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“The primary aim of our courses is to give you every opportunity to flourish, educationally and socially.

That way, you’ll have the best preparation for whatever comes next.”

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

Coming to Bridgwater & Taunton College (BTC) is a brilliant first step in realising your ambition. We believe in the ability of each of our students to fulfil their potential to become the best they can be. We have campuses at Bridgwater, Taunton and Cannington, offering a broader, more diverse range of subjects and qualifications than ever before.

These 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.

We give you all the support you need to go in whichever direction you choose, and I’m so proud of our graduating students. There are so many success stories, from studying at Oxbridge and winning a scholarship from a college in America, to securing a nuclear apprenticeship and touring with Kylie; the world really is their oyster. For me, that’s a key feature of education, to prepare you for whichever path you choose to follow. So, whether you’re thinking about A Levels, T Levels, the International Baccalaureate, a vocational course or an Apprenticeship, you can be sure we are the place to come.

At BTC, 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, to putting on a play or raising money for one of a number of charities.

This prospectus will help you decide if BTC 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.

Don’t just take my word for it, we have an extensive range of Open Evenings and taster workshops across all the campuses, these will help you get a feel for the College, talk to your tutors and see where you’ll be studying.

I look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Andy Berry

Principal & Chief Executive
Bridgwater & Taunton College

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“Rated Outstanding in five key areas, confirming the College as a leading skills and learning provider.”

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COLLEGE LIFE

Here at BTC, 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.

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, 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 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, and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

College Academies

Our Academies provide students with an opportunity to develop skills and are a great opportunity for development - paving the way for substantial achievements in the future. From dance to fashion or technology to music, find out more on pages 18-21.



"I can always be busy doing something at College. Coursework, lessons, exam revision and enrichment activities are all part of College life, and timetables allow for a good balance of each."

TOBY ROSE

A Levels

Robert Blake Science College



BTC Active

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 offers a 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.

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.



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MARK NETTLE - Director of Student Services

Learner Voice

It may sound obvious to say it, but students are the very core of our College. That is why we have a feedback system called the 'Learner Voice'. It is, as the name suggests, about giving you the chance to be heard on a range of topics that are important to you and your fellow students.

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 college culture and enhance our life together.



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.

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.

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 there may be opportunities for trips within your curriculum area, for example our Art & Design department has visited places like New York and Paris, and Sport students flew to South Africa to coach local children.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

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

Not only is it an experience that will last a lifetime, it's a fantastic adornment to your CV and will really help you stand out from the crowd.

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 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 Students' 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 BTC. They ensure we do our jobs properly, and give you the best possible chance of achieving success.

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.

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.

Student Ambassadors

We're proud of the fact that our students love coming to BTC, and want to give them every opportunity to spread the word. So we provide you with the chance to become a Student Ambassador and welcome guests at open events visit your previous school to talk about life at college, provide peer mentoring and help other 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 BTC, 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.

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.



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.

Freshers' Fair

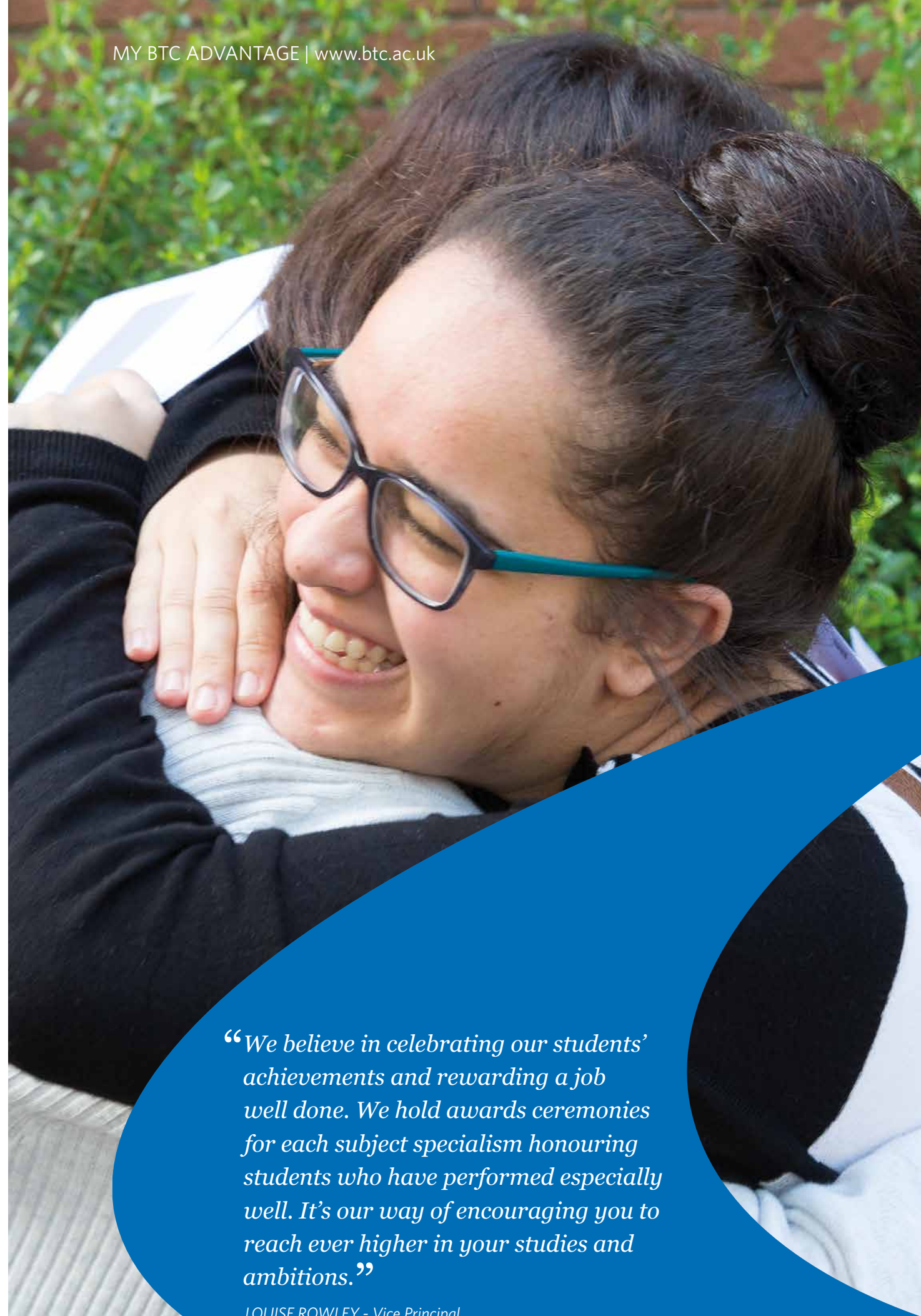
To get a handle on everything that's going on at BTC, you need to attend the Freshers' Fair. This takes place at the start of term, and is a great opportunity to meet new people and sign up for your favourite activities (or find new ones to try).

