments successfully.

### The fun stuff

You will undertake a number of assignments from research projects to designing your own systems.

### Entry requirements

You will need to have completed a Level 2 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning qualification.

### What next?

Completion of Level 3 would generally lead to a Higher National Certificate or similar in building studies.

\*If undertaking this course as an apprenticeship, you would be required to undertake an end point assessment, and upon successful completion you will achieve the apprenticeship qualification.

# Arundel Campus

A range of training opportunities for adults and young people in the heart of the community



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# A view of Arundel Campus







# Foundation Prospects Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)



Find out if our Engage course can help  
you progress in your education journey



→ Want to read more about our  
SEND department?  
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## Engage

**Duration:** One year

**Location:** Arundel Campus

### Who is the course for?

This is a course designed to meet the needs of a range of:

- young people who are engaged and willing to participate, but for whom the main barrier to participation is an inability to work in groups due to high anxiety
- young people who are engaged and willing to participate but previous behaviour is proving to be a barrier
- young people who have consistently not engaged in learning due to perceived barriers, lack experience of learning and the associated expectations of learning environments.

### What will you study?

Staff will work closely with individuals to explore and develop employability, personal and social skills alongside maths and English. As the course develops, there will be opportunities to access vocational tasters in areas, such as:

- construction
- automotive
- hair and beauty
- hospitality and catering.

### The fun stuff

There will be opportunities to complete practical and creative activities with a focus on healthy lifestyles and sustainable futures.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements, though realistic learning targets would need to be agreed.

### What next?

On completion of this course, you could progress on to other courses (subject to entry criteria being met), traineeships, apprenticeships or employment.

# At a glance: Apprenticeships

**Apprenticeships are not only a fantastic way to learn and earn at the same time, they come with a whole range of other advantages.**

An apprenticeship could be the next best step for you, if you are practically minded, want to earn a wage whilst learning new skills or want to join a profession that would benefit from working in the real-life workplace from the start, such as a technical hands-on trade.

Apprenticeships allow you to work alongside qualified individuals learning best practice first hand and picking up in-depth skills along the way. They provide a great blend of classroom-based study and on-site training allowing you to become qualified at your own pace in a sector you are passionate about.

## What courses are on offer...

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# Become an apprentice

### What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a real job with training which allows you to earn while you learn, plus gain a nationally recognised qualification.

Apprenticeships take between one and five years to complete and are available in 1,500 occupations across 170 industries, varying from construction through to IT and the creative and digital sectors.

### Can anyone become an apprentice?

Apprenticeships are available to UK/Irish Nationals and EU/EEA Nationals with UK Settled or Pre-Settled status, living in the UK or Ireland for the last three years. Eligibility checks may apply. There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and job.

### Key benefits of doing an apprenticeship

- you earn a wage
- you'll receive training in skills that employers want
- there are excellent progression opportunities, whether you are looking to study further or climb the ranks within the workplace
- apprentices have an increased future earning potential - you could enjoy marked salary increases when you complete your training, and those completing a higher apprenticeship could see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over a lifetime
- learning is delivered at a pace suited to you with the support of a mentor
- you'll receive employer benefits including a pension and paid holiday.

There are various levels of apprenticeships you could apply for (from Level 2-7) depending on your current skills and qualifications.

### Applying for an apprenticeship

There are three ways to get started:

1. If you already have an employer and you are ready to start an apprenticeship, contact our Employment Services team on **023 9238 3131** (option 1) or email **employmentservices@copc.ac.uk**
2. If you do not have an employer, view our list of current apprenticeship vacancies and apply online at **copc.ac.uk/appvacancies**
3. If there are no suitable vacancies currently available, you can register online, and one of our Employment Services Team will let you know when a potential match becomes available.

### Find out more

**023 9238 3131** (option 1)  
**employmentservices@copc.ac.uk**  
**copc.ac.uk/apprenticeships**





# Why should you study an Apprenticeship?

Why should you consider it? Here are 10 reasons why some of the UK's top business leaders\* believe the benefits are clear:

- 1 Real-time, real-world mentorship**
- 2 Hands on experience**
- 3 Greater career potential**
- 4 Learning skills from the experts**
- 5 Actively demonstrate your skills**
- 6 Learning how to get things done**
- 7 Developing best practices**
- 8 Strong industry connections**
- 9 Developing in a safe space**
- 10 Test driving your skills**

\* source Forbes

With average university student debt running at £45,000 and a nationwide shortage of skilled trades people, companies are crying out for bright and enthusiastic apprentices to join their teams.



