

PROSPECTUS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

2019/20



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WELCOME



I am delighted to be reading this prospectus at the beginning of what is my second year as Principal & Chief Executive at Bridgwater & Taunton College.

As I read the case studies I was particularly struck by the amazing stories from our students, in particular Toby Pitman who said, "I was quite nervous at the start of the course, but as I've progressed it has dawned on me that not only am I achieving what I thought was impossible, I have the biggest smile on my face". I think this can be said for all of us when we start off at College, whether you're a new student or a new member of staff, it can be quite daunting.

However, I believe coming to Bridgwater & Taunton College is a brilliant first step in realising your ambitions.

The belief that everyone has the ability to achieve sits at the heart of our college life. This belief shapes the teaching and learning we provide and is the guiding principle that drives our staff and students to be the best they can be, by challenging them to achieve more every day. We call this the Bridgwater & Taunton College Advantage and you will see this embedded in everything we do, from our sports, performance and honours academies through to our tutorials. Whether you are looking to study A Levels, the International Baccalaureate, a vocational course or an Apprenticeship, our courses combine real-world experience with academic rigour and fantastic employability. Our staff know their disciplines from the inside out, and many are able to offer a professional perspective on their teaching as a result of working in related industries.

For us, that's a key feature of education, to prepare you for whichever path you decide to follow. Studying with us, you'll be given all the support you need to go in whichever direction you choose. Our tutors meet with students regularly to offer encouragement and guidance and, if needed, extra support.

At Bridgwater & Taunton College, it isn't all work and no play. We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for you to get involved in, from representing the College at sport, putting on a play to joining a coding club or raising money for one of a number of charities.

This prospectus will help you decide if Bridgwater & Taunton College is the right place for you. It outlines the courses available and what it's like to study at one of our state-of-the-art campuses. It will also help you think about the likely shape of your professional future.

With campuses at Bridgwater, Taunton and Cannington, offering a broader, more diverse range of subjects and qualifications than ever before there is bound to be something for you.

Don't just take my word for it, come and visit us at one of our Open Evenings or book onto a taster workshop, these will help you get a feel for the College, talk to tutors, and see where you'll be studying.

I look forward to welcoming you to Bridgwater & Taunton College.

ANDY BERRY
Principal & Chief Executive
Bridgwater & Taunton College

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THE BEST REASONS TO CHOOSE BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON COLLEGE

You could spend a lot of time working out which is the right college for you, but we reckon we've a pretty good idea.

Here are just some of the reasons to choose us:

1 OFSTED rates us highly

In a variety of areas, our provision is highlighted for its quality. We think that's a record to be proud of.

2 Award Winning College

We regularly win accolades for the quality of teaching and support such as The Queens Anniversary Prize, TES Awards, Pearson Teaching Awards, the Institute of the Motor Industry Outstanding Achievement Award and Beacon Awards, added to that we are one of the few Colleges to have chartered status.

3 We have excellent links with local employers

Naturally we want you to enjoy the college experience for its own sake, but we're also mindful that it's a step on the road to your future career. Thanks to our close relationships with local and national employers, you'll have every opportunity to make your mark on the world of work.

4 Our facilities are second to none

You could look at a lot of Colleges and not find a single one that matches our range of facilities. We provide top-quality workshops and teaching areas across all our campuses. By investing in our environment, we're ensuring your future.

5 Our students consistently achieve first-class results

Let's be honest: you want to do as well as you possibly can in your chosen field. Our expert teachers, many of whom

combine academic excellence with relevant industry experience, know what it takes to realise your potential. With them on your side, you're in safe hands.

6 We offer an unparalleled range of courses

With A Levels, the International Baccalaureate, Apprenticeships and vocational courses covering subjects such as law, psychology, aerospace engineering and animal management, we're bound to have a course for you.

7 The only college in Somerset to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma

Students who have passed outperform the global average for this internationally recognised qualification, with an average score of 32 out of 45 versus the global average of 30 - equivalent to four A grades at A Level.



COLLEGE LIFE

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL

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

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

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

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

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

COLLEGE ACADEMIES

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

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

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

Media Academy students work on live briefs with industry professionals, helping to build networks and establish a high-profile portfolio. This is a unique opportunity to make your mark in a competitive sector, greatly enhancing your future educational and career prospects.

If you plan to join the ambulance, police or fire service, the 999 Academy develops your skills in water, mud and rope rescue, the use of breathing apparatus, first aid, conflict resolution and interview techniques.

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

The Erasmus is an exciting exchange programme between the College and 33 European countries. All you need to do is submit an application to spend a month abroad and the programme covers all the costs. Previous participants describe it as a great way to brush up on your language skills, meet new people and immerse yourself in a new culture.

SPORTS

We want everyone to get involved in sport, so we offer a range of opportunities for people of all abilities. Whether you dream of being a professional athlete or simply enjoy a runabout with friends, our sports clubs and societies give you a chance to pursue your interests.



"My favourite moment at College was taking part in the Erasmus trip. We went to Finland to experience what it's like to work in another country."

RENARS KALNINS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing

Chilton Trinity School

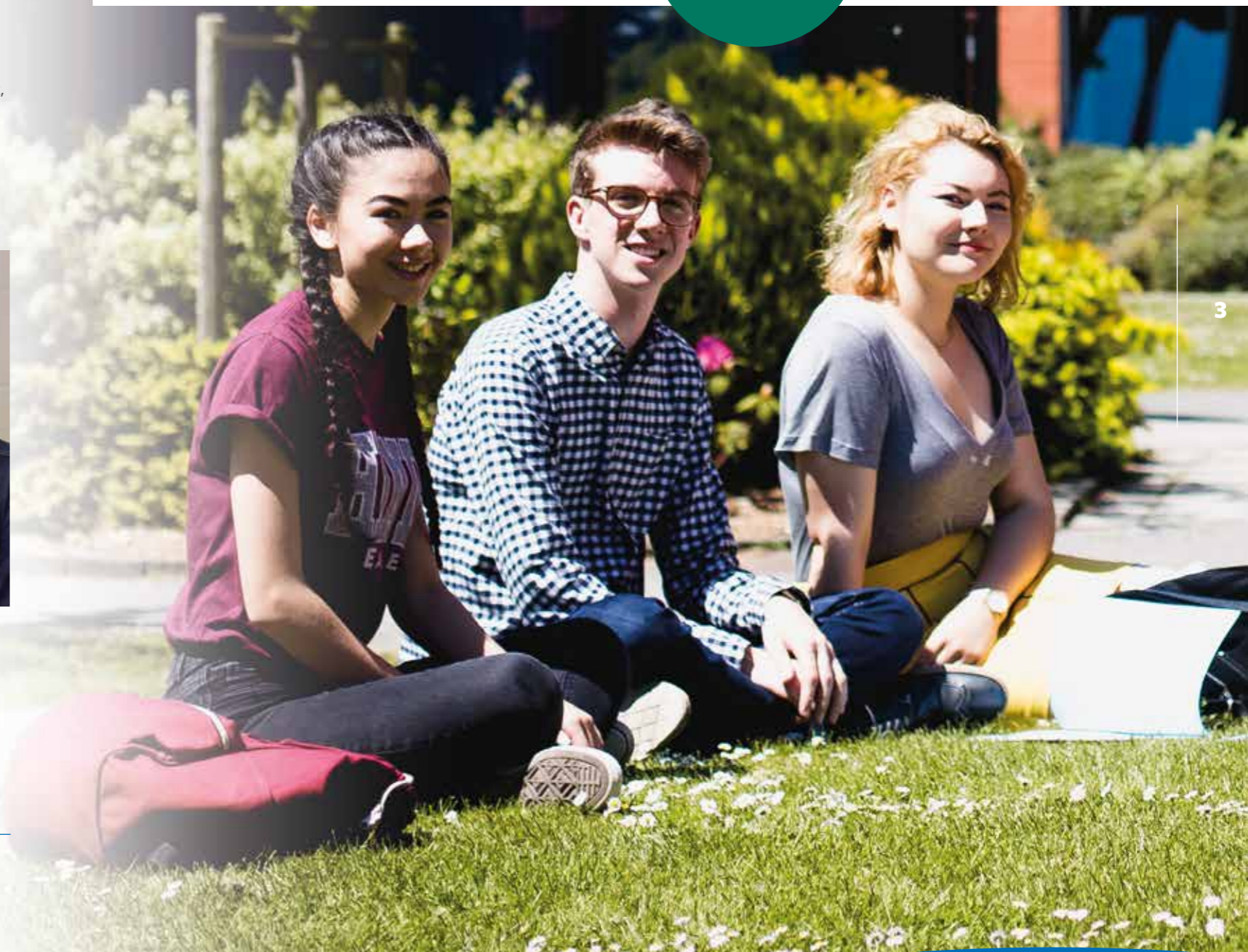
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We want you to be happy and healthy in order to lead an active lifestyle. Being active helps the brain function more efficiently, makes you feel good and improves your concentration.

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

If you'd rather spend your free time enjoying other activities then don't worry, BTC Active also offers curriculum specific sessions through our Active, Healthy, Employable or Active Hour programmes.

Become a BTC Activator and help run BTC Active by planning, co-ordinating, delivering and promoting sports and activities across the College to your peers. This gives you coaching experience in a variety of sports as well as helping you develop your management, organisation and people skills.



TRIPS AND VISITS

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

Our students certainly get about. They've been to motor shows, fashion events, paintballing sessions and music concerts. There's also been the occasional tour of the Houses of Parliament, and it's all in the name of education. In addition to trips such as those of our Art & Design department to places like New York and Paris, the International Baccalaureate students who visited Morocco and Sport students who flew to South Africa to coach local children, we offer a variety of opportunities to join extra-curricular adventures. Fancy abseiling as part of the Army's youth team or volunteering on a camp for disadvantaged teenagers? Maybe you'd like to tour porcelain museums or visit an agricultural show. Come to Bridgwater & Taunton College and you'll have every chance to do all these things, and more.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD (DofE)

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

Participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award develop an array of virtues, including:

- An ability to work with others
- An ability to work independently
- Problem-solving ability
- Communication skills
- Self-motivation
- Determination
- Commitment

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

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

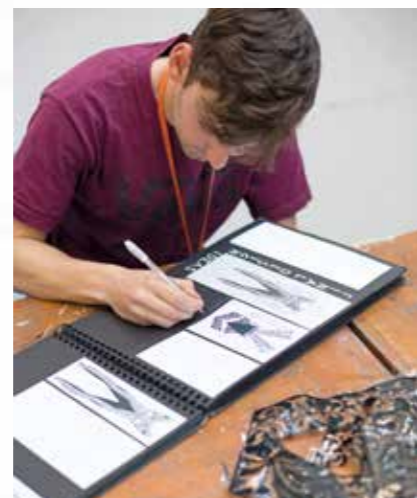


NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

NCS is a three to four week experience that helps build your confidence and self-belief so that you can take on anything in life. We work in partnership with Somerset Rural Youth Project and We-Activate to offer this to students who want an adventure. Participants get the chance to take on some adrenaline-fuelled challenges like rock climbing, canoeing, hiking and archery before taking on a social action project.

STUDENT COMMON ROOMS

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



THE STUDENTS' UNION

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

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

You automatically become a part of the Students' Union when you join the College. To take full advantage of the opportunity, you can buy an NUS Extra card, which gives you a range of discounts at shops, restaurants and online retailers.

LEARNER VOICE

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

We call this 'Learner Voice'. It is, as the name suggests, about giving you the chance to be heard on a range of issues, from teaching quality to the coffee in our vending machines.

To make the most of this opportunity, you may consider becoming a Programme Representative or even become a Student Executive. These people liaise between their fellow students and College staff to shape our corporate culture and enhance our life together.



"I'm Vice President of the Student Union and have helped organise parties and run campaigns. I'm particularly proud of being involved in the campaign to encourage students to vote in the general election. It's been a great addition to my application for Cambridge University."

CALLUM SHERWOOD

A Levels

Chilton Trinity School



STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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

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

TUTORIALS

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

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

HEALTHY LIVING

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

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

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

FRESHERS' FAIR

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

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

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

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

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

When it comes to matters of faith, we celebrate diversity. We have a Multi-faith Co-ordinator who offers support and a Multi-faith Space for students to chill, meditate, pray and meet others of the same or different beliefs and values.



ENHANCE YOUR CV!



"I've taken part in a range of activities and made friends from different courses and areas"

NIALL SWEENEY
 Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
 Haygrove School

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON CAMPUSES

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

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

ADVANCED ENGINEERING CENTRE

We've teamed up with industry partners and the government to provide students with just what they need to succeed in their chosen field. The most recent addition at the Bridgwater campus is the Advanced Engineering Centre. The £7.5 million investment has created a perfect environment to support this fast-paced industry. The Centre houses a design thinking lab, welding workshops, Cessna 337 Skymaster aircraft, and composite laboratory, where students and industry work with materials that are transforming engineering and aerospace.

THE QUANTOCK RESTAURANT

The restaurant at our Taunton campus is open to the public and run by our hospitality and catering students. The recently refurbished kitchen boasts the latest technology in order to dazzle diners with mouth-watering dishes while they enjoy the modern, welcoming front-of-house environment.

ENERGY SKILLS CENTRE

Whether you're studying for an Apprenticeship or a Degree, our flagship Energy Skills Centre at Bridgwater provides opportunity and inspiration in equal measure. Our industry-standard laboratories and workshops are installed with an array of equipment that makes your learning experience all the richer. This includes computer-aided design facilities, robotic engineering equipment and space for fabrication, maintenance and modification. If you want to learn in a real-world environment, they don't get much better than this.

THE MCMILLAN THEATRE

If all the world's a stage, you need to get practising. With our multi-million pound facility at Bridgwater, you can learn theatre craft, dance and performance skills in an amazing space. Do you fancy appearing in front of 350 people? Here's your opportunity to do so, while those who prefer to remain backstage can perfect their skills with the latest lighting, sound and set-design equipment. It's the only theatre of this size in the local area: another great facility that puts Bridgwater & Taunton College firmly on the map.



REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE



ART, DESIGN AND MEDIA CENTRES

Many regard the Arts House at our Taunton campus as a local landmark. Eye catching from inside and out, it houses fantastic facilities that give creatives in a range of fields including art, graphic design, textiles and media, every opportunity to explore their talents. It's a similar story at the Bridgwater campus, where our facilities are equally impressive. So, wherever you choose to study, you can be assured of an industry-standard TV studio complete with editing suites, a photography studio with dark rooms, and the very best environment to lay foundations for your career.

CONSTRUCTION CENTRES

Want to perfect your craft in a well-equipped workshop that gives you the chance to develop lifelong skills? We offer just that opportunity, with expert tuition from people who know their trade from the inside out. Whether you're training to be a plumber, electrician, plasterer, painter and decorator, builder or carpenter, our construction skills facilities are the perfect place to learn.

AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS CENTRES

Students at Bridgwater & Taunton College have an opportunity to work on cars, motorbikes and HGV vehicles in fully equipped workshops, using the latest tooling, diagnostics and IT equipment. The Centres also house welding workshops, body repair and refinishing facilities as well as a bespoke motorsport environment.

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

CHILDCARE CENTRES

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

COMMON ROOMS

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

HAIR AND BEAUTY SALONS

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

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRES

Giving you access to thousands of books, journals, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers, our LRCs are a wonderful asset to our campuses. You'll be encouraged to use them as study spaces, where you can access all manner of resources that fire your imagination, stretch your intellect, and inform your growth. A bank of computers and free WiFi make the centres perfect working environments.

SPORTS FACILITIES

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

UNRIVALLED OPPORTUNITIES!



SCIENCE LABORATORIES

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

FOOD AND DRINK

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

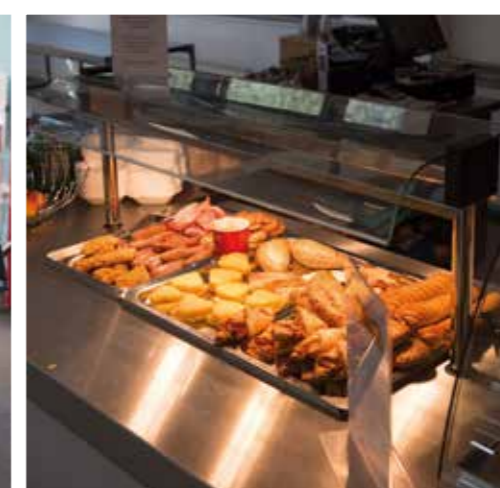
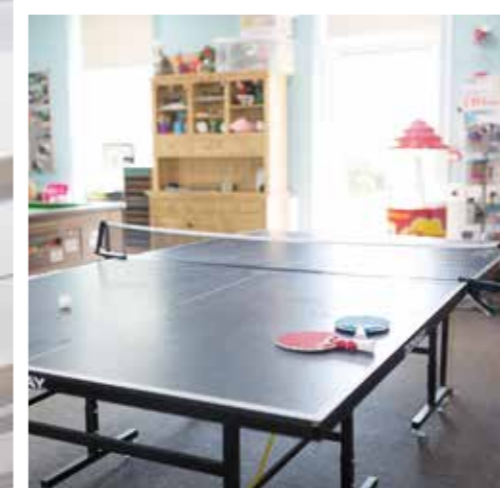
RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Our Canonsgrove Halls of Residence is on the outskirts of Taunton and hosts 192 rooms, with 24 hour residential team support. The accommodation is for both under and over 18s and available seven days a week. Students staying in accommodation study a wide range of

courses and can stay up to 36 weeks of the academic year. The accommodation is a ten minute car journey away from our Taunton campus, however bus links are available.

The facilities within the residential common room include a bar and coffee shop, pool table, computer games consoles, TVs, free WiFi and a skittle alley. Also on-site are card operated laundry facilities, dedicated cleaning/maintenance teams, a sports hall, BBQ area, sports field and limited parking. We also provide weekly activities similar to our Cannington provision. Canonsgrove similarly has a dedicated residential wellbeing officer to provide academic and pastoral support to the students in residence there.

We have dedicated Residential Wellbeing Officers, who support our students with all aspects of college life, including study skills, independent living and emotional support through mentoring. They also organise a range of social activities including cinema trips, cooking, BBQs, crafts and off-site trips such as city visits and theme parks. Annually a Summer Ball is held which is a highlight, and a lovely way to finish the year.



FANTASTIC FACILITIES

CANNINGTON CAMPUS

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

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

If you're training for a career in agriculture, it makes sense to do so on a working farm, that's why students flock to Rodway Farm at Cannington. Our 200-hectare mixed farm has a flock of 200 ewes of various breeds, a dairy herd of 250 high-yielding Holsteins and a state-of-the-art milking parlour producing an average of 9,500 litres per cow each year. The College farm has a contract with Tesco and has been rated in the top 5% of farms within the Tesco Sustainable Dairy Group.

There is plenty of opportunity to gain hands-on experience in a real-world environment if you study at the College. More than that, you'll have access to our Agriculture Innovation Centre: a research centre of excellence that is looking to the future of farming and working in partnership with industry.

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

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

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

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

THE NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR NUCLEAR (NCfN)

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

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Because the courses offered at the Cannington campus are primarily land-based, many students choose to live on campus. We invested £3 million in the residential block and a further £4.2 million in a new building, providing comfortable home-from-home accommodation. The accommodation and work of the Residential Team was graded Outstanding across the board by the Ofsted Care Standards Inspection in May 2017.

The Residential Team are on site 24 hours a day providing a safe and secure environment for all students. As a part of this, we have dedicated Residential Wellbeing Officers, who support our students with all aspects of college life, including study skills, independent living and emotional support through mentoring.

They also organise a range of social activities including cinema trips, cooking, BBQs, craft, off-site trips such as city visits and theme parks. Annually a Summer Ball is held which is a highlight, and a lovely way to finish the year.

Cannington hosts 150 rooms with 50 set aside for under 18s. All the modern study bedrooms enjoy free Wi-Fi and TV ports. En-suite rooms are located in mixed-sex, ten-room lodges, each with a common room area that has a television and other general utilities for the exclusive use of the students within that lodge. All student accommodation has security controlled access, CCTV and 24 hour security support. On-site services include a restaurant, laundrette, and a College gym, under-18s are able to stay in accommodation seven days a week, which is much more flexible for all and therefore the campus has everything needed to be comfortable.



"For me, the best part of College has to be being a residential student. I've really enjoyed the freedom of being away from home and the residential team are fantastic."

CAITLIN LOWE

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Kings Monkton School



**OVER
£8 MILLION**
invested in the
Cannington campus
in the last
8 years



COLLEGE ACADEMIES

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

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

TEAM BTC

Join our national Beacon Award winning sports performance programme representing the College in a variety of sports. We have a number of high-quality teams in sports such as football, netball, hockey, trampolining, rugby, badminton and basketball. Students play in local and regional fixtures in Association of Colleges league and cup competitions.

The programme also provides access to the gym, strength and conditioning training, sports massage, performance analysis and guest speakers that are expert in sports psychology.

If you live to compete, these teams are for you.

HONOURS ACADEMY

If you are a high-flying academic or vocational student with at least four GCSEs at grade 7, the Honours Academy offers you the opportunity to receive additional tuition and coaching to supplement your studies. It also supports progression to top universities and employment.

The Academy provides you with the opportunity to:

- Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
- Extend your learning within and beyond your area of study
- Develop leadership skills
- Increase your confidence and your public speaking, social and presentation skills
- Take part in master classes from visiting experts
- Take part in trips, visits and residential such as Oxbridge summer schools

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

DANCE ACADEMY

Find out first-hand what it's like to be a professional dancer working in a dance troupe. Technique classes help strengthen your performance and your choreography skills are improved through creating innovative performance pieces.

PHOTOGRAPHY ACADEMY

Develop and expand your photographic skills through live projects, client work, competitions and time spent in the dark room.

ANIMATION ACADEMY

If you love bringing still images to life, join other enthusiasts to create stings in 2D and 3D, short films and showcase your talent by entering competitions.

DRAMA ACADEMY

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

MUSIC ACADEMY

This Academy offers you the chance to get involved in exciting modern music projects, regardless of your main subject discipline. You'll collaborate with other students from a range of backgrounds, and rehearse and perform with your own instrument either solo, as part of a small ensemble or larger band.

SHOW CHOIR ACADEMY

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

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

MEDIA ACADEMY

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

You could join Design, Journalism and/or Production School within a Media Academy.

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

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

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

FASHION ACADEMY

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

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

This Academy is open to anyone with interests in any of the above.



EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS!

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOMERSET

University Centre Somerset is part of Bridgwater & Taunton College and based at the Taunton campus. We currently have over 1,000 Higher Education students enrolled studying a wide range of industry-led courses.

Qualifications include vocational degrees and degree-level apprenticeships across a range of subjects that blend academic rigour with real-world experience in the workplace. We have a heritage that stretches back to the 19th century, so we're rooted in the past, alive to the opportunities of the future, and focussed on the future.

Subjects include:

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



University Centre Somerset

Part of Bridgwater & Taunton College

DESIGN ACADEMY

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

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

999 ACADEMY

If you dream of pursuing criminals, triaging medical emergencies or rescuing people from smoke-filled buildings, this is the academy for you.

Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue, The South Western Ambulance Service and Avon & Somerset Police have created an exciting Academy for those interested in public service. You will be expected to perform community engagement activities but you'll also cover areas such as missing persons management, first aid, conflict resolution, water and hose training, road traffic collision management and communication.



"My proudest moment was being selected for the elite 999 Academy. I had to pass fitness tests, sit exams and have an interview, but it was all worth it"

STARLENA HANCOCK

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

Robert Blake Science College



CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE

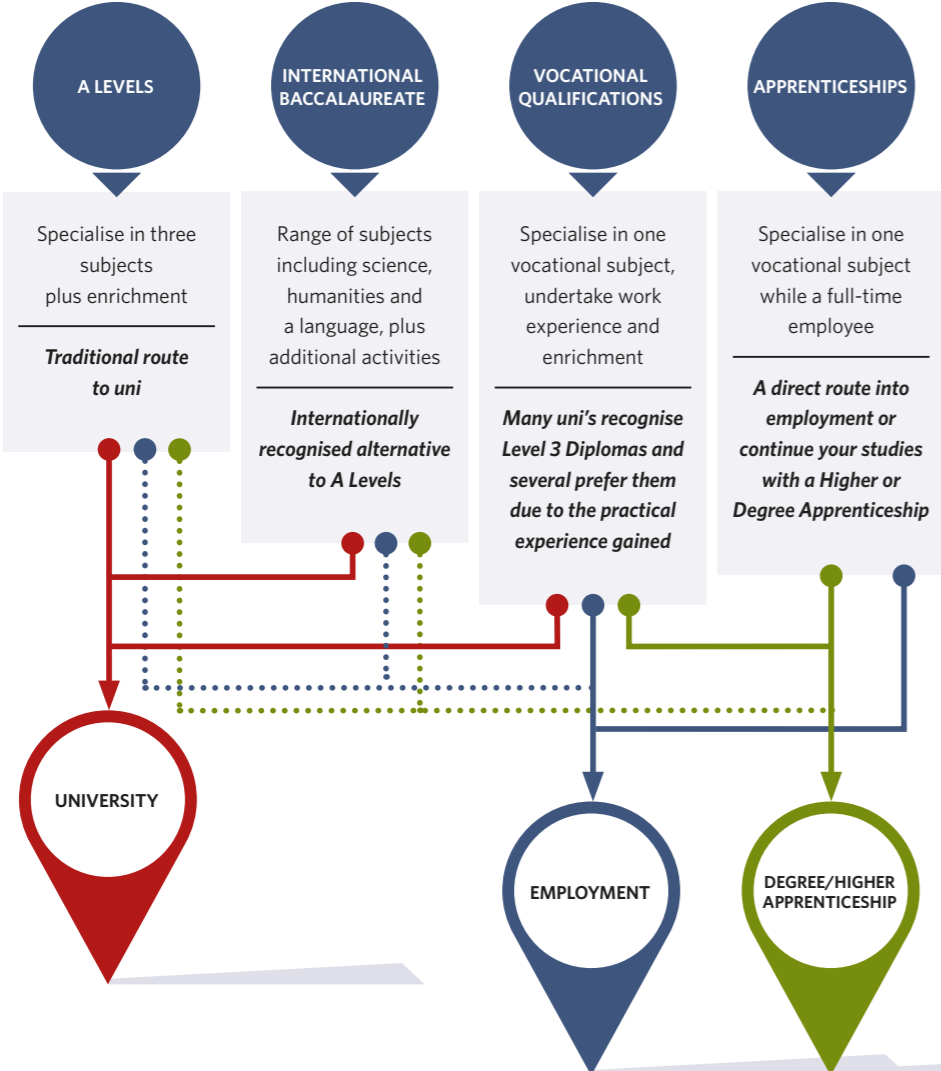
Whatever you study, we want your time at Bridgwater & Taunton College to prepare you for a bright future. Here's how our programmes fit together.

The primary aim of our programmes is to give you every opportunity to flourish, educationally and socially. That way, you'll have the best preparation for whatever comes next.

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

Vocational qualifications combine theory and practical work with work experience, while A Levels and the International Baccalaureate offer a range of subjects you may not have studied before, and are mostly taught in a classroom setting with assessment through examinations.

THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER!



Our programmes include training in teamwork, communication skills, leadership, and equality & diversity. Every programme aims to ensure you reach minimum standards in Maths and English by the time you leave College. It also gives you the opportunity of a work placement, and provides support and guidance for your next steps.

Work experience is designed to prepare you for the world of work and enhance your studies. Currently students have placements at Rolls Royce, John Lewis and Ashton Gate Park, but we'll help you find one that is right for you and your career aspirations. Work experience can lead to employment with the company after graduation and widen your horizons.

To enhance your CV, you can also sign-up to additional activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or community and charity volunteering. That way, you'll stand out from the crowd when it comes to applying for university places or jobs.

WORK EXPERIENCE AND PLACEMENTS
From the moment you arrive at the College, our aim is to prepare you for the world of work. No matter which course you're on, we'll work with you to ensure you have the level of Maths and English that employers expect, as well as a range of 'people skills' to help you as you progress from College to further study or the workplace - skills such as self-confidence, working as part of a team, communicating effectively with other people, treating others fairly, and knowing how and when to take the lead.

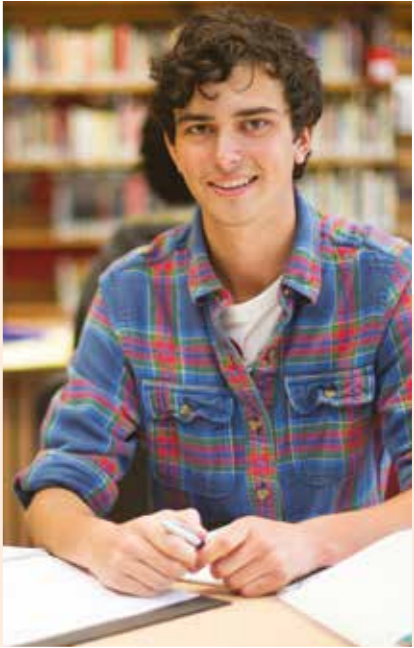
More than that though, we arrange for you to actually experience what it's like to go to work. The excellent relationships

we've built with a wide range of employers, both large and small, enable us to offer every student a work placement or work experience in an industry sector that interests them.

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

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

ENGLISH AND MATHS
We recognise the importance of every student having basic skills in English and Maths. If you enter your programme with a GCSE grade 4 or above in these areas, you'll have the opportunity to deepen your knowledge and understanding. If you have a grade 3, you'll be given tuition to help you attain a grade 4 or higher. And if you come in with less than a grade 3, you'll follow a special programme that enables you to progress to a GCSE retake in due course.



"As part of my course, I completed work experience at Secret World Wildlife Rescue, which I adored, it enabled me to build important skills and knowledge"

GEORGINA VINCENT
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
Worle Community School

PROGRESSION

This chart shows the different types and levels of programmes available. It is important to bear in mind that you may need specific grades to progress to higher level programmes or into certain careers, therefore you must try hard to get the highest grades you can.



ENTRY 1 - 3

Designed to Build Confidence

PROGRAMME TITLE

- Pathway Programmes
- Support into Work Programmes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A positive attitude to learning. No formal qualifications

WHAT NEXT?

Level 1 programme or supported employment

LEVEL 1

Equivalent to GCSEs Grade 3 to 1

PROGRAMME TITLE

- Level 1 Cert/Dip/Award
- NVQ Level 1
- Pre-apprenticeship
- Pathway to Work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Three or more GCSEs at grade 1 or above

WHAT NEXT?

Level 2 programme or employment in a junior role

LEVEL 2

Equivalent to five GCSEs Grade 9 to 4

PROGRAMME TITLE

- Level 2 Cert/Dip/Ext Dip
- NVQ Level 2
- Apprenticeship

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four or more GCSEs at grade 9 to 2 with at least two at grade 3, or appropriate Level 1 qualification with Merit

WHAT NEXT?

Level 3 programme or skilled employment at an intermediate level role

LEVEL 3

Equivalent to two or three A Levels

PROGRAMME TITLE

- Level 3 Dip/Ext Dip/Sub Dip
- A Levels
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- NVQ Level 3
- Pre-degree Access Dip
- Apprenticeship

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four to five GCSEs (six for IB) in the 9 to 4 range (incl. English & Maths), or appropriate Level 2 qualification with Merit

WHAT NEXT?

An undergraduate qualification, work or Higher Apprenticeship



"I love what I'm studying, so when I complete this course I plan on continuing my childcare studies by enrolling either on the Level 3 qualification or by securing an Apprenticeship."

CHARLOTTE WHITEROD
 Level 2 Certificate in Children's Play, Learning & Development
 Haygrove School



YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

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

Bridgwater & Taunton College has an extensive portfolio of courses ranging from A Levels, the International Baccalaureate, vocational courses and Apprenticeships. Your expected GCSE results will help decide which one is going to be suited to your abilities.

The table shows qualifications, their level and where you may be on your educational or employment journey.

GOING TO UNIVERSITY

As part of Bridgwater & Taunton College, University Centre Somerset specialises in providing vocational degrees that blend academic rigour with real-world experience in the workplace. Students who meet the entry requirements can study for an undergraduate or even a postgraduate qualification, without incurring the expense of a move away from home. Please refer to page 19 to find out more about University Centre Somerset.



LEVEL	QUALIFICATIONS	MAIN STAGE OF EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT
7	Postgraduate and professional qualification eg. Masters degree	Professional/postgraduate education research Employment
6	Bachelor's Degree Degree Apprenticeship Level 6	Higher Education advanced level skills
5	Foundation Degree Higher Apprenticeship Level 5 HND <i>Equivalent to second year of degree</i>	Entry to professional graduate employment
4	Higher Apprenticeship HNC Level 4 Diploma <i>Equivalent to first year of degree</i>	Specialised education and training
3	Level 3 NVQs Level 3 Diploma/Certificate Advanced Apprenticeship Level 3 Access course <i>Equivalent to two/three A Levels or four AS Levels A Levels/ International Baccalaureate</i>	Entry to Higher Education Qualified/skilled worker Completion of secondary education
2	Level 2 NVQs Level 2 Diploma Intermediate Apprenticeship Level 2 <i>Equivalent to five GCSEs grade 9 to 4</i>	Continuation of secondary education Progression to skilled employment
1	Level 1 Certificate Pre-Apprenticeship <i>Equivalent to GCSEs grade 3 to 1</i>	Initial entry into Further Education Employment
ENTRY	Entry level courses to increase confidence	Qualifications can be taken at any age to continue or return to education/training

During your studies, you accumulate points that count towards degree-level entry requirements. The table shows you the points each qualification accrues. These are the entry requirements for university degrees.

GCE/VCE Qualifications			BTEC Nationals			BTEC QCF				Dip Foundation Studies	Points Tariff
AS Level	A Level	A Level Double	Award	Certificate	Diploma	Extended Diploma	Diploma	Sub Diploma	Certificate	Arts & Design	
						D*D*D*					168
						D*D*D					160
						D*DD					152
					DDD	DDD					144
					DDM	DDM					128
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		A*A*			DMM	DMM	D*D*				112
		A*A					D*D				104
		AA		DD	MMM	MMM	DD			M	96
							DD				94
		AB									88
		BB		DM	MMP	MMP	DM			p	80
		BC									72
		CC		MM	MPP	MPP	MM				64
	A*	CD	D					D*			56
	A	DD	D	MP	PPP	PPP	MP	D			48
	B	DE									40
	C	EE	M	PP			PP	M			32
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A											20
B	E		P					P	M		16
C											12
D											10
									P		8
E											6



GOING PLACES!

ROUTES TO SUCCESS

Have you always wanted to become a teacher, vet, architect or engineer but haven't quite figured out how to get there? Don't panic. There are usually several routes into any profession. We've selected a few and illustrated the educational paths you could take to achieve your goal.

WE'LL HELP YOU GET THERE!