Equality and diversity

It goes without saying, but BTC 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, Questioning (LGBTQ friends) group that has been established by students.

When it comes to matters of faith, we celebrate diversity. We have a College chaplain 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.



“We believe in celebrating our students’ achievements and rewarding a job well done. 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.”

LOUISE ROWLEY - Vice Principal



“Students are very positive about how their behaviour, confidence and aspirations improve due to the support they receive at College.”

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FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Bridgwater and Taunton Campuses

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 (AEC)

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 £7.5 million investment in the AEC 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 prestigious employers 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 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

Our flagship Energy Skills Centre at the Bridgwater campus 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.



“When I came to look around I was wowed by the amount of engineering equipment and the range of courses.”

PETER RUTT

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
West Somerset College

The McMillan Theatre

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 BTC firmly on the map.

Art, Design and Media Centres

Many regard the Arts House at our Taunton campus as a local landmark. 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 darkrooms, 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.

Childcare Centres

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.

Hair and beauty salons

There is no better way to become a hairdresser or beautician than by working with clients. That's what our hair and beauty salons at both campuses provide. 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.



“Tutors are well qualified. They use their extensive vocational expertise well to link theory to practice, to motivate students and to prepare them for work.”

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Automotive Skills Centres

Students have the 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. 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.



“Pick a sport, any sport. The chances are we have a team or club that will enable you to participate in it.”

SAM REILLY - Head of Sports & Public Services

Learning Resources Centres

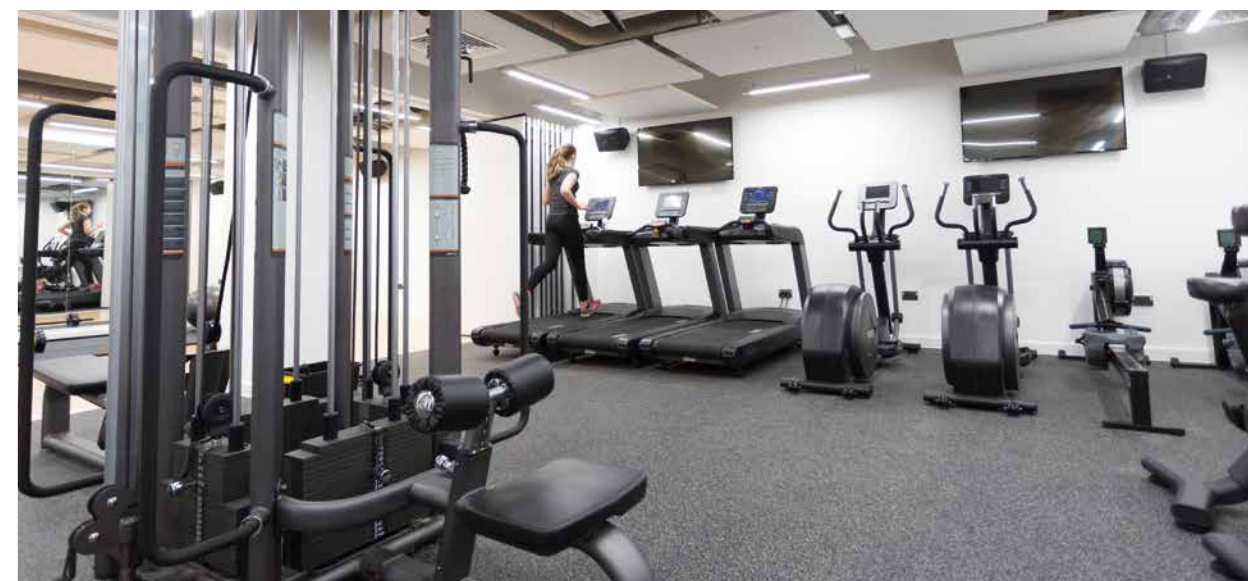
Giving you access to thousands of books, journals, DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers, our LRCs are a wonderful asset to our campuses. You'll be encouraged to use them as study spaces, where you can access all manner of resources that fire your imagination, stretch your intellect, and inform your growth.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

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.