# What options are available?

If you're ready for work but not sure what you'd like to do, our expert careers team are here to help.

Right now you could choose from 20+ different apprenticeships including:

**Accountant**

**Operations Manager**

**Project Manager**

**Early Years Educator**

**Teaching Assistant**

**Motor Vehicle Technician**

**Electrician**

**Bricklayer**

**Carpenter & Joiner**

**Painter & Decorator**

**Plasterer**

**Gas Engineer**

**Property Maintenance**

**Commis Chef**

**Hair Professional**

**Pharmacy Technician**

# Apprenticeship myths busted

Fiction	Fact
Apprenticeships are only for people aged 16-18	<b>WRONG</b> – they're for anyone aged 16 and above. There's no age limit!
It's not a proper job	<b>WRONG</b> – they're real jobs where you learn, gain experience and get paid
The wages aren't good	<b>WRONG</b> – you're paid at least the National Living Wage for under 18s
You're limited to certain industries	<b>WRONG</b> - almost all industries and sectors have an apprenticeship route
Apprenticeships can be hard to find	<b>WRONG</b> - we have live vacancies and can help with CV & interview support
They're only low-level qualifications	<b>WRONG</b> – they're available from Level 2 to Level 5, you can even go on to degree level
It will limit your career opportunities	<b>WRONG</b> - you gain invaluable experience which can lead to more pay and promotion

## So what does an apprenticeship look like?

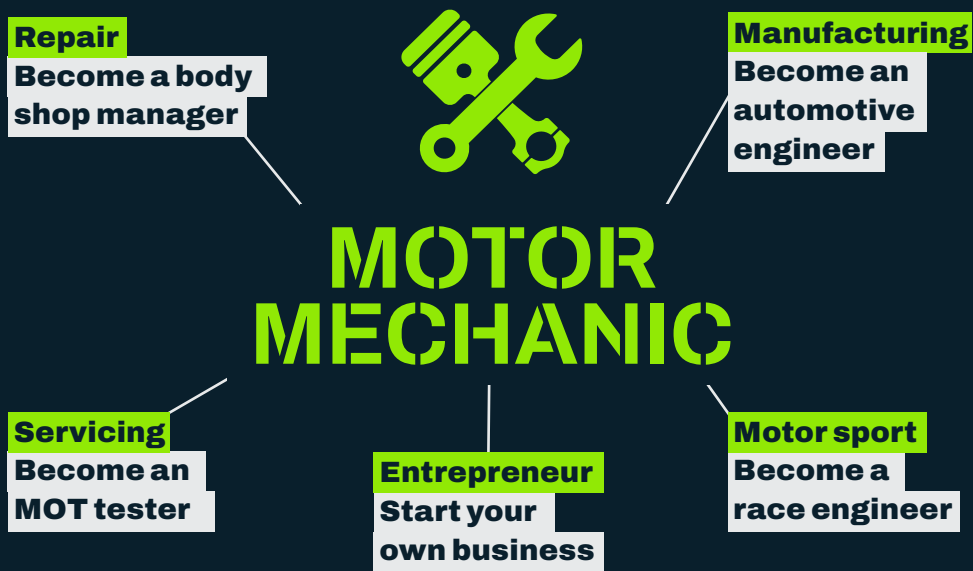
- You'll usually go to work for most of the week, with a day release to college either face to face or virtually
- It won't cost you a penny, quite the opposite, you'll earn while you learn!
- Most apprentices must work a minimum of 30 hours a week
- The amount of time it takes to complete depends on your chosen industry, but you may be able to whizz through it in as little as a year and a day



# Apprenticeships provide skills for life

Whatever your chosen career, apprenticeships are a fantastic way forward, so you finish with a qualification, money in the bank and a world of opportunities.

Look at it this way, if you qualify as a motor mechanic you could move into:



The possibilities are almost endless!

## Still not sure what to do?

Try an online career quiz – like the one at [ucas.com/careers](https://ucas.com/careers) - it's a great place to start to generate ideas of possible areas which match your interests, helping you to research industries and inspire you on your personal pathway.



# APPLY TODAY...

**Find your brilliance!**





# Calendar for prospective students

**2023**

## September/October

### Course Guide published and visits to your school

Our School Liaison and Careers Team will visit your school to support your research on post-16 options and to provide information on City of Portsmouth College. You will be given a copy of our new Full Time Course Guide, for students starting in September 2024.