VET

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 5 in English, Maths and Science*
 A Levels - Chemistry, Physics and/or Maths, or academic subject
OR
 Level 3 Diploma in Animal Management plus A Level Chemistry

BVSc Veterinary Science



PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English, Maths and Science*
 A Levels
OR
 Level - 3 National Diploma Children's Play, Learning & Development
OR
 International Baccalaureate

Degree and PGCE OR BA (Hons) Primary Education



ARCHITECT

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 6 in English*
 A Levels - A*AA eg Combined Maths or Physics with Art or DT
OR
 International Baccalaureate
OR
 Level 3 Extended Diploma in relevant subject

BA (Hons) Architecture



SOLICITOR

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 5 English Language and Maths*
 A Levels - AAA / AAB eg English Language/Literature and History
OR
 International Baccalaureate

Bachelor of Law and Legal Practice Course

SOCIAL WORKER

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English Language and Maths*
 A Levels - A*, A or BBC
OR
 Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
OR
 International Baccalaureate

BA (Hons) Social Work



NURSE/MIDWIFE

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English, Maths and Science*
 A Levels - BBC eg Biology/Psychology/Chemistry
OR
 Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
OR
 International Baccalaureate

BSc (Hons) Nursing OR Nursing Degree Apprenticeship



MECHANIC/F1 PIT CREW MEMBER

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English and Maths*
 Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle
OR
 Level 3 Diploma in Motorsport

**Apprenticeship at Mercedes F1 Team
 OR BSc (Hons) Motorsport Technology**



FARMER

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English and Maths*
 Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture
OR
 Agriculture Apprenticeship



ENGINEER

(MECHANICAL, NUCLEAR, AERONAUTICAL, CHEMICAL, CIVIL,
 ELECTRICAL, BIOMEDICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL)

GCSEs - *Minimum grade 4 English and Maths*
 A Levels - Minimum grade C Maths/Physics/Chemistry/DT
OR
 Level 3 Diploma in Engineering/Aerospace/Design & Technology

BSc (Hons) in Engineering



MY BTC ADVANTAGE

Flourishing is the name of the game at Bridgwater & Taunton College. That means giving you the best range of options when your programme is at an end.

To help achieve this, the Bridgwater & Taunton College Advantage is embedded into every course we offer. This ensures that you:

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

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

We think development of your personal skills is equally as important as your academic progress, therefore your personal tutor will set you targets throughout the year to stretch and challenge both your academic achievements and your wider employability skills.

Employers recognise the value of the BTC Advantage as a way of you developing into a well-rounded, employable young person who is capable of making positive contributions to any given setting.



MORE CONFIDENT

"I used to struggle with speaking in front of a group, but delivering a science presentation as part of my coursework helped me overcome this. I'm sure this will be beneficial when I'm an architect and have to speak to clients."

BARBARA REIS
Level 3 Diploma in Construction & the Built Environment
Haygrove School



HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

"I helped with catering at a College event and as a result was offered a work placement at Kentisbury Grange Hotel in Devon, which I hope will develop into a full-time job. I aspire to become a Head Chef and my ultimate goal is to one day open my own restaurant."

TYLER COX
Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Court Fields School



MORE COMMUNITY MINDED

"My proudest moment at College was being selected for and graduating from the 999 Academy. Working alongside police, fire and ambulance crews has shown me the service levels I need to deliver, the skills I need to acquire and how I can contribute to the community around me. As a result I have secured a job as a Call Handler at Avon and Somerset Constabulary."

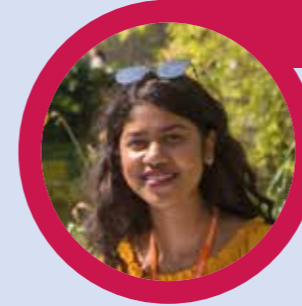
STARLENA HANCOCK
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services
Robert Blake Science College



SAFER, HEALTHIER, HAPPIER

"When I'm not studying, I relax in the common room, play pool, watch TV or take part in activities arranged by my tutor including a six week self-defence course, yoga sessions, boxing and team building exercises. The activities have not only helped me meet new friends and bond with my fellow peers, but also improved my academic studies."

NIALL SWEENEY
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
Haygrove School



BETTER COMMUNICATOR

"I signed up to become an Ambassador this year and as a result have seen my communication with fellow students and visitors develop. Representing the College in a position of responsibility has encouraged me to come out of my shell and interact with others to help them feel at ease and comfortable in their environment."

KARINA GONSALVES
A Levels
Chilton Trinity



MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER

"I enjoy the variety of subjects the IB lets me study, so every lesson is different each day. I feel that by studying science, maths, English, a language, an art subject and humanities it is helping me broaden my mind, become more confident and become decisive. The independence of some of my studies has also helped me prioritise and maximise my time."

OLIVIA MANNING
International Baccalaureate
Crispin School

SUPPORTING YOUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT,
BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE



SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNING

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

Studying at college can feel very different from studying at school. With this in mind, we offer plenty of support to help you adjust.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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

They help with a range of issues, including:

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

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

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Our well-qualified and award-winning learning support staff provide one-to-one or small-group tuition for students with:

- Specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia
- Conditions on the Autistic spectrum
- Difficulties with core skills, such as Maths or English

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

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

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

BURSARIES

If you have to keep a tight hold on the purse strings, bursaries are designed to help with the cost of materials, transport and equipment, and vary in amount. Currently students who study music or fashion and textiles can apply for the Taunton Maids and Doris Southcott Bursaries, and the Somerset Duke of Edinburgh Bursary Fund is available to those working towards the DofE Award. Please visit the College website for more information and eligibility criteria.

MOVING ON

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

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

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

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

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



SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY



"All my tutors were very generous with their time and professionals in their respective fields. This allowed me to gain an in-depth and well-rounded knowledge of each subject."

JAMES DELLA VALLE
A Levels
Kingsmead School

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Let's assume you've attended an open day or taster session, done your research, and know that we're the College for you.

SIX EASY STEPS

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

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

STEP 1

APPLYING

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

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

TOP TIP!

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

STEP 2

THE INTERVIEW

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

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

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

The purpose of the interview is to make sure you've chosen the right course for you, for us to understand what plans you might have for the future and for you to get to know us a little better. If your interview is for A Levels but you're not sure which subjects to choose, don't worry, you can discuss this at the interview.

TOP TIP!

Bring your Record of Achievement to your interview.

STEP 3

OFFERS

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

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

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

TOP TIP!

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

STEP 4

WELCOME DAY

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

TOP TIP!

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

STEP 5

RESULTS DAY!

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

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

So whatever happens, we'll hope to see you in September.

TOP TIP!

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

STEP 6

START OF YEAR

If you didn't attend the Welcome Day, you'll be invited in for an Enrolment Day to set-up your student account and have your picture taken for your student card. Once this is done, you'll be a College student and ready to get involved in all the fun and exciting opportunities we offer.

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

TOP TIP!

Don't forget to bring your results slip with you on enrolment day

START YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY!



GETTING HERE

It's easier than you think...

TAUNTON CAMPUS

By bus

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

Further information is available from Traveline, by calling 08712 002233, or visiting www.traveline.info. Alternatively, contact the College Information, Advice & Guidance team on 01278 441234.

By train

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

Park & Ride

This service stops right outside the door, and costs 90p (correct at time of printing) for Bridgwater & Taunton College students. Alternatively, you can use the Silk Mills car park for free, and walk 20 minutes to College. There is also a Park & Ride facility just off Junction 25 of the M5, with a 15-minute transfer time to Taunton town centre, from where you can stroll to the College.

By car

For the sake of the planet and preserving the environment of our campus, we encourage all students to walk, cycle or take public transport to College.

Recognising that some of you have a long way to travel, however, we provide limited pay-and-display parking on site, for a daily charge of £1.

Two wheels good

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

BRIDGWATER & CANNINGTON CAMPUSES

By bus

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

By train

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

By car

If you must drive to College, we have limited free parking at the Bridgwater and Cannington campuses with designated areas for disabled parking and mopeds.

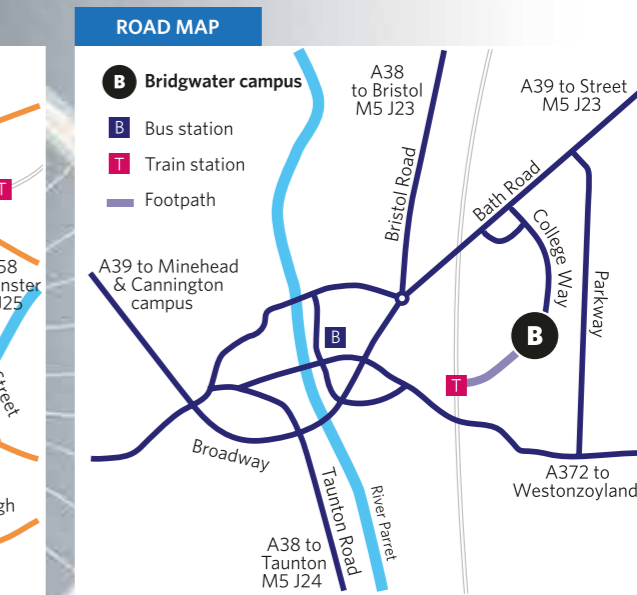
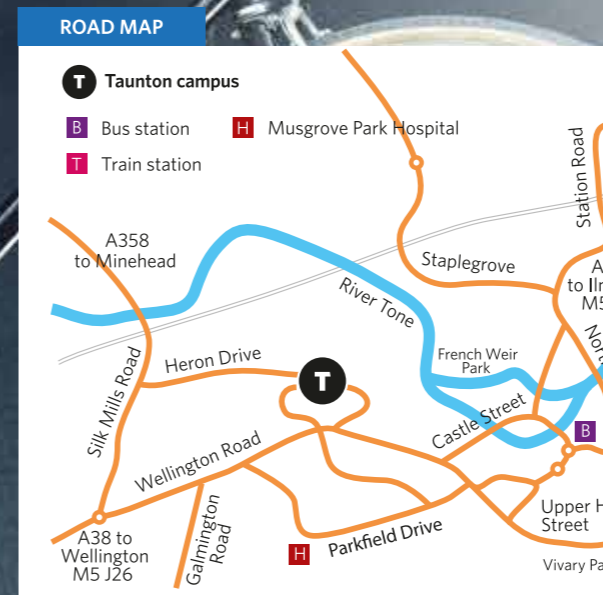
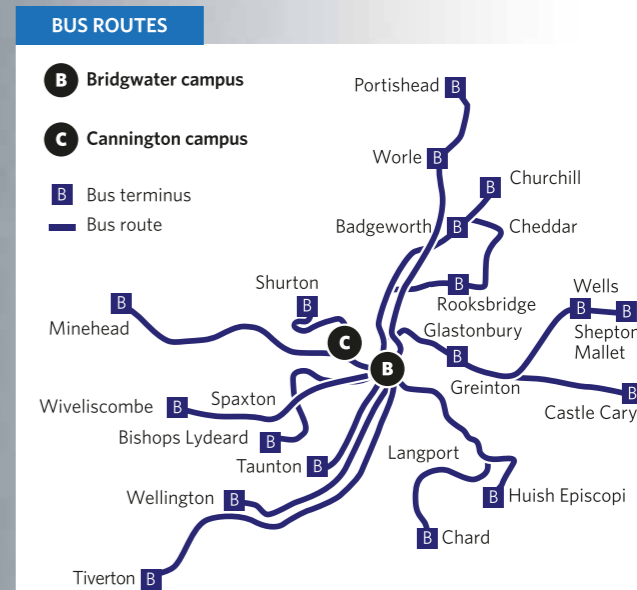
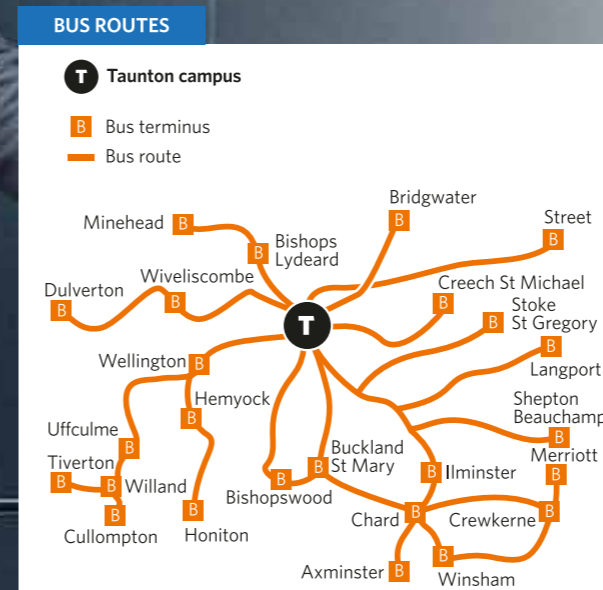
Travel costs

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

If you live within the county borders of Somerset you may be eligible for a Somerset County Ticket* which is subsidised by the College and offers freedom of travel throughout Somerset at any time, including weekends and holidays.

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

*This is an annual pass and the price is subject to Somerset County Council and transport providers not making significant increases in the cost of passes. It is also subject to the College's Terms & Conditions and criteria apply based on availability, location and income.



A LEVELS

If you are ready for an exciting and broad academic challenge, then studying A Levels offers a mature, supportive environment to prepare you for university, an apprenticeship or employment.

BRIDGWATER CAMPUS ONLY

With over 600 students in our Bridgwater campus based A Level community, we offer a wide variety of subjects. Choose from 29 subjects and we will work with you to design your programme of study, focusing on subjects that you are passionate about.

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

On completion, over 75% of our A Level students' progress directly to universities in the UK and overseas, or stay with us to study a degree at the University Centre Somerset. Your tutor and subject lecturers will support you through your UCAS application.

PLAN YOUR PROGRAMME

Progression to A Level study is for many students, the 'natural' next step in their post-16 education following successful completion of GCSEs. The A Level Department offer subjects you may not have had the chance to study before including Psychology, Politics, Geology, Economics and Law.

A Levels take two years to complete. In the first year, students usually study three subjects (though the option to study four is available for some) enjoying six hours of teaching and learning per week per subject. In the second year, you continue with five hours of teaching per subject per week in order to gain the full A Level qualification in each subject. Alongside your chosen subjects, A Level enrichment forms the fourth element of your academic study programme. Your options include an Extended Project qualification, joining the debating team, Core Maths, Creative Writing, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, achieving the European Computer Driving Licence, Joining the Honours Academy, Business Start-up, Critical Thinking, Beginners Italian, Paranormal Psychology, Beginners Philosophy, a range of creative arts academies or Experimenting with Science. These enrichment options will vary in length according to the subject and some have a formal qualification attached.

The table opposite has been designed to help you choose subjects to support your chosen career pathway and ensure the subjects you choose furnish you with the maximum opportunity to make a successful progression to university, a Higher Apprenticeship or employment. These are recommendations, it's not set in stone. Please talk about your subject selection with a teacher, advisor or College Tutor.



"Taking two sciences at A Level has helped enhance my enquiring mind and curiosity, and I've become even more enthusiastic about my field of study."

KATHERINE BETHELL
A Levels
Worle Community School

FACILITATING SUBJECT	SUGGESTED COMBINATION	POTENTIAL CAREERS / DEGREES
English Literature English Language & Literature	History French Drama Religious Studies Fine Art Sociology Media Law Politics Psychology Business Studies English Language English Literature English Lang & Lit	Curator Advertising Executive Media Buyer PR Officer Copy Writer Media Buyer Director Speech & Language Therapist Publishing Copy Editor Web Content Manager ESOL Teacher Theatre Director Journalist Civil Servant
Maths Further Maths Chemistry	Physics Economics Biology Art Computer Science Business Studies Design Technology Politics Maths Chemistry Further Maths	Accountant Stock Trader Architect Advertising Executive HR Manager Management Consultant Retail Manager Surveyor IT Consultant Civil Engineer Sales & Marketing Chemical Engineering Healthcare Scientist Clinical Biochemist Nanotechnologist Pharmacologist
Physics Biology	Biology Psychology English Language Law Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Film Studies Chemistry	Bio-chemistry Medical Doctor Vet Dentist Environmental Scientist Mining or Marine Engineer Geologist Paleontologist Geochemist Micro Biologist Nurse Occupational Therapist Optometrist Mechanical Engineer

FACILITATING SUBJECT	SUGGESTED COMBINATION	POTENTIAL CAREERS / DEGREES
Geography History French Spanish	Biology Psychology English Language Law Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Film Studies	Anthropologist Archaeologist Politician PR Officer Psychotherapist Nurse Social Worker Town Planner Prison Officer Teacher Meteorologist Barrister Interpreter Educational Psychologist Counsellor Detective
Media Dance Fashion & Textiles Graphic Communication Fine Art Photography Film Studies Design Technology Drama	English Language English Literature English Lang & Lit Psychology Sociology Dance Business Studies Graphic Communication Physics Fine Art Geography Film Studies Sport & Physical Education	Journalist Film & TV Producer Marketing Manager Public Relations Executive Fashion Designer Fine Artist Graphic Designer Art Director Photographer Teacher Dancer Actor Director Choreographer Architect Events Manager Researcher

EACH SUBJECT HAS 6 HOURS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING PER WEEK

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

HONOURS ACADEMY

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

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

- Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
- Extend your learning within and outside of your area of study
- Develop leadership skills
- Increase your confidence, public speaking, social and presentation skills
- Take part in master classes from visiting experts, including STEP Maths support, and former College students who have progressed on to top universities
- Take part in trips, visits and residential such as Oxbridge summer schools

SUBJECT	SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Fine Art Graphic Communication	Grade 6 or above in Art, Textiles or Graphics Portfolio of work
Dance Drama	Interview and relevant experience
Film & Media Studies	5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 5 or equivalent including English
Photography	5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 5 or equivalent including English and Maths
Business Economics	One essay style subject* at grade 6 or above
Computing	Grade 6 or above in Maths is recommended
French Spanish	Grade 6 or above in chosen language
English Language English Literature English Lang & Lit	Higher English paper recommended
Design Technology	One essay style subject* at grade 6 or above
Geography Law History Politics Psychology Sociology Religious Studies	5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 5 including English and another essay style subject* at grade 7
Biology Chemistry Physics	Two grade 6s or above in Double Science or grade 6 in the science you wish to study
Geology	One science is recommended
Further Maths	Grade 7 or above in Maths
Maths	Grade 6 or above in Maths is required and a minimum of 5 in English
Sport & Physical Education	Grade 5 or above in Sport or Physical Education OR Level 3 Diploma in Sport

* Dance, English Language, English Literature, Geography, History, Humanities, Media Studies, Psychology, Religious Studies and Sociology



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

If you achieve at least eight GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English and Maths (these subjects must be at 5 or above) with at least four at grade 8 (we would count Maths and English grades at 8), you can apply for an Academic Scholarship. See the Scholarships pages on our website for more information.

EXTENDED PROJECT

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

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS AND VISITS

As part of a number of A Level programmes you will have the opportunity to take part in one or more visits or residential trips. In the recent past these have included:

- Learning language skills in Paris, Madrid and Berlin
- Geography and Geology trips to Italy and Iceland
- Computing and Business conference at Disneyland Paris
- Arts, Media and Graphics trip to study the art and culture of New York
- Sociology trip to study cultural diversity in Prague
- Experiencing different cultures in Morocco



JAMES DELLA VALLE
A Levels

*Kingsmead Community School
Studying Architecture at University
College London*

I chose to study at the College because I felt there was a more mature, student-led atmosphere than at school, and the staff were really enthusiastic about their subjects.

All my tutors were very generous with their time and professionals in their respective fields. This allowed me to gain an in-depth and well-rounded knowledge of each subject, and I developed as an independent learner. I wasn't spoon fed anything, which made the transition from college to university far easier.

The College has university-level, high-grade equipment including robotic arms that students are free to use. Having the opportunity to access these facilities before university is extremely rare and I believe it's given me an advantage over my peers.

After my undergraduate degree I plan to complete a Master's in Architecture in order to become a Certified Architect. I intend on focusing on computational robotic design and automated manufacturing of the built environment, with a view to creating a company that develops low-cost, high quality affordable housing for the masses.



**GAIN
IN-DEPTH
KNOWLEDGE**

Subjects

BIOLOGY
 Biology is a natural science concerned with the study of life and living organisms. Broadly, this includes gaining an understanding of an organism's structure, function, genetics, evolution, ecology, distribution, and classification. You will study biochemistry and physiology, by looking at the fundamental chemistry of life, cell physiology, and examination of the physical and chemical functions of tissues, organs and organ systems. You will study these through a hands-on approach, with experiments including genetic engineering technologies, enzyme investigations, factors affecting photosynthesis and respiration, the spread of disease and production of slides, including plant chromosomes.

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

CHEMISTRY
 Chemistry is the branch of science that involves the study of substances. It looks

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

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

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

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

DRAMA
 This is a highly practical and hands-on A Level subject that balances performance with theatre studies. Everyone is required to perform both devised and scripted works, and study separate texts as part of their written examination. During the first year you are invited to attend professional productions which you review as part of a written paper.

You also have access to The McMillan Theatre, which is the College's state-of-the-art 350-seat theatre and performing arts centre.

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

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

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



SUBJECTS YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT

ENGLISH LITERATURE

This subject is for you if you are passionate about reading and want to study prose, poetry and dramatic literature, ranging from the 14th century to modern day. You will have the opportunity to work as an individual and within groups, focussing not just on set texts, but exploring the cultural and historical influences on writers. This subject will provide you with analytical skills which will be useful for many other A Level subjects.

FASHION & TEXTILES

Studying this subject within the nationally recognised and award winning Fashion Department, you can expect to produce work to a high standard supported by excellent lecturers, with opportunities to showcase that work in exhibitions and the annual Fashion Show. All aspects of garment construction, textile design and craft techniques are explored, to enable creative outcomes that are sure to challenge all future designers.

FILM STUDIES

By studying the extensive and exciting film industry you discover links to industrial practices, economics, sociology and cultural developments, while engaging with fun and dynamic subjects. An exciting blend of coursework and analytical theory is supported by the use of digital and web technologies to maintain learning. Projects are developed using industry standard equipment, building successfully on your understanding. Our students' work is showcased to audiences throughout the College through various shows and exhibitions.

FINE ART

Fine Art enables you to access a range of disciplines and projects to explore traditional and contemporary outcomes in a variety of media. Fully supported by professional, exhibiting teaching staff, you will be given the opportunity to develop your creative ability while broadening your contextual understanding. Work is regularly exhibited both within the College and the wider community, which provides real exposure opportunities for our students' work.

FRENCH

We start by going back to basics, refreshing GCSE vocabulary and reinforcing grammar. It will give you a strong foundation from which to progress. You will learn how

to express your opinions in speech and writing, participate in role-plays, debates and discussions. There is also a strong focus on French culture, including learning about French film, music and literature. There is a residential trip each year to Paris and extra opportunities to practise speaking with French students of your age group. You will also have extra individual help during regular workshops.

FURTHER MATHS

Further Maths is all about giving you an opportunity to broaden and deepen your mathematical knowledge and skills alongside A Level Maths. Further Maths will really excite and challenge you, giving you the opportunity to develop your thinking skills, mathematical modelling ability and appreciation of the subject in a new and enjoyable way. This subject is challenging and academically demanding, but will provide you with a wealth of opportunities.

GEOGRAPHY

This subject gives you an insight into the human and physical processes that are affecting our planet. It is a subject that blends well with both science and social science A Levels because of the broad range of topics studied which includes coasts, changing places, tectonic hazards, water and carbon cycles, global migration, governance of the oceans and China. You do not need to have studied geography at GCSE level but an interest in contemporary world issues is useful.

GEOLOGY

Geology is the study of the Earth, its structure, processes, materials, history, and effect on humans and life in general. Understanding rocks, minerals, mountains, earthquakes, volcanoes, fossils, dinosaurs, glaciers, landslides, tsunamis, floods, and much more is what this subject is all about. Geologists perform a range of important services for our civilization; they determine the stability of building sites, find abundant supplies of clean water, search for valuable deposits of natural resources such as iron, coal and oil, and they also try to minimize the threat to communities at risk from geologic hazards. It is a visual science, a practical science, a science that involves fieldwork, map work and laboratory investigations.



CALLUM SHERWOOD

A Levels

Chilton Trinity School



I chose to study at Bridgwater & Taunton College as it has a wide choice of A Level subjects. This offered me the chance to study those I was most interested in and the College has an excellent reputation, so I knew I could achieve here.

I enjoyed studying business and economics as well as law, so have decided to become a Commercial Barrister. This career will allow me to use elements from all these subjects and should be really interesting.

My tutors were exceptionally supportive when I decided to apply to study law at Cambridge University. They helped me with the supplementary questions for my application, gave me invaluable advice and guided me the whole way through the daunting process. I was offered a place and accepted it.

Taking part in the debating society at the College has been invaluable. I developed skills that I can use at university and I hope to join the debating and mooted societies when I start. I'm also Vice President of the Student Union, and have helped organise parties and run campaigns. I'm particularly proud of being involved in the campaign to encourage students to use their vote in the general election. Being a part of the Student Union was a great addition to my application for Cambridge.



PROSPECTUS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS 2019/20

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

This subject explores the mechanisms that promote democracy in our country and the United States of America. It offers the theoretical framework behind the actions of government and promotes a deeper appreciation about what we read in the papers or watch on our screens. In particular, it examines the political systems in both the UK and USA and also the manner in which we engage with and participate in political action.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

Graphic Communication enables you to access a range of graphic design projects to explore traditional and contemporary outcomes. Fully supported by professional, exhibiting and industry trained teaching staff, you work individually and in groups to develop your creative voice and visual language. Live briefs from industry, competitions, exhibitions, design and software skills will all stretch you in fun and creative ways to attain high level results.

HISTORY - MODERN OR EARLY MODERN

There are two possible routes to achieving an A Level in History. Modern History examines the issue of rights and freedoms in the modern world, with a particular focus upon 20th century American history and India's struggle for independence from British rule. Early Modern History examines revolutions in early modern and modern Europe, with a particular focus upon the English Civil Wars and the French Revolution. Both subjects incorporate a study of political agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, as well as offering an opportunity for you to produce an independent research coursework project.

STUDY
IN A MATURE
SUPPORTIVE
ENVIRONMENT



OUR STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO STUDY . . .

Veterinary Science	University of Nottingham
Law	University of Cambridge
English	Queen Mary University of London
Maths	University of Exeter
Aeronautical Engineering	Imperial College London
Physics	University of Exeter
Neuroscience	University of Nottingham
Medical bioscience	Imperial College London
Psychology	University of Southampton
Biochemistry	University of Exeter
Anthropology	University of Birmingham
Zoology	University of Reading
Neuroscience	University of Bristol

A LEVEL RESULTS

98.5%
pass rate

Opening that envelope is always nerve wracking, but there was a great atmosphere at the College when students and their families came in to pick up their results.

Students celebrated their best ever A Level results, marking yet another year of excellent academic and personal achievement, 81% of students achieved A* to C grades continuing the year on year increase in high grades attained at the College.

Andy Berry, College Principal & Chief Executive said, "We are absolutely delighted that our students have achieved the best ever results the College has seen. It has been great to be part of today's results day and hear all of the success stories and exciting plans of our students who are off to pursue their passions at some top universities such as Imperial College, London, University of Bristol, Birmingham University and Exeter University. The A Level programme is one of our flagship qualifications at the College and we are thrilled with this year's results."



50%
achieved grades
A* to B



20%
A* to A
grades



100%
pass rate in
30 subjects

LAW

This subject provides a useful insight into the English legal system and a variety of laws that affect our everyday lives.

Topics include:

- Criminal Law - theft, murder, defences
- The Law of Tort - negligence, nuisance, occupier's liability
- Contract Law - offer, acceptance
- The Nature of Law - morality, ethics
- The English Legal System - juries, sentencing, appeals
- Sources of Law - legislation, judicial precedent

MATHS

Maths is central to our understanding of the world in which we live, our control of the environment, and to the organisation of our society. It underpins science, technology, medicine, economics and government and much, much more. Topics studied include algebra, calculus, trigonometry, logarithms, statistics and mechanics. It is a subject that is exciting, challenging but rewarding and really adds to your understanding of other subjects.

MEDIA

Through the study of the extensive and exciting industries involved in media and film, you will discover links to industrial practices, economics, sociology and cultural developments, while engaging with fun and dynamic subjects. An exciting blend of coursework and analytical theory is supported by the use of digital and web technologies to maintain learning. Projects are developed using industry standard equipment. Work is showcased to audiences throughout the College and beyond.

PHOTOGRAPHY

This subject is ideal if you wish to learn how to take creative photographs that communicate ideas, tell a story and are aesthetically pleasing. Ideally you will have a keen interest in all aspects of photography from film photography to digital and social media photography. Students taking this subject have access to a professionally equipped studio and the use of bookable industry standard equipment, studios and a dark room to fully realise their creative potential. You could also join the Media Academy to work on live briefs with real clients.

PHYSICS

Physics is a natural science based on experiments, measurements and mathematical analysis with the purpose of finding quantitative physical laws for everything from the micro-cosmos of atoms and quarks to the macro-cosmos of planets, stars and galaxies. This subject is often described as the study of matter and energy but we will show you that it is so much more than that by looking at concepts such as quantum physics, astrophysics, electromagnetic induction, medical imaging, circular motion and forces in action. The theory is underpinned by hands-on practical work. A separate practical qualification is included in the A Level.

PSYCHOLOGY

From sexuality to schizophrenia, deception to depression, and autism to amnesia, this is the science of mind and behaviour, using a huge variety of experiments, case studies and theories to help you understand why we act as we do. You will study everything from electrocuting rats to Nazi death camps, improve your memory and cure your friends of phobias. Psychology students come from a variety of academic disciplines, from Fine Art to Physical Science.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies is not about being religious, it is about increasing your self-awareness and enhancing your critical faculties. We will examine some of life's big questions: Is there a meaning to life? What happens when we die? What is morality? Does God exist? We will also engage critically with contemporary ethical issues, such as abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and animal rights. Our study of a major world religion focusses on Christianity, with an emphasis on the relationship between Christian belief and a range of issues. These will include subjects as diverse as science, gender, sexuality and immigration.

SOCIOLOGY

This subject focuses on society and human behaviour. It delves beneath the obvious and uncovers the truth about both British and the global society. You will study topics such as families and households, gender, education, social class, mass media, religion and criminology. You will also look at theories and explanations for social behaviour and the methods used in social research.

SPANISH

We start by refreshing GCSE vocabulary and reinforcing grammar, so you develop a strong foundation from which to progress. You will learn how to express your ideas and opinions in speech and writing, participate in role-plays, debates and discussions. There is also a strong focus on Spanish culture, including learning about Spanish film, music and literature.

SPORT & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This subject is ideal if you wish to progress to Higher Education and study subject areas such as sport science, coach education, health and fitness and teaching physical education. It is also suits those who wish to work in the sports or health and fitness professions. Topics include contemporary themes in sport, sports physiology, nutrition, skill acquisition and participation in sport and analysing sports performance.



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

We have been delivering this internationally-renowned programme for seven years and are still the only college in Somerset to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

The IBDP is an internationally recognised alternative to A Levels and provides a Level 3 qualification that is accepted and highly regarded by all universities (including Russell Group and Oxbridge), and employers worldwide. Collectively, this year's students achieved an average score of 32 points, placing them above the global average of 30 points. Furthermore, several students gained very high scores between 35 and 40 points.

Based at our Taunton campus, you study six subjects, three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). HL subjects receive four hours tuition per week and SL subjects are taught in 2.5 hours per week. Subjects are chosen from six groups, along with a Core Programme of Theory of Knowledge, an Extended Essay and Creativity, Action, Service.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need at least six GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range and the motivation to studying a variety of subjects. As a recommendation, it is advantageous to gain a 6 in subjects you have studied at school and wish to continue.

HOW IS THE IBDP GRADED?

Three points are available for the Core and seven points for each subject at HL or SL, leading to a total score out of 45 points. UK universities give offers on the basis of points out of 45.

Some universities make offers on the basis of UCAS points, outlined below. Please see page 25 for the full tariff table.

COURSE & UNIVERSITY	OFFER	IB SUBJECTS TAKEN
Medicine <i>Oxford University</i>	39 points 7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects	HL - Chem Bio Geo SL - French Maths Eng
Law <i>Exeter University</i>	34 points or 36 points to gain £1,000 annual bursary	HL - Film Studies Geo Eng SL - Bio Maths Studies French
Archaeology & Anthropology <i>Oxford University</i>	39 points 7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects	HL - French Psych Eng SL - Lang Ab Initio Bio Maths Studies
Psychology & Criminology <i>Salford University</i>	27 points	HL - Psych Bio Eng SL - Lang Ab Initio Chem Maths Studies
English & Creative Writing <i>Birmingham University</i>	Unconditional offer	HL - Hist Film Studies Eng SL - Lang Ab Initio Bio Maths Studies
Architecture <i>Cardiff University</i>	36 points	HL - Visual Arts Geo Eng SL - Lang Ab Initio Physics Maths Studies
International Business & Psychology <i>Keele University</i>	26 points	HL - Psych Film Studies Eng SL - Spanish Bio Maths
French & Theatre Studies <i>Warwick University</i>	35 points 5 required in HL French	HL - French Film Studies Eng SL - Bio Hist Maths Studies

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Subjects

SUBJECT SELECTION	OFFER	IB SUBJECTS TAKEN
GROUP 1	English	
GROUP 2	Languages	Spanish French German Ab Initio Languages
GROUP 3	Humanities	Geography History Psychology
GROUP 4	Sciences	Biology Chemistry Physics Environmental Systems & Societies
GROUP 5	Mathematics	Maths Maths Studies
GROUP 6	Arts	Film Studies Music Visual Arts
THE CORE		Creativity, Action & Science Theory of Knowledge Extended Essay

GROUP 1 - ENGLISH

Compulsory

English Literature SL/HL

Students engage with a wide range of domestic and world literature texts translated into English, ranging from Euripides through to Shakespeare, as well as contemporary writers such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez. A wide range of periods and genres are covered, enabling heightened comparative and analytical study. The HL course provides an excellent preparation for English at university and the SL course is an impressive addition to other university applications.

GROUP 2 - LANGUAGES

Choose one

Spanish | French | German SL/HL
Ab Initio (beginners) SL

Studying a language is a central feature of the IBDP and an excellent preparation for careers in an increasingly globalised world. GCSE linguists have the opportunity to continue their studies of French, German or Spanish at SL and for those considering languages at university HL study is available. For the non-GCSE language students or for those seeking to learn a new language the Ab Initio (from beginning) SL course is an excellent introduction to a new language covering the basics through topics such as family and friends, work and leisure, and town and country living. Residential visits are available at all levels to help develop speaking skills and to provide valuable cultural insights; recent visits have included Paris, Berlin and Madrid.

GROUP 3 - HUMANITIES

Choose one

Geography SL/HL

Students research and analyse population trends, extreme environments, natural hazards and disasters, oceans and their margins, as well as globalisation. This wide ranging and hugely relevant subject provides an excellent preparation for university study of Geography, Town Planning, Earth Sciences, Environmental Studies, Law, Surveying, Architecture and many more academic and vocational disciplines. Research, interpretation, analytical and fieldwork skills are further developed on local and international field trips, such as the Iceland residential. It is not essential to have taken Geography at GCSE.

History SL/HL

History offers an internationally focused, wide-ranging opportunity to engage in historical research and debate. It focuses on modern history with a diverse range of topics investigating themes of international relations, war and peace, revolutions, dictatorship and independence movements. At either level students develop highly transferable skills such as the ability to research complex material, analyse sources and produce well-argued extended writing. HL study is an excellent preparation for History, Law, Politics and International Relations at university and SL study provides a highly respected addition to all university applications. It is not essential to have taken GCSE History.