“The Quantock Restaurant has the best cookery training facilities I've seen in the area. I knew the course was perfect and would allow me to achieve my aspirations.”

JAMIE JONES

Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery
Holyrood Academy

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Cannington campus

From our campus in Cannington we offer unrivalled opportunities to get hands-on with the worlds of agriculture, animal care, nuclear and horticulture.

Our facilities include a 200-hectare farm, a cutting-edge Agricultural Innovation Centre and Nuclear Centre.

Rodway Farm

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. Our 200-hectare mixed farm has a flock of 200 ewes of various breeds, a dairy herd of 300 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.



Animal Management Centre

For those with a focus on animal management 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.

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

Equine Centre

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.

The Walled Gardens

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 a plant shop, helping you to sharpen your commercial senses at the very start of your career.



"Studying at the Cannington campus is great fun. It's spacious and quiet, and a lovely place to be."

MOLLY BROWN

Level 1 Diploma in Animal & Horse Care
Robert Blake Science College

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, 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.

Accommodation

Because of the nature of our Cannington-based courses, many students choose to live at the campus. The residential provision has benefited from a £3 million investment into the residential blocks during recent years, and a further £4.2 million has been invested in a new residential building, providing comfortable home-from-home accommodation.

Cannington hosts 217 beds catering for ages sixteen to thirty, with under-18s accommodated separately. All bedrooms enjoy free Wi-Fi and TV ports. The en-suite rooms are located in mixed-sex, ten-room lodges, each with a common area that has a television and other general utilities for the exclusive use of students within that lodge. All student accommodation has security controlled access, CCTV and 24 hour support. On-site services include a restaurant, laundrette, and a College gym. All residents are able to stay in accommodation seven days a week during term time only.

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 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.

The team also organise a range of social activities including cinema trips, cooking, BBQs, off-site trips such as city visits and theme parks. Additionally the team support students to run a wide range of clubs and societies that are tailored to their interests. Furthermore, an annual Summer Ball is held which is a highlight and lovely way to finish the year.



"One of the things that marks out BTC is the range of land-based programmes we deliver in the region."

JASON GUNNINGHAM - Assistant Principal

MY BTC ADVANTAGE

Supporting your personal development, behaviour and welfare.



HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

"I took part in the Honours Academy, for students aspiring to top universities, and received extra support with my personal statement and did several practice interviews. Following my interview at the University of Oxford I was thrilled to receive an offer to study chemistry."

OLIVIA MANNING

International Baccalaureate
Crispin School



MORE COMMUNITY MINDED

"I've done 200 work placement hours which sounds a lot, but it was well spaced out. I spent most of my time at a care home which I feel helped me become a more capable Care Assistant and a better person."

LAUREN PIERCE

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care
Heathfield Community School

"The BTC Advantage underpins the outstanding personal development, behaviour and welfare at the College."

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SAFER, HEALTHIER, HAPPIER

"The College feels safe and supportive, and I've made good friends. You're able to ask the staff for all sorts of help; the librarians helped me research for assignments while my tutors prepared me for my uni interviews."

ALICIA DIAS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
St Bede's Catholic College



MORE CONFIDENT

"My confidence has definitely grown during my time at College. Interacting with new people and in a new environment helped me step out of my comfort zone and progress."

JAKE HALL

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing
The King Alfred School



BETTER COMMUNICATOR

"When I first came to College I was a very quiet shy person, but this course has taught me more than just how the industry works, it's given me life skills and developed me as a person."

OLIVIA LANG

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Bridgwater College Academy



MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER

"The routine here is structured in a way that allows you to plan your work and do your best. There's timetabled self-study time and lots of time to work on assignments at staffed learning workshops which are very quiet and relaxed."

MATTHEW SUTTON

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development
Heathfield Community School



"Alongside my course I'm a member of the Animation Academy where we learn to improve our skills and enter competitions."

DYLAN JONES

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production
St Dunstan's School

COLLEGE ACADEMIES

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

Team BTC

Join our national Beacon Award-winning sports performance programme and represent 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 who are experts in sports psychology.



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 residentials 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 darkroom.

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. Members engage in a variety of disciplines, from set and costume design to on-stage performing.



"Getting involved in the Media and Music Academies has added to my skills and looks great on my CV."

OLIVER SAUNDERS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production
Chilton Trinity School

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.

Media Academy

The Media Academy incorporates journalism and production. They 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.

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.

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.

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, you have a keen interest in an aspect of design linked to another industry, 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.

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 run their own social media presence and access external design competitions.