## October

### Open Events

#### Highbury Campus, Sixth Form Campus & North Harbour Campus

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 12 October 2023

4.30-7.30pm, Thursday 11 October 2023

## October onwards

### Applications

The main applications period begins in October after our Open Evenings, with initial interviews and offers of places being made. Please see our 'How to Apply' section on page 360. We advise you to apply in the October to January period. An early application will:

- give you the certainty of an offer
- remove the risk of a particular course becoming full before you apply
- allow you to concentrate on the challenge of securing your GCSE grades.

## 2024

### January/February

We continue to visit schools and will be available for advice at the many parents evenings and careers events during this period.

### February

#### Open Events

#### Highbury Campus, Sixth Form Campus

#### & North Harbour Campus

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 28 February 2024

Our Spring Open Event is an ideal opportunity for both Year 11 and Year 10 students to learn more about courses and life at College.

Whether you've been before and want a second look, or this is your first visit, you will have the chance to meet our teachers, support staff and students and discuss your options post-16.

#### Sixth Form Application Date

To secure a place on your first choice A Levels or equivalent Sixth Form vocational courses, we encourage applications by Friday 23 February 2024, however, applications are welcome after this date and you will be contacted regarding the availability of your course choices.

### April/May

#### Information sessions for parents of new students

Parents of prospective students will be invited to one of our information sessions.

#### Adult & Vocational Open Event

#### Highbury Campus & North Harbour Campus

4.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 15 May 2024

If you're still undecided on what course is right for you, you can visit our Highbury and North Harbour Campuses to discover our range of vocational courses. A Level staff will also be on hand if you wish to talk about options at our Sixth Form Campus.

### May/June

#### Regular communication

You will, of course, be focused on your exams. However, we will keep you updated with information about our Introduction or Welcome days and steps towards enrolment.

### June/July

#### Introduction/Welcome Days

Invites to our Introduction or Welcome Days will be sent around this time. The days are an enjoyable opportunity to learn more about your courses and enrichment opportunities, meet staff and fellow students and enjoy some social time. You will also receive your enrolment pack and details of your individual enrolment appointment.

### August

#### GCSE results and advice sessions

GCSE results are due to be published late August. Staff are available in College to provide advice if your results are not quite what you expected (or if you have decided to change your course choices). Advice and support is also available throughout the enrolment period.

#### Enrolment

You will need to attend an enrolment interview where we will confirm your course choices. Individual appointments will be sent in early August.

### September

#### Teaching starts

Your journey at College starts here.

You can find out more about the College on our website or join us on social media. [www.copc.ac.uk](http://www.copc.ac.uk)

For further enquiries, please contact our Admissions Team at [admissions@copc.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@copc.ac.uk)

# How to apply

## Just follow these three easy steps and you'll be on your way to being a student at City of Portsmouth College

### 1 APPLY ONLINE OR BY POST

Submitting an application is your chance to tell us about yourself, the course you're interested in and the qualifications you've already achieved.

#### ONLINE

Complete an online application via the City of Portsmouth College website [copc.ac.uk](http://copc.ac.uk). Find the course you are interested in and click the 'Apply' button.

#### BY POST

Complete the following application form and return it to any City of Portsmouth College campus.

### 2 ATTEND AN INTERVIEW

Once you've sent us your application, you will be emailed details of an interview with the course teacher or tutor. This will be your chance to discuss your course choice/s and ask any questions you may have about studying at City of Portsmouth College. We can also make sure that you have made an informed choice about your future study plans to ensure you are on the right track to achieving your career goals. You may initially have a discussion with our learning support team if required. These interviews will enable us to put together a programme of study that's right for you.