Psychology SL/HL

Psychology is a hugely relevant and fascinating subject which explores biological, cognitive and social psychological perspectives. Within this, students consider diverse elements such as dysfunctional behaviours and psychological disorders including schizophrenia, depression and anorexia nervosa. Research, analysis and experimental skills are developed at both HL and SL. Psychology at HL is an excellent preparation for the study of Psychology or other social sciences at university. If taken at SL or HL it is an excellent addition to all other applications including medicine.

GROUP 4 - SCIENCES

Choose one or two if adding Chemistry to Biology, Physics or Environmental Systems and Societies

Biology SL/HL

Biology is the study of living things, the natural world and our place in it. There is breadth and depth at both HL and SL covering topics such as cells, genetics, ecology, evolution and human health and physiology. Optional topics are also offered including ecology and conservation, microbes and disease. HL Biology is an excellent theoretical and practical preparation for the study of Biology, Biochemistry, Environmental Science, Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry, Pharmacy and other science related courses. At SL it offers a general grounding in science and the scientific method which can be of great help with subjects such as Psychology.



Chemistry SL/HL
Available in Group 6

Chemistry is a challenging and exciting course containing a wide range of topics from physical, inorganic and organic chemistry. There is also a range of optional units such as human biochemistry, fuels and energy, and medicine and drugs. At HL this course is highly respected by University Chemistry, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry and other science related departments. SL is available for those interested in gaining a grounding in the study of Chemistry. Chemistry is only available in Group 6 and is taken in place of a creative subject.

Physics SL

Physics SL is aimed at students who wish to gain a grounding in the study of the physical world around them. It examines the interplay of experiment and theory in a wide range of topics such as mechanics, thermal physics, current electricity, electromagnetism, waves and atomic and nuclear physics. Popular optional topics on quantum physics, particle physics and astrophysics are also available. Note that Physics is only available at Standard Level.

Environmental Systems & Societies SL

Environmental Systems and Societies is a natural choice for those who want to know more about the place we all call our home. Studied at SL only, you will explore environmental value systems; ecosystems; biodiversity and extinctions; water, soil and the atmosphere; food and pollution; climate change; humans and their future. This course provides IB learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills in key scientific areas to support progress to higher education or employment in areas related to the environment. The course requires learners to apply biological, chemical, physical and sociological principles to environmental issues and to provide solutions to environmental problems.

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GROUP 5 - MATHEMATICS
Compulsory
Maths/Maths Studies SL

These courses offer great opportunities to engage in a wide range of mathematics at differing levels of challenge. Mathematics SL gives a solid grounding for university subjects requiring a high level of mathematical evaluation such as Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Mathematical Studies provides the academic kudos of having taken your studies of Mathematics to Level 3 in a more applied way and supports a wide range of university options, including Medicine and Social Sciences. The use of graphics calculators is an integral part of both courses. Please note Mathematics HL is not available.

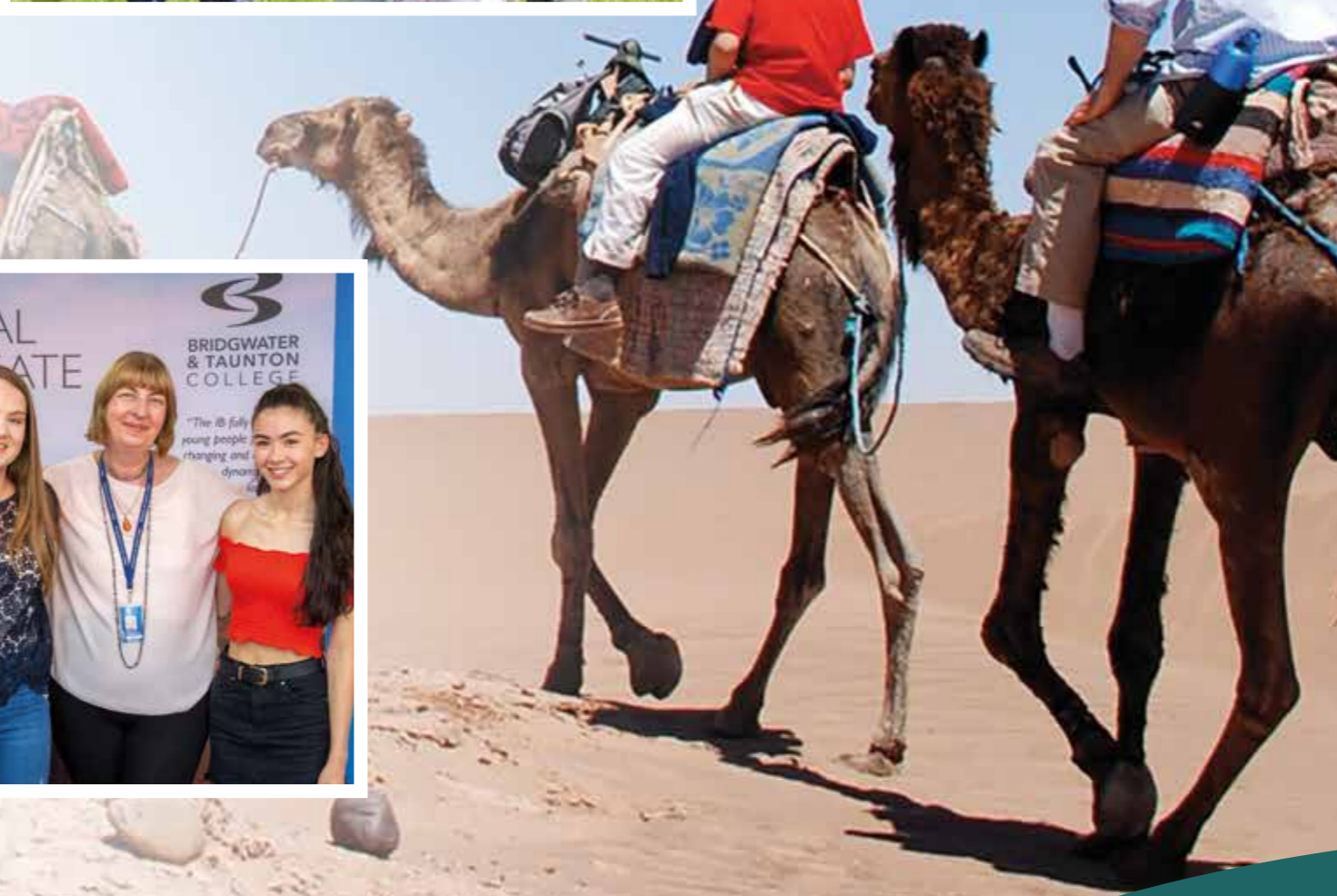
GROUP 6 - ARTS
Choose one or swap for another
in group 2 or 4
Film Studies SL/HL

Film Studies is an open access creative course that requires no previous study of Film or prior technical knowledge of film making. Students are guided in the analysis of films, film genre and the international film industry. They will also develop skills in film making, scripting, editing, directing and producing. Students are assessed through practical film making and written coursework. Many Film Studies HL students have gone on to study related courses at university; taken at either HL or SL it stands out as an interesting creative addition to any university application.

Visual Arts SL/HL

This course builds upon the previous study of Art at GCSE Level. Students expand their visual language and ability to relate to contemporary and traditional visual arts pieces that involve ethical, moral, social and cultural contexts. Students develop a range of fine art techniques and skills including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and installation. Work will be exhibited throughout the course and assessed through a final exhibition.

HL Visual Arts is an excellent preparation for Art Foundation courses or Degrees in Art, Art History or Architecture. Taken at standard level it adds an impressive creative dimension to any university application.



JULIE ABRAMS
International Baccalaureate
Brodmoor Maths & Computing College



The campus has many students studying a variety of courses, so you meet a lot of people with different interests. My lessons are in small groups which meant I quickly made friends.

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

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

I believe doing the IB gives you a unique advantage in core academic and social skills, and is a good starting point for continuing your education. I want to become a doctor and am going to study medicine at Bristol University.





OLIVIA MANNING
International Baccalaureate
Crispin School

I first heard about the International Baccalaureate in Year 9 when researching my options after GCSEs. It sounded perfect as I had trouble deciding which three A Level subjects to choose. After considering both options, I visited the College Open Evenings and a Taster Day, and was impressed by the teaching and the variety this course offers. This is the only state-funded college that offers the IB and I chose it despite the fact none of my close friends were coming here.

I enjoy the variety of the subjects, the IB lets me study sciences, languages and humanities, so every lesson is different each day. I feel that this is helping me broaden my mind, become more confident and make decisions.

The class sizes are small so it's easy to ask the Tutors if I need help, and I love the friendly, supportive atmosphere of the College. The IB can be full on at times, so it's best to be quite self-motivated and organized with your studies. I'd definitely say don't worry about not knowing anyone else on the course, because it is a great way to meet like-minded people and everyone is so friendly.

After College, I'd like to go to university to study medicine. I hope to become a doctor and either work as a GP or in dermatology. I have eczema and would like to help others with similar conditions.

THE CORE
Compulsory
Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

CAS is at the core of the IBDP and provides an important addition to the qualification. You are expected to complete the equivalent of three hours a week of CAS activities throughout the duration of the programme. You can continue, or develop, existing activities that you are involved in, but it is expected that you will try something new. CAS activities can be specifically tailored to match your needs, tastes and aptitudes. The strengths developed through the experiential learning involved in CAS, such as reflection and self-awareness, are highly valued by university admissions tutors and employers. There is an optional CAS expedition to Morocco each year conducting voluntary work in the Atlas Mountains. This annual expedition involves active and creative voluntary work in a village; this has included building an incinerator and laundry block and planting cacti to prevent soil erosion. Students raise money each year to fund these projects and to support education within the village community.

Creativity includes a wide range of creative activities, as well as the creativity that students demonstrate in designing and implementing service projects or in developing new skills. Students have kept creative journals, learnt instruments, applied henna designs and made films, they have also taught and learnt new languages including Arabic, Latin and sign language.

Activity can include participation in individual and team sports or physical activities, as well as taking part in expeditions and local or international projects. Previous projects have included fitness classes, playing for sports teams, teaching dance and helping at Scouts or Brownies.

Service encompasses a host of community and social service activities such as working with children, the elderly, people with learning difficulties and those who are new to the country. Project work, in Morocco and at local primary schools forms a central feature of the Service element.



The Extended Essay

The Extended Essay is an in-depth study of a focused topic chosen from the list of approved IBDP subjects, normally one of the student's Higher Level subjects. This leads to a major piece of formally presented, structured writing in which ideas and findings are communicated in a reasoned and coherent manner, appropriate to the subject chosen. The Extended Essay promotes high level research and writing skills, intellectual discovery and creativity. It can take the form of a traditional essay or an evaluation of an experiment. University admissions tutors are particularly impressed by the research and analysis skills developed through the Extended Essay. Previous examples have included considerations of whether Richard III deserves his villainous reputation in history and evaluations of the effectiveness of antibacterial products for biology.

Theory of Knowledge

This is the flagship element in the IBDP. It encourages critical thinking about knowledge itself and tries to help students make sense of the world around them. The content focuses on questions such as: what counts as knowledge? How does it grow? What are its limits? Who owns knowledge? What is the value of knowledge? What makes Theory of Knowledge unique and distinctively different from standard academic disciplines is its process. In Theory of Knowledge you have the opportunity to step back from the relentless acquisition of new knowledge, in order to consider knowledge issues. Assessment is through a presentation and an applied philosophical essay. Strengths are developed through the consideration of abstract and theoretical propositions through a reflective and self-aware approach; these critical thinking skills are highly valued by university admissions tutors and employers.



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APPRENTICESHIPS

Gain a qualification while in the workplace

Apprentices are reckoned to earn in excess of £100,000 more throughout their lifetime than their untrained colleagues. If that's not reason enough to think of enrolling, then consider the prospect of earning an average of £170 a week (depending on the employer), even while you're training. It's not all about money, of course, but who wouldn't want to gain practical vocational experience alongside qualifications?

Apprenticeships usually last between 12 and 48 months and consist of:

- Training for a number of qualifications
- Workplace training and assessment
- Day or block-release attendance at College

To become an Apprentice you need an employer to take you on and offer you an opportunity. This process needs to start as soon as you decide which industry you wish to work in. To get the ball rolling, apply to the College via the website or use the

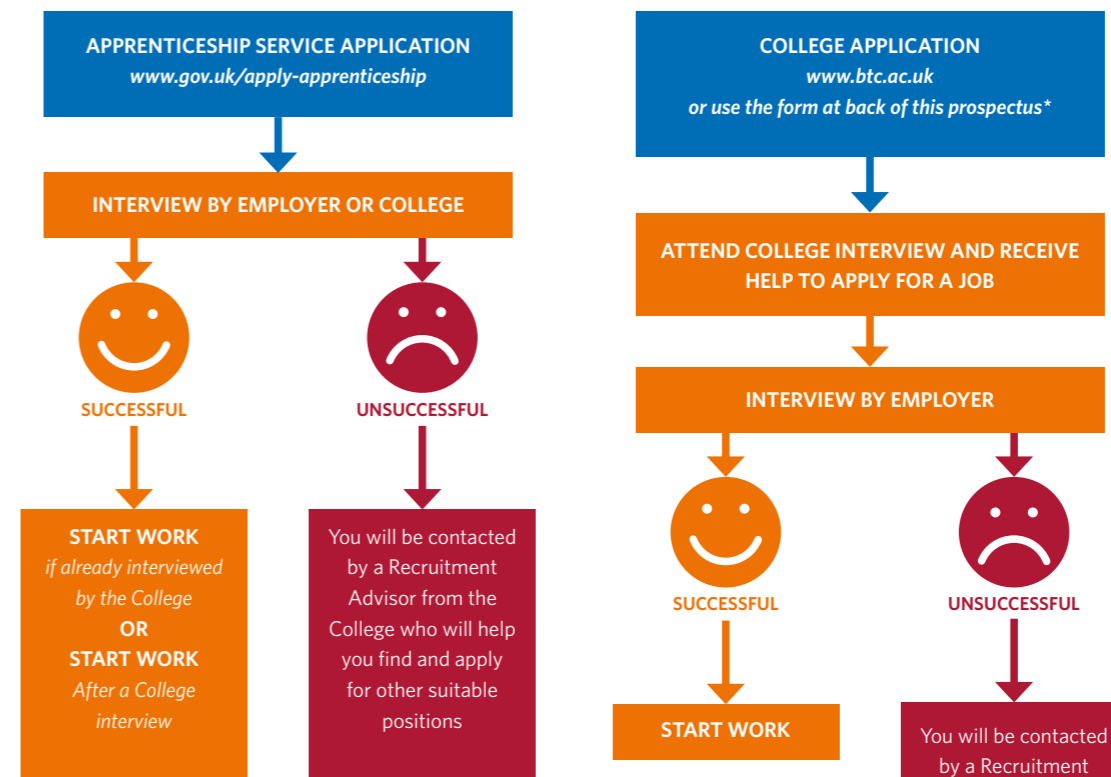
form at the back of this prospectus. Don't panic if you haven't found an employer, our dedicated apprenticeship team can help you find one.

When you apply to the College, you will be contacted by a Recruitment Advisor who will help you find and apply for a vacancy. There may well be other applicants, so it's important to make a good impression.

Larger employers interview candidates throughout the year, so you can start looking for your dream job as soon as your CV is ready. Other companies advertise vacancies with September start dates around Easter, so keep an eye open.

If you have already found an employer, complete the College application form and we will arrange for one of our Training Assessors to visit the employer. They check the job role fits with your proposed apprenticeship programme.

If you start a vocational qualification and it doesn't suit you, it's possible to start an Apprenticeship at any time of the year. We'll be able to help you find a suitable employer and support you to explore your options.



TIMESCALE	
September to February	CV preparation, interview training, work readiness sessions Apply to College and attend a College interview Several larger employers advertise their vacancies throughout the year, so you could be interviewed now ready to start in September
February to August	Apply for vacancies and attend job interviews
September onwards	Start work

* Remember to tell us the area of interest and if you have found an employer willing to take you on



AGRICULTURE

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POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Agricultural Technician | Agronomist
- Estate Manager | Farmworker
- Farm Manager | Feed Herd Manager
- Logistics Coordinator | Nutritionist
- Project Manager | Sales
- Veterinary Surgeon

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN LAND-BASED STUDIES (AGRICULTURE)

Cannington

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

Topics could include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This course involves classroom-based and practical work, with 'hands on' experience in a variety of land-based industries, and previous students have taken part in visits and trips related to the course. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments (including work experience) and an externally marked online assessment.

PROGRESSION & CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to move into employment at a practical level or progress to a Level 2 course, subject to a successful interview.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE

Cannington

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

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

The course consists of six main areas of study:

- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Environmental and land-based business
- Introduction to farm animal production
- Introduction to land-based machinery operations
- Introduction to animal and plant husbandry
- Introduction to grass and forage crop production

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through coursework in the form of written assignments, presentations and practical work.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture (Mechanisation/Livestock) or Apprenticeship in Agriculture. Alternatively, you could find full-time employment in the industry.



ELLIOT LARKHAM
Level 1 Diploma in Land-based Studies (Agriculture)
Castle School

I came to a taster day at the College and found everyone very friendly and welcoming. The farm is really impressive with a dairy herd, sheep and pigs. I enjoy being treated fairly and like an adult, and the staff have helped me become a better person and progress with my studies.

I'm also a Student Representative for my course which means I liaise between my peers and College staff. I wouldn't have had the confidence to do this before starting this course. I recently became the fifth best goal keeper in the Sea Cadets and Royal Marine cadets for my age group and competed for the South West against other areas of the country.

My greatest achievement has been completing work experience and working hard for my employer. This course has encouraged me to progress to a course in arboriculture and then pursue a career in the forces.



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE (MECHANISATION)

Cannington

If you want to enter or progress within the mechanisation or crop production areas of agriculture, this course includes practical and theory study in areas such as engine technology, harvesting equipment, farm and plant equipment, machinery diagnostic and repair techniques, engineering science, four wheel drive, cultivation and planting machinery. Not only does the course provide you with practical skills it also ensures you are able to deal with the managerial aspects of a successful role in the agriculture/mechanisation industry.

Topics could include:

- Principles of plant science and soil science
- Animal anatomy and physiology
- Business management in the land-based sector
- Grassland management
- Agricultural crop production
- Units in livestock production and animal health
- Undertake land-based machinery operations
- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Undertake an investigative project in the land-based sector
- Undertake estate skills
- Agricultural forage crop production
- Undertake land-based workshop practice

- Undertake land-based industries pollution and waste control management
- Understanding principles of land-based machinery
- Understanding farm power units: machinery and operation
- Undertake agricultural combinable crop production
- Participate in business planning and improvement in the land-based sector

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

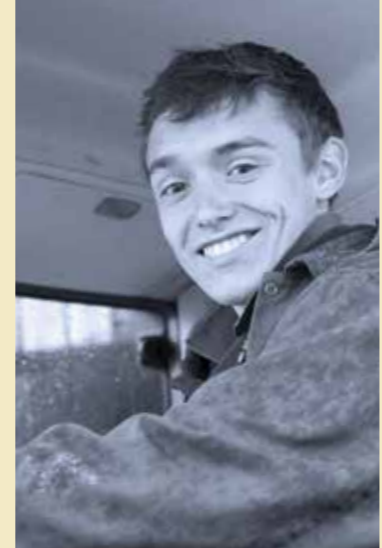
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in agriculture (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through assignments, written tests/exams and practical assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

On completion, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Agriculture Management at University Centre Somerset or an alternative university, or find employment in a managerial role within the industry.



HARRY DIXON
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture (Mechanisation)
Brymore Academy



I've always had a keen interest in Agriculture and helped out at home with the livestock and worked on other farms. I chose to study here after hearing about the College at a careers day at school. There was a good range of courses to choose from and lots of practical experience to get stuck into.

My tutors have been excellent, always providing support when needed through 1:1 meetings. Unit tutors all have excellent Agricultural backgrounds which makes lessons very engaging and exciting. I've made really good friends for life on my course.

I am looking forward to progressing on to the Foundation Degree in Agricultural Management on completion of my course.



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Castle School



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE (LIVESTOCK)

Cannington

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

Topics could include:

- Principles of plant and soil science
- Animal anatomy and physiology
- Business management in the land-based sector
- Grassland management

- Agricultural crop production
- Livestock production
- Animal health
- Undertake land-based machinery operations
- Undertake work related experience in the land-based industries
- Undertake an investigative project in the land-based sector
- Undertake estate skills
- Participate in business planning and improvement in the land-based sector
- Understanding livestock breeding and nutrition
- Units in dairy, sheep, beef production
- Agricultural forage crop production
- Undertake land-based industries pollution and waste control management



AGRICULTURE IS THE FASTEST GROWING SUBJECT AT UK UNIVERSITIES
The Guardian

1 IN 8 OF THE UK'S WORKFORCE IS EMPLOYED IN FOOD AND FARMING

FOOD PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR 14% OF THE COUNTRY'S GDP

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in agriculture (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

On completion, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Agriculture Management at University Centre Somerset or an alternative university, or find employment in a managerial role within the industry.



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NIALL SWEENEY
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
 Haygrove School

I started studying A Levels but decided to change to a course that will help me get a career working with animals. A level 3 qualification is equivalent to three A Levels, so if I decide to go to university I'll have UCAS points as well as practical experience. I like the idea of becoming a Veterinary Nurse but also have an interest in animal behaviour, zoology and animal training.

Our lessons are taught in the Animal Management Centre which houses a range of species and the latest equipment. When we're not studying, we relax in the common room, play pool or watch TV. We've been on several trips including Crufts and London Zoo, which not only helped us bond as a group but also improved my academic studies. It's very rewarding to see my results improve and I feel far more confident than I did studying A Levels. We've had several activities arranged by our Tutor including a six week self-defence course, yoga sessions, boxing and team building exercises at the Cannington Activity Centre.

This is a very hands-on course and you work with a variety of animals (be prepared to be bitten). All the staff are really helpful and the practical aspect of the qualification reinforces what we learn about welfare, housing, laws, animal care and training.



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL & HORSE CARE

✦ Cannington

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

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test. You will need to complete 30 hours of work experience.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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



✦ DENOTES CAMPUS

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL CARE

✦ Cannington

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

Topics could include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Learning takes place through activities such as group work, practicals, information gathering, oral presentations, lectures and peer group assessment. You also have the opportunity to look after the animals during practical husbandry sessions each week and complete work experience.

There is a Health & Safety exam and synoptic assessment (a combination of practical assessment and written work that combines knowledge from across several units). Other assessment methods include creating a work experience portfolio from the 150 hours work placement, written coursework and presentations.

PROGRESSION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

If you obtain a high grade at Level 2 with English and Maths at GCSE grade 4 or above, you could progress to an appropriate Level 3 course such as the Extended Diploma in Animal Management. Alternatively you could seek employment at assistant level or as an Apprentice in a range of settings including rare breed farm parks, animal welfare organisations, veterinary practices, kennels and catteries, wildlife parks and zoos.

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Our kennel and cattery block, grooming parlour, large animal collection, external aviaries and extensive paddocks ensure you have all the experience you need to work with the animals you love.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

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





GEORGIA VINCENT
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
 Worle Community School

Ever since a young age I have aspired to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals, dreaming of becoming an animal welfare officer/inspector for the RSPCA. Although following the start of my second year of college my career aspirations have changed to focus more on the conservation and ecology field, this course is perfect to aid me in achieving either of those dreams.

During my time at College I partook in 200 hours of work experience at Secret World Wildlife Rescue, which I adored. Secret World enabled me to build important skills and knowledge I will need in the future and opened my eyes to my passion for rehabilitating animals. Working with wild animals in comparison to common and exotic species of pets has taken me out of my comfort zone and taught me a lot about the local wildlife, especially how important it is.

My course has enabled me to build a sturdy platform for higher education. I have exceeded the requirements for all of the universities I have applied for and secured a place at Bournemouth University studying Ecology and Wildlife Conservation and couldn't be happier.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA FOR VETERINARY CARE ASSISTANTS

✦ Taunton

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION

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

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (ZOO)

✦ Cannington

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

You will study a range of animal management topics such as:

- Animal welfare and breeding
- Biological systems of animals
- Exotic animal health and husbandry
- Animal behaviour and communication
- Animal health and husbandry
- Work experience in the animal sector
- Investigative research project
- Animal feeding and nutrition

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

To support your learning, the first year includes 150 hours of work experience and 80 hours in the second year. Assessment will be varied forms of external and internal assessments. These include theory exams, synoptic assessments, a work experience portfolio, written coursework, presentations, in-class tests, work placement assessment and practical work.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification provides a solid basis to progress to university to study animal science, conservation, zoology, animal nursing and other related subjects, as well as equivalent or higher level apprenticeships in these areas. Popular courses to progress on to include the Foundation Degree in Animal Management & Wildlife Conservation delivered via University Centre Somerset.

Alternatively you could find employment at a supervisory level in animal sanctuaries, breeding and boarding facilities, specialist pet stores, zoos or wildlife parks. Increasing numbers of students are interested in setting up their own businesses, such as dog walking, or grooming businesses.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN VETERINARY NURSING

✦ Taunton

This course is suitable for those who wish to qualify as a veterinary nurse while in the workplace. You attend College one day per week and work for the remainder of the week. To enrol as a student veterinary nurse you need to be employed in a veterinary practice that has met the standards set by the awarding body, Central Qualifications. Veterinary practices that have been inspected and meet these standards are known as Training Practices (TPs).

Topics could include:

- Maintaining animal health
- Essential veterinary nursing skills
- Nursing support in the provision of veterinary services
- Application of veterinary nursing care
- Principles and practices of diagnostics for veterinary nurses
- Pharmacology and pharmacy support for veterinary nursing practice
- Surgical theatre practice for veterinary nurses
- Supporting anaesthesia in veterinary practice
- Relationships and accountability in veterinary nursing practice
- Health and safety in veterinary nursing practice

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be employed with an approved training practice and have a minimum of five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English Language, Maths and a Science.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Theory aspects of the course are taught at College and prepare you for the national Central Qualifications examinations. You will be required to complete written assignments, multiple choice examinations and practical examinations during the course. A Progress Reviewer visits your workplace at least every six to eight weeks to monitor your progress, and help you and your practice with any concerns.

The practical aspects of the course are assessed in the workplace. You will complete an online log known as a Central Skills Log 'CSL' This provides a record

of the clinical skills which you need to learn, practise and reach a satisfactorily consistent standard. You will be supervised by a nominated clinical coach and be provided with a Training Officer who oversees your training at work and College. The Training Officer visits at least once every three months to review your progress. On successful completion of the course and entry to the register, you will be authorised to use the post nominal letters R.V.N.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion of the course you could find a position in a specialist centre or you could further your career with specialist qualifications such as The Diploma in Advanced Veterinary Nursing. The Diploma also counts towards university entrance for a degree level qualification.



"We've been on several trips including Crafts and London Zoo, which not only helped us bond as a group but also improved my academic studies"

NIALL SWEENEY
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
 Haygrove School



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The key feature of the programmes is flexibility, ensuring you gain hands-on experience in the real world while developing your technical knowledge at College. There are two pathways; Animal Care and Welfare and Dog Grooming.

In each case, you study topics including restraining and controlling animals, animal hygiene, biosecurity and basic training. You attend College twice a month and work full-time with an employer, studying at home to augment your learning.

If you wish to progress your career in the sector, a higher-level Apprenticeship is available after completion of this programme.



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APPLIED SCIENCE

If you have an enquiring mind, enjoy communicating and have a methodical approach to work, a career as a scientist may be for you.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Bloodstain Pattern Analyst
- Polygraph Examiner
- Forensic Science Technician
- Ballistics Expert | DNA Analyst
- Forensic Documents Examiner
- Digital & Computer Investigator
- Toxicologist | Forensic Accountant
- Crime Lab Analyst
- Forensic Anthropologist
- Crime Scene Investigator



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (ANALYTICAL & FORENSIC SCIENCE)

✦ Bridgwater

If you are interested in forensic science, you must have a real interest in analytical science work. Your analysis will produce results to be presented in court and lives may depend on your skills.

This course is made up of various units that focus upon the diverse work carried out by scientists and enables you to gain both a theoretical and a practical feel for this fascinating and progressive field of study.

Forensic science is the application of science to the law. In criminal cases, forensic scientists are often involved in the search for and examination of physical traces, which might be useful in establishing or excluding an association between someone suspected of committing a crime, and the scene of a crime or victim. To become a Forensic Scientist you must develop your skills and knowledge in all science disciplines, therefore you must study mandatory units along with some optional units.

Units may include

- Principles and applications of science I and II
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills
- Laboratory techniques and their application in industry
- Vocational investigative project
- Contemporary issues in science
- Physiology of human body systems
- Genetics and genetic engineering

- Microbiology and microbiological techniques
- Applications of inorganic and organic chemistry
- Forensic evidence collection and analysis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English, Maths and Double or Triple Science. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This course uses a combination of assessment styles to give you confidence that you can apply your knowledge in the scientific workplace. Assessment methods include internally set assignments with case studies, written reports, projects, performance observation and practical work, externally set controlled tasks (practical and written) and written exams.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Many students progress to study a variety of scientific degrees. Previous students have studied degrees in forensic science, biomedical science, radiography and chemistry.

The Extended Diploma is a rigorous, scientific and practical science course, and many universities accept it in its own right. If you are considering a particular career, please look at the entry requirements to study a degree before selecting your college course.



MEGAN BRATCHER

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Analytical & Forensic Science)
Crispin School

I chose to study here because it was the only local college that offered this course. I came to an Open Evening and really liked the look and feel of the College, plus I liked that it was bigger than other colleges or sixth forms.

I'm at College five days a week, but have lots of free time which I use to complete my assignments. My lessons vary from practical sessions in the labs and mock crime scenes, through to classroom-based presentations where I write notes. The mock crime scenes are one of my favourite modules. They relate closely to the Forensic units and having a practical part helped me write my assignments.

The College feels friendly and you can always talk to your tutors if you have a problem. I've also made lots of new friends and often spend my free periods with them. My greatest achievement was being nominated for the Science Student of the Year Award. I'm very proud of myself and happy the hard work and dedication I put into my assignments has been recognised. The course has taught me many things, but one of the most valuable is how to meet deadlines and manage my time effectively. After College I plan on going to university to study Biomedical Science. I applied to five unis including Cardiff and UWE, had offers from all of them and have accepted my offer from UWE.



ARBORICULTURE

Prepare yourself for an adrenaline-packed adventure in which you get the opportunity to exercise your mind and your muscles.



POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Climbing Arborist | Arboriculturalist
- Tree Surgeon | Forester
- Woodland Manager
- Self Employed Tree Officer
- Climber | Team Supervisor
- Chainsaw Operator | Contracts Manager
- Grounds Worker | Utility Arborist



LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Cannington

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

Topics may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, you may be able to progress on to a Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Forestry and Arboriculture. Alternatively you could find full-time employment with arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission or National Trust.

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Cannington

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

Topics may include:

- Land-based industry machinery
- Plant and soil science
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Tree pests and diseases
- Timber processing machinery
- Tree surveys and inspection
- Estate skills
- Tree identification and planting
- Advanced arboricultural practices
- Training towards the prestigious NPTC Certificates of Competence in chainsaw and related operations is embedded within the course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in arboriculture (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Teaching includes theoretical classroom work, workshop activities and on-site practical skills work.

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to a Higher Education programme at University Centre Somerset to broaden your knowledge and increase your career opportunities. Alternatively, you may choose to progress on to full-time employment. Opportunities within the industry include arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission and National Trust. Opportunities also exist for undertaking tree work across the globe.



TOBY PITMAN
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture
Huish Episcopi Academy



Originally I wanted to get involved in sport and personal training, but thought it would be pretty cool to work in the forest with chainsaws. I really enjoy the course since the resources are extensive and my tutors are great. As well as learning essential skills to become an Arborist, the course is also great fun and I've made some fantastic friends.

One memorable activity was working in a large ash tree which had to be removed for safety reasons. I took out some huge lumps of timber while climbing the tree and using a chainsaw. I was quite nervous at the start of the course but as I've progressed it's dawned on me that not only am I achieving what I thought was impossible, I have the biggest smile on my face.

The tutors continually encourage us to achieve to the best of our ability and potential. For example, in our practical tree work sessions there are some pretty tough challenges to complete, but the teaching team somehow manage to keep us on task which gives me a huge amount of confidence.

I've gained crucial skills and technical knowledge, plus additional NPTC certificates which will enable me to work across the globe. My work placement really helped develop my career and I've been offered a full-time job as a Climbing Arborist.



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

We have built on the rich foundation of arts education to create an environment where innovation, experimentation and ideas flourish.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Artist | Arts Officer | Archivist
- Curator | Director | Graphic Designer
- Photographer | Producer
- Tailor | Dressmaker | Leather Craftworker
- Animator | Signwriter
- Film Maker | Antiques Dealer
- Advertising Director | Stylist
- Furniture Designer | Web Designer
- Make-up Artist



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE ARTS

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

You will have access to excellent facilities at a professional standard, Creative Suite on Apple Mac computers, performance spaces and studios, darkroom, photographic studio, professional TV studio and bookable professional equipment. Staff are supportive and friendly due to the small group delivery and there are excellent progression routes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design, Level 2 Commercial Music, Level 2 Performing Arts or Level 2 Media course before specialising at Level 3.

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

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

✦ Bridgwater

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

Modules may include:

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN MEDIA

✦ Bridgwater

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

Modules may include:

- Media products and audiences
- Film and TV media products
- Visual effects
- Photography for media products
- Web design
- Using industry standard software

Alongside these, you will study in detail the various creative industries, specialising in a Major Project at the end of the course in a pathway of your choosing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ART, DESIGN & MEDIA

✦ Taunton

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

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

Units of study may include:

- Animation
- Drawing and paint
- Photography and film
- Fashion and textiles
- Contextual studies
- Graphic design
- 2D and 3D skills

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGN

✦ Bridgwater

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

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

First year subjects include:

- Graphic design techniques and processes
- Research and communication techniques
- Understanding the digital media industry
- Digital storytelling
- Web and game design
- Critical approaches

In the second year you continue project work with a more in-depth approach to analysis and the introduction of advanced technical skills. You have the opportunity to study more specialist areas of interactive and digital media, with an outside client, and develop your own ideas in the form of a final major project. Throughout year two, you will also be given support and advice when preparing a portfolio of work for a university or job interview.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

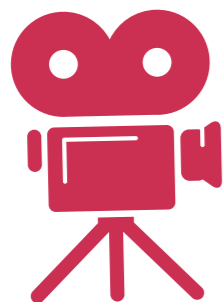
**VANESSA HASTINGS****Level 3 Extended Diploma In Art & Design (Fine Art, 3D, Fashion & Textiles)**

Studying Fashion & Photography at Falmouth University Kingsmead School

I completed the Extended Diploma before starting my degree. The Diploma allowed me to try each medium and find my passion. I found the contextual studies lessons less interesting, but they have really helped the work I'm producing now, and I appreciate the importance of the theory behind photography and art history. The transition to university was very well supported, with lessons dedicated to CV writing and UCAS applications, as well as putting together a strong portfolio.