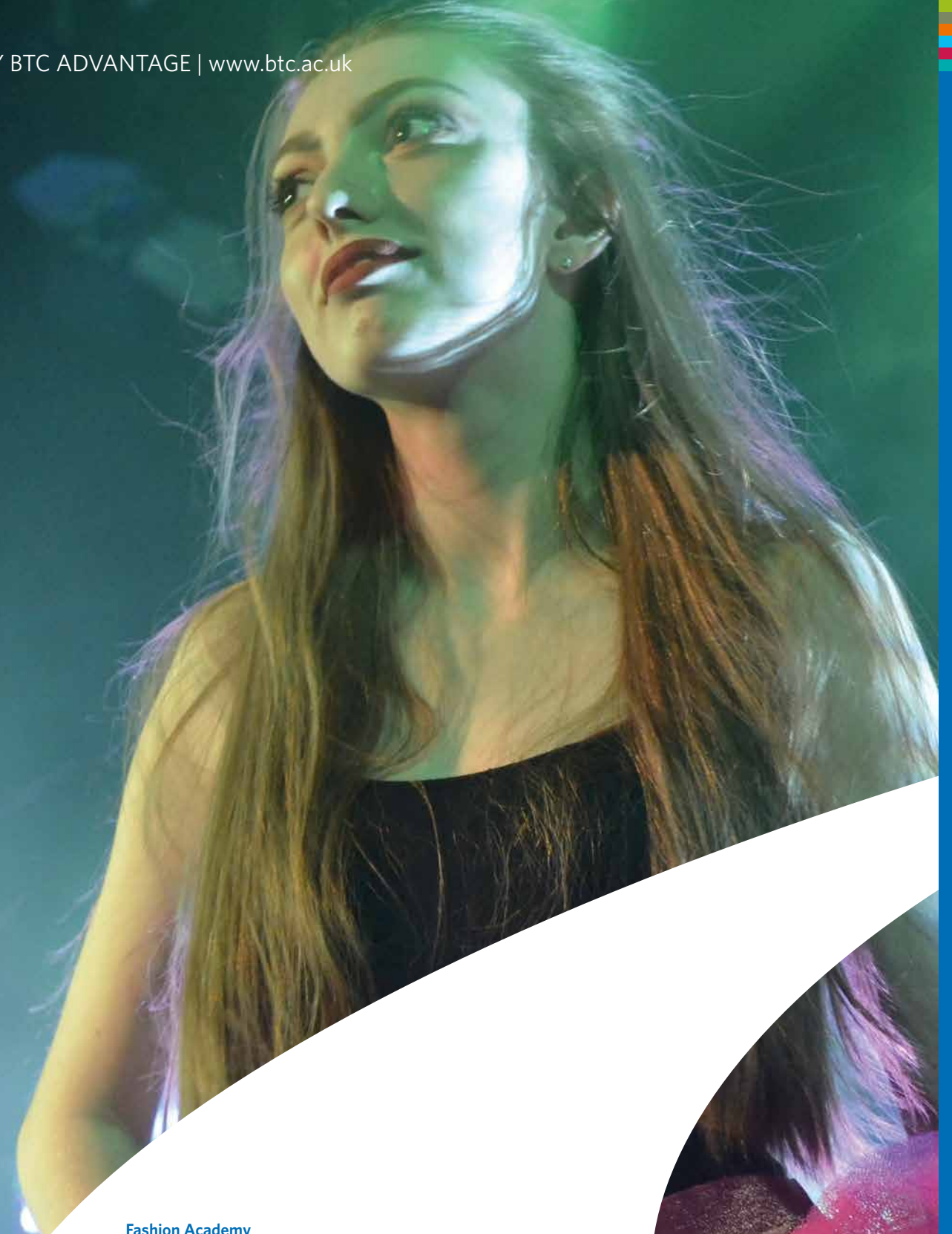
999 Academy

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.

Technology Academy

Engineering is an incredibly exciting and fast-moving industry. If you join this Academy, you'll help design and build a Formula 24 electric car to compete in a Greenpower race weekend. This provides a truly unique set of challenges and experiences including vehicle design, technical skills, problem solving and teamwork. It won't just be hours in the workshop though, there are industry visits to discover what's in development and how it's put into practice.



Fashion Academy

The Fashion Academy is open to anyone with an interest in the world of fashion and textiles. You develop a talent for working with trends, branding, merchandising, fashion event management and skills across fashion and textiles.

In the Academy you 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.





“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.”

MASON GALLOWAY - Sports Development Manager

SPORTS FOR EVERYONE

We're passionate about sport and providing everyone with the very best opportunities to develop as student athletes.

Team BTC

Team BTC is our over-arching term for our Sports Academy programme and is open to all students, regardless of their course or campus. We recognise that many students love playing school sport but have ambitions of fulfilling a career in another industry, so we bring that all together to ensure your time at College provides everything you want.

The Team BTC offer has been nationally recognised by the Association of Colleges as one of the best sport academy programmes in the country and is rubber-stamped by Sport England. It's been awarded with Talented Athlete Support Scheme accreditation, which makes us the only College in the south-west of England to achieve this kitemark.

Our Teams

We have a number of high-quality teams with students regularly training to compete. These include football (men's & women's), rugby (men's & women's), hockey (men's & women's), netball, golf, basketball and trampolining.

However, don't worry if you play a sport outside of these at a competitive level. Whilst we don't complete weekly training in all sports, we will still ensure all students have the opportunity to represent the College at regional and national competitions such as: badminton, cricket, tennis, squash, athletics, table-tennis, swimming and many more.