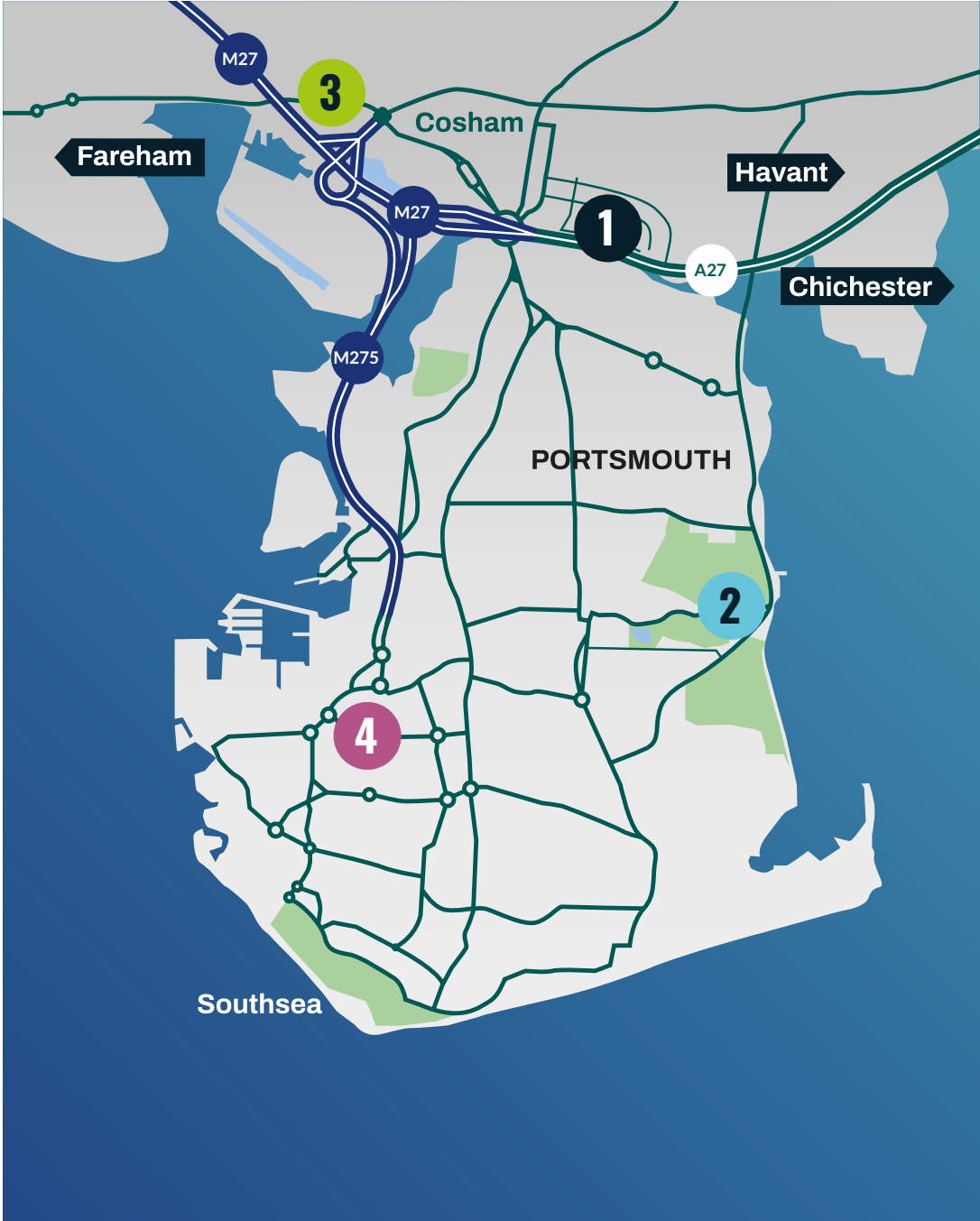
### 3 ENROL

Before starting your programme of study you'll need to come into the College and formally enrol. If you're still at school, this will normally happen in the summer after you've received your exam results. However, we will send you instructions nearer the time making it clear when you should come in to complete this. Please remember that when you come to enrol, you'll need to show us your exam results and passport or birth certificate – please bring them with you. Once you've enrolled, you're ready to begin your journey with us!





# Our locations





**1 Highbury Campus**  
 Tudor Crescent  
 Portsmouth  
 PO6 2SA  
 Call 023 9238 3131



**2 Sixth Form Campus**  
 Tangier Road  
 Portsmouth  
 PO3 6PZ  
 Call 023 9238 3131



**3 North Harbour Campus**  
 Unit One, Harbourgate  
 Southampton Road  
 Portsmouth  
 PO6 4BQ  
 Call 023 9238 3131



**4 Arundel Campus**  
 49 Arundel Street  
 Portsmouth  
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# OPEN EVENTS



## Save the dates

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Tudor Crescent  
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#### Sixth Form Campus

Tangier Rd,  
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#### North Harbour Campus

Unit One, Harbourgate  
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#### Arundel Campus

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