In my first year at Falmouth, former picture editor at Vogue Mike Trow was a guest speaker. I was so excited someone from Vogue visited, that after his talk I sent him a letter to say thank you and explain my love for the magazine. This led to a meeting with him at Vogue where I found out about their internships.

I worked in the art department carrying out picture research and editing, emailing and phoning clients, as well as working on articles for the printed magazine and online. I also helping on a photoshoot at Loft Studios for an article called Meet The New Suffragettes, shot by the incredible photographer Julia Hetta.



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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN

✦ Bridgwater

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

The study of historical and contemporary artists, exploring ideas and visual communication form the basis of your study whatever your specialism. You will compile a portfolio of work to help provide access into higher education or employment. All students will participate in exhibitions throughout the year and have several opportunities to visit museums and galleries in the UK and abroad.

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

- Drawing
- Art history
- Photography
- Fine art 2D/3D
- Fashion and textiles
- Printmaking
- Moving image
- Graphic communications

The second year focuses on specialist areas of practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN (ART & FASHION)

✦ Taunton

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

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

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

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

Your practical studio-based experience will be enriched through a stimulating programme of visits, speakers, live briefs and community projects. As well as the opportunity to learn from and work with professional artists, designers and makers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

If you are thinking of progressing on to a degree, this course will help you decide which degree will be most suitable for you.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ART & DESIGN (DESIGN & IMAGE)

✦ Taunton

Informed by employers in the creative industries and some of Europe's top creative Higher Education institutions, this course looks at the relationship between disciplines and how they work together in real-world contexts where branding, marketing, advertising and information come together. The course also allows for extensive experimentation and development of ideas from across the art and design spectrum to be used in a graphic design, photography or media context. A dynamic mixture of industry briefs and challenging problems allows you to build exciting portfolios, leaning towards a particular area of specialism in year two. You will be introduced to visual language, research skills, critical and contextual awareness, materials, processes and technical skills, as well as audience engagement. These are all skills that employers in the creative industries and top universities require of entrants.

The course includes:

- Darkroom and studio techniques
- Experimental imagery
- Location photography
- Digital storytelling
- Drawing and material processes
- Digital SLR cameras
- Medium format film
- Moving image software skills
- Adobe Creative Suite

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

You are assessed through practical and written assignments and external moderation. Your practical studio-based experience is enriched through visits and talk with working artists and designers.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to a Foundation Degree or Honours Degree programme at the University Centre Somerset or find employment at a junior level.



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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA (FILM & TV)**✦ Taunton**

Study with award winning digital lectures, industry standard facilities and a professional HD TV studio. Our filmmakers learn professional skills such as directing, producing, sound design, editing and cinematography through a variety of creative and client projects. The content and freedom of assignments gives you the opportunity to study specialisms and test your creativity in an innovative and professional studio.

Units of study include:

- Creative advertising
- Music video
- Client commercial videos
- Documentaries
- TV shows
- Audio
- Interactive video
- Short films
- Film theory

Residential trips may be possible and could include New York, London and a week location shoot in a mansion.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or Level 2 Diploma in Media at Merit grade or above.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification is the equivalent to three full A Levels, giving you the opportunity to progress to the top creative universities or into industry through Higher Apprenticeships.

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION**✦ Bridgwater**

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

Subjects include:

- Analysing and understanding media products
- Media production techniques
- Special and visual effects
- Shooting and editing video
- Scriptwriting and design for film and television
- Making short films
- Digital photography
- Music video production
- Studio and multi-camera filming
- Working with clients making live projects

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

Subjects may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 MEDIA MAKE-UP PRE-DEGREE**✦ Taunton**

This one year course will prepare you to study the BA (Hons) Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or other Higher Education level qualifications. It builds on skills developed from previous courses and introduces new creative techniques. The course covers aspects of media make-up, drawing, multi-media art, video, print, digital, 3D, alongside critical practice, in order to deepen your understanding of the creative world you are working in.

Subjects may include:

- 3D
- Video
- Drawing
- Painting
- Body painting
- Casting
- Theory
- Digital

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need a Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical Special Effects & Media make-up and five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, or another appropriate Level 3 qualification. Entry is subject to a successful application with examples of work and an interview to review your portfolio.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

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

CAREER & PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to a BA (Hons) or Foundation Degree in Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or other Higher Education courses. Alternatively, you could find employment in the industry.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FASHION BUSINESS**✦ Bridgwater**

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

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

Topics include:

- The fashion retail environment
- Industry and history
- Planning and developing ranges
- Designing visual merchandising
- Garment production
- Styling
- Developing marketing campaigns

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



MATTHEW FINCH
Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up
The Ilfracombe Academy



I started to research colleges by searching online for make-up courses in Somerset then visited a few. I was impressed by the pass rates at Bridgwater & Taunton College, loved the fact you learn from people who have worked in the industry and liked the salons and make-up studio.

When I started the course I was worried because most of the students were female and I thought I wouldn't fit in, but I was wrong. The others on the course never failed to make me feel accepted and part of a team, and I quickly made new friends.

The tutors are great and I really appreciate being treated like an adult. They've given me advice on my career choices and the skills I need in the industry. I've become a more independent person since starting the course, and more importantly gained vital knowledge for my career, making me realise I'm in control of my future.

Ultimately I want to work in the film and TV industry, so after the Diploma I plan on enrolling on the Media Make-up Pre-degree course before going to university.



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

✦ **Bridgwater**

This hands-on practical course has a strong emphasis on fine woodworking and will provide you with the essential skills needed for employment in furniture making, furniture restoration, musical instrument making or any part of the fine woodworking industry. Professional furniture making is an exciting career choice as it involves designing and making bespoke pieces of furniture such as cabinets, tables, chairs, and office furniture. You will learn the techniques for making quality furniture in our excellent dedicated workshop using modern machines and hand tools and be taught the associated knowledge required for this subject including an awareness of furniture design.

Modules include:

- Construct a range of joints using traditional methods
- Construct and assemble furniture projects
- Identify and select timbers
- Understanding a range of woodworking tools, equipment and techniques
- Producing design drawings and cuttings lists

At the end of the year you will have completed at least one well finished piece of furniture and numerous other hands-on practical tasks and exercises.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualification, and a desire to learn about furniture making or design. You will attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence and classroom-based examinations.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to our Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making or Level 2 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making, or you could explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry. Alternatively you could enrol on a range of Level 2 courses or another construction subject dependent on achieving the entry requirements.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

✦ **Bridgwater**

This hands-on practical course has the aim of developing your fine woodworking and design skills ready for employment in the furniture industry using the modern machines and hand tools in our specialist workshop. Professional furniture making is an exciting career choice as it involves designing and making bespoke pieces of furniture such as cabinets, tables, chairs, and office furniture. As well as developing your practical and design skills further, you will design your own quality furniture. The design studio is where you will learn the background theory to working in wood and constructing furniture, alongside the design and industry skills.

Units will include:

- Designing a piece of furniture for yourself or others
- Safe use of a range of woodworking hand tools, power tools and machinery
- Construct and assemble furniture projects
- Producing design drawings and cuttings lists
- Develop a knowledge of industry practice and careers
- Learn how to produce veneered panels
- Fit a range of doors, drawers and cabinet fittings
- Apply finishes, and make necessary adjustments to finished pieces

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to our Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making or Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture course, or explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry. Alternatively you could enrol on a Foundation Degree in Furniture Studies at a specialist furniture college or university, a National Diploma in Art, Design and Craft, or any other design-based subject dependent on achieving an appropriate level of qualification.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FURNITURE DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

✦ **Bridgwater**

This exciting and stimulating hands-on practical course is for those who want to learn the skills necessary for designing and making high quality one-off pieces of bespoke furniture. The course will enable you to develop and improve your practical skills whilst increasing your knowledge of furniture design and manufacture with the aim of working in the fine woodworking industry or setting up your own workshop.

The course has a very strong bias towards designing contemporary pieces of furniture while reflecting on and maintaining traditional furniture design and manufacturing skills. You will develop an appreciation and knowledge of design principles, then use these skills to design and manufacture a minimum of two commercial standard pieces of furniture.

You will cover the units:

- Designing and making furniture prototypes
- Design research and development
- Developing advanced woodworking practical skills
- Spray finishing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could develop your own furniture design and manufacture business, or find employment in a commercial furniture workshop or the associated wood craft trades. Alternatively you could progress on to design, craft or art subjects at degree level.



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"My time at College has helped me prepare for the next stage in my career."

JAMES COUPER
Level 2 Diploma in Furniture Making
The Gryphon School



JENNIFER HORSEY
Level 2 and 3 Apprenticeship in Leather Goods
Working at James Taylor & Son



I completed A Levels but didn't want to go to university. I thought an Apprenticeship would be ideal. Through attending opening evenings at the College, I met several employers such as Owen Barry, Pittards and Mulberry who produce leather goods and that piqued my interest.

One of the Training Co-ordinators at the College helped me select the most suitable employer to work for while completing the Leather Goods Apprenticeship. I applied to Mulberry, a fashion brand known for their luxury leather bags, and was successful. While at Mulberry, I was primarily a Stitcher but by the time I completed my Level 2 Apprenticeship I'd gained experience across most areas of the production line including stitching, inking, skiving, prepping and finishing.

I completed the Level 2 qualification with Mulberry and heard the shoemakers James Taylor & Son were looking for an Apprentice, also with Bridgwater & Taunton College. After discussing it with my Assessor and Training Co-ordinator I decided to transfer to James Taylor & Son and continue with a Level 3. Currently I have experience of closing (stitching) shoe uppers, lasting, pattern cutting, CAD and sketching shoe designs. But by the end of my Apprenticeship I will have experience of making a shoe from beginning to end, making me a very valuable employee.



Art, Design & Media Apprenticeships

Our Art, Design and Media Apprenticeships prepare you for a variety of jobs in the arts and creative industries. Complete one and the world really is your oyster.

You'll work in your chosen occupation for the bulk of your time, developing and finessing hands-on skills and learning how to thrive in a professional context. An Assessor will visit from College on a regular basis, monitoring your progress, developing a training programme that enhances your skills, and setting targets.

That means you can earn and learn at the same time. And, with vital practical skills under your belt, you'll find yourself well prepared for future success. Previous students have gone on to pursue successful careers in a variety of professions, including as glass blowers, willow makers, blacksmiths, leather craftspeople, technical theatre technicians, sewing machinists, web designers, product designers, animators, promoters for radio, and graphic designers. You could also work for a TV or film company production team or in marketing.

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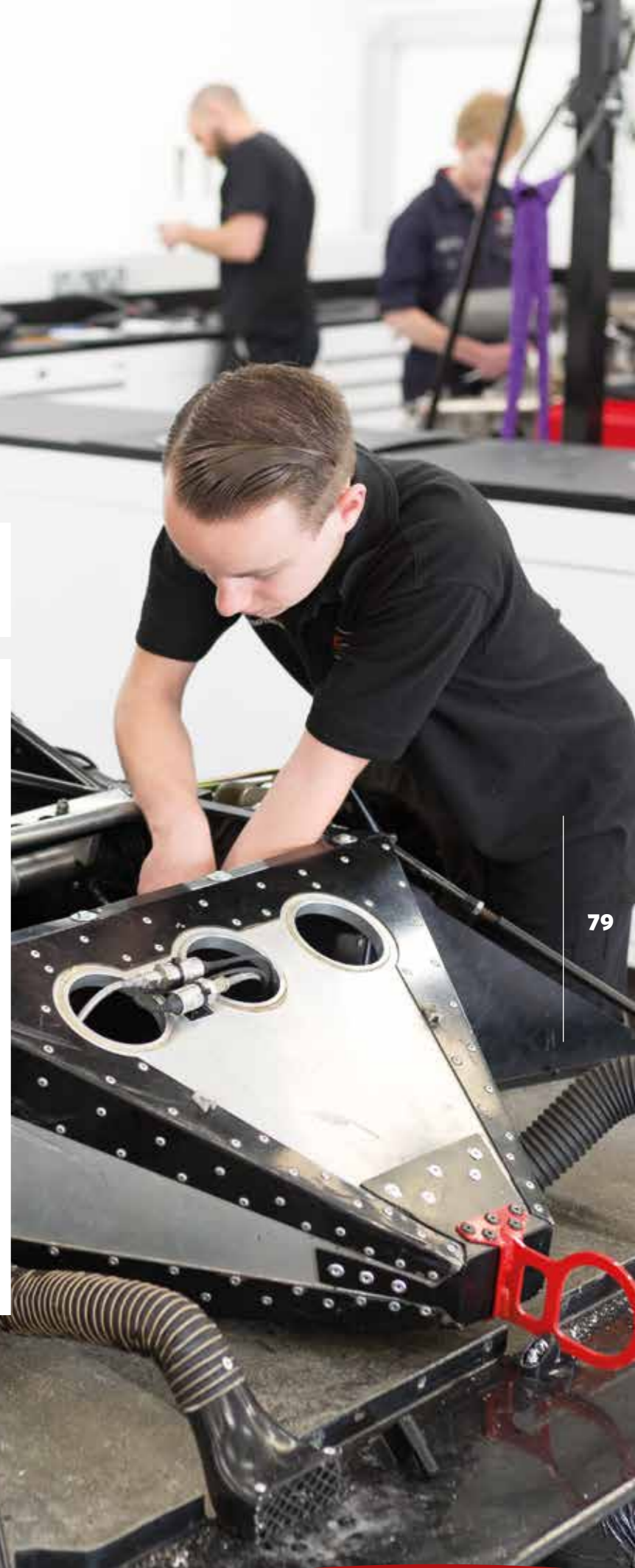


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- Engineering Technician
- Tyre, Exhaust & Windscreen Fitter
- Research & Development Engineer



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE (LIGHT VEHICLE)

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Topics may include:

- Engines
- Braking systems
- Steering systems
- Suspension systems
- Electrical systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the automotive industry is essential. You need a positive attitude, as well as the enthusiasm to complete the programme and progress on to the next level or employment. On application you will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course via a friendly open discussion. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Topics covered may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Topics covered may include:

- Diagnostics and rectification of automotive auxiliary
- Electrical faults
- Diagnosing and rectifying light vehicle engine faults, chassis, transmission and driveline faults
- Knowledge of inspecting light vehicles using prescribed methods

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Students may like to progress on to an Apprenticeship (subject to initial assessment and suitable employment in a garage), find employment in a garage or carry out additional short course training at our bespoke training facility at our Taunton campus.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPAIR (MULTI SKILLED)

✦ Bridgwater

This course will interest you if you aspire to work as a paint sprayer or vehicle body repairer. It is designed to introduce the skills and knowledge necessary to work within the motor industry. You will learn how to repair body panels and to paint them using the latest techniques. However this course offers transferable skills that could find you working within a number of industries such as painting aircraft, trucks, trains and more.

Topics may include:

- Vehicle panel repair (hammer and dolly techniques, filling, sanding)
- Vehicle panel preparation (sanding, cleaning and masking)
- Vehicle refinishing techniques (priming sanding and colour coats)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. You need a positive attitude, as well as the enthusiasm to complete the programme and progress. On application you will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Accident Paint Principles or Level 2 Apprenticeship in Vehicle Body & Paint Operations (Body Repair). Alternatively you could find employment in the automotive trade at an entry level.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT BODY REPAIR/PAINT SPRAYING OPERATIONS

✦ Bridgwater

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

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

Subjects may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English, Maths and science, or an equivalent qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and initial induction process, and a keen interest is vital. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will work in our workshops, repairing and painting real vehicles and sample work. Study will be over three days each week, leaving the other two days free for work experience or other studies.

Assessment is through practical tasks, written phase tests, online assessment tests and classroom coursework.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Body & Paint Operations or Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Accident Repair Paint Principles. Alternatively, you could find employment as a paint sprayer in many other industries.



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RYAN CHAMBERLAIN

Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Heathfield School



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN VEHICLE ACCIDENT BODY REPAIR/PAINT SPRAYING OPERATIONS

✦ Bridgwater

This course will interest you if you are looking at following a career in vehicle accident repair or customisation, and have an interest in working as a paint sprayer or vehicle body repairer.

Topics covered may include:

- Advanced health and safety
- Body repair technologies practices to include vehicle misalignment rectification
- Paint technologies
- Application techniques with various coatings, airbrushing, custom paint finishes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification in either Vehicle Accident Body Repair Principles or Vehicle Accident Repair Paint Principles. Entry will be subject to a successful interview. You need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through practical tasks, written phase tests, coursework and online assessment tests for each unit.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, you could start an Apprenticeship, combining work and further study or find employment in the industry.



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE (HEAVY VEHICLE)

✦ Bridgwater

This course is ideal if you have a keen interest in the heavy vehicle automotive industry, which could include the maintenance and repair of commercial vehicle fleets or the exciting world of truck racing.

This is a very practical course that introduces you to the industry while you gain the knowledge of a wide range of heavy vehicle systems such as the engine, transmission, steering, braking and suspension. You also explore technological developments in the truck racing industry, gaining an insight of how to modify a standard diesel engine and use the advanced electronic equipment in the auto-lab to study the latest electrical principles of heavy vehicles.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 2 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the automotive industry and an overall enthusiasm to succeed is essential. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The qualification is split between theory and practical sessions designed to equip you with the skills to gain employment or progress to the next level. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College workshops throughout the year and end of unit assignments, phase tests and online exams assess the theory.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles or an Apprenticeship programme, subject to an initial assessment and suitable employment in a garage.

LEVEL 2 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN HEAVY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

✦ Bridgwater

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

Topics may include:

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or a Level 1 qualification in light or heavy vehicle at Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through practical tasks, written assignments/exams and online tests for each unit. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You may like to progress on to a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair (subject to initial assessment and suitable employment in a commercial vehicle workshop), or find employment in the industry.



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LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE (MOTORCYCLE)**✦ Bridgwater**

This course will be of interest to you if you have a passion for motorcycles and the motorcycle industry. You need a keen interest in how motorcycles work and how to repair them when things need fixing.

Topics include:

- Tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance
- Introduction to the retail automotive maintenance and repair industry
- Motorcycle construction
- Routine maintenance motorcycle chassis systems
- Motorcycle engines
- Motorcycle transmission systems
- Motorcycle electrical and electronic systems
- Motorcycle fuel, ignition, air and exhaust system units and components
- Introduction to low carbon technologies in the automotive industry

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 2 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the motorcycle industry and an overall enthusiasm to succeed are essential. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

The qualification is achieved by demonstrating that you are both practically and theoretically competent. This ensures a good all-round ability. Your practical evidence will be developed in the College workshops throughout the year. The theory is assessed by sitting online assessments and a series of assignments, set throughout the year and assessed by your tutors. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of this course can act as a pathway to a Level 2 Subsidiary Diploma in Motorcycle Maintenance or one of the many varied interesting automotive options. Alternatively, this would also act as an excellent route into employment.

LEVEL 2 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN MOTORCYCLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR TECHNOLOGY**✦ Bridgwater**

During this exciting course you will study both the theory and practical aspects of the essential knowledge and skills required by today's motorcycle repair industry. You will also gain a broad knowledge and understanding of health and safety in the workplace and other skills associated with working in a motorcycle garage.

Topics include:

- Health and safety practices
- Tools, equipment and materials
- Motorcycle maintenance
- Internal engine systems
- Fuel, ignition, air and exhaust system
- Motorcycle preparation and inspection
- Wheels, tyres, steering, suspension, braking, transmission
- Electrical and electronic systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Level 1 qualification or equivalent. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Functional Skills are a compulsory part of the course. Students set targets to improve their skills and gain qualifications in English and Maths. The level of Functional Skills you take is based on initial assessment and previous GCSE results.

Assessment is through a combination of methods including practical skills in a motorcycle workshop environment, written knowledge assessments, assignments, coursework and online multiple-choice tests. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification could prepare you for progression to further learning and training. Alternatively, it could provide useful recognition of your practical skills and knowledge to help you find employment as a Motorcycle Mechanic or Technician.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MOTORSPORT**✦ Bridgwater**

Are you interested in an exciting career in motorsport? This course is ideal if you would like a career in motorsport development and design, trackside maintenance, restoration or management of a race team. The course will give you the experience and level of qualification to pursue one of these career routes.

Modules include:

- Health and safety
- Motorsport event regulations
- Materials and fabrication
- Motorsport engine technology
- Motorsport chassis technology
- Motorsport transmission technology
- Electrical and electronic systems
- Inspecting a race car during competition

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English, Maths and Science, or an equivalent qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through a range of methods including assignment coursework, containing theoretical and practice work, and online multiple choice assessments at the end of each unit. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you have the opportunity to progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Motorsport. This is an alternative route to university, since it combines significant academic achievement with applied and relevant technology subjects.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MOTORSPORT**✦ Bridgwater**

This dynamic and exciting course is an excellent route to university or a university level qualification, or if you want to enter the motorsport industry at technician level like some of our previous successful students.

Topics include:

- Race car set-up
- Engine and chassis technology
- Data logging and visual display systems
- Component inspection test methods
- Low carbon technologies
- Rolling road engine testing
- Motorsport vehicle maths and science

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification, with Merit grade. These qualifications could be Level 2 Extended Diploma in Motorsport or Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview. You also need to purchase safety boots and overalls for all workshop activities.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through a range of assignments and coursework containing theoretical and practice work, with online multiple choice assessments at the end of each unit. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the Level 3 qualification and a Maths GCSE grade 6 (minimum), you could progress to a Foundation Degree in Motorsport Engineering at University Centre Somerset.

Graduates from the University Centre Somerset are now working at Empire Race Cars, Xtrac Engineering, McLaren GT, Radical Performance Engines and Bentley Cars.

Alternatively you could find employment in the motorsport industry.

**RYAN CHAMBERLAIN****Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair**
Heathfield School

I chose the College because it offered me the opportunity to study something different, not just the average automotive course. The depth of the theory work and high level of practical equipment makes the College stand out from others and adds a huge amount to your studies.

The level of automotive knowledge I gained gave me so much confidence and set me apart when looking for employment. I finished my course and landed a job as a Parts Advisor at Land Rover. The course had a huge part to play in me being offered this role and my ambition is to progress up the ranks in this company or one of their franchises.

Looking back on my studies, I wish I'd been more involved in the opportunities offered alongside the course. My advice, however is to commit to the work, even if it seems unachievable. I hope I'm able to encourage others to pursue a career in the automotive field and appreciate the College that offers such a valuable qualification and experience.



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With access to high-quality, industry-standard tools in our well-equipped workshops, you'll learn a huge amount during College-based study, enhancing your contribution in the workplace. Our curriculum covers Level 2 and 3 qualifications in body and paint, and light vehicle and heavy vehicle work.

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BARBERING

Help shape male identity by studying all aspects of basic gent's hairdressing while working in a realistic environment created within the College's barber shop.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Barber Shop Owner | Lecturer

Barbers often find employment in locations such as barber shops, resorts, cruise ships, nursing homes, prisons, the military and hospitals.



LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN BARBERING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

Units may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

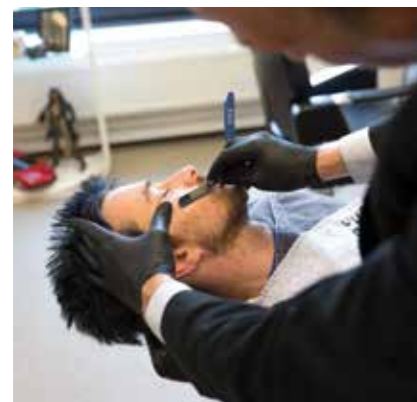
You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English and Maths, and a keen interest in the subject of barbering. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BARBERING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Units may include:

- Design and create a range of facial hair shapes
- Creatively cut hair using a combination of barbering techniques
- Provide face massage services
- Colour hair using a variety of techniques
- Wet shaving

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 including Maths and English, and a Level 2 hairdressing or barbering qualification. You also need to have a keen interest in the subject of barbering and entry is subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



DARCEY CUMMINS
Level 3 Diploma in Barbering
Robert Blake Science College



While still at school, I attended a taster day run by the College. I really enjoyed it and it gave me a chance to see what the course would be like. I started by studying a Level 2 hairdressing qualification then chose to specialise in barbering at Level 3.

I was shy and reserved when I started, but with the tutors' help I feel I've come out of my shell. The lessons are exciting, and my tutors are caring, passionate and inspire me to do well. When we're in the salon, it's like working in a real barber shop, and we have the chance to go on trips and take part in a range of activities. We also took part in an annual fashion show with other College students. It was a great experience that I'd repeat in a heartbeat.

I was nominated for Barber of the Term by my peers and went on to be awarded Barber of the Year. It was a shock to be nominated and I was delighted to win. After I complete my course I plan on finding employment. If I hadn't come to College, I don't think I'd feel ready or confident enough to work in the industry.



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BEAUTY & COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

There's more to the business than just making your clients look great, it involves customer relations, a clear head for organisation and business acumen.



LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Some of your units will be assessed through practical observation and other elements of the course will be assessed by written assignments. You will also gain experience working in our commercial salons and clinics in an assisting role or through friends and family sessions.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you may progress on to a Level 2 course in hairdressing, beauty therapy, barbering or media make-up. This will depend on the progress that you make during the course.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN BEAUTY THERAPY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Units include theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. These may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Principles of practice for beauty therapists
- Hair removal treatments
- Facial and skin analysis treatments
- Manicure services
- Pedicure services
- Light cured gel polish
- Lash and brow treatments
- Apply make-up
- Spray tanning treatments

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English, Maths and Science, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will be taught in class contact sessions including lectures, tutorials and workshops. Assessment is on-going and through a theory examination, practical synoptic assessment, presentations and assignments.

CAREER & PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy or Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies, a business course or short courses. Alternatively, you could find employment in beauty salons or spas, become self-employed or work as a therapist.

Previous students have worked at Cedar Falls, Rookery Manor, and Spa Experience, and many have set up their own businesses.



CHARLOTTE COSSINS-PRICE

Level 3 Diploma in Complementary Therapies
The Kings of Wessex Academy



I visited other local colleges to decide which to attend, but preferred the facilities and teachers at Bridgwater & Taunton College. I love the course and what I'm learning, but it'll be amazing when I achieve the qualification. I put in a lot of hard work and effort which all paid off when I managed to get a distinction for reflexology. The workload is constant so it helps to be organised, though the tutors are really helpful and supportive.

The course has given me an insight into what I could do within the industry when I graduate, and I particularly enjoy the open clinic sessions when we work on the general public. The practical aspects of the course are the most interesting since they give you work experience and made me confident that I'll love my job and feel good doing it.

I'd love to carry on studying to further my knowledge and focus on the holistic side of the industry.



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

You will be studying a combination of units, including theoretical knowledge and practical understanding. These may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Promote and sell products and services to clients
- Provide body massage
- Provide body electrotherapy
- Provide facial electrotherapy
- Provide dry spa treatments
- Provide body stone therapy
- Indian Head Massage
- Spray Tanning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 hairdressing or barbering qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Units are taught in class contact sessions including lectures, tutorials and workshops. Assessment is throughout the year with a synoptic practical assessment, written coursework, presentations and a final theory exam.

CAREER & PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

✦ Bridgwater

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

Topics include:

- Anatomy, physiology and pathology
- Reflective practice
- Body massage
- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy
- Principles and practice of complementary therapies
- Business practice for complementary therapists

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through end examinations, practical assessments, case studies, assignments and final assessments.

CAREER & PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, you could study the Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage or Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy to expand your knowledge. Alternatively, you could seek employment as a Complementary Therapist in a salon or spa, beauty salon, health farm, cruise liner, within the care industry or the NHS. You could also work as a self-employed therapist.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN HAIR & MEDIA MAKE-UP

✦ Bridgwater

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

Units may include:

- Photographic make-up and art of applying make-up
- Provide eyelash and brow treatments
- Body art design
- Apply skin tanning techniques
- The art of dressing hair and making a postiche
- Colouring hair

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

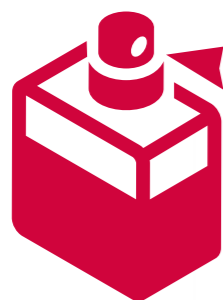
You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English, Maths and Art, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress onto a Level 3 media make-up qualification at Bridgwater & Taunton College, or move into employment as a Trainee Make-up Artist or Stylist.



IN 2017 THE BEAUTY AND PERSONAL CARE INDUSTRY WAS WORTH £15.8 BILLION

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

✦ Bridgwater

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

Subjects may include:

- Fashion photography make-up
- Media make-up
- Design and apply face and body art
- Monitor health and safety
- Camouflage make-up
- Working with colleagues within the beauty related industries
- Applying prosthetic pieces and bald caps
- Airbrushing make-up
- The art of colouring hair
- Style and fit postiche

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through written coursework, practical assessments and your portfolio of work including a final exam.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 MEDIA MAKE-UP PRE-DEGREE

✦ Taunton

This one year course will prepare you to study the BA (Hons) Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or other Higher Education level qualifications. It builds on skills developed from previous courses and introduces new creative techniques. The course covers aspects of media make-up, drawing, multi-media art, video, print, digital, 3D, alongside critical practice, in order to deepen your understanding of the creative world you are working in.

Subjects may include:

- 3D, video and digital
- Drawing and painting
- Body painting and casting
- Theory
- Digital

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need a Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical Special Effects & Media make-up and five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, or another appropriate Level 3 qualification. Entry is subject to a successful application with examples of work and an interview to review your portfolio.

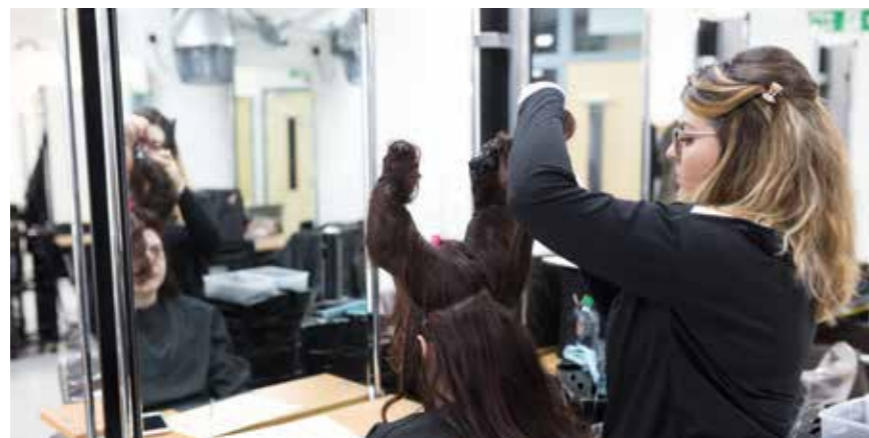
TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

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

CAREER & PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to a BA (Hons) or Foundation Degree in Media Make-up at University Centre Somerset or other Higher Education courses. Alternatively, you could find employment in the industry.



BUSINESS

Whether you specialise in marketing, administration or accountancy, you can be assured we'll provide the grounding you need to give your career the perfect start.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

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



**LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE/
DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS**

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

The course consists of both mandatory and optional units such as:

- Enterprise in the business world
- Promoting a brand
- Finance for business
- Principles of customer service
- Visual merchandising
- Principles and marketing
- Business online

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

**LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN
BUSINESS & CREATIVE MARKETING**

✦ Bridgwater

This qualification puts emphasis on real world business rather than being limited to theory. You will prepare for the workplace by developing marketing and entrepreneurial skills. The course consists of both mandatory and optional units, including:

- Exploring a business
- Personal and business finance
- Managing an event
- Market research
- Visual merchandising
- International business
- Digital marketing
- Pitching for a new business

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

The majority of the units will be internally set and marked, and will include case studies, written reports, projects, observation and practical work.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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



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CHLOE CALLAGHAN

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business

*Bridgwater & Taunton College
14-16 Centre*

I chose to study at the College because most of my school friends were coming here and I thought it would be nice to transition with them from school to college. I also came to an Open Evening and really liked the atmosphere at the College. There are rules, but it's a relaxed and enjoyable environment to be in.

There are several food outlets with a varied choice of meals, lots of areas to hang out in with your friends, a library full of resources and many other great facilities. I've enjoyed being with the same group for two years since I find it important to get on well with the people I spend time with. I've made some good friends.

I've learned so much about marketing, accounting, HR, event organisation, how to deal with difficult situations in the workplace, presentation skills, and gained what's called 'transferable skills'. The tutors helped me work out what I'd like to do after college and have given me really helpful feedback that will benefit me at university.

When I complete my course I'm going to Nottingham Trent University to studying International Business with a language. I feel this degree will allow me to pursue a career in either marketing or sales and work for a global company.



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

✦ Taunton

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

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

Units include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

The majority of the units will be internally set and marked, and will include case studies, written reports, projects, observation and practical work.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



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NEVE SYMONDS

*Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business & Enterprise
Robert Blake Science College*



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I really enjoy studying here and look forward to coming to College each day. I like being surrounded by people I get on really well with and have made friends for life since starting my course. This benefits my studies because I believe that if I'm happy within my learning environment, I'll continue to do well.

The College has great staff who are very helpful and understanding. I have all the knowledge I need to complete assignments and they're always available to answer my questions. They're very supportive if you need help.

I play rugby for the girl's College team. I've been playing rugby for about four years and love that the College has a girl's rugby team - it means I can widen my knowledge of rugby alongside my studies. Since starting to play for the team I've become a lot more confident and become a better player.

One of the reasons for choosing this course was the ability to study business and law combined. After College I plan on studying Law at university then work within the legal sector of HR or become a Solicitor. I really love the law and this course has encouraged me to continue my studies in the field.



Business Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION WHILE WORKING

The world of business is broad, and our apprenticeship programmes cover a range of areas, including customer service, business administration, accountancy, human resources and management.

Whatever path you choose, you'll gain hands-on experience in your chosen sector, developing your understanding of business while earning a wage.

Most of our pathways take between one and two years to complete. They involve attendance at College for one day a week, but options are available to attend monthly or study remotely. In addition, your mentor and Assessor monitor your progress at work, setting targets to aid your development.

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CHILDREN'S CARE, PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Nothing is more precious to a person than their children, so if you want to make a living looking out for them, it pays to be as qualified and experienced as possible.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Nursery Practitioner | Assistant Manager
Nursery Administrator | Support Worker
Play Specialist | Mental Health Support Worker
Childminder | Youth & Community Worker
Nanny



LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & EARLY YEARS

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

If you are looking for a career in health, social care or childcare this is the course for you. It is suitable for those who have a positive attitude but lack formal qualifications. This course provides a foundation entry on to Level 2 courses throughout the College and enables you to develop skills in caring for others within health and early years settings.

Units may include:

- Communicating with others
- Practical health and safety
- Craft activities for young children or older adults
- Growth and development
- Self-development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range including English and Maths, or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

TEACHING

Modules are taught through a mixture of class-based activities, practical sessions and during work experience.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you could progress to Level 2 courses at the College or find employment. Some students are successful in securing an Apprenticeship from their work placements.

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

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

The aim of the course is to prepare you to work with children between birth and eight years, and provides Assistant Practitioner Status.

Units may include:

- Children's development
- Keeping children safe
- Principles of early years practice
- Children's language and literacy
- Professional development, roles and responsibilities in childcare
- Children's play and learning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, including English and Maths. It is important that you have a good level of spoken and written English. Entry is subject to a successful interview that will assess your suitability to work with children, and you need a reference and enhanced DBS check.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Progression to the Level 3 qualification requires a merit profile and a minimum of a grade 4 in Maths and English Language. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Nursery Assistant, Classroom Assistant, Nanny, Au Pair or Pre-School Assistant or an apprenticeship.