Our Partners

Alongside our exceptional performance programme we work with an array of professional and semi-professional clubs such as Bristol Bears, Taunton Titans, Yeovil Town Ladies FC, Taunton Town FC, Bridgwater Town FC and alongside many more. Our partnership clubs provide excellent support services via their networks and also provide robust pathways for our current students into the clubs.

Scholarships

We're excited to offer sports scholarships based on your previous achievements. We provide four levels of scholarships ranging from £125 to £1,000.

Students on any programme can apply for a scholarship; in order to be considered you must have the following:

- A proven record of success in competitive sport at local, regional or national level
- Ambition, enthusiasm, talent, sporting achievement or potential and a capacity for hard work
- Successful College application

To apply for a Sports Scholarship, fill in the online application on the scholarship page of our website. For more information please email sport@btc.ac.uk or call 01278 441322.

Each sport is delivered by highly experienced staff, focused on developing player potential and has strong pathways to a range of semi-professional and professional sports clubs. Our package isn't just about 'training', it's a supportive programme that places you at the centre.



“I joined the badminton and hockey teams, and it was really exciting when the badminton team came fourth in the South West Regionals.”

FREYA KELLY

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
Kings of Wessex

CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE

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

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.

Vocational qualifications and T Levels combine theory and practical work with work experience or an industry placement.

Work experience and placements

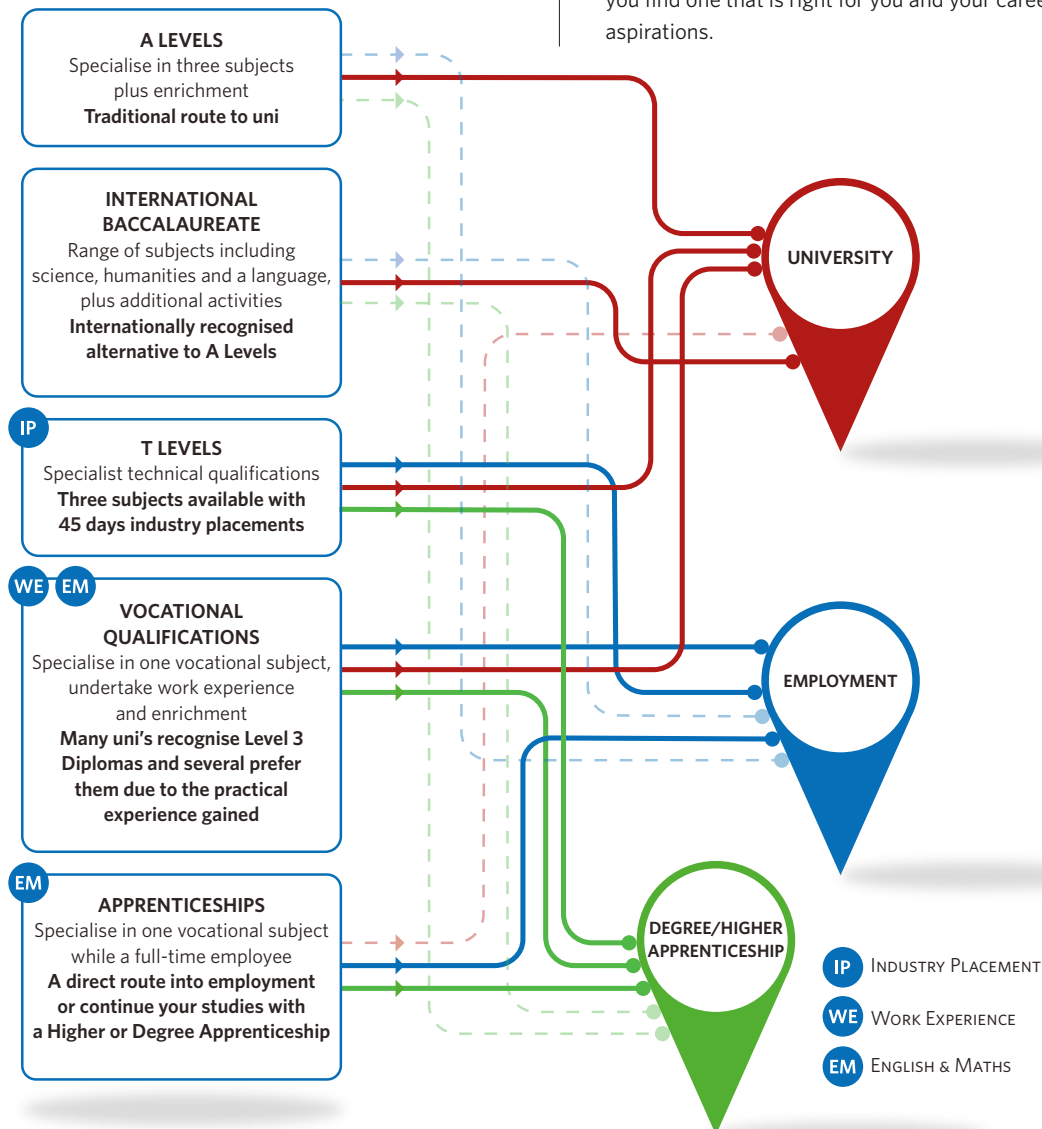
Vocational qualifications include work experience or placements, so no matter which course you're on, we'll work with you to ensure you have a range of 'people skills' to help you as you progress from College to further study or the workplace - skills such as self-confidence, working as part of a team, communicating effectively with other people, treating others fairly, and knowing how and when to take the lead. 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.