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

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

You will cover units such as:

- Children's development, play and learning
- Working with children with additional needs
- The early years foundations stage
- Promoting children's development outdoors

The course will give you Early Years practitioner status which is needed for working in a variety of settings.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including Maths and English, or a Level 2 Early Years qualification at Merit level. You also need GCSE Science if you want to pursue primary teaching. Entry is subject to a successful interview and at least one week of relevant work experience such as in a nursery or primary school as well as an enhanced DBS check.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through written examinations, practical assessment during placements, written coursework, presentations and a work placement portfolio.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to a Foundation Degree or BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies at University Centre Somerset, or a degree in primary education teaching, social work, speech and language therapy or special education. Alternatively, you could find employment as an Early Years Educator, Classroom Assistant, Child Minder or Nanny.



CHARLOTTE WHITEROD
Level 2 Certificate in Children's Play, Learning & Development
Haygrove School



After coming to an Open Evening and taster, I knew this was the right college for me. I'd also heard good things about the childcare courses and that they incorporate studying at College as well as work experience at a nursery/school placement. I thoroughly enjoy the mix of the College environment and practical experience in a workplace.

I didn't know anyone when I started but quickly make new friendships and have gained confidence. The work experience helped with that, as well as the staff being really supportive. I love what I'm studying, so when I complete this course I plan on continuing my childcare studies by enrolling either on the full-time Level 3 qualification or by securing an apprenticeship at a nursery or school.



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Childcare is one of the most rewarding and challenging sectors you can work in. Daily working life involves enabling the wellbeing and development of the children in your care, bringing huge responsibility and no end of satisfaction.

To equip you with the skills required in this demanding role, our apprenticeship programmes blend on-the-job learning with College-based study. That way, you develop practical skills in parallel to your theoretical knowledge, meaning you have what it takes to thrive professionally.

You'll spend most of your time at work, with about a fifth of your week engaged in off-the-job study. This could involve attendance at College, or completion of specific tasks and projects with your employer or mentor. There are also opportunities for research and self-supported study, as well as wider industry training.

We work with a wide network of well-established nurseries, childminders and pre-schools throughout Somerset, ensuring you have the perfect context in which to develop your career.



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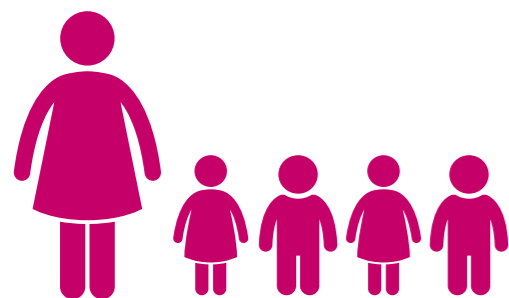


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- Vector Learning Trust
- Watery Lane Pre School
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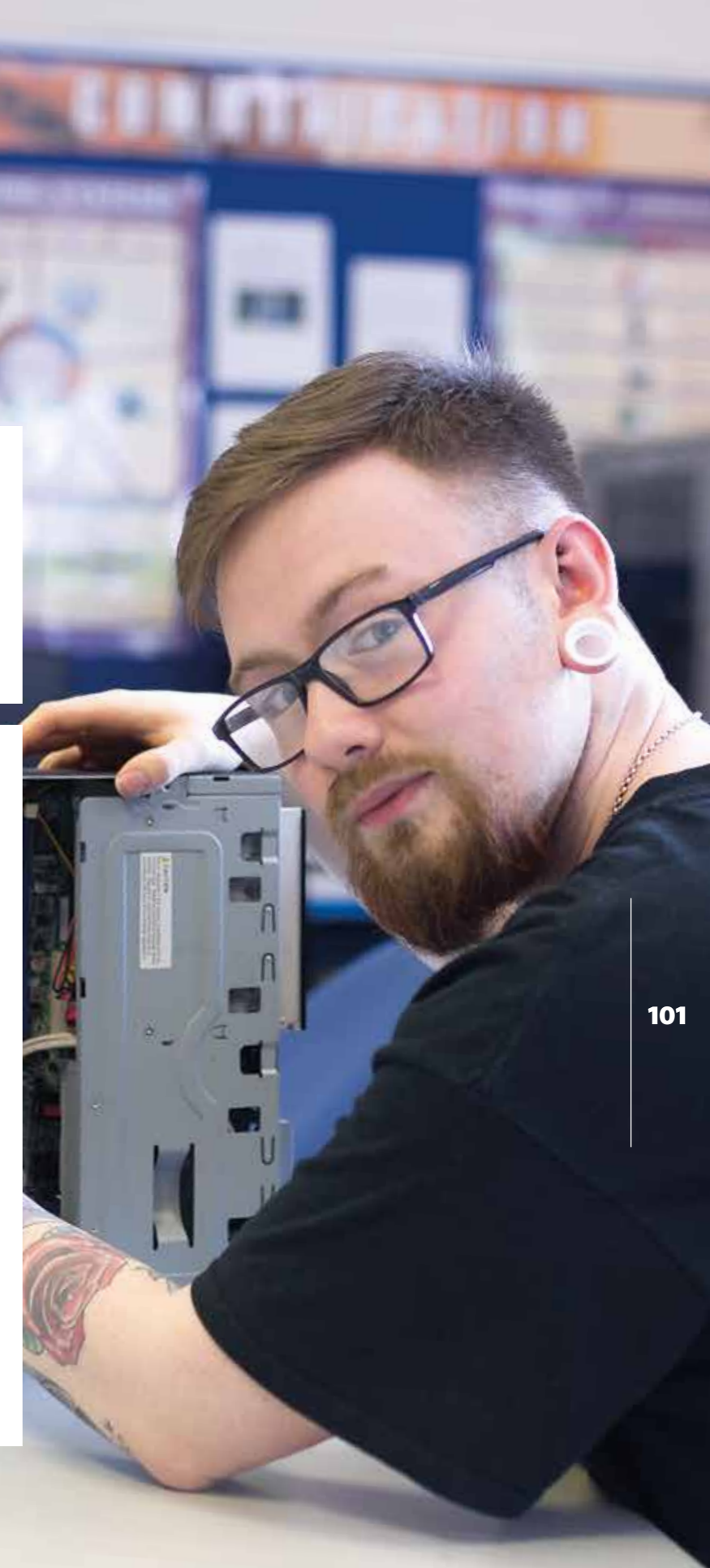
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LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED COMPUTING

✦ Bridgwater

This course is designed to enable progression into the exciting and diverse environments of computing or business. Work experience will be available with a range of business and computing organisations such as programmers, systems analysts, network operators and website designers. This will support your development in a range of employable skills such as working with others, communication and interpersonal skills along with developing basic industry skills.

Units may include:

- Installing hardware and software
- Computer systems
- Imaging software
- Multimedia
- Project

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This study programme offers a range of assessment methods from practical assessment such as programming, role-plays and presentations to organising a small event. You will also gain experience of working in an actual business environment through your exciting one week work experience placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you will be ideally placed to progress to the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Computing in Creative Technology. Alternatively you could choose one of the College's Apprenticeship programmes or move into full-time employment in the computing & IT sector.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED COMPUTING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

Units may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range and a keen interest in computing. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course involves a mix of theoretical and practical units that include the development of websites and creation of software programmes. Assessment is through a variety of examinations and coursework-based methods including observations, case studies, presentations and group work.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This course is an ideal springboard for progression to Level 3 qualifications, as well as Apprenticeship courses.



RENARS KALNINS
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing
Chilton Trinity School



I chose to study this course as working with computers and programming has always been an interest of mine. It's a very calm and friendly place to study, and the people on my course are like-minded, which makes it easier to get along and make new friends.

My favourite moment at College was when we took part in the Erasmus trip. We went to Finland to experience what it's like to work in another country. I also enjoyed the chance to participate in competitions and clubs across the College, which has increased my skills and knowledge. I was a Student Representative in my first year, and also helped out at Open Evenings and helped set up the computer systems for Rag Day events.

Through studying the course, I've gained experience in the practical aspects of computing as well as covering the theory. We covered a range of topics within computing but I've also picked up transferable skills that will help me when I go to a university. I applied to study Computer Games Development but I'm also considering a Degree Apprenticeship since I could earn a salary while working towards a degree.



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED COMPUTING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

Do you have a natural affinity with computers and IT? Perhaps you're interested in becoming a Programmer, Security Specialist, Website Designer or Network Manager. Using the latest technologies and purpose-built facilities, you will learn how to write computer programs, design and produce professional websites and databases, create and manage computer networks, identify and resolve business or client problems, manage projects and cover many more related topics and subjects.

Units may include:

- Principles of computer science
- Software design and development
- IT systems security and encryption
- Games programming
- Computer networking
- Website development
- Client side customisation of web pages
- Systems analysis and design
- Database design and development
- Communication technologies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range (Maths and English would be a distinct advantage as they can be a requirement for Higher Education progression) or an overall Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification in Information Technology.

You also need a keen interest in computing and software systems with some experience of using PCs and software (you will not be expected to have previous programming knowledge).

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and will allow for direct entry into universities or on to our Foundation Degree in Computing & Internet Technologies at University Centre Somerset, with the opportunity to top-up to a BSc (Hons) Computing & Internet Technologies.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN DIGITAL CREATIVE MEDIA (GAMES DEVELOPMENT)

✦ Taunton

Are you looking to pursue a career in the creative industries but don't know where to start developing the specialist skills required? This course is for anyone who has an interest in design, development or conceptualising computer games or media in general. While usually everyone on the course plays computer games, it's important to come in with an interest in a specific aspect of game design or production in mind. Though we are a games development course, we don't actually play a lot of games.

Units may include:

- Pitching and planning a digital media product
- Digital games production
- Digital audio production
- Digital audio editing
- Writing for digital media
- Graphic design for digital media
- Animation for digital media

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range and a keen interest in computing. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING

The course involves a mix of theoretical and practical units. We look at a range of development aspects in the production of a game, from the importance of story and character design to game play mechanics, sound, trailers and animation techniques.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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



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JORDAN MILLINGTON
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing
The Blue School

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (GAMES DEVELOPMENT)

✦ Taunton

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

Units may include:

- Pre-production techniques for creative media industries
- Understanding the computer games industry
- 3D modelling
- Computer game engines
- Computer game story development
- Digital graphics for computer games
- Creative media production management
- Working to a brief in the creative media industries
- Developing a small business
- 3D animation
- Sound for computer games
- Human-computer interfaces for computer games
- Flash for computer games

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English and Maths, or a Merit in an appropriate Level 2 qualification.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The topics in this course are covered in a range of theoretical and practical teaching sessions. All of the units are internally assessed through assignment work graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could continue your studies at Bridgwater & Taunton College where there are related courses on offer all the way up to Level 6. You also have the option to go straight into industry, although this is difficult



JORDAN MILLINGTON
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing
The Blue School



At school I didn't enjoy studying subjects I had no interest in, but at college you're able to choose something you enjoy. I also prefer the environment at College - you're treated as an adult and don't have to wear an uncomfortable uniform. We're able to express ourselves through our appearance without stereotyping or judgements being made.

The staff have really helped me with both personal and study related issues, and they have made me feel at ease. The course has increased my knowledge and given me experience in a range of computing specialisations such as programming, database design, website design and software installation. I plan on finding employment when I complete my course, so having this range of subjects has given me an insight into the variety of job roles available to me and should help progress my career.



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LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN BUILDING SERVICES

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is ideal if you plan on a career in building services, covering a range of practical tasks across the plumbing and electrical trades.

Topics include:

- Health and safety
- Plumbing
- Electrical

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will be taught in a realistic environment with excellent up-to-date facilities. English and Maths are embedded within the course timetable, to enable you to progress towards grades 4 at GCSE level. Assessment is through a range of practical tasks and the creation of a portfolio.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to Level 2 Intermediate Diploma in Electrical Installation or a Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing qualification or an Apprenticeship.



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LEVEL 1 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL BRICKWORK

✦ Bridgwater

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

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

Units studied could include:

- Introduction to health and safety in the construction industry
- Introduction to the construction industry
- Constructing half brick and one brick walling
- Constructing block walling
- Constructing half brick return corners
- Constructing cavity walls in brickwork and block work
- Laying a patio

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Modules are taught via interactive theory sessions in the classroom and practical sessions in the purpose built bricklaying workshop. You will be assessed by written and practical assessment.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING

✦ Bridgwater

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualification such as the Extended Certificate in Practical Brickwork. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment in order to determine the appropriate level of study and a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

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

A series of theory examinations will assess your underpinning knowledge of health, safety and welfare in construction as well as more trade specific technical exams based around the principles of building construction, information and communication, setting out masonry structures, solid walling and cavity walling.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Candidates could progress on to a full Apprenticeship, a Level 2 Diploma or alternatively you could find employment in the construction industry.



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RUBY KENNISTON
Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing
The Blue School

✦ DENOTES CAMPUS

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN BRICKLAYING

✦ Bridgwater

This course is ideal if you wish to follow a career in trowel occupations. The campus houses dedicated facilities for construction crafts with workshops that are well-equipped with a range of bricklaying tools. Well-appointed classrooms and computer facilities enhance the workshops and provide a link between practical and knowledge aspects of the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

Brickwork and practical coursework will be marked through set practical tasks. Underpinning knowledge is assessed via internally-set test papers, however there will be a need to complete a multiple choice test that is externally set by the awarding body.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to an Apprenticeship in Bricklaying at Bridgwater & Taunton College if suitable employment is secured. Alternatively you could find employment in the construction industry.



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN CARPENTRY & JOINERY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

During the course you are required to complete 30 hours of trade-related work experience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or an equivalent qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

ASSESSMENT

Practical coursework will be marked through set practical tasks. Underpinning knowledge is assessed via internally-set test papers and online exams, however there will be a need to complete a multiple choice test that is externally set by the awarding body.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

If suitable employment is secured, you could progress on to an Apprenticeship in either brickwork or carpentry & joinery. Alternatively you could start a full-time Level 2 course at Bridgwater & Taunton College.



RYAN HIGGS
Apprenticeship in Site Carpentry
Chilton Trinity School



The College has a reputation for supporting students to achieve their best and there's a great atmosphere created by both staff and students. The staff are knowledgeable and helpful, making learning easily accessible. I was very proud to be being selected for the regional SkillBuild competition, which is the largest multi-trade competition in the UK for construction trainees and apprentices.

The staff have always encouraged and supported me with my online exams and my progression options. I've gained practical job-related knowledge which makes my work much easier. My apprenticeship is with the family company, and with my new skills I plan on staying in the trade and growing the business.



LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN CARPENTRY & JOINERY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course will appeal to you if you wish to follow a career in wood occupations. You will be taught in dedicated wood occupations workshops that are well-equipped with a range of carpentry tools. Classrooms and computer facilities enhance the workshops and provide a link between practical and knowledge aspects of the course.

Units studied may include:

- Timber technology
- Advanced hand tool skills
- Power tool skills
- Advanced woodworking joints
- Timber ironmongery
- Understanding access equipment
- Knowledge of information, quantities and communication
- Understanding the construction industry

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

Practical coursework will be marked through set practical tasks and a synoptic test piece. Underpinning knowledge is assessed through internally set test papers and an online exam.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress on to an Apprenticeship in either bench joinery or carpentry and joinery if suitable employment is secured, or enrol on a Level 3 Diploma course.



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A QUARTER MILLION WORKERS
IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS

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LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

✦ Bridgwater

This hands-on practical course has a strong emphasis on fine woodworking and will provide you with the essential skills needed for employment in furniture making, furniture restoration, musical instrument making or any part of the fine woodworking industry. Professional furniture making is an exciting career choice as it involves designing and making bespoke pieces of furniture such as cabinets, tables, chairs, and office furniture. You will learn the techniques for making quality furniture in our excellent dedicated workshop using modern machines and hand tools and be taught the associated knowledge required for this subject including an awareness of furniture design.

Modules include:

- Safe use of a range of woodworking hand tools, power tools and machinery
- Construct a range of joints using traditional methods
- Construct and assemble furniture projects
- Identify and select timbers
- Understanding a range of woodworking tools, equipment and techniques
- Producing design drawings and cuttings lists

At the end of the year you will have completed at least one well finished piece of furniture and numerous other hands-on practical tasks and exercises.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range or other equivalent qualification, and a desire to learn about furniture making or design. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through practical projects, a portfolio of evidence and classroom-based examinations.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to our Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making or Level 2 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making, or you could explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry. Alternatively you could enrol on a range of Level 2 courses or another construction subject dependent on achieving the entry requirements.



LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PRACTICAL FURNITURE MAKING

✦ Bridgwater

This hands-on practical course has the aim of developing your fine woodworking and design skills ready for employment in the furniture industry using the modern machines and hand tools in our specialist workshop. Professional furniture making is an exciting career choice as it involves designing and making bespoke pieces of furniture such as cabinets, tables, chairs, and office furniture. As well as developing your practical and design skills further, you will design your own quality furniture. The design studio is where you will learn the background theory to working in wood and constructing furniture, alongside the design and industry skills.

Units will include:

- Designing a piece of furniture for yourself or others
- Safe use of a range of woodworking hand tools, power tools and machinery
- Construct and assemble furniture projects
- Producing design drawings and cuttings lists
- Develop a knowledge of industry practice and careers
- Learn how to produce veneered panels
- Fit a range of doors, drawers and cabinet fittings
- Apply finishes, and make necessary adjustments to finished pieces

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could progress to our Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making or Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture course, or explore a variety of career opportunities in the furniture and woodworking industry. Alternatively you could enrol on a Foundation Degree in Furniture Studies, a National Diploma in Art, Design and Craft, or any other design-based subject dependent on achieving an appropriate level of qualification.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FURNITURE DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

✦ Bridgwater

This exciting and stimulating hands-on practical course is for those who want to learn the skills necessary for designing and making high quality one-off pieces of bespoke furniture. The course will enable you to develop and improve your practical skills whilst increasing your knowledge of furniture design and manufacture with the aim of working in the fine woodworking industry or setting up your own workshop.

The course has a very strong bias towards designing contemporary pieces of furniture while reflecting on and maintaining traditional furniture design and manufacturing skills. You will develop an appreciation and knowledge of design principles, then use these skills to design and manufacture a minimum of two commercial standard pieces of furniture.

You will cover the units:

- Designing and making furniture prototypes
- Design research and development
- Developing advanced woodworking practical skills
- Spray finishing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You could develop your own furniture design and manufacture business, or find employment in a commercial furniture workshop or the associated wood craft trades. Alternatively you could progress on to design, craft or art subjects at degree level.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This qualification allows you to acquire the basic knowledge and craft skills of electrical installation. It does not require occupational evidence from the workplace, so is suitable even if you do not work in the electrical industry or wish to prepare to study a Level 2 qualification.

Mandatory units include:

- Health and safety
- Environmental protection
- Installation methods
- Practical craft skills
- Electrical science

Optional units cover starting work in construction, preparing for interviews, managing study and developing learning.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through the completion of practical and theory tests.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This course also allows you to progress to further engineering and building services qualifications, such as the Level 2 Intermediate Diploma in Electrical Installation or an Apprenticeship if employment within the electrical trade is secured, giving you the opportunity to practise the basic installation of cables and wiring systems.



"I chose to study at the College because it's one of the most prestigious Colleges offering furniture making"

NADIA CONNABEER

**Level 2 Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery
Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture**
King Edward Community College





LEVEL 2 INTERMEDIATE DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This qualification allows you to gain knowledge and craft skills in electrical installation. It does not require occupational evidence so is suitable if you do not work in the industry but would like to. The course gives you the opportunity to practise and be assessed in a safe environment, covering the installation of wiring systems together with the relevant theory of electrical installation.

The course comprises five mandatory units which cover:

- Health and safety
- Theory and technology
- Methods, procedures and requirements
- Electrical installation craft skills
- Science and principles

You use the IET On-site Guide and cover standard circuits as described in the guide. You will also be introduced to how regulations such as BS 7671 affect electrical installation.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

All units have practical and theory elements. Assessment is through online exams, practical tasks and science projects.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

You do not need experience of the electrical installation industry since you will be taught the underpinning knowledge and related skills required to work safely in the industry. This course covers the installation and testing of electrical equipment, the theory of electrical installation to the current edition of the wiring regulations and the understanding of electrical science and principles. Within some units you have the opportunity to use BS 7671 (IET Wiring Regulations) that set the standards for electrical installation in the UK and many other countries.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will practise your skills and be assessed in a safe environment. Assessment involves on-screen examinations, practical assessments and theory assignments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to an industry recognised qualification or find employment.



RUBY KENNISTON
Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing
The Blue School



My Careers Advisor at school recommended I come on a College Taster Day, so I went to one and found it inspiring, fun and I felt very welcome. From that moment on, I knew this was the College for me.

Being a student here is really enjoyable. You're treated like a young adult which makes me feel responsible and motivated for my own learning, and it's really built my confidence.

You need to complete the Level 1 qualification before you can progress to the next course, and we focus on working in the industry. My greatest academic achievement has been receiving a distinction for one of my summative practical tasks, but I've also learnt how to become a positive member of a community and improved my employability skills. My Tutor has helped me improve my communication skills when I ring or have conversations with potential employers regarding work experience, as well as teaching me how to prepare and send formal emails and letters.

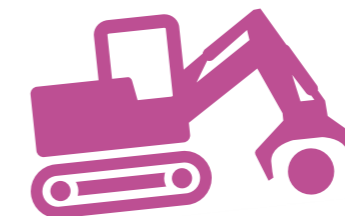
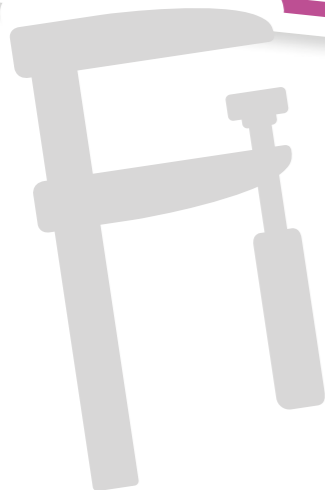
When I complete my studies I'd like to secure a job as a Plumbing & Heating Engineer, then in a few years own my own plumbing business. It would be great to offer work experience and apprenticeships to help young people join the industry.



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LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PAINTING & DECORATING

✦ Taunton

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

If you choose to undertake this course you will cover knowledge in three core subject areas:

- Health, safety and welfare
- Technical information, quantities and communication
- Knowledge of construction technology

You will also learn key practical skills and knowledge in:

- Erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms
- Prepare common surface types for decoration
- Apply basic paint systems by brush and roller
- Apply foundation and plain papers
- Produce standard decorative finishes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, or other equivalent qualification in English and Maths. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to an Apprenticeship with the College, providing you have secured an employer.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is designed for those wishing to gain a basic understanding of plumbing and heating before entering the industry as an Apprentice. The course will focus on a range of basic plumbing theory and practices.

Subjects include:

- Pipe bending and types of jointing
- Basic maintenance on taps and valves
- Rainwater systems and maintenance
- Basin and toilet installation and maintenance
- Health and safety
- Environmental awareness

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need four GCSEs at grade 3 or above and an interest in the plumbing industry. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will be taught in a realistic environment with excellent up-to-date facilities. Assessment is through a range of basic practical tasks and a portfolio.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Plumbing at the College. Alternatively, you could secure an employer and work towards a Level 2 Apprenticeship in Plumbing.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

Units may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have completed the Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing. You will need GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an equivalent qualification.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PLUMBING RENEWABLE/GAS

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course focuses on the complex planning and installation of specialised plumbing installations. Units covered may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

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



**PLUMBER SALARY
£15,000 - £40,000**



NADIA CONNABEER
Level 2 Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery
Level 3 Diploma in Furniture Design & Manufacture
King Edward Community College

I chose to study at the College because it's one of the most prestigious Colleges offering furniture making and there are lots of opportunities to progress into the industry. When I came for an interview, the tutors made me feel very welcome and were really accommodating, and they stayed that way throughout my four years at College.

I didn't enjoy GCSEs or A Levels which made me question whether I'd like college, but it was completely different to being at school. Everyone was friendly and it felt like a big family. If I had a problem, someone was always able to help me and no one ever stopped answering my many questions.

After finishing College, I worked as a Bench Joiner making various bespoke wooden items including windows and doors. I've always had an interest in teaching, mentoring and encouraging others into the industry, so when I heard about a job at Shared Apprenticeships South West I jumped at the chance. Even though I didn't get the job, they asked me if I would be interested in becoming an Apprentice Mentor and Recruitment Co-ordinator. My role is to encourage and provide guidance to apprentices and help them strive in their chosen careers.



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Our programmes provide outstanding training across a wide range of sectors within the construction industry.

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- Construction and Built Environment
- Civil Engineering
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- Dry Lining
- Professions Level 3 to 6

The department is based over four sites with multiple workshops and outside realistic work spaces. The section has numerous links with local industry and many larger employers such as Laing O'Rourke and EDF.

Our experienced staff work hard with students, employers and external parties to ensure students achieve their goals and expectations. This is through delivery in environments that provide the latest industry tools and equipment.

In addition, staff go above and beyond to enrich the student's experience working through community construction projects and numerous regional and national competitions.



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COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

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

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Ranger | Warden | Countryside Officer
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Environmental Officer
Government Department Officer



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

✦ Cannington

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

Topics may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

✦ Cannington

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

Topics may include:

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

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in countryside management (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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

With related practical experience, you could find employment within the extensive countryside and conservation sector. Opportunities exist within private estates, nature reserves, charities, contractors and possible self-employment. Roles such as Reserve Assistant, Ranger or Warden are common career plans. Some examples of employers include the National Trust, RSPB and Wildlife Trusts.



JAMIE ELSON

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife Management (Conservation)

West Somerset Community College

I have a passion for nature and conservation, so when I saw the course online and in the prospectus I knew it would help me achieve my ambition of working in conservation or becoming an Ecologist.

I study at the Cannington campus and it's a really nice atmosphere to work in. The staff are friendly, caring and supportive, and understanding when it comes to my individual needs.

The course has given me a renewed sense of confidence in myself which has improved all aspects of my life. It's also given me the chance to learn and experience new things as my goal becomes clearer, as well as gain new skills that I thought I couldn't achieve. Last year I was awarded the Prague Trophy for Most Achieved within my group and the whole department. This was an amazing achievement and a complete surprise to me. I also had to retake both English and maths and achieved a grade 4 in both which made me very proud.

Meeting new people and making friends is a big part of why College is so enjoyable. My advice to others would be to choose a course you know you'll enjoy and think about the career you want to pursue.



Countryside Management Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION WHILE WORKING

What career could be more rewarding than as a custodian and conservator of our beautiful countryside? If that appeals to you, our Countryside Management Apprenticeships are well worth pursuing.

We work closely with National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and National Nature Reserves to develop apprenticeship pathways that equip students with the skills they need in the future. So our apprentices are ideally suited for a career as an estate worker, ranger, site warden or volunteer leader.

With a strong desire to work outdoors, you'll blend occasional workshop sessions at our Cannington campus with full-time hands-on experience in the workplace. That way, you'll develop a real-world insight into working in the countryside.

To measure and ensure progress, a College Assessor visits regularly, working with you and your employer to facilitate your professional growth.

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ENGINEERING

In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions, from aircraft design to engineering product design.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Reactor Operator | Electrical Engineer
- Instrumental & Control Engineer
- Radiation Protection Engineer
- Project Control Engineer
- Magnet Engineer | Design Technician
- Mechanical Engineer
- Architectural Technician

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is an exciting introduction to engineering where you will experience a wide range of engineering subjects. This course would be suitable if you are interested in a career in product design, manufacturing and assembly, electronics, maintenance, welding and fabrication.

The Level 2 Engineering study programme is a one year practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. It introduces you to the employment area you have chosen and provides a good basis to progress to a more advanced work-related qualification such as the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering or an engineering Apprenticeship.

Units may include:

- Engineering drawing and design
- Electronics
- Engineering science
- Mathematics
- The engineering world and products
- Fabrication and sheet metalwork
- Engineering machining

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including Maths, or a relevant Level 1 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will study a combination of practical and theory subjects, with half of your time spent in our specialist engineering workshops. The programme is assessed through a range of assignments and assessments. These are set and marked internally by College staff and then validated by an external moderator.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MANUFACTURING & MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting edge technologies and innovative solutions. As an Engineer you could find yourself designing the next generation of smartphones, programming robots, manufacturing components for fighter jets or developing sustainable energy. Study engineering and you could work within a variety of engineering disciplines such as product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical and electronics, communications, mechanical, nuclear and energy, environment or transport.

You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths or Physics.

Units may include:

- Engineering principles
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- CAD and engineering drawing
- Manufacturing machining processes
- Manufacturing computer numerical control machining

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths (Higher) at grade 5 or above, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will enable progression on to university, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Higher Apprenticeships.

University Centre Somerset offers a Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering leading on to a BEng or MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England. Former students have become Design Engineers, Aerospace Engineers and have moved into employment with the Ministry of Defence, Thales, Rolls-Royce Aerospace and EDF Energy.



HARRY LAWRENCE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering
Huish Episcopi Academy

I became interested in studying at the College as they offered the perfect course for my intended career, and once I visited and saw the amazing facilities in the Energy Skills Centre, I knew it was the place I wanted to study.

My tutors are really helpful and experts in their field, with many having years of industry experience. They provide valuable insights into how the topics we study can be applied to the workplace. The facilities are amazing, and working on and with industry-level software and equipment is the perfect preparation for a career in the engineering industry.

The College rewards hard work and success with loads of extra opportunities. I've had the chance to take part in many projects and events to help support my course such as the Eureka Project, the Young Talent of Thales project and trips to Hungary and Germany.

The course has provided me with the entry requirements to start a degree level engineering Apprenticeship. This will enable me to further develop my skills and continue my progression into a career in the engineering industry, while gaining a valuable academic qualification.



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

✦ Bridgwater

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

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

Units may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including Maths (Higher) at grade B or above, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will enable progression on to university, an Apprenticeship or Higher Apprenticeship. The College offers a Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering leading on to a BEng or MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England and delivered at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively you could find employment in a range of possible careers.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

✦ Bridgwater

This course would suit those interested in product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electronic/electrical engineering, automotive or green technologies.

This electrical/electronic engineering qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and has been designed to give you the underpinning knowledge and specific skills needed to meet the expectations of modern engineering industries and developing technologies.

Units may include:

- Engineering principles
- Electrical machines
- Electronic measurement and testing
- Electronic devices and circuits
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Programmable logic controllers

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths (Higher) at grade 5 or above. Alternatively, an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit which includes Maths and Science is acceptable.

ASSESSMENT

This course is assessed by a range of assignments and assessments. These are set and marked internally by College staff and then validated by an external moderator.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

For students who successfully complete the course, the Level 3 Extended Diploma provides progression to the HNC in Electrical & Electronic Engineering or Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering which are both offered at University Centre Somerset, and lead to the MEng with the University of the West England. Former engineering students have become Design Technicians, Architectural Technicians and Mechanical Engineers.



LEANNA KEANE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aerospace Engineering
The Kings of Wessex Academy

I finished A Levels but didn't want to pursue a career in my chosen subjects. I was always interested in engineering and thought it would be a career that would suit me. The course has helped me decide which area of the aviation industry I'd like to focus on and given me the knowledge and skills to succeed. I've also found that my confidence has grown and I've been encouraged to try different things.

The tutors are extremely helpful and always there to 'go the extra mile'. They are really passionate about what they're teaching which makes the lessons enjoyable and engaging.

As part of my work experience, I helped maintain a Navy Wessex helicopter. This gave me hands-on experience that can't be mimicked in the classroom and helped me decide what to do after College.

My tutor told me which companies offer Apprenticeships and which universities have suitable degrees, and also helped me with my personal statements and application letters. When I complete the course I hope to start a Degree Apprenticeship with Rolls-Royce. I'd like to focus on Project Management and continue working for Rolls-Royce after my Apprenticeship.



THE TERM ENGINEERING IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN INGENIUM MEANING "CLEVERNESS" AND INGENAIRE MEANING TO "CONTRIVE, DEVISE"

AEROSPACE ENGINEER SALARY
£20,000 - £60,000



TECHNICAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

✦ Bridgwater

This course will provide you with comprehensive technical training needed for today's professional engineering industry. Engineering is a fast-moving, exciting industry which incorporates continuing development of technology and systems.

The Engineering Technical Baccalaureate Diploma is a fantastic opportunity for you to develop a programme of study which will stand you out from the crowd when entering the next step of education or the first step of your career ladder.

The study programme consists of an Engineering Extended Diploma, an A Level Maths and an Extended Project.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE grades 9 to 4, including Maths (Higher) or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit grade which includes Maths and Science.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Assessment methods include exams, written coursework, presentations and practical assessments.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and has been designed to give you the underpinning knowledge and specific skills needed to enable you to progress on to an Advanced/Degree Apprenticeship or university level course in order to pursue an exciting career.

The College offers a Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering leading on to a BEng or MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England delivered at University Centre Somerset.



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Engineering Apprenticeships

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Feed your interest in engineering while working in the real world by pursuing one of our engineering apprenticeship programmes. They blend on-the-job experience with College-based study, giving you the right balance between academic learning and hands-on practice.

Apprenticeships are available with a variety of employers, encompassing everything from household brands to local businesses. All of them offer an ideal context in which to prepare for your future career.

Job roles could include:

- Food & Drink industry Maintenance Engineer
- Welder
- CNC Machinist
- Aircraft Fitter
- Quality Technician
- Aerospace Design Engineer
- Electro-Mechanical Assembly and Test Technician

Given this diversity, you won't be surprised to hear that there are a variety of pathways through our programme. They involve varying commitments to College attendance, from one day a week to as much as three days in some cases. Whatever the precise shape of your programme, you can expect it to involve a blend of work and study, making full use of our purpose-built engineering facilities to enhance your skills.

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ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES (ESOL)

✚ Bridgwater ✚ Taunton

If English is not your first language, this course will develop your skills prior to progressing your education. The course welcomes students with no knowledge of English, as well as students who already have a limited use of the language.

Modules include:

- Core English language studies
- Maths
- Information technology/computers
- Self study
- Project work
- Vocational study - Health & Social Care, Childcare, Catering, Art or Business Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal qualifications required for entry. You will undergo an informal interview and possibly an initial assessment to determine which level of the course is right for you. For your first visit to College, you will need to bring your passport or Home Office documents/visas.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Various guest speakers visit during the year and there may be the opportunity to undertake work experience. You will be required to give presentations and take part in discussions. In addition, you are required to take responsibility for your own learning, complete homework, work in pairs or groups when appropriate and complete self-study activities.

Examinations are in three parts; speaking, listening, and reading and writing. Revision sessions are organised to prepare you for the exams and tutorial sessions follow and review your progress.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the course you may progress to either the next level of ESOL or another course if you have the correct level of English.



ENGLISH (ESOL)

If English isn't your first language, these courses are designed to improve your spoken and written English in preparation for further study or employment.

1,500 MILLION PEOPLE
WORLDWIDE SPEAK ENGLISH, OF WHOM
ONLY 375 MILLION ARE NATIVE SPEAKERS

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EQUINE STUDIES

A career in the equestrian industry requires hard work and determination, but the result is an interesting and rewarding way to earn your living.



LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL & HORSE CARE

✦ Cannington

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

The course covers seven units from animal care and horse care pathways.

Units of study could include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course involves classroom-based and practical work, with hands-on experience in a variety of animal-based industries, as well as course related visits and trips. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence that includes written assignments, practical assessments and an externally marked online test. You will need to complete 30 hours of work experience.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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

BRITAIN HAS ONE OF THE **HIGHEST QUALITY** EQUINE INDUSTRIES IN THE WORLD

equine business association

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE CARE

✦ Cannington

This course is designed to give you the basic knowledge of horse care whilst developing and practising skills that could be used within employment in the equine sector. The course combines practical activity with classroom sessions, alongside a range of industry visits and guest speakers. You will also undertake regular stable and yard duties at the College's well equipped Equestrian Centre.

You will study a range of topics including:

- Horse health and welfare
- Health and safety
- Working in the equine industry
- Horse tack and equipment
- Routine stable duties
- Riding horses
- Horse feeding and handling
- Lunging horses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be able to walk, trot and canter safely.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through a combination of methods including externally set and marked tests, a synoptic assessment, assignments, portfolio development, practical and riding assessments and presentations. You will also need to undertake 150 hours within an equine based work experience placement.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the Level 2 Certificate and with appropriate GCSE English and Maths grades you could progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management. Alternatively you could find employment at assistant level in a range of establishments including competition and racing yards, riding schools and livery yards.



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A HAND IS EQUAL TO FOUR INCHES.
**PONIES ARE HORSES
 UNDER 14.2 HANDS**

720,000 PEOPLE
 IN THE UK OWN HORSES

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EQUINE MANAGEMENT

Cannington

This course covers a range of topics which are supported by visits and guest speakers from the industry. The programme will provide you with the knowledge and skill set required to directly enter employment or progress to a Level 4 qualification in equine science or management. Over the two years you study a range of practical and classroom based units as well as non-riding pathways.

Units may include:

- Principles of health and safety
- Working in the equine industry
- Competition grooming
- Horse biology and health
- Business management
- Equine feeding and nutrition
- Stable and yard management
- Riding on the flat and over fences
- Horse behaviour, welfare and stud practices
- Horse fitness and training
- Horse rehabilitation and therapy
- Horse tack and equipment
- Prepare horses for presentation
- Working horses from the ground
- Equestrian coaching
- Event management

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths, English and Science, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification at Merit grade. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and riding assessment. You need to be competent riding on the flat and over small fences.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through a variety of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical/riding assessments and presentations.

In your first year you will also complete 150 hours work experience within an equine-based setting, and 80 hours in your second year.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to a Foundation Degree or BSc (Hons) in Equine Science/Management. Alternatively, you could find employment at a supervisory level in riding schools, competition, livery and racing yards or complete British Horse Society stages.



CAITLIN LOWE

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management

Kings Monkton School

When I visited the College I found the staff and students were really friendly, which was particularly important since I live in the student accommodation at the Cannington campus. I've really enjoyed the freedom of being away from home and the residential team are fantastic. I've found everyone across the College is approachable and I've made some great friends.

My course is made up of classroom-based lessons and practical sessions on the yard. This really helps to bring the theory we learn to life, and makes lessons varied and interesting. We've also had a range of other learning experiences such as going to camp with the College horses, taking part in competitions and trips to the Badminton and Aldon Horse Trials. One of my favourite moments however was watching a whole horse dissection at Dartmoor Zoo. It was so interesting and I loved seeing what makes the horse such a natural athlete and how it's adapted to its environment.

Before starting this course I'd never have considered going to university, but with the staff's encouragement they've built my confidence and I have a place to study Veterinary Bioscience at Aberystwyth University.



Equine Studies Apprenticeships

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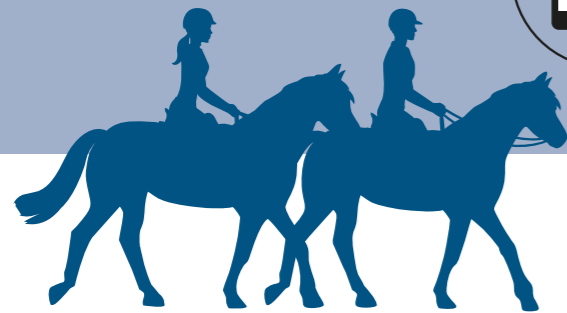
With more than two million horse-riding enthusiasts in the UK, the equine industry is a great place to be. As an Equine Studies apprentice, you'll work full-time in industry, attending College weekly to develop your knowledge and understanding, and enhance your practical skills.

Topics covered during College-based study include horse health, stable and grassland management, nutrition, riding a schooled horse, riding on the road, transporting horses and developing effective working relationships.

To ensure you make the best use of your time in the workplace, your Assessor will visit and help you build evidence towards your final qualification. Assessment is through coursework, an online portfolio, employer statements and evaluation of your work.

Upon completion, you can progress to a Level 3 Apprenticeship and prepare for a more senior role in the industry. Previous students have found jobs as grooms in four-star eventing yards, or gone on to work in racing, show jumping or dressage yards.

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THE EQUINE INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTES **£7 BILLION A YEAR TO THE ECONOMY**

HORSE'S TEETH TAKE UP MORE SPACE IN THEIR HEAD THAN THEIR BRAIN



"I've found everyone approachable and have made some great friends."

CAITLIN LOWE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Kings Monkton School



FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Over 12,000 people are employed in this industry, so turn your passion for angling or fish-keeping into a career and join an industry on the lookout for skilled employees.



POSSIBLE CAREERS
Water Bailiff | Researcher | Fisheries Officer
Fishery Manager or Ghillie | Ecologist
Environmental Manager
Fish Biologist | Habitat Specialist



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

✦ Cannington

By studying one of our fisheries management courses, you can become part of this exciting and rapidly growing industry. The Level 2 course is ideal if you want to improve your training alongside work, or engage in entry level employment. Aquaculture is an important part of global food production with around 1,200 fish farms in the UK alone. The aquatics retail industry is worth an impressive £400 million.

Topics may include:

- Work experience
- Working in land and wildlife industries
- Fish health and biology
- Ornamental aquatics
- Aquatic ecology
- Species identification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

ASSESSMENT

You will undertake work experience as well as being continuously assessed through coursework including written assignments, practical observations, online tests, examinations, seminars and presentations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course with a Distinction, you could progress to our Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries). Alternatively, you could find entry-level employment with a number of aquatic, aquarium or aquaculture related industries.

£ THE AQUATICS RETAIL INDUSTRY IS WORTH AN IMPRESSIVE £400 MILLION

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN LAND & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISHERIES)

✦ Cannington

This course is ideal if you wish to turn your passion for aquariums, aquatics, wildlife and conservation into a viable career. The Level 3 provides you with the relevant knowledge and skills for a career within the aquatic industries or progress on to university to study subject areas such as aquaculture, fisheries management and marine science.

Topics may include:

- Health and safety
- Work experience
- Land-based machinery
- Estate skills
- Specialist project
- Ecology
- Freshwater and wetland management
- Water quality
- Fish biology
- Fish health
- Aquatics ecosystems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in land and wildlife management (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will undertake work experience across both years and be continuously assessed through seminars and presentations, online tests, examinations, written assignments, practical observations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A committed candidate may find employment within the related industries of public and private aquariums, water companies, local government, self-employment opportunities, charities and trusts, research institutes and related organisations.

Alternatively you could progress to relevant Higher Education programmes in order to pursue management level positions within aquaculture, government organisations and public aquariums.



JACK TYRER

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries)
Westfield Academy



I've always loved angling, so when I heard about the fisheries management course I went to an Open Evening to find out more and I liked what they had to offer.

My greatest achievement during my time at College has to be getting an award for being the most outstanding student. This was very rewarding and made me feel proud of what I had achieved.

The friendships I've made with my peers and tutors are fantastic. My lessons are enjoyable and I love it when the lessons are practical; we have been lake and river fishing which is awesome as I love fishing. The environment is friendly and all the staff and the students make you feel welcome.

The staff and amazing equipment have helped me prepare for my next steps in life. After finishing College my dream job would be to work in the fisheries industry.



FLORISTRY

There is so much more to floristry than just arranging flowers. It requires artistic flair and creativity, excellent customer service, communication skills and sound business judgement.



LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FLORISTRY

✦ Cannington

This course is ideal for those looking to start a career within the floristry industry as a junior florist. If you enjoy interacting with others, are creative and keen to develop practical and technical floristry skills, then this qualification is for you.

Topics may include:

- Health and safety
- Customer service
- Caring for and maintaining floristry products
- Floristry design principles
- Creating floristry designs
- Work experience (40 hours)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Modules are taught via demonstrations, lectures, tutorials and practical workshops. During the course you will compile a portfolio of your work and be assessed through coursework, practical assessments and an examination.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Further study opportunities include the Level 3 Diploma in Floristry. Alternatively you may wish to move into employment within the floristry industry.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FLORISTRY

✦ Cannington

This course is aimed at those wishing to run their own floristry business or work in a supervisory role. It covers a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge and explores European influences, techniques and new trends within the industry. This qualification could also be used for progression into teaching.

Topics may include:

- Health and safety
- Principles of creative design
- Plant and flower care
- Business management and marketing in floristry
- Event floristry
- Work experience (80 hours)
- Create a diverse range of floristry designs

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in floristry (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Modules are taught via demonstrations, lectures, tutorials and practical workshops. During the course you will compile a portfolio of your work and will be assessed through coursework, practical assessments and an examination.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you may wish to progress to the Level 4 Higher Diploma and Level 5 in Professional Floristry. Alternatively you could move into employment as a Florist, Demonstrator, Judge, Specialist Floral Designer or Teacher.



HARRIET GILL
Level 2 Diploma in Floristry
The Castle School



I've worked as a florist for almost two years and take part in floral art competitions. I'm a member of Young Farmers and have qualified three times for the National Young Farmers Floral Arts competition. I enjoy studying at the Cannington campus and have made some great friends who I know I'll stay in contact with. My tutors are all really supportive and I've learnt so much.

I live away from home while at College which I haven't done before. It was a big step but one of the best things I've done. It's benefited me in many ways, but especially by building my confidence. I've gained so much knowledge of floristry and I feel my practical designs have really improved. This has helped me at work and given me more confidence in my designs.

I'd like to carry on working and progress to the Level 3 qualification and aspire to become an independent florist. If you love floristry and want to work in the industry, this course is definitely something I'd recommend. It's given me confidence, industry contacts and a qualification that backs up my knowledge.



FOOD INDUSTRIES

By working in this exciting industry you could influence the future of food manufacturing, develop new recipes or modify foods to create new products.



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT

Cannington

Our strong links with the local food industry provide a mix of academic study and practical work. Work experience is an integral part of the course, providing you with the opportunity to gain experience and use the skills gained at College.

Previous students have also taken part in study tours to utilise modern training facilities at Saint Lô Thère Food Technology College in Normandy, France. Industry recognised certificates in food safety and HACCP are incorporated into the course, complementing further studies in food science and manufacture, engineering, business or management.

Components of the course include:

- Dairy, bakery and confectionery processing
- New product development
- Quality assurance
- Laboratory analysis
- Food chemistry
- Business management and marketing
- Product development
- Packaging design
- Legal aspects
- Nutrition
- Food microbiology
- Food processing
- Work placement

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including Double Science, English and Maths. Course entry is subject to a successful interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Teaching is enriched by industry visits and guest speakers, while assessment is through written assignments, projects, performance observations of practical work, presentations and workplace assessments. You will also complete exams to gain the qualifications in food safety and HACCP.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to Higher Education or find employment in the food industry.

FOOD AND DRINK IS THE UK'S LARGEST MANUFACTURING SECTOR
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FOOD TECHNOLOGY IS THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE TO THE SELECTION, PRESERVATION, PROCESSING, PACKAGING, DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF SAFE FOOD



ALICE BOURREAU

Level 3 Diploma in Food Technology & Management

St Lô Thère, Normandy

Bridgwater & Taunton College is partnered with my high school in France, so we have the opportunity to study here for a year. It's great for my education and an excellent way to improve my English. The College offers courses that are not available in France and it's a great place to study - everyone is very friendly and helpful.

I am really enjoying my course, I have recently completed a project where I got to make my own ice-cream, I developed a new flavour, lemon, honeycomb and goat's milk and then designed the labelling including details of the ingredients. I have also enjoyed the unit on Microbiology.

I am going to be doing a work experience placement in Ireland for 11 weeks soon, I will be working with a manufacturer of Goat's Cheese which will give me a lot of industry experience.

After my course, I'd like to complete the Brevet de Technicien Supérieur technician certificate, then start working on a farm to raise enough money to create my own school farm. Even though we're studying food technology, we have access to Rodway Farm at the Cannington campus, which means there are lots of activities to get involved in, I helped with lambing which was an amazing experience.



Food Industries Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION WHILE WORKING

The food and drink industry is estimated to be worth £96 billion per year to the UK economy, and will support 109,000 new jobs between now and 2022. That makes it a great sector to work in, and our apprenticeship programmes provide the perfect preparation.

With an average salary of £24,990, the rewards of working in food and drink are obvious. And with the opportunity to work in a dynamic, fast-paced sector that is key to the economic success of the South West, there's every reason to sign up to our apprenticeships.

You'll learn about the standards and methods employed in the food and drink industry, with an opportunity to specialise in areas such as butchery, drink processing, and food technology.

Our programmes blend College-based learning for one day a week with hands-on experience in the workplace, ensuring you develop practical skills that augment your growing technical knowledge and make you an asset to future employers.

CALL 01278 441234 TO FIND OUT MORE



SOME OF THE BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH...

- Anglo Beef Processors UK
- Brothers Drinks Ltd
- Perridge Farm Partners
- Refresco Beverages UK Limited
- Shapland & Searle Butchers
- Yeo Valley Farms (Production) Ltd



1 IN 10 PEOPLE FALL ILL EVERY YEAR FROM EATING CONTAMINATED FOOD
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FOOD SCIENTIST SALARY £20,000 - £45,000
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FOUNDATION STUDIES

These programmes have been designed to help you adapt to college life and get you ready for the future, whether it's working, studying or living more independently.

CHOICE FOR INDEPENDENCE

Taunton

This programme is aimed at meeting the needs of individuals with severe learning difficulties and Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities. The main aim of the programme is to support the transition from school, through college, to future life. You will have the opportunity to develop your communication and life skills. This is achieved by offering a differentiated curriculum designed to meet your individual needs. You will have the opportunity to make choices in both class-based and realistic settings such as the College Restaurant, Learning Resource Centre and out in the community.

Your tutor and the learning support team will work with you to create an individualised programme to help you to build on transferable skills that will enable you to become confident in the wider community. We offer intensive interaction sessions and we use Somerset Total Communication and Symwriter to enable you to develop in a way that suits you.

A multi-sensory approach is used in learning situations which can include:

- Baking
- Life skills
- Horticulture
- Sessions in the sensory room

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

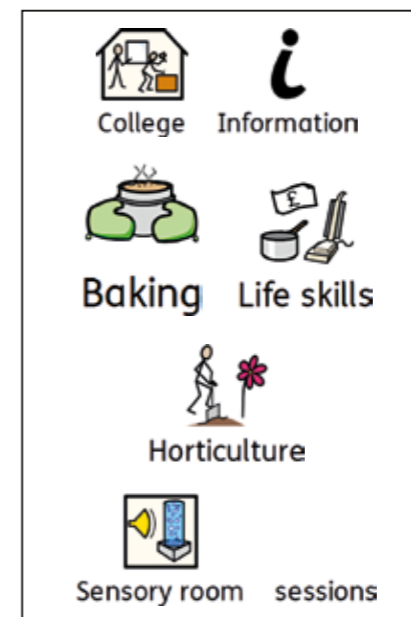
You need the ability to engage in learning in an inclusive and purpose built learning environment and the capacity to tolerate a differentiated learning environment, with support.

ASSESSMENT

You will take part in an initial assessment to establish your starting point and agree your individual learning aims. You will be assessed through continuous one-to-one observation and by building a portfolio of evidence using photographs, tapes and video. Your progress will be monitored using RARPA (Recognising & Recording Progress & Achievement).

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

You may have the opportunity to progress further within the Choices for Independence programme and, if appropriate, go on to the Progression for Life course. On completion you will be better able to communicate your needs.



LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN CULINARY SKILLS

Bridgwater

This course is for those thinking of entering the catering profession who want to gain a national qualification. You will have the opportunity to gain a Certificate in Culinary Skills at Level 1 and qualifications in Functional Skills up to Level 1 or GCSE in Maths and English.

You will learn the foundation skills needed to be employed in the catering and hospitality industry and have the chance to prepare food and meals for College staff.

During your studies you will work towards your Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate and undertake work experience one day per week. There will also be opportunities to take part in a study tour.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range or equivalent, enthusiasm, a positive attitude and commitment to learning about catering. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and completion of an initial assessment.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will study and work in our training kitchen and other parts of the College. Following an initial assessment to establish your starting point, you will be given an assessment plan for all units at the beginning of the course and be assessed throughout. There will be plenty of opportunity for practice before your assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the Level 1, you could seek employment or start an Apprenticeship in the catering industry. Alternatively, you could further your learning by applying for a professional cookery course at the College.



"I left school lacking confidence and finding social situations difficult. Coming to College has been great! I find it much easier to learn here as it's more relaxed and I have the support I need."

CALLUM BUTT
Learning for Life & Work
King Alfred School

MULTI TRADE

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Cannington ✦ Taunton

This course is for 16 to 19 year olds who are undecided about their future and have found it difficult to engage in education in the past. It aims to support your social, emotional mental health and behavioural support needs as well as academic attainment, whilst giving you the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of vocational areas.

After initial assessment, you will be guided through a range of subjects where independent learning and creativity are encouraged. These will be relevant to your future needs and could range from work skills and managing money, to health and safety in the workplace. Up to half of your time at College will be spent in a vocational area engaging in practical activities to help you decide and prepare for what you want to do next.

Subjects could include:

- Motor vehicle
- Construction
- Sport
- Hairdressing
- Media
- Health and social care
- Farming
- Land environmental management
- Grounds maintenance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be working to at least Entry Level 2 and have a positive attitude to learning. You also need the ability to work within a group of eight to ten students and entry is subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

Staff will observe your work and provide regular feedback. You will build a coursework folder of written and pictorial evidence of your learning and be able to work towards the next level in Maths and English. You will work towards a nationally recognised City & Guilds qualification in employability as well as setting and monitoring your own targets.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could enrol on another Entry Level programme or progress to a Level 1 or 2 qualification. Alternatively you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship.

LEARNING FOR LIFE & WORK

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is for 16 to 18 year olds from both special and mainstream schools who have a range of abilities but need help making independent choices and developing independent living skills.

This course offers up to three one-year programmes. Each programme offers a wide range of subjects and exciting, practical units with an emphasis on creative, sporting and employability skills. During your studies you will also continue to work to improve your Maths and English skills.

Subjects include:

- Functional Skills
- Sports/fitness
- Community use
- Transport and independent travel
- Practical life skills
- Independent living skills
- Personal and social development
- Working towards AIM's qualification in employment skills
- Volunteering projects and work experience
- Personal presentation skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be able to work within a small group, supported by your tutor and Learning Support Assistant. You should also be able to tolerate demands made by others, be enthusiastic and want to learn. Potential to progress and stamina to attend for nominated periods throughout the programme are necessary, together with the ability to communicate intentionally with staff and your peers.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will have a named tutor and key worker who will see you each day and help with your learning. An initial assessment will establish your starting point and you will be assessed through a portfolio of photographs, worksheets and practical assignments.

PROGRESSION & CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you may be able to apply for an Entry Level 3 or Level 1 course in a related subject area, find employment or apply for sheltered or supported work.

**JORDAINE DURBAN**

Multi Trade
Chilton Trinity School



It's a pleasure and honour to study at this college. My tutors and the Learning Support Assistants provide all the support I need and are always there for me. They make it clear they're working with me rather than taking a leading role.

The course allows you to study a variety of trades such as bricklaying, carpentry and automotive by joining lessons for other qualifications. I have social anxiety, so this aspect of the course has been challenging, but with the staff's help I've become more social and have the confidence to interact with others.

I intend on studying the Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying then work for a firm on a building site. This course has made me believe that no matter what your background, personality or appearance, if you have faith in yourself you can succeed.

**ENTRY TO LAND-BASED STUDIES**

✦ Cannington

This course is for 16 to 19 year olds who are committed to learning in both a practical and classroom environment. It is designed to support you in the development of the skills and knowledge required in the land-based industry.

This programme aims to support the social, emotional and behavioural needs of learners as well as academic attainment. Each programme offers a set of practical units, including functional, independent and social skills to support your transition through College.

Subjects include:

- Horticulture
- Conservation and landscaping
- Small animal care
- Construction/workshop skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is necessary to have a particular interest in land-based activities and demonstrate the motivation and commitment to undertake a full-time course. You need to have the ability to learn as part of a group of eight to ten and work at Entry Level 1 or above.

ASSESSMENT

You will take part in initial assessment to establish your starting point and agree your individual learning targets.

Assessment is through a portfolio of evidence including photographs, practical and written assessments. Staff also observe you in lessons and on work experience (where appropriate) and you will have the opportunity to gain nationally recognised City & Guilds qualifications.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you will be able to apply for a further education programme such as a Level 1 course in a related subject area or an Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could find employment in a paid, voluntary or supported capacity. Previous students have studied animal care, horticulture and agriculture.

PROGRESSION FOR LIFE

✦ Taunton

Progression for Life is a programme for young people leaving a specialist residential, special school or mainstream school environment. It is aimed at meeting the needs of individuals who have a range of learning abilities and to support the transition from school, through college to future life. This is achieved by offering the opportunity for individualised learning within a group setting. Opportunities will be available to complete activities in both a class-based and real-life setting.

A set of one-year programmes have been designed to assess your suitability to progress within a college environment. During the year, you will take part in a wide range of learning experiences throughout the curriculum including linking in with other programmes to prepare you to move on. You will work with skilled members of staff to help you focus on building your communication and transferable life skills with Somerset Total Communication embedded in all sessions. During your studies you will also continue to work to improve your Maths and English skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be able to work within a small group and tolerate demands made by others. You must be enthusiastic and want to learn, and have the potential to progress. You also need to show an intention to communicate with staff and your peers.

ASSESSMENT

You will take part in an initial assessment to establish your starting point and agree your individual learning targets. You will then be assessed through observation and by building a portfolio of evidence such as photographs and video. Your progress will be monitored through weekly tutor feedback, two-way reviews, subject reports, termly student/parent reviews, transition reviews and annual end of year reports.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to another Foundation Entry Level course, sheltered employment or social services provision.

STEPS TO EMPLOYMENT & FURTHER EDUCATION

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is ideal if you are undecided about your future and want to explore your options before moving on to vocational training or applying for work. The programme aims to support and develop your social, emotional and behavioural needs as well as academic attainment.

After initial assessment, you will be guided through the process of building portfolios in a range of subjects that are relevant to your future needs. Subjects encourage independent learning and creativity, and range from work skills and managing money, to creative media, sport, art and design, volunteering and life skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be working to at least Entry Level 2 and have a positive attitude to learning. You must have the ability to work within a group of eight to ten students, and entry is subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

Staff will observe your work and give you regular feedback. You will build a coursework folder of written and pictorial evidence of your learning, and be able to work towards the next level in Maths and English. You will be able to work towards a nationally recognised City & Guilds qualification in employability as well as setting and monitoring your own individual targets.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could study a further Entry Level programme or progress to a Level 1 or 2 vocational programme. Alternatively you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship if you secure an employer.

ASC TRANSITION GROUP

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is for 16 to 19 year olds from both special and mainstream schools, and aims to help them adjust to a college environment, adulthood, independence and employment.

The programme offers a wide range of individually tailored opportunities to gain social and independence skills and increase confidence to engage in a variety of new settings.

These may include:

- Community use
- Transport and travel
- Meal preparation and planning
- Independent living skills
- Personal and social development
- Volunteering projects
- Personal presentation skills
- Work experience

You will have a named tutor and key worker who you see each day to help you with your learning. During your studies, you will also continue to study Maths and English working towards a grade 4 at GCSE level.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the programme, you may be able to apply for an Entry Level 3 Programme in Foundation Studies, a Level 1, 2 or 3 course in another area, apply for work or apply for Project Search or a Supported Internship.



PROJECT SEARCH

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This programme is an excellent way to prepare you for the world of work and centres on you being part of a busy hospital five days a week from 8.30am to 5pm. Working from a base classroom at the hospital, you study employability skills, how to identify your strengths and areas to develop, and prepare for three work rotations based in different departments within the hospital.

Students undertake the hospital induction training and complete the Care Certificate. You require an enhanced DBS which you are supported to complete prior to starting the course. During your studies you will also continue to work to improve your Maths and English skills.

Employability skills could include:

- Searching for a job
- Applying for a job
- Preparing for interview
- Communication
- Independent living skills
- Personal and social development
- Personal presentation skills
- Work experience

You will have a named tutor and Job Coach who has regular contact with parents or carers, and you will continue to study Maths and English at the next level.

INTRODUCTION TO FURTHER EDUCATION

✦ Taunton ✦ Cannington

This programme is specifically designed for 16 to 19 year olds who require a safe and supportive environment to be able to develop their confidence and self-esteem before moving on to employment or Further Education. The programme aims to support your social, emotional and mental health needs as well as academic attainment.

After initial assessment you will be supported through the process of building portfolios in a range of subjects that are relevant to your future needs.

Subjects could include:

- Employability and life skills
- Equality and diversity
- Art and design
- Citizenship
- Relaxation techniques
- English and Maths
- Nationally recognised qualification

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be working at Entry Level 2 and above, have a desire to learn and the skills to work within a group of nine students with support. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

ASSESSMENT

Staff will observe your work and give you regular feedback. You will build a portfolio of written and pictorial evidence of your learning, and take written examinations in English and Maths. You will also be able to work towards a nationally recognised City & Guilds qualification in employability.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the course you could study a Level 1 or 2 course depending on your level, find employment, volunteer or start an Apprenticeship if you are able to secure an employer.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This is an employment programme for young people with an Education and Health Care Plan who may need support to transition into employment. The programme aims to provide you with support in the transition to employment, adulthood and independence.

The programme centres on a work placement which can be from one to four days a week. Our dedicated Work Placement Co-ordinator works with your tutors to identify when you are ready for a work placement, and supports you throughout the process to ensure you have the best chance to succeed. During your studies you will also continue to work to improve your Maths and English skills, and have a named tutor and Job Coach who have regular contact with your parents or carers.

Employability skills could include:

- Searching for a job
- Applying for a job
- Preparing for interview
- Communication
- Independent living skills
- Personal and social development
- Personal presentation skills
- Work experience



PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME

✦ Bridgwater

This 12 week programme is a personal development course to help young people between the ages of 16 to 25 think about their futures. It aims to uncover your talents and develop your skills, confidence and motivation in order to increase your chances of finding employment. The programme brings together young unemployed people as well as one or two who are sponsored by their employers.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

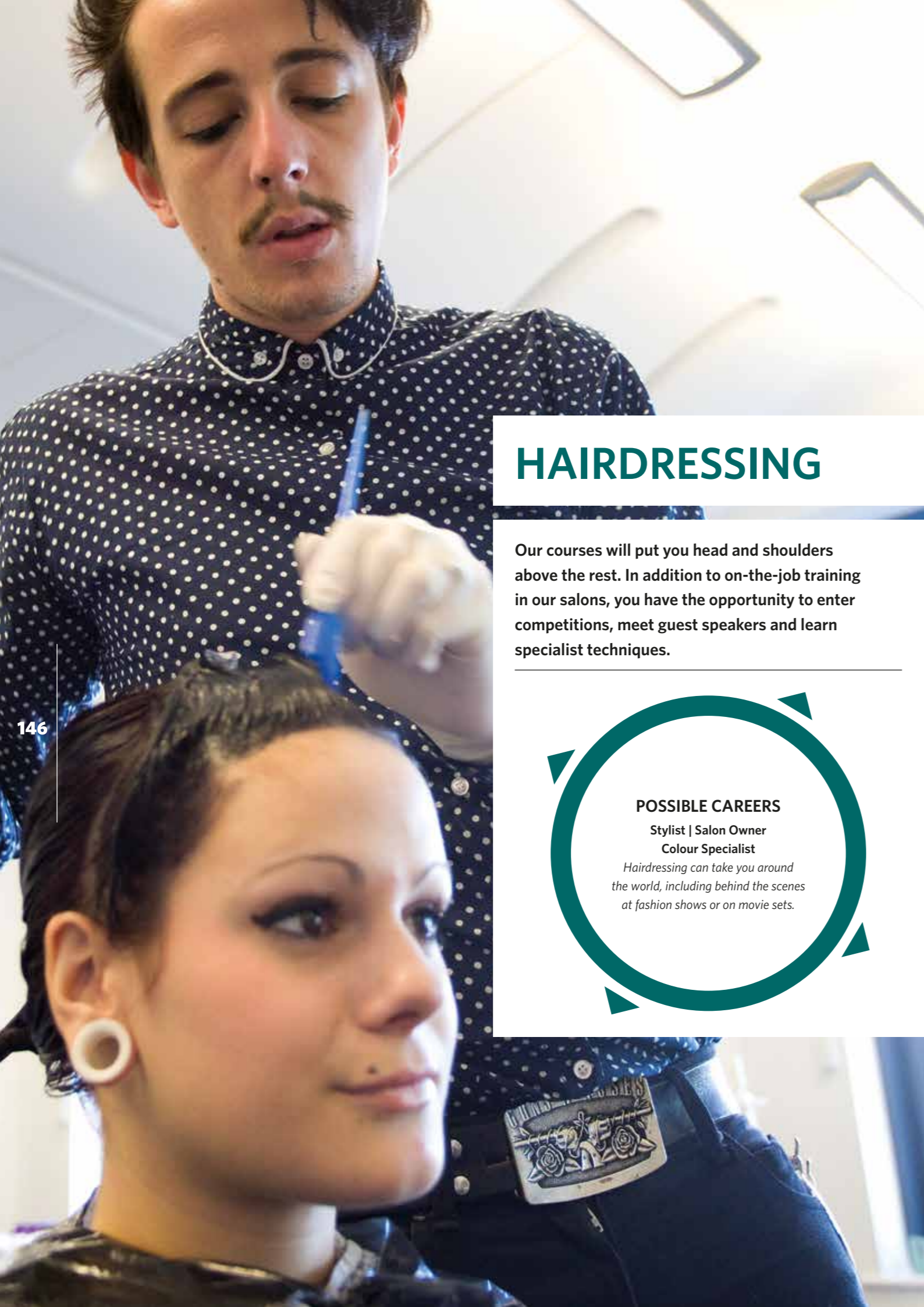
70% of unemployed students go on to a job, education or training within three months of completing the programme.



"It's my pleasure and honour to study at this college. This course has made me believe that you can succeed"

JORDAINE DURBAN
Multi Trade
Chilton Trinity School

Students who have an Education & Health Care Plan indicating educational outcomes may be eligible to continue in fully funded education up to the year in which they are 24, subject to an agreement with the College and local authority.



HAIRDRESSING

Our courses will put you head and shoulders above the rest. In addition to on-the-job training in our salons, you have the opportunity to enter competitions, meet guest speakers and learn specialist techniques.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

**Stylist | Salon Owner
Colour Specialist**

Hairdressing can take you around the world, including behind the scenes at fashion shows or on movie sets.

LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

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

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

Units may include:

- Shampoo and condition hair
- Skin care
- Basic make-up application
- Nail art
- Wellbeing
- Basic media make-up

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Some of your units will be assessed through practical observation and other elements of the course will be assessed by written assignments. You will also gain experience working in our commercial salons and clinics in an assisting role or through friends and family sessions.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you may progress on to a Level 2 course in hairdressing, beauty therapy, barbering or media make-up. This will depend on the progress that you make during the course.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN CUTTING & STYLING SERVICES

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is designed to provide a good knowledge of basic hairdressing. It is for those who have a genuine interest in the subject and the ambition to succeed in this exciting industry. You will gain experience working in a realistic environment created within the College salon and provide services to members of the public and other paying clients.

Units may include:

- Health and safety within the salon
- Shampoo and condition hair
- Cut women's hair
- Style, set and dress hair
- Plait and twist hair

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English, Maths and Science, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, and a keen interest in the subject of hairdressing. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, tests and a final written and practical exam.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to a Level 2 Certificate in Barbering or Hair & Media Make-up at the College. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.



THE HAIR AND BEAUTY INDUSTRY HAS AN ANNUAL TURNOVER OF £6.2 BILLION

ONLY 2% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS NATURALLY BLONDE, 1 IN 3 WHITE FEMALES DYE THEIR HAIR THIS COLOUR



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN WOMEN'S HAIRDRESSING

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is designed to advance existing hairdressing skills and knowledge, and offers a natural progression route from a Level 2 qualification.

Units may include:

- Develop advanced cutting and colouring techniques
- Client consultation
- Develop and enhance creative hairdressing skills
- Style and dress long hair
- Creative perming

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification, and a good reference. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, online tests, written assignments and a final exam.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion, you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Hair & Barbering or Media Make-up at the College. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN HAIR & MEDIA MAKE-UP

✦ Bridgwater

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

Units may include:

- Photographic make-up and art of applying make-up
- Provide eyelash and brow treatments
- Body art design
- Apply skin tanning techniques
- The art of dressing hair and making a postiche
- Colouring hair

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English, Maths and Science, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. All applicants require a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

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

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course learners can progress on to a Level 3 media make-up qualification at the College, or move into employment as a Trainee Make-up Artist or Stylist.

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

✦ Bridgwater

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

Subjects may include:

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

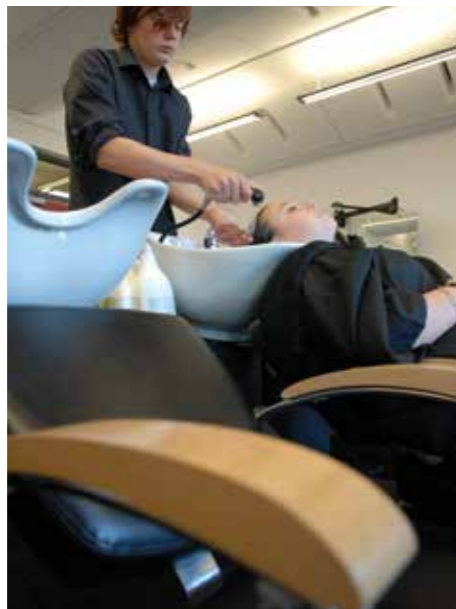
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualifications, and good reference. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through written coursework, practical assessments and your portfolio of work including a final exam.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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



HUMANS ARE BORN WITH ALL THEIR HAIR FOLLICLES, THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER YOU HAVE

SALON MANAGER
£18,000 - £30,000

LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE & EARLY YEARS

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

If you are looking for a career in health, social care or childcare this is the course for you. It is suitable for those who have a positive attitude but lack formal qualifications. This course provides a foundation entry on to Level 2 courses throughout the College and enables you to develop skills in caring for others within health and early years settings.