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.



Industry placements

As part of a T Level, every student undertakes a structured, high quality work placement. These enable you to put into practice and further develop the knowledge, practical skills and behaviours learnt in the classroom. The placement lasts a minimum of 45 working days and is designed to prepare you for the world of work and enhance your studies. See page 54 for more information about T Levels.

English and maths

We recognise the importance of every student having basic skills in English and maths. If you enter your vocational qualification or Apprenticeship 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.

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

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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
- GCSEs
- 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

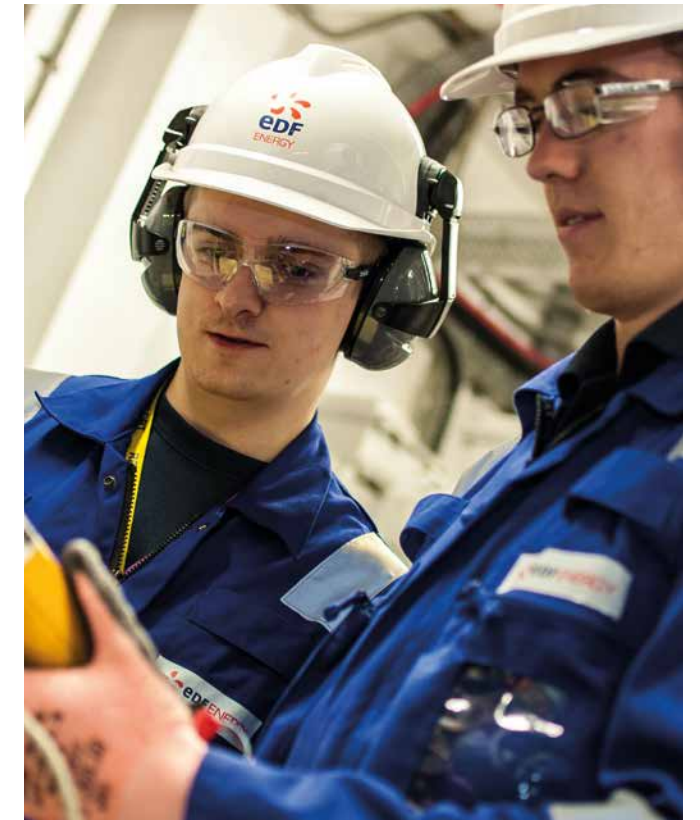
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Equivalent to two or three A Levels

PROGRAMME TITLE
- A Levels
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- T Levels
- Level 3 Dip/Ext Dip/Sub Dip
- NVQ Level 3
- Access Diploma
- Apprenticeship

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
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