Units may include:

- Communicating with others
- Practical health and safety
- Craft activities for young children or older adults
- Growth and development
- Self-development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range including English and Maths, or other equivalent qualifications. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and induction.

TEACHING

Modules are taught through a mixture of class-based activities, practical sessions and during work experience.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you could progress to Level 2 courses at the College or find employment. Some students are successful in securing apprenticeships from their work placements.

LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course offers an interesting opportunity for anyone who would like to work in the care sector or wishes to progress to a Level 3 qualification. You will be looking at the skills needed to look after adults within care in a variety of settings.

You will cover all aspects of care including:

- Human lifespan development
- Health and social care values
- Healthy living
- Human body systems and care of disorders
- Creative and therapeutic activities in health and social care

The course also offers you the opportunity to gain experience of different client groups through placements during the course. You will visit care homes and develop activities to engage residents. Students develop team building skills through practical workshops both in College and on exciting trips which help focus on individual aspects of their course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English and Maths. It is important that you have a good level of spoken and written English. You will be required to attend an interview and provide references. A DBS certificate is essential before placement.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This course is mainly classroom-based, with exciting opportunities to experience a range of care settings to prepare you for working in the sector. Assessment is through examinations, assignments and observations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course at merit level with English and Maths at grade 4 or 5, you could choose to progress to the Level 3 Health & Social Care qualification at the College. Alternatively you could progress into the workplace as a Care Assistant, Support Worker or Healthcare Assistant, or on to an Apprenticeship.



EMILY HENDRIE
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care
Haygrove School

I heard good things about the College before joining, and my siblings and other family members enjoyed studying here. I also really like it and have made many good friends. My tutors have been very helpful with my assignments and in lessons, and all the sessions are fun but still remain focused on learning. I think it's important to study a course you want to take further because it means you're serious about what you're doing and will enjoy it more. That's why I like coming to College, because I'm learning about things that interest me.

My tutors have helped me think about my future and whether I want to progress to the Level 3 qualification or start an Apprenticeship at Musgrove Park Hospital. Either option leads me to university and becoming a fully qualified paediatric nurse. My advice to anyone thinking about college is take the course seriously from the beginning to end, stay on top of your assignments and focus in lessons.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Whether you specialise in nursing, caring for the elderly, the young or those with learning difficulties, you need to be trained for one of society's most demanding jobs.



SOCIAL SERVICES
MANAGER
£35,000 - £75,000
NATIONAL CAREERS SERVICE

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course will appeal to you if you have a keen interest in health and care, a lively and enquiring mind, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate ideas effectively. You may be considering a career in the health care sector, teaching, the Police, youth work, nursing or social work. The course offers valuable work experience opportunities in a range of placements with local health and care providers, including early years, care of the elderly and specialist health care placements such as hospitals.

The course will help you develop key skills that are highly valued by employers and universities, and gain confidence by developing independent learning skills.

Units may include:

- Working in health and social care
- Human lifespan development
- Current research in health and social care
- Microbiology and health sciences
- Anatomy and physiology

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way, both in the classroom and on work placements. You will be assessed through a programme of assignments including individual research, group work, project work, presentations, timed exams and written assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English, Maths and ideally Science, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with Merit profile. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview and suitable DBS certification.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you have access to a wide range of career and higher education opportunities in areas including nursing, mental health nursing, criminology, midwifery, social work and occupational therapy. You learn and use a variety of transferable skills that are in great demand and recognised by employers, universities and colleges as being of great value.



THE NHS IS THE **WORLD'S 5TH LARGEST EMPLOYER** BUT IS STILL HUGELY UNDERSTAFFED

26% OF THE NHS WORKFORCE IS MADE UP OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES

Health & Social Care Apprenticeships

If you're inspired by the thought of providing physical, emotional and social support to people who are at their most vulnerable, then a Health & Social Care Apprenticeship may be just the right fit.

You'll work in the real world to develop your experience, either in a new role or in your existing role. Alongside this professional commitment, you'll study in College on a regular basis, enhancing your technical and theoretical know-how.

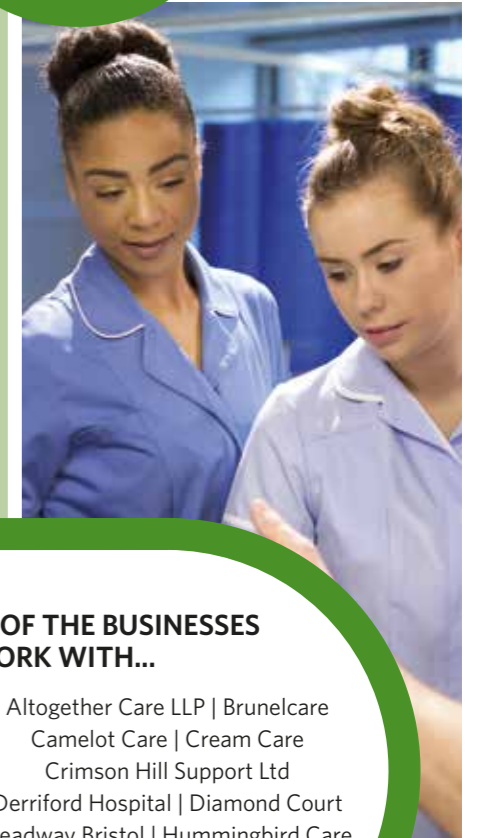
Delivered by experienced health and social care professionals, our programmes equip you with the skills to thrive in the care sector, working for either a private operator or the NHS. They offer opportunities for research and self-supported study, as well as industry skills training and tailored pathways that are designed in consultation with your Assessor and employer.

We offer Intermediate Level 2 Apprenticeships that are equivalent to five GCSEs and Advanced Level 3 Apprenticeships equivalent to two A Levels. We work with a range of NHS trusts and providers, and provide pathways in acute and community nursing, integrated social care, autism and learning disabilities, and mental health.

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ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION WHILE WORKING



SOME OF THE BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH...

- Altogether Care LLP | Brunelcare
- Camelot Care | Cream Care
- Crimson Hill Support Ltd
- Derriford Hospital | Diamond Court
- Headway Bristol | Hummingbird Care

1.7 MILLION PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY THE NHS

MUSGROVE SAW OVER **56,000 PATIENTS** IN ITS A&E ALONE LAST YEAR





HORTICULTURE, SPORTS TURF & GREENKEEPING

Modern horticulture is not just about flowerbeds and borders. A career in horticulture could mean anything from a hands-on gardener or greenkeeper, to a research scientist.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Botanist | Horticultural Journalist
Soil Scientist | Greenkeeper | Garden Designer
Horticulture Chemist
Plant Breeder/Geneticist
Landscape Gardener | Grower
Nursery Manager | Pest Control Advisor

LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN LAND-BASED STUDIES (LAND & ENVIRONMENT)

✦ Cannington

This course is ideal for anyone who has an interest in gaining practical skills and developing knowledge in horticulture, arboriculture, land & wildlife and fisheries.

Topics could include:

- Working safely and working in a team
- Maintaining equipment
- Lawn care
- Planting and establishing plants
- Tree planting and aftercare
- Fish and the aquatic environment
- Tractor preparation and driving

These units will provide a framework within which you will develop an excellent range of practical skills across the subject areas.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualification. A genuine interest in the land and environment, and a willingness to learn are vital. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

If you do not meet these entry requirements please see our Foundation Studies programmes.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This course involves classroom-based and practical work with 'hands on' experience in a variety of land-based industries. You will complete a number of different units which cover the range of practical skills and knowledge required to work in the land and environment industries.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to move into employment, or progress to the Level 2 Technical Certificate or a Level 2 Apprenticeship. This would be subject to an interview.

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE

✦ Cannington

This is an ideal qualification if you wish to gain an understanding of the basic principles and practices of horticulture, landscaping and gardening with a view to gaining employment in the industry. This course offers an exciting opportunity to develop core practical skills.

The course is divided into a number of units of study, which may include:

- Care, maintenance and use of tools, equipment and machinery
- Preparation, planting and maintenance of plants
- Plant naming, identification, selection and science
- Horticulture business practices
- Production techniques in horticulture

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

This course is delivered through classroom-based lessons, practical sessions and tutorials. You will be assessed through multiple choice exams, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you may wish to further your learning at the College by studying a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture or undertake an Apprenticeship in Horticulture. Alternatively, you could seek employment within the horticulture industry in a variety of settings including parks and green spaces, private gardens, plant nurseries or commercial growers.



INDIA MOULE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture
Bridgwater College Academy



I enjoy studying here as it's such a lovely campus and easy to get around. The Tutors are great and always there when you need help. I've made lots of friends which makes the course very enjoyable.

There is so much to learn and I'm always adding to my knowledge. So far we've studied lots of different plants, I've grow my own vegetables and we have our own plot to maintain. Being in control of my own garden has given me the confidence to put what I've learned into practice. I also volunteer at Hestercombe Gardens where I've learnt so much, made great friends and possibly secured a job in the future.

The teaching here is excellent, and my tutors make every lesson enjoyable and fun. They support everyone that struggles and give praise when we do well. They're always helpful and care about us.

Once I complete my course, my dream is to work for The National Trust or travel and find employment in gardens abroad. The course has helped me see all the opportunities available to me, so I feel confident my future looks bright.



HORTICULTURAL MANAGER SALARY
£18,000 - £40,000



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE

Cannington

The horticulture industry is traditionally divided into three sectors: production horticulture, amenity horticulture and landscaping & design. Production horticulture offers employment within food production, ornamental crops and hardy nursery stock production. On the other hand, amenity horticulture offers opportunities within gardening and grounds maintenance. Finally, landscaping covers both hard and soft landscaping, so from turf-laying and planting to paving and fencing.

This course offers an exciting opportunity to develop comprehensive skills and knowledge across the horticulture industry in preparation for employment or higher level study.

Topics could include:

- Plant identification, selection and planting
- Maintain turf in parks and gardens
- Land-based machinery operations
- Plant and soil science
- Garden design
- Crop production
- Business management

You will also undertake a specialist project which allows you to investigate an area of horticulture that interests you such as hydroponics, aquaponics or growing trials.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

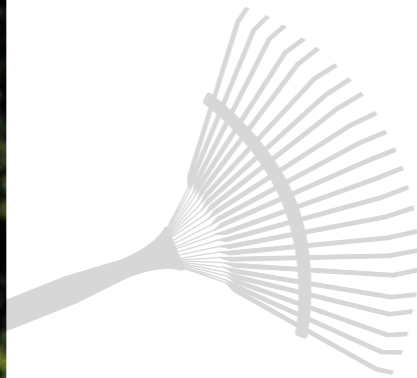
You will be taught and assessed through practical sessions, written exams, assignments, presentations and projects.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in horticulture (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and Maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you could progress on to a Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship or a degree at the College. There are many career opportunities in the Horticulture industry in a range of settings including private and commercial landscaping, local authority parks, private gardens, plant nurseries and commercial growers.



£10.4 BILLION IS SPENT IN THE UK ON GARDEN PRODUCTS, TOURISM AND SERVICES

Horticulture, Sports Turf & Greenkeeping Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE A QUALIFICATION WHILE WORKING

If you love being outdoors, whatever the weather, these land-based apprenticeships are the perfect option. They equip you with the skills and experience for a rewarding career working in the fresh air, perhaps as a horticulturalist or landscape operative in a public park or garden, historic garden or private estate or nursery.

Your choice of employer will shape your route through the programme, which could cover grounds maintenance, hard or soft landscaping, and plant care. In every instance, you'll be encouraged to blend on-the-job learning with attendance at a number of optional workshops delivered at our beautiful and well-resourced Cannington campus.

If you choose to pursue the Sports Turf or Greenkeeping Apprenticeships, you'll learn the skills required for managing playing surfaces in sports such as football, cricket, hockey, horse racing, rugby, tennis, croquet, and golf.

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SOME OF THE BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH...

- Bovey Castle Property Limited
- Exmoor National Park Authority
- Glendale Grounds Management Ltd
- Green Elephant Gardens Ltd
- Landscape Services South West Ltd
- Willoway Landscaping Services Ltd

300,000 ARE EMPLOYED IN THE HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPING INDUSTRY

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UK PLANT AND FLOWER PRODUCTION IS VALUED AT £2 BILLION



HOSPITALITY & CATERING

If you aspire to be the next Raymond Blanc and delight members of the public in professional restaurants, we have a course for you.



LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE IN CULINARY SKILLS

✦ Bridgwater

This course is for those thinking of entering the catering profession who want to gain a national qualification. You will have the opportunity to gain a Certificate in Culinary Skills at Level 1 and qualifications in Functional Skills up to Level 1 or GCSE in Maths and English.

You will learn the foundation skills needed to be employed in the catering and hospitality industry and have the chance to prepare food and meals for College staff.

During your studies you will work towards your Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate and undertake work experience one day per week. There will also be opportunities to take part in a study tour.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range or equivalent, enthusiasm, a positive attitude and commitment to learning about catering. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and completion of an initial assessment.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will study and work in our training kitchen and other parts of the College. Following an initial assessment to establish your starting point, you will be given an assessment plan for all units at the beginning of the course and be assessed throughout. There will be plenty of opportunities for practice before your assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of the Level 1, you could seek employment or start an Apprenticeship in the catering industry. Alternatively, you could further your learning by applying for a professional cookery course at the College.

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY & CERTIFICATE IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

✦ Taunton

This is an exciting opportunity for you to enter into the ever changing world of hospitality. You will learn how to become a professional member of a team within our brand new state-of-the-art facilities, The Quantock Restaurant.

The course has been developed for you to gain professional qualifications with the workplace skills needed to be part of a vibrant industry. You will learn about the diverse opportunities whilst working alongside professionals at the Taunton campus as well as completing a two week work placement in the local area. Our excellent relationship with employers ensures you gain relevant and valuable experience within the sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need three GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a relevant foundation level catering qualification.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Your week will contain a combination of classroom and workshop lessons as well as sessions in our commercial operation where your practical skills will be assessed. You will complete written and practical exams as well as coursework.

You will have the opportunity to work with professionals on our guest chef nights as well as experience a variety of visits to expand your knowledge of the industry. Our links with high profile prestigious employers such as The Ritz, Michel Roux at Parliament Square and The Coach House by Michael Caines restaurant, amongst others, will raise your aspirations.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you will be able to apply for the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery. Alternatively you could start an Apprenticeship.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY & CERTIFICATE IN FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

✦ Taunton

This course is designed for anyone who wishes to become a member of a professional team in a leading establishment. You will have the opportunity to learn about the planning and organisation of a commercial business as well as hone your skills within your chosen area.

You will be working as part of a team within a busy kitchen and restaurant with the opportunity to explore work experience with the prestigious employers we have built successful relationships with. These include Michel Roux at Parliament Square, The Fat Duck Group, The Ritz and Browns Mayfair.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need a Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service qualification. You also need to show a real passion for the industry.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

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PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You may be able to progress to the full-time Level 3 Diploma in Professional Cookery after successful completion of the course and an in-depth interview process. Alternatively, you could study for the Apprenticeship in Professional Cookery or Hospitality Supervision at Bridgwater & Taunton College. There are also many employment opportunities for qualified candidates within the catering and hospitality industry.



LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Taunton

This course is aimed at applicants who are determined and motivated to develop their skills to become a professional chef and have an interest in managing their own kitchen or restaurant.

This qualification is recognised by the 'Craft Guild of Chefs' and 'Royal Academy of Culinary Arts', and allows you to gain membership to these organisations. On completion, you will also be able to claim the additional recognised certificate from the 'World Association of Chefs' at commis chef level.

You will develop your skills in several areas, including:

- Event planning
- Supervisory skills
- Costing and menu planning
- Gastronomy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service, and English and Maths in the 9 to 4 range. Course entry is subject to a successful interview and references.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Your week will consist of theory and workshop lessons as well as research study time. You need exposure to a job with a professional hospitality environment and will attend College alongside.

You will complete assignment and project work during the year as well as exams. You will also have exposure to our realistic working environment.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Once you have successfully completed the course, you may progress to a Foundation Degree or Level 4 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Management. Alternatively we can support you into a relevant career.



RUTH NORTHCOTE-BREWER
Level 1 Diploma in Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service



This course has taught me a great deal about the industry and how to progress. This is helped by trips to Galvin Windows and The Dorchester collection in London where we learned about what type of services they provide and their range of guests.

We all work as a team and try to replicate professional restaurants with team briefs at the start and finish of service. These help review what went well and identify what to improve, and any quick updates.

The great teambuilding activities we did at the start of the course means everyone helps each other. We went to Exmouth for a barbecue and team games, and ice skating as a treat after our very busy Christmas service.

We work in the Quantock Restaurant which offers a range of services from breakfast buffets to gourmet evenings. This means we're able to practise our skills in a professional kitchen and front of house environment, and prepare ourselves for the industry. The tutors are very supportive and we can raise any issues. The College has helped me develop and become ready to work in the real world.



DELIVEROO RECORDED THE MOST POPULAR UK TAKEAWAY ORDER IN 2018 TO BE A CHEESEBURGER FROM FIVE GUYS REFINERY29



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GASTRONOMY
IS THE PRACTICE OR ART OF CHOOSING, COOKING AND EATING GOOD FOOD

Oxford English Dictionary

Hospitality & Catering Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE
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WHILE WORKING

The hospitality industry is the fourth biggest employer in the UK, accounting for around 3.2 million jobs through direct employment, and a further 2.8 million indirectly. The industry generates more than £73 billion directly for the UK economy, and a further £87 billion indirectly.

That makes it a great prospect for ambitious people at the start of their career. If that's you, you can expect to work in a variety of contexts such as hotels, pubs, restaurants and tourist attractions, earning an average salary of £28,182.

Our programme is delivered mainly in the workplace, where you develop practical real-world skills. Some programmes require attendance at our Cannington campus for one day a week, during which you develop theoretical knowledge to enhance your work-based practice.

Our Apprenticeships include:

- Level 2 Commis Chef
- Level 3 Chef de Partie
- Level 3 Senior Chef Production Cooking
- Level 2 Hospitality Team Member
- Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor

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Crowcombe Court | The Luttrell Arms

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HEAD CHEF SALARY
£16,000 - £50,000

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MUSIC, DANCE & PERFORMANCE

Careers in the world of culture, music and performing arts are not all about fame, fortune and failure. You could be one of the dedicated professionals who work hard to help us stay entertained, excited and educated.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Actor | Choreographer | Circus Performer
- Classical Musician | Costume Designer | DJ
- Entertainer | Lighting Technician
- Music Teacher | Prop Maker | Set Designer
- Sound Engineer | Stunt Performer
- Dancer | Music Promotions
- Manager | Radio Broadcaster
- Stagehand | Director





TAMSIN TOLLEY
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
Worle Community School



I first came to the College for a Taster Day with my school and I really enjoyed the workshops. The McMillan Theatre helped make Bridgwater & Taunton College my first choice as it's a great place to perform.

My favourite aspect of College has been the residential trips to New York and London. I learnt so much in those few days that I now apply to my everyday life and also my training. I'm in the College Show Choir which has been an opportunity for me to socialise and further develop my singing technique and ability to read sheet music.

I came to College not knowing anyone on my course, but now have such close friends who all support me and I'm sure we'll stay in contact.

My greatest achievement has been gaining a place at my dream drama school, East 15. For me, this opportunity was just a fantasy before I came to College and I never thought it would happen, especially in my first year of auditioning. After this, I would love to study film and TV acting at Master's level, or go into the industry to work on film sets and TV productions.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN COMMERCIAL MUSIC

✦ **Bridgwater**

This course is ideal if you have basic skills in music or music technology and you want to develop your practical and theoretical understanding, work in the music industry and have a passion for music and a strong desire to acquire new skills.

The course provides an introduction to a wide range of music related subjects and is made up of units that develop practical skills and knowledge of the music industry. You will learn how to sequence and produce beats, operate the equipment in a professional recording studio environment, and learn how to write and create your own music. On top of this, you will specialise as a performer or develop your DJ skills. The course concludes with a public performance opportunity where you can showcase your skills development over the year.

Units include:

- Music sequencing and production
- How the music industry works
- DJ skills
- Music performance and rehearsal techniques
- Recording techniques

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range. Entry to this course is subject to a successful interview and you may be asked to perform using your instrument. No prior experience is required for the DJ pathway, but it would be advantageous.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments will involve practical work, group and individual projects as well as written work and research. Every project aims to enhance your skills with an emphasis on development and progression.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the Level 2 Diploma with a Merit average and an interview, you could progress on to a Level 3 course. Alternatively you may seek employment in the performance arts, music and media industries.



ROUGHLY **22%** OF THE POPULATION GO TO SEE A BALLET, DANCE PERFORMANCE OR OPERA ANNUALLY

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS

✦ **Bridgwater**

This practical course will be of interest to those with a keen interest and some experience in the performing arts.

The course gives a fuller introduction to subjects related to performing arts. It is made up of units that develop practical performance skills in acting, dance and singing alongside developing a range of skills in event production including stage design, lighting and stage management. In addition, you learn about the performing arts industry and types of jobs that are available.

Units may include:

- Developing acting skills and techniques
- Jazz dance
- Devising drama
- Solo musical performance
- Working as a musical ensemble
- Design for performance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, or a relevant Level 1 qualification at Merit grade or above. Dance, drama, music or expressive arts and performing arts experience out of school would be an advantage. You will be required to attend an interview and audition.

ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment takes place through a variety of methods including written and practical assignments, performance projects, group and individual project work and research.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to a related Extended Diploma course, subject to a Merit or Distinction profile and interview. Alternatively, you may choose to move into employment at junior level in the entertainment and leisure industries.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN MUSIC TECHNOLOGY & PERFORMANCE

✦ **Bridgwater**

This course is ideal if you want to find employment in the music industry, work as a self-employed musician or practitioner in the creative industries. It will help develop your practical and theoretical understanding of a wider range of music styles and improve your performance, composition and production skills.

The performance pathway allows you to develop your skills through specialist lessons for music composition, instrumental and ensemble performance in a range of contexts. You will learn to use a range of software such as Logic and Sibelius and release your tracks via the student-run Brainworks Music Label.

The technology pathway enables you to develop your production skills in sequencing, sound synthesis and the use of music technology in performance. You also gain a theoretical understanding of acoustics, music fundamentals, the industry and wider music production skills including studio recording, remixing, events management, DJ performance techniques and live sounds. The course also includes training in a range of software including Logic Pro, Ableton Live, Pro Tools and Reason.

Modules may include:

- Music fundamentals
- Computer-based music composition
- Music and sound for moving image
- The music industry
- Music events management
- Studio recording techniques
- Music awareness
- Live sound

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

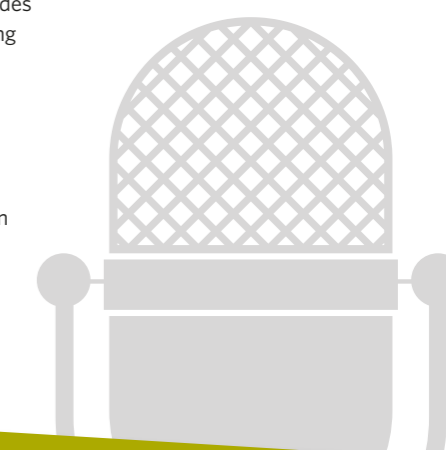
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a relevant Level 2 qualification passed at Merit level. For the performance pathway, you need to demonstrate skills equivalent to approximately Grade 5 standard on your first instrument, usually having played for at least three years. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and audition.

ASSESSMENT

This course is assessed through coursework with practical assignment tasks. These reflect industry practice and develop fundamental skills required for employment in the music industry, including performance projects and coursework assignments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion you could progress to the FdA Music Production qualification at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you could find employment in the entertainment industries at technician or trainee management level.



PERFORMING ARTS CONTRIBUTES **£5.4 BILLION** TO UK ECONOMY
The Stage

101,680 IN FULL TIME MUSIC INDUSTRY RELATED JOBS
UKMusic.org



ELLIE WILSON

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dance
The Kings of Wessex Academy



I chose to study at the College as I want to pursue a career in dance and heard a lot of good things about the College. I really enjoy studying here as everyone is really friendly and helpful, and it feels like a safe environment.

I'm a member of D14 which is the College dance group. I had to audition for my place and was very pleased to be chosen. I've gained two years of great training in different styles of dance during my time at College, and also have a good group of friends.

My greatest achievement is being offered a place at the prestigious dance school Trinity Laban in London. My tutors helped me apply to university and kept checking to make sure that I was on top of everything.



**MUSIC PROMOTIONS
MANAGER SALARY
£12,000 - £60,000**

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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS

✦ Bridgwater

This course is practical in nature and suitable for students considering pathways into the performing arts industry or higher education performance arts training.

The course provides skills within all aspects of the three disciplines of dance, acting and singing. It also develops your skills in creativity and performance, audition preparation and professional training in each discipline. Sessions are delivered in the College's McMillan Theatre, with students regularly accessing workshops and performances by professionals.

All students study a combination of dance, drama and singing units to give a broad introduction to the many aspects within performing arts. These include:

- Performing arts in context
- Musical theatre
- Drama improvisation
- Acting
- Choreography skills
- Voice and speech
- Jazz dance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 Diploma at Merit grade.

Dance, drama, music or expressive arts subjects would be an advantage, as well as performance experience in or out of school. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and audition.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work. On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded an overall Distinction, Merit or Pass grade.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The College's performing arts students regularly progress to some of the best known London schools for performing arts. Students are also accepted on a range of other courses, or employed in the entertainment or leisure industries. Previous students have been employed by organisations within the performance arts industry or gone onto teaching qualifications.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN DANCE

✦ Bridgwater

On this course you will study all aspects of dance and aspects of the performing arts including physical theatre, jazz dance, site specific, audition techniques and relevant industry skills. You will also study historical and contemporary dance work, learn and perform choreographed pieces and devise exciting new work of your own. These will be performed in public in the McMillan Theatre as well as the region's other venues. The course has a strong history of working with the top dance practitioners and schools, and professionals regularly deliver workshops, with students also accessing training nationally and internationally during the course.

Units may include:

- Contemporary dance
- Choreography
- Ballet technique
- Physical theatre
- Jazz dance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a Level 2 Diploma at Merit grade. Experience and understanding of dance are essential, and will be assessed by interview and audition.

ASSESSMENT

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PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

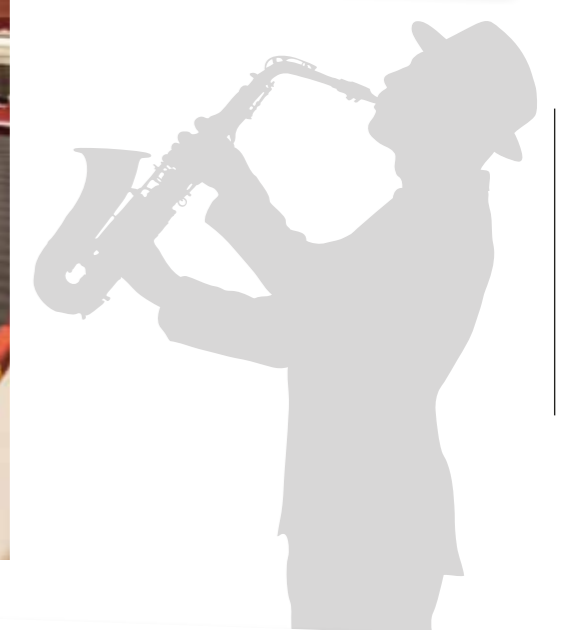
The College's dance students regularly progress to some of the best known universities for performing arts in the country. These have included London Contemporary Dance School, LIPA and Bird College.

Dance students are also accepted on a wide range of other courses, or employed in the entertainment or leisure industries. Previous students have been employed by organisations within the performance arts industry or gone on to teaching qualifications.



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LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EVENTS PRODUCTION

✦ Bridgwater

This course is suitable if you have a keen interest in the technology and processes that underlie modern concert production and performing arts events. You should have a willingness to learn new skills as well as a determination to develop specialist areas of interest.

This advanced course in events production allows you to study a wide range of subjects within the production industry. In year two of the course, you are encouraged to specialise in areas of production that interest you, in both internal and external projects, through work placement and specialist lessons. You will have regular access to the McMillan Theatre and be taught by tutors who currently work in the industry.

Units may include:

- Performing arts business
- Live sound for the stage
- Stage lighting design
- Performing arts events management
- Arts in the community
- Scenic construction

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

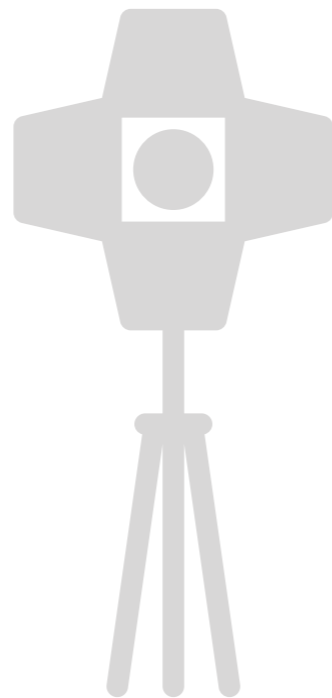
You need five GCSEs in 9 to 4 range, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve technology projects, individual research, group work, project work and performance support. You will study at least 18 units which, on successful completion, will give you a qualification equivalent to three A Levels.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of this course you will be equipped with the skills required to apply for work as part of a theatre or live event production team, or to gain access to university in a wide range of subjects.



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✦ DENOTES CAMPUS

Music, Dance & Performance Apprenticeships

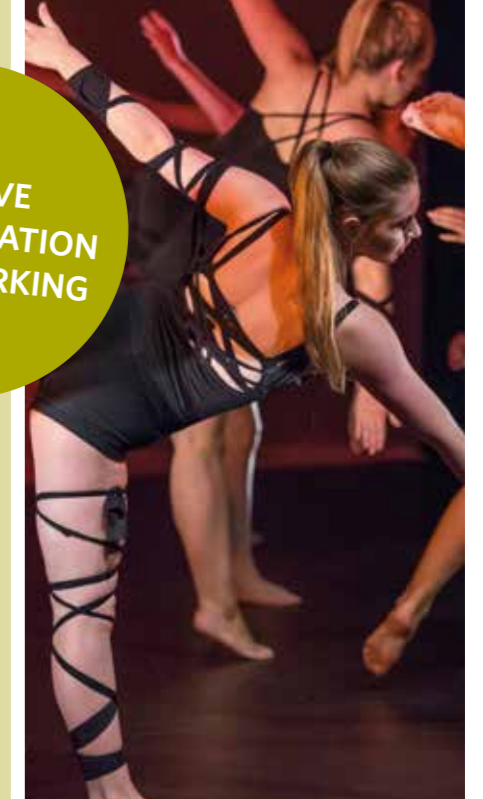
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WHILE WORKING

Our apprenticeship programme gives you the opportunity to learn on the job as you pursue a career in technical theatre.

You may choose to become a lighting designer, a sound designer or a set designer. Whatever route you follow, you'll gain practical experience in a professional context with the full support of an Assessor. They work closely with your employer to tailor your training in a way that best equips you for the future, monitoring progress and setting targets for your development.

Career progression depends on your precise role. But with plenty of hands-on experience to call on, you can be sure of one thing: a bright future awaits.

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"I've gained two years of great training in different styles of dance during my time at College"

ELLIE WILSON

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NUCLEAR

This industry is entering an exciting phase of investment where opportunities for engineering professionals are flourishing. With 436 nuclear power reactors in 31 countries and another 70 under construction, it's an industry that continues to grow.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Reactor Operator | Electrical Engineer
Instrumental & Control Engineer
Radiation Protection Engineer
Project Control Engineer

LEVEL 3 NUCLEAR GATEWAY PROGRAMME

✦ Cannington (NCfN)

This bridging programme is ideal if your ambition is to work within the nuclear engineering or scientific sectors, and is suitable for those looking to progress on to an Apprenticeship.

This one year programme is delivered by the College at the recently built National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) based in Cannington. This new state-of-the-art facility includes a reactor simulator and virtual reality training environment.

Working with industrial partners such as EDF Energy ensures the training provides a unique experience that develops the skills needed in this high profile, technical and demanding sector. Work experience is an essential element to the programme, expanding your understanding of the sector and working environment.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of subjects such as:

- Nuclear science and the nuclear industry
- Mathematics for nuclear engineering and science
- Introduction to radiological measurement and protection
- Mechanical and electrical science for nuclear technicians
- Chemistry and engineering practical

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSE grades 9 to 4 including Higher Maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

This study programme provides the opportunity to progress on to a Level 2 or 3 Apprenticeship in Nuclear or the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear).

NUCLEAR ENGINEER SALARY
£24,000 - £70,000

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING (NUCLEAR)

✦ Cannington (NCfN)

Study engineering and you could be on the road to becoming a highly skilled engineer and able to work in a variety of engineering disciplines within the nuclear and energy sectors including power generation, decommissioning, nuclear new build, defence or renewable energy.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering will give you the experience and recognised qualifications to pursue one of these career routes and will appeal to those with a keen interest in Engineering. You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of subjects including:

- Specialist engineering project
- Engineering principles
- Engineering mathematics
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Microcontroller systems for engineers
- Electrical power distribution and transmission
- Condition monitoring techniques
- Mechanical behaviour of materials
- Work experience in the engineering sector

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths (Higher), or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

ASSESSMENT

The majority of subjects are internally assessed through assignments graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction depending on the quality of the work. Some units are externally assessed using different methods, either through time constrained exams or external controlled assessments.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

The Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will allow you to progress on to Higher Education, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships.



RIHARDS KRINICKS
Level 3 Nuclear Gateway Programme
Chilton Trinity School

I was attracted to engineering because it's a vast field of science that can take your career in any direction. I successfully completed a manufacturing and mechanical engineering qualification at the College, and decided to stay and specialise in nuclear engineering.

The staff are very supportive and the engineering department is full of fantastic facilities and equipment for practical work. The Tutors recognise our strengths and capabilities, and help us to work on the areas that need improvement. We're able to talk with any of the tutors about our problems, and ask for extra help and support to find work placement opportunities.

The course has increased my knowledge of nuclear engineering, science and safety, as well as helping me decide what I'd like to do for a living and how best to achieve my ambitions. I also take part in the Eureka Challenge which teaches core skills such as communication, design thinking and problem solving.

This course has been a great introduction to nuclear engineering and has given me some essential skills. I've applied to start an EDF Degree Apprenticeship in Nuclear Engineering and aim to become as highly qualified as possible while working at Hinkley Point C.



LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN APPLIED SCIENCE (PHYSICAL SCIENCE - NUCLEAR)

✦ Cannington (NCfN)

Physical science sits at the heart of the energy sector. This course introduces you to the physical world that surrounds and develops your skills, knowledge and application of chemistry, environmental science and physics.

This course will appeal to those with a keen interest in science and you may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths. You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of subjects including:

- Principles and applications of science
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills
- Laboratory techniques and their application
- Principles and applications of science II
- Investigative project
- Contemporary issues in science
- Industrial chemical reactions
- Materials science
- Electrical circuits and their application
- Practical chemical analysis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths (Higher), or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes Maths and Science.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed in a variety of ways, but the majority of subjects are internally assessed through assignment work graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction. Some units are externally assessed using different methods, such as time constrained exams or external controlled assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will allow you to progress on to Higher Education and Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships.