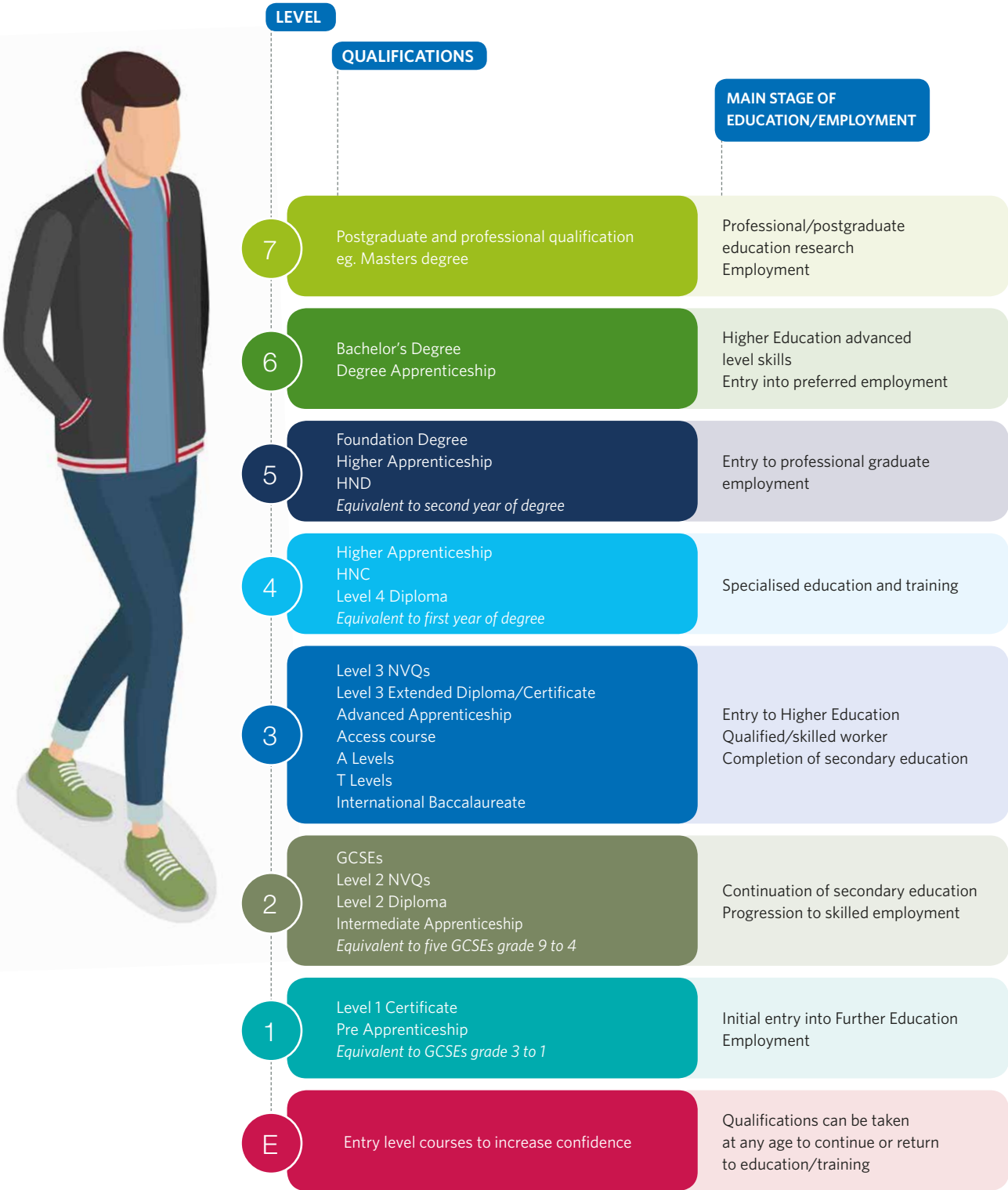


YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

BTC has an extensive portfolio of courses and 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 BTC, 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 qualification without incurring the expense of a move away from home.



During your studies, you accumulate UCAS 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.

A Level		T Level*	BTEC QCF				Access to HE	Foundation Diploma	UCA Points
Single subject	Three subjects		Extended Diploma	Diploma	Sub Diploma	Certificate		Art & Design	
	A*A*A*	D*	D*D*D*						168
			D*D*D						160
			D*DD						152
	AAA	D	DDD				D		144
	ABB		DDM				MD		128
									132
	BBB	M						D	120
	BBC		DMM	D*D*			MD		112
									108
				D*D					104
	CCC	P C or above in the Core	MMM	DD			M	M	96
				DD					94
									88
									84
			MMP	DM				P	80
	DDD	P D or E in the Core							72
	DDE		MPP	MM			PM		64
									60
A*					D*				56
A	EEE		PPP	MP	D		P		48
B									40
C				PP	M				32
						D*			28
D						D			24
E					P	M			16
									12
									10
						P			8
									6

*Correct at time of printing

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.



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

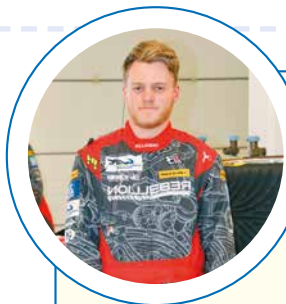


NURSE/MIDWIFE

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

GCSEs
Minimum grade 4 English and maths

- A Levels
Minimum grade 4 English and maths
OR Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle
OR Level 3 Diploma in Motorsport

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



FARM MANAGER

GCSEs
Minimum grade 4 English and maths

- OR** Level 3 Diploma in Agriculture
OR Agriculture Apprenticeship



ENGINEER

Mechanical, Nuclear, Aeronautical, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Biomedical, Environmental

GCSEs
Minimum grade 4 English, maths and science

- A Levels
Minimum grade C maths/physics/chemistry/DT
OR Level 3 Diploma in Engineering/Aerospace/Design & Technology
OR International Baccalaureate

BSc (Hons) in Engineering

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SOMERSET

University Centre Somerset (UCS) is part of BTC. We currently have over 1,000 Higher Education students enrolled studying a wide range of industry-led courses.

Qualifications at UCS 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 present, and focussed on the future.

Prior to studying a Higher Education course you need to have completed GCSEs (Level 2 courses), and a Level 3 qualification (A Levels, BTEC or an apprenticeship).

We work with the Open University, University of the West of England (UWE), University of Plymouth, and Oxford Brookes University to validate our programmes, including apprenticeships.

We also offer a variety of HNCs and HNDs with Pearson, as well as professional qualifications with the likes of CIPD, CIM and AAT.

Study with us, and your CV will be enriched by the presence of a big-name institution that is bound to impress.

Subjects include:

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

Our courses are delivered by talented tutors with extensive professional experience and strong research and teaching skills. They are designed with your future career very much in mind, meaning they have a strong vocational focus

Undergraduate qualifications include vocational degrees and degree-level apprenticeships across a range of subjects that blend academic rigour with real-world experience in the workplace.



Part of Bridgwater & Taunton College



"Studying at UCS has been great. I won the D&AD yellow pencil at New Blood, which wouldn't have been possible without the help from my amazing lecturers."

SARAH KELLOCK - BA (Hons) Graphic Media & Communication

SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNING

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

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?

A BTC scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to have your ability recognised. They are 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 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. Please visit the College website for more information and eligibility criteria.

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, 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.

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.



"My tutors are really supportive, both with my college work and with any concerns I have in the workplace. They encourage me to achieve my potential and have helped prepare me for my next steps."