Alternatively you could work in a variety of disciplines within the sector including power generation, decommissioning, nuclear new build, defence or renewable energy.



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Nuclear Apprenticeships

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The nuclear sector is a significant employer in the South West, and our apprenticeships give you a chance to establish yourself as an industry specialist. You'll gain technical knowledge in College, while developing your practical skills in the workplace - where you'll also cultivate the behavioural and personal skills required to succeed.

Our apprenticeship programmes are delivered at the National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) in Cannington and have been developed in close cooperation with industry partners, educational specialists and the government. We train tomorrow's nuclear workforce in state-of-the-art facilities including a reactor simulator and a virtual-reality power station.

Apprenticeship opportunities include:

- Decommissioning Operative
- Nuclear Process Operative
- Health Physics Monitoring
- Team Leader/Supervisor
- Project Control Technician
- Laboratory Technician
- Digital Engineering
- Engineering (MOET)

All of these roles are widely recognised in the workplace, and very much in demand both at home and abroad. Upon completion of your apprenticeship, you can enhance your employability further by progressing to an Advanced Apprenticeship that could involve studying for a BEng or Foundation Degree in a relevant field.

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**CURRENTLY 65,000 PEOPLE
WORKING IN THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY,
AND THIS FIGURE IS SET TO GROW**

Nuclear Industry Association



PUBLIC SERVICES & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

These courses prepare you for a variety of careers where you could serve our country around the world in military operations, protect the public as a member of the 'blue light' services or save people from natural disasters as part of the rescue services.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Army Officer | Bodyguard | Dog Handler
- Police Officer | Coastguard | Firefighter
- Private Investigator | Customs Officer
- Immigration Officer | Security Officer
- Prison Governor
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Group Leader





HARVEY LIDDLE
Level 2 Diploma in Public Services
Taunton School



I've wanted to join the military for a long time, either as a Marine or a Personal Trainer in the RAF. The course appealed to me as it is focused on the Services and it's the only one of its kind in the area.

I was really proud to be picked for the first team for rugby and the university team, and was selected for the Somerset under 17s after my coach put me forward. This was a great achievement after all the hard training I put in to get a place on the squad. It felt amazing when my effort paid off and the physical exercising we do as part of the course has helped me reach my goals.

I've gained lots of skills used in the public services such as how to use a compass and route card. The course has also helped me develop the discipline I'll need in the forces. I've particularly enjoyed the outdoor group activities because they brought us together and taught me new skills that I can use when I join the military.



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£29,345
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LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & SPORT

✦ Taunton

This course will appeal to those who enjoy learning in a practical environment and wish to study a course specifically focused on sport, public services and outdoor adventure. If you are interested in a career in the sports industry, emergency or armed services or outdoor activities then this is the course for you.

Units may include:

- Introduction to expedition skills
- Practical teamwork for the public services
- Working as a volunteer
- Improving own fitness
- Taking part in sport

You will be given the opportunity to achieve additional qualifications alongside your main course. These include specialist awards that are relevant to the subject you are studying and could include First Aid and Sports Leader Awards.

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership offers exciting opportunities to take part in sporting tournaments and you can volunteer in the local community on fun projects. With your Tutor's support, work experience is designed to develop your confidence and communication skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or to have an Entry Level 3 qualification. You must have a keen interest in sport, public services and outdoor activities, and a positive attitude to learning.

ASSESSMENT

The course is based on continual assessments which include individual written work, group presentations and practical assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course aims to prepare you to progress on to a Level 2 qualification in a related subject or into employment. You may choose to pursue a career in any of the armed or emergency services, sport and leisure or outdoor adventure industries.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This programme is designed for those considering employment within a uniformed public or emergency service. This programme also works closely with our 999 Academy, giving you the opportunity to work alongside a range of emergency services.

Close links with potential employers are an additional feature of the programme, as well as participation in various team competitions.

Units may include:

- Public service skills
- Health and fitness
- Adventurous activities
- Expedition skills
- Leadership and teamwork

Work experience allows you to sample the full range of employment opportunities in the armed and emergency services. Previous students have visited military establishments, the Police Headquarters and Exeter Prison. There is also the chance to join the week long British Army 'Look of Life' course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, with at least one grade 4, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification, together with high levels of motivation and an interest in public services. Sport and fitness play a large part, as well as a positive attitude and willingness to give everything a try. *Please note that a large number of public and emergency services organisations require applicants to be clear of the symptoms of asthma for successful application.*

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is continuous and methods include written work, presentations, evidence logbooks and practical work.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services or another relevant Level 2 or 3 course. Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment in a range of related occupations.

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN MILITARY PREPARATION

✦ Taunton

This course is designed to prepare you physically and mentally to embark on a military career. It is suitable for those who have applied or are considering applying for a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office. This practical and theoretical course develops military skills and knowledge including teamwork, leadership, fieldcraft and navigation.

Units may include:

- Teamwork and communication
- Land navigation by map and compass
- Maintaining health and wellbeing
- Preparation for expedition
- Ceremonial drill and parade training

In addition to the theory elements, you take part in a comprehensive practical programme of activities including weekly engagement with the Rifles Regimental Support Team, Army Air Corps and the Royal Navy/Royal Marines outreach team.

Activities include weapon handling and drill sessions including Rifle Drill, as well as adventure training which could include kayaking, paddle sports, coasteering, low and high ropes at our activity centre, mountain biking, climbing and abseiling. There is also a residential trip to the Brecon Beacons with a night navigation exercise and overnight camp.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal qualification requirements, but you will be required to attend an interview.

ASSESSMENT

The course is based on continual assessment with each of the units being graded. The assessments will vary from individual written work to group presentations and practical work.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you will have reached the fitness levels and standards required to pass entry tests for any service. Alternatively you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This advanced level programme has been specifically designed as interactive preparation for those interested in pursuing a career within a public or emergency service, such as the Police, Ambulance and Paramedic Services, Royal Navy, Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Prison Service or HM Customs. This programme also works closely with our 999 Academy, giving you the opportunity to work alongside a range of emergency services.

Units may include:

- Government, policies and the public services
- Understand the impact of war, conflict and terrorism on public services
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions
- Responding to emergency service incidents
- Practical team sports
- Crime and the effects

Work experience allows you to sample the full range of employment opportunities in the armed and emergency services. Previous students have visited 40 Cdo and the Police Headquarters at Portishead and Exeter Prison.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English or Maths. High levels of motivation and a good standard of physical fitness would be beneficial. If progressing from a Level 2 Diploma, an overall Merit grade is a minimum requirement.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment methods include individual research, group work, project work, presentations, visual displays and written papers. Each unit carries at least two assignments. Successful assessments will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course is recognised as an entry-level qualification by a wide range of potential employers. The variety of subject areas within the programme provides a qualification that may be applied in a multitude of employment, both in and outside of the public services sector. Alternatively, on successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to a Foundation Degree in Public Service & Criminology, which is offered at University Centre Somerset in Taunton, or study a higher education course at an alternative university.





**OUTDOOR ACTIVITY INSTRUCTOR SALARY
£12,000 - £30,000**

**123,142
FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS IN THE
43 POLICE FORCES IN
ENGLAND AND WALES (2017) -**
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**LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP &
EDUCATION**

✦ Bridgwater

This course is for those who like to be out and about in search of physical challenges, and have a desire to work within the outdoor adventure industry. It is designed to develop individuals into confident and successful leaders in outdoor and adventurous activities.

Units may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Psychology for performance
- Practical outdoor leadership
- Business skills
- Nutrition for performance
- Planning and running a major event

These six units of studies are complemented with additional qualifications which are part of your programme of study.

These include:

- British Canoeing Union Paddle Star 1 or 2
- Mountain Bike Instructor Award Scheme Gear awards
- Emergency First Aid at Work

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range with at least one at grade 5 or above, or an equivalent vocational or Level 1 qualification.

ASSESSMENT

Practical assessments take place during day trips which are a feature of the course. A variety of other assessment methods are also used including coursework, written reports, observations, group work and presentations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Outdoor Adventure Leadership & Education. Alternatively, it allows you to progress to any related Level 3 courses such as public and emergency services or sport. There is also the possibility of moving directly into the outdoor adventure industry at Assistant Instructor level.

**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION**

✦ Bridgwater

This programme enables you to study and develop knowledge and skills relevant to the outdoor adventure industry, incorporating land and water-based practical activity and theory.

The invaluable experience gained during the course will enable you to become a confident and efficient leader in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as kayaking, mountain biking, climbing, high ropes, expeditions and team building.

Units may include:

- Principles and practices in outdoor adventure
- Physiology of fitness
- Fitness training and programming
- Leadership in sport and outdoor and adventurous activities
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions

You will gain a range of additional qualifications during the course including First Aid at Work (specific to outdoor activities) and a British Canoeing Union Award.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

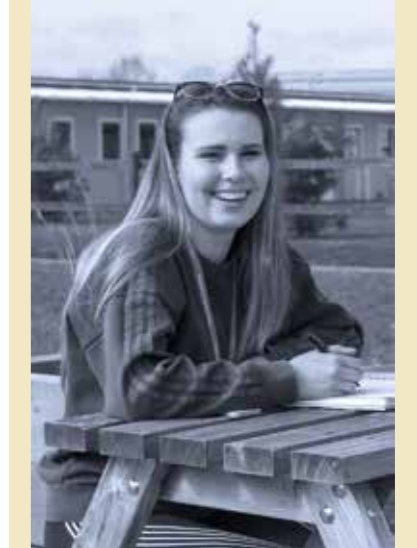
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, with English and Science preferred. Alternatively you require a Merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

You will benefit from practical sessions delivered by specialist outdoor education professionals. Assessments continuously take place throughout the course via a variety of methods including coursework, written reports, practical sessions, observations, group work and presentations. Your work will be graded Distinction, Merit or Pass.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This programme is equivalent to two A Levels and will prepare you for either higher education or employment within the outdoor activity industry.



STARLENA HANCOCK
**Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Uniformed Public Services**
Robert Blake Science College



I chose this course because I wanted to learn more about public services and what it involves. Studying at the College has given me skills that will help me when I go on to higher education or into employment.

My tutor has been very supportive throughout my time here, helping with personal issues and any problems that I may have with my College work. I've taken part in lots of enrichment activities that have opened my eyes to how the public services work, such as going to Brize Norton RAF base, Pier Cellars, spending a week at Sealyham and taking part in land and water-based activities.

My proudest moment at College is being selected to be in the elite 999 Academy. To be accepted I had to pass fitness tests, sit exams and have an interview, but it was all worth it. We went on residential trips to Wembworthy and the Mendip Caving Centre as well as the Emergency Services Open Day at Portishead Police and Fire Headquarters.

I received a conditional job offer from Avon and Somerset Constabulary and have had offers from four universities. At the moment my preferred option is to start the training course with the Constabulary to become a 999 Call Handler and Special Constable when I complete my course.





SPORT, COACHING & ADVENTURE

The sporting life has much to recommend it and can provide a great way to earn a living. Our programmes equip you with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to take your career and performance to the next level.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Yoga Teacher | Sports Professional Coach | Personal Trainer
- Leisure Centre Manager | Referee
- Fitness Instructor | Cycling Coach
- PE Teacher | Sailing Instructor
- Sports Agent | Football Coach
- Referee | Health Trainer

LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA IN UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & SPORT

✦ Taunton

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Units may include:

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- Working as a volunteer
- Improving own fitness
- Taking part in sport

You will be given the opportunity to achieve additional qualifications alongside your main course. These include specialist awards that are relevant to the subject you are studying and could include First Aid and Sports Leader Awards.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or to have an Entry Level 3 qualification. You must have a keen interest in sport, public services and outdoor activities, and a positive attitude to learning.

ASSESSMENT

The course is based on continual assessments which include individual written work, group presentations and practical assessments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course aims to prepare you to progress on to a Level 2 qualification in a related subject or into employment. You may choose to pursue a career in any of the armed or emergency services, sport and leisure or outdoor adventure industries.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN SPORT

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course is designed for anyone with a keen interest in sport and who wants to pursue a career within the sport, health, leisure and coaching industries. You will develop an understanding in many of the underlying principles to succeed in sport, including training programmes, the human body and how it responds to exercise. The course involves various practical elements, therefore a keen motivation to participate in a variety of sports is essential.

This course combines the theory and practice of sport and active leisure. You will study a variety of different subject areas including:

- Fitness for sport and exercise
- Practical sports performance
- Training for personal fitness
- Anatomy and physiology for sports performance
- Leading sports activities
- Lifestyle and well-being
- Injury and the sports performer
- Running a sports event

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range with at least one at grade 4 and above, or equivalent vocational qualifications, or to have progressed from an appropriate Level 1 vocational programme.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Assessment is continuous and includes two externally assessed exams. Teaching is through a variety of methods including coursework, online tests, written reports and the delivery of practical sessions, practical performance, observations, group work and presentations.

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership offer exciting opportunities to take part in sporting tournaments throughout the year. These enable you to gain coaching experience and develop your skills, as well as putting theory into practice.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The course aims to prepare you to progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science. Alternatively, you could progress directly into the sports and active leisure industry as a Leisure Assistant or similar.



EMILY ROSSITER

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport
Haygrove School



I came to an Open Evening and spoke to the staff and decided it would be an ideal course for me as I love all aspects of sport, and I thought I may like to coach.

The course covers different aspects of coaching and development in sport, including sports injuries, psychology, anatomy and nutrition. I've also been able to gain additional qualifications such as personal training and spin teaching. I have an apprenticeship in a local primary school for next year looking to gain experience with a future goal of becoming a teacher.

I've made lots of new friends on the course and through joining the Team BTC netball team. I was put forward for the England colleges' netball squad trials and I was one of the lucky 20 chosen for the squad. We're currently training and playing in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. I was so proud to be selected by the College to be put forward for the trials, but getting through to the squad was an incredible achievement.

I have found the support from the staff invaluable. Their ability to pass on their knowledge and the help they've given me with my assignments have meant I've been able to reach my full potential.



LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FITNESS INSTRUCTING**✦ Bridgwater**

This course is for those who have an interest in working as a fitness instructor, or a passion for sport and want to learn how to develop and improve other people's fitness levels and participation in gym-based fitness. The course will enable you to gain a nationally-recognised qualification within the fitness industry and allow you to progress into the workplace with a sound underpinning knowledge and understanding of gym instructing and/or exercise to music.

Units may include:

- Anatomy and physiology for exercise
- Principles of exercise, fitness and health
- Understanding the active leisure and learning sector
- Diet and nutrition for healthy living
- Planning and Instructing gym-based exercise

Alongside this qualification, you may also have the opportunity to supplement your fitness career with additional YMCA qualifications, including group indoor cycling and circuit training.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification.

ASSESSMENT

Methods of assessment include observations and practical exams as well as multiple choice theory exams. You will also gather a portfolio of evidence and assignments throughout the course.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training. However, there is also the possibility of progressing to an academic sport course, although this will require specific GCSE and Level 2 qualifications.

TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF GYMS AND MEMBERSHIPS ESTIMATED TO BE £4.7 BILLION

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LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN FOOTBALL COACHING IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS**✦ Bridgwater ✦ Ashton Gate, Bristol**

In partnership with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust and Bristol City Community Trust

If you are looking for a career in football coaching, this course is designed to help you achieve your goals. If you are passionate about football and sport, the course will enable you to develop and learn about being a professional football coach. It also provides a valuable platform for competent students to work within the wider football industry or within a school environment.

Units may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Planning and leading sporting activities
- Technical and tactical performance
- Psychology of sports performers
- Emergency first aid and safeguarding in sport

The course includes:

- Level 2 Diploma in Sports Studies
- 1st4Sport Level 1 Coaching Certificate in Football
- Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding in Sport

You also have the potential to study for a 1st4Sport Level 2 Leadership through Football qualification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range or relevant Level 1 or 2 qualifications. You will be required to attend an interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course is made up of both practical and theory-based lessons. Assessment is continuous throughout the year, and will include electronic assignments, practical assessments and observations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Football Coaching in Community Settings offered at Bridgwater & Taunton College, followed by a Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Coaching Education. Alternatively, you could find employment as an Academy Coach, Community Coach, PE Teacher, or a coaching role abroad.

**LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN FOOTBALL COACHING IN COMMUNITY SETTINGS****✦ Taunton**

In partnership with Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust

If you are looking for a career in football coaching and you are passionate about football and sport, then this is the course for you.

The course includes:

- Level 3 Diploma in Sports Coaching
- 1st4Sport Level 2 Coaching Certificate in Football, delivered by qualified FA Tutors

You may undertake additional coaching awards, such as the Community Sport Leaders Award and Higher Sport Leaders Award. You will also be encouraged to take part in a range of voluntary activities.

As part of the academy programme you receive three hours of football coaching per week facilitated by qualified staff, and compete against other colleges and academies on Wednesday afternoons.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range or a relevant Level 2 qualification, and proven experience of coaching football. Additionally, any FA qualifications are desirable and you will be required to attend an interview.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course is made up of both practical and theory-based lessons. Assessment includes practical work and observations, portfolio building and video observations.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, further study opportunities include a Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you may choose to move into employment as a coach at an Academy, in the community, in a school or abroad. You could even move to employment in America or Australia through Challenger Sports.

LEVEL 3 DIPLOMA IN PERSONAL TRAINING**✦ Bridgwater**

This course is for those who have the desire and interest to work within the sport and leisure industry as a Personal Trainer, or have a passion for sport and want to learn how to develop, design and implement tailored exercise programmes and improve the fitness levels and participation in gym-based fitness activities for a variety of clients. The course will enable you to gain a nationally recognised qualification within the fitness industry and allow you to progress into the workplace with a sound underpinning knowledge and understanding of gym instructing and operating as a Personal Trainer.

Units may include:

- Advanced anatomy and physiology
- Deliver advanced gym techniques to a range of clients
- Design, manage, and adapt a personal training programme
- Exercise programming for sports conditioning
- Business and marketing for the fitness professional

Alongside this qualification you may also have an opportunity to supplement your fitness career with additional YMCA Awards qualifications including sports massage.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry on to the course you need to have completed the Level 2 in Fitness Instructing.

ASSESSMENT

The course is based on continual assessment made up of observation and practical exams, multiple choice theory tests and a portfolio of evidence and assignments.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you could progress to a Foundation Degree in Strength & Conditioning or you could progress laterally on to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Coaching, Development and Fitness, Sports & Exercise Science or you may choose to progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton.

**CALLUM BUTT**

Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training
Chilton Trinity School



I chose to study here because it has an outstanding sports provision and I had a good impression of the College when I came to Open Evenings and Taster Days.

The way they've balanced my timetable keeps me engaged in learning but also allows me to take part in lots of activities and sport. As well as studying for my main qualification, I've completed a Level 2 Certificate in Gym Instructing & Emergency First Aid. I didn't think I'd be able to do it and found aspects difficult, but with the support of my Tutors I passed with flying colours.

When I complete my course I'd like to start personal training and running some group indoor cycling classes. I'm also considering starting an Apprenticeship in Leisure Management, but whatever I choose to do, my Tutors have taught me the skills I need and I've become far more independent.

My advice to anyone interested in studying this course is to stay focused and stick with it even if it gets difficult, and enjoy it because it's a great course with brilliant staff.





LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This course will meet the needs of those aspiring to pursue a career in sport (coaching, teaching, therapy and conditioning) and the health and leisure industry. The broad study base provides a variety of experiences and the opportunity to acquire knowledge across a diverse range of subjects. This course also provides an exciting opportunity to complete work experience across Europe. We currently work alongside schools in Italy to help develop and improve students' understanding of coaching.

Units may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports leadership
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Sports analysis
- Outdoor adventurous activities
- Instructing physical activity
- Assessing risk in sport

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, with either English or Maths preferred, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course involves a mixture of theory and practice relating to sport, recreation, leisure and physical education. It includes work experience, residential in the UK and abroad, and coaching and officiating qualifications. Assessment is through a variety of coursework-based methods including observations, case studies, assignments and exams.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you may choose to progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton. Alternatively you may find employment in a sport related setting as an Instructor, Administrator or Sports Development Officer.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

✦ Bridgwater

This course provides the ideal foundation for Higher Education courses, and the opportunity to pursue a wide range of careers including physiotherapy, sports coaching, teaching, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, nursing and sport development. This course also offers a unique opportunity to coach in under privileged township areas of Port Elizabeth in South Africa to deliver a variety of sporting activities.

Units may include:

- Applied sport and exercise psychology
- Nutrition for sport and exercise performance
- Coaching for performance and fitness
- Biomechanics in sport and exercise science
- Sports technology

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range with English and Science preferred, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification. To be considered for the Sport & Exercise Science strand of this qualification, you need a GCSE grade 5 in Maths and/or Science.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Modules will be taught through lectures, laboratory sessions and a range of practical workshops. Assessment is through externally marked exams and case studies, and a variety of internally marked coursework-based methods including observations, presentations, assignments and exams.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course, you may choose to progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton. Alternatively, you could move into employment in the sports industry, as an Administrator, Instructor or Sports Development Officer.



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Sport, Coaching and Adventure Apprenticeships

ACHIEVE
A QUALIFICATION
WHILE WORKING

There are numerous Apprenticeship pathways available covering the wide range of job roles in the sport and leisure sector. In a leisure centre, for example, there are fitness instructors, personal trainers, leisure managers, coaches and sport development officers. Other roles in the sector include delivering physical activity in schools or with private coaching companies, specific sport coaching such as football or gymnastics and working in the health facilities within a large hotel or activity/outdoor centres.

Often Apprentices are offered other qualifications by their employers such as first aid, swim teacher, lifeguard and a variety of Level 2 coaching courses.

While completing an Apprenticeship, an Assessor makes regular visits to you at your workplace to complete your learning and undertake observations. We use an electronic portfolio to store your work, complete your reviews and set targets, and your Assessor will communicate with you regularly via this software.

We currently offer Apprenticeships in sport at Level 2 and Level 3, and progression often occurs between levels. Some Level 3 Apprentices progress to Higher Education such as a BEd in Physical Education, the College's own Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education or a Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeships.

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- TLE Sports Coaching
- Northcott Theatre



TRAVEL & TOURISM

Are you keen to explore the world? If you're a people person with a passion for new experiences, then a course in travel and tourism could propel you into a fantastic career.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

- Air Cabin Crew | Travel Agent,
- Resort Representative | Hotel Manager
- Airport Information Assistant
- Hotel Receptionist | Tourist Guide
- Airline Customer Service Agent
- Cruise Ship Worker | Events Manager
- Hotel Manager | Museum Assistant
- Holiday Centre Manager



LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL & TOURISM

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This qualification is for anyone who would like to work within the travel and tourism industry. The industry is dynamic, vibrant and exciting to work in as you get to meet and work with a wide range of people and potentially travel across the country and the world.

Units may include:

- Customer service in hospitality, leisure and travel
- Interpersonal skills in travel and tourism
- Retail travel services
- Tour operations
- Resort representatives
- Travel planning

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range, and will be required to attend an interview. No prior knowledge of the travel and tourism industry is necessary but a keen passion for the subject area is essential, as are good communication and interpersonal skills.

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

Practical assessments will include role plays and presentations. There will also be written coursework, short-answer question papers and online multiple choice tests.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could move into a range of employment opportunities within the sector such as in a travel agent or tourist information centre, as an overseas holiday representative, cabin crew, airport staff or at a visitor attraction. Previous students have been successful in moving into employment at Thomas Cook, Butlins, Capita Travel & Events, Exeter Airport, EasyJet, Holiday Inn and Premier Inn. Alternatively, you could further your studies by progressing to the Level 3 Diploma in Travel, Tourism & Events Management.

LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN TRAVEL, TOURISM & EVENTS MANAGEMENT

✦ Bridgwater ✦ Taunton

This qualification is for anyone who would like to work within the travel or event management industries. These industries allow you to meet and work with a wide range of people.

Travel and events management has a vast range of opportunities, enabling you to work both nationally and internationally. Upon completion of this course, you will leave with the confidence, experience and employability skills needed to thrive in the travel and events management industry.

Units may include:

- Travel and tourism destinations
- Promotion and sale in travel and tourism
- Conferences and events
- Planning and delivering guided tours
- Worldwide adventure tourism
- Work placement in travel and tourism
- Entertainment programme in travel and tourism

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

TEACHING & ASSESSMENT

The course is a mixture of practical and academic work. Practical assessments include role plays, welcome meetings, training sessions and presentations. There is also written coursework, short-answer question papers and online multiple choice exams.

PROGRESSION & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On successful completion of the course you could progress to Higher Education in tourism management, event management, international tourism management, or hospitality management. Many universities offer sandwich courses where you are able to combine subjects such as business and tourism.

Alternatively, you could move into employment in the sector at trainee management level as an Intern or Apprentice.



LAURA GILVEAR
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel, Tourism & Events Management
The Kings of Wessex Academy



My sister studied here so I knew a bit about the College. I looked at the same course at other colleges and decided that Bridgwater & Taunton College would be best for me. I also met my Personal Tutor at my interview and her enthusiasm made me want to study here even more.

The staff are so supportive and I've made incredible friendships. This has helped me open up and gain more support with my anxiety, which in turn benefits my studies. Coming to college was a huge step but I've managed things I never thought I could. Now I'm able to talk in front of people which is an essential skill in a leadership role. I've also completed extra credit units from the Level 2 Diploma in Business course to give me marketing knowledge and taken part in a business competition.

After I complete my course, I'd like to go to university and study events management. I hope to become an Events Manager specialising in weddings, as I want to help people have the most incredible day of their lives.



OUR OFFER

	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington	Ashton Gate		Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington	Ashton Gate
A Levels					Transport Maintenance (Motorcycle)		L1		
International Baccalaureate	✓	✓			Vehicle Accident Body Repair/ Paint Spraying Operations		L2 · L3		
AGRICULTURE					Vehicle Accident Repair (Multi Skilled)		L1		
Agriculture			L2		Apprenticeships				
Agriculture (Livestock)			L3		BARBERING				
Agriculture (Mechanisation)			L3		Barbering	L2 · L3	L2 · L3		
Land-based Studies (Agriculture)			L1		BEAUTY & COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES				
Apprenticeships					Beauty Therapy	L2 · L3	L2 · L3		
ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT					Complementary Therapies		L3		
Animal & Horse Care			L1		Hairdressing & Beauty	L1	L1		
Animal Care			L2		Hair & Media Make-up		L2		
Animal Management (Zoo)			L3		Media Make-up Pre-degree	L3			
Veterinary Care Assistants	L2				Theatrical, Special Effect & Media Make-up		L3		
Veterinary Nursing	L3				BUSINESS				
Apprenticeships					Business	L2	L2		
APPLIED SCIENCE					Business & Creative Marketing		L3		
Applied Science (Analytical & Forensic Science)		L3			Business & Entrepreneurship	L3			
ARBORICULTURE					Apprenticeships				
Forestry Arboriculture			L2 · L3		CHILDREN'S CARE, PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT				
ART, DESIGN & MEDIA					Children's Play, Learning & Development	L2 · L3	L2 · L3		
Art & Design		L2 · L3			Health, Social Care & Early Years	L1	L1		
Art & Design (Art & Fashion)	L3				Apprenticeships				
Art & Design (Design & Image)	L3				COMPUTING & GAMES TECHNOLOGY				
Art, Design & Media	L2				Applied Computing	L2 · L3	L1 · L2 · L3		
Creative Arts	L1	L1			Creative Media Production (Games Development)	L3			
Creative Media (Film & TV)	L3				Digital Creative Media (Games Development)	L2			
Creative Media Production		L3			Apprenticeships				
Digital Media Design		L3			CONSTRUCTION				
Fashion Business		L3			Building Services	L1	L1		
Furniture Design & Manufacture		L3			Bricklaying		L1 · L2		
Media		L2			Carpentry & Joinery	L1 · L2	L1 · L2		
Media Make-up Pre-degree	L3				Electrical Installation	L1 · L2 · L3	L1 · L2 · L3		
Practical Furniture Making		L1 · L2			Furniture Design & Manufacture		L3		
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3			Painting & Decorating	L1			
Apprenticeships					Plumbing	L1 · L2	L1 · L2		
AUTOMOTIVE					Plumbing Renewable/Gas	L3	L3		
Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	L2				Practical Brickwork		L1		
Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	L2 · L3	L2 · L3			Practical Furniture Making		L1 · L2		
Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair Technology		L2			Apprenticeships				
Motorsport		L2 · L3							
Transport Maintenance (Heavy Vehicle)		L1							
Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle)	L1	L1							

APPLICATION FORM

Taunton | Bridgwater | Cannington | Ashton Gate

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COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

Land & Wildlife Management (Conservation)			L2	
Land & Wildlife Management (Countryside)			L3	
Apprenticeships				

ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering			L3	
Electrical & Electronic Engineering			L3	
Engineering	L2		L2 · Tech Bacc	
Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering			L3	
Apprenticeships				

ENGLISH (ESOL)

English for Academic Purpose	✓	✓		
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EQUINE STUDIES

Animal & Horse Care			L1	
Equine Care			L2	
Equine Management			L3	
Apprenticeships				

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Land & Wildlife Management (Fisheries)			L2 · L3	
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FLORISTRY

Floristry			L2 · L3	
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FOOD INDUSTRIES

Food Technology & Management			L3	
Apprenticeships				

FOUNDATION STUDIES

ADC Transition Group	✓	✓		
Choice for Independence	✓			
Culinary Skills			L1	
Introduction to Further Education	✓	✓		
Land-based Studies				✓
Learning for Life & Work	✓	✓		
Multi Trade	✓	✓		✓
Prince's Trust Team Programme				✓
Progression for Life	✓			
Project Search	✓	✓		
Steps to Employment & Further Education	✓	✓		
Supported Internships	✓	✓		

HAIRDRESSING

Cutting & Styling Services	L2		L2	
Hair & Media Make-up			L2	
Hairdressing & Beauty	L1		L1	
Theatrical, Special Effect & Media Make-up			L3	
Women's Hairdressing	L3		L3	

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Health & Social Care	L2 · L3		L2 · L3	
Health, Social Care & Early Years	L1		L1	
Apprenticeships				

HORTICULTURE, SPORTS TURF & GREENKEEPING

Horticulture				L2 · L3
Land-based Studies (Land & Environment)			L1	
Apprenticeships				

HOSPITALITY & CATERING

Culinary Skills			L1	
Professional Cookery			L3	
Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	L1 · L2			
Apprenticeships				

MUSIC, DANCE & PERFORMANCE

Dance			L3	
Commercial Music			L2	
Events Production			L3	
Music	L2			
Music Technology & Performance			L3	
Performing Arts			L2 · L3	
Apprenticeships				

NUCLEAR

Applied Science (Physical Science - Nuclear)			L3	
Engineering (Nuclear)				L3
Nuclear Gateway Programme				L3
Apprenticeships				

PUBLIC SERVICE & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Military Preparation			L2	
Outdoor Adventure Leadership & Education				L2 · L3
Uniformed Public Services	L2 · L3			L2 · L3
Uniformed Public Services, Outdoor Adventure & Sport	L1			

SPORTS, COACHING & EXERCISE HEALTH

Fitness Instructing			L2	
Football Coaching in Community Settings	L3		L2	
Personal Training			L3	
Sport	L2 · L3		L2 · L3	
Sport & Exercise Science			L3	
Uniformed Public Services, Outdoor Adventure & Sport	L1			
Apprenticeships				

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Travel & Tourism	L2		L2	
Travel, Tourism & Events Management	L3		L3	

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First choice course code _____

Second choice course code _____

Date entered _____

Signature _____

Please complete this form using blue or black ink and return it to:

Information, Advice & Guidance Team

Bridgwater & Taunton College, Bath Road, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4PZ

Surname Forename(s)

Date of birth DD MM YY Male/female

Address

Postcode

Home tel Mobile tel

Name of current or previous school or college and year of leaving

When you have made your application, we would like to contact you by email. Please enter your email address if you check your emails on a regular basis.

Email

Nationality

Is English your first language? Yes No

Have you been a resident in the EEA for the last three years, not solely for study purpose? Yes No

If no, please enter the date you entered the EEA

COURSE DETAILS

Which course(s)/apprenticeship are you applying for? Please refer to the prospectus for title.

1st choice

2nd choice

If you are applying for A Levels or the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB), please state the subjects you are interested in.

1 2 3 4 (IB only) 5

Are you interested in studying an Apprenticeship? Yes No If yes, which subject or industry are you interested in?

If you have found an employer who would like to employ you, please provide the company name

Please briefly tell us why you have chosen this course/Apprenticeship.

Where you would like to study.

Bridgwater campus Taunton campus Cannington campus

Are you currently a full-time student at Bridgwater & Taunton College? Yes No

If still at school, are you currently attending a programme at College? Yes No



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WHO DO YOU LIVE WITH?

Please tick the relevant box

Mother and/or father I live on my own Another adult (ie. foster carer, older sister/brother)

Parents'/guardians'/carers'/next of kin's name(s)

Name

Address (if different from previous)

Postcode

Tel Email

Name

Address (if different from above)

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ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Do you need additional support with your studies? Yes No

To help the College provide the best support for you, please tick the boxes below if you consider yourself to have any of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum Disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asperger's Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Profound/complex disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Emotional/behavioural difficulties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Severe learning difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> Dyslexia | <input type="checkbox"/> Dyscalculia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dyspraxia | <input type="checkbox"/> ADHD/ADD | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health difficulty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple learning difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary disability (eg illness/accident) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical condition (eg epilepsy, asthma) | <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate learning difficulty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple disabilities | Other <input type="text"/> | |

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| White | Asian/Asian British | Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed/multiple ethnic black |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background | |
| Black/African/Caribbean/Black British | Other Ethnic Groups | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic groups | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black/African/Caribbean Black | | |

CONTACT PERMISSION

We would like to send you information about other courses, special offers, events and the latest information from Bridgwater & Taunton College by email, post, SMS, phone and other electronic means. We will always treat your personal details with the utmost care and will never sell them to other companies for marketing purposes.

Please let us know if you would like us to contact you or not by selecting one of the following options:

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EVENTS 2018/19

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OPEN EVENTS

Bridgwater campus

Wednesday 17 October 2018	5.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 15 January 2019	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 6 March 2019 (Apprenticeship focus)	6pm – 8pm
Tuesday 11 June 2019	6pm – 8pm

Taunton campus

Thursday 18 October 2018	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 16 January 2019	6pm – 8pm
Thursday 7 March 2019 (Apprenticeship focus)	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 12 June 2019	6pm – 8pm

Cannington campus

Saturday 17 November 2018	10am – 1pm
Saturday 26 January 2019	10am – 1pm
Wednesday 19 June 2019	6pm – 8pm

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION EVENINGS

Taunton campus

Wednesday 24 October 2018	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 23 January 2019	6pm – 8pm
Wednesday 8 May 2019 (Year 10 focus)	6pm – 8pm

TASTER SESSIONS

Bridgwater & Cannington campuses

Thursday 8 November 2018	9.30am – 2pm
Wednesday 28 November 2018	9.30am – 2pm
Thursday 21 February 2019	9.30am – 12.30pm (half term)
Thursday 20 June 2019	9.30am – 2pm

Taunton campus

Tuesday 6 November 2018	9.30am – 2pm
Wednesday 20 February 2019	9.30am – 12.30pm (half term)
Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 July 2019	9.30am – 3pm



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