JACK BAKER

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery
Bridgwater College Academy

"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."

MARK NETTLE - Director of Student Services

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.

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.

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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.

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 the information team.

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.

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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're welcome to bring parents or guardians along for moral support, and you may like to bring your Record of Achievement. You may be asked to bring or prepare something such as a portfolio of work for 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.

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OFFERS

Soon after your interview, we'll email you with an offer of a place.

After receiving your offer, please let us know if you accept your place either by responding to the email or calling us.

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 responding to your email or calling us.

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WELCOME DAY

During the summer you'll be invited to a Welcome Day. This is a chance to 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.

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RESULTS DAY

No doubt your palms will be sweating as you open your exam results. If you get the grades you need: congratulations.

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 with us.

TOP TIP

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

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ENROLMENT DAY

Look out for your invitation to 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 BTC 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.

GETTING HERE

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.



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.

By car

For the sake of the planet and preserving the environment, 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.

By bike

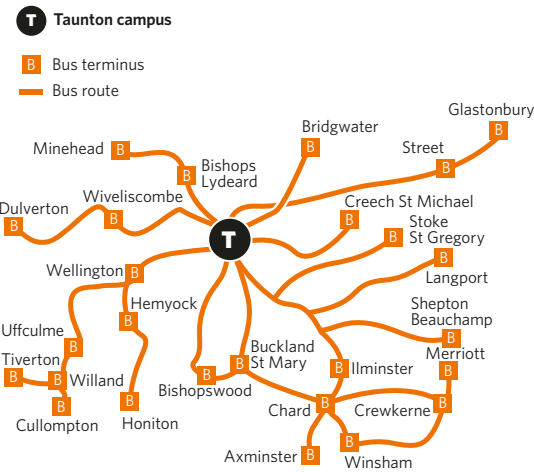
Bike it, and you'll be doing yourself and the environment a whole load of good. There are designated areas across all campuses for bicycles and we offer a College bike loan scheme.

Park & Ride

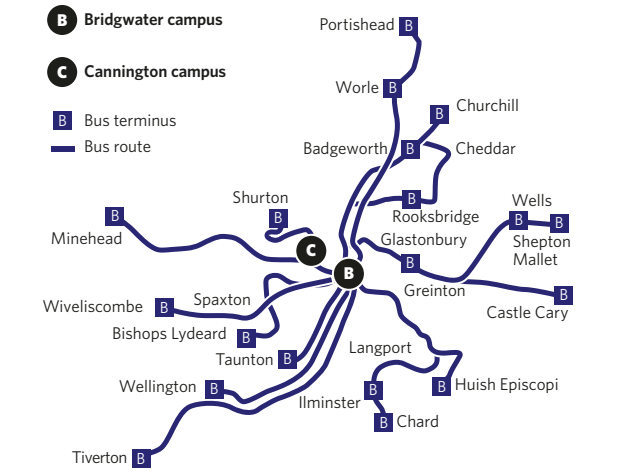
There is a Park & Ride facility just off Junction 25 of the M5, with a 15-minute transfer time to Taunton town centre, from where you can stroll to the College.



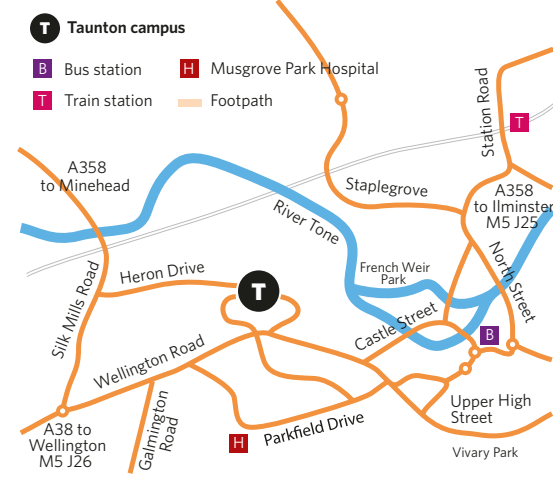
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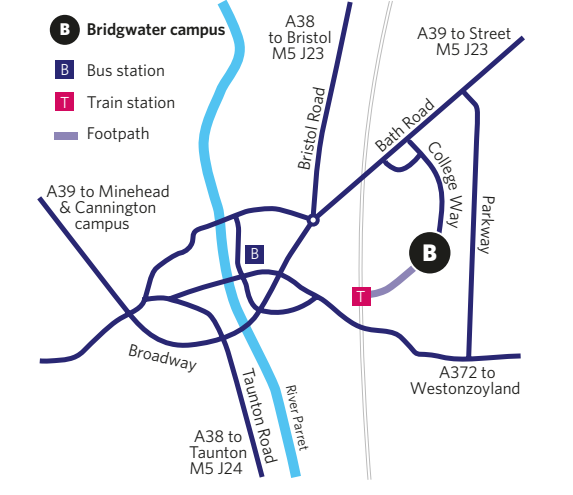
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ROAD MAP



ROAD MAP



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

With over 300 students in our Bridgwater campus based A Level community, we offer a wide variety of subjects.

Choose from 30 subjects and we will work with you to design your programme of study, focusing on subjects that you are passionate about.

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 University Centre Somerset. Your tutor and subject lecturers will support you through your UCAS application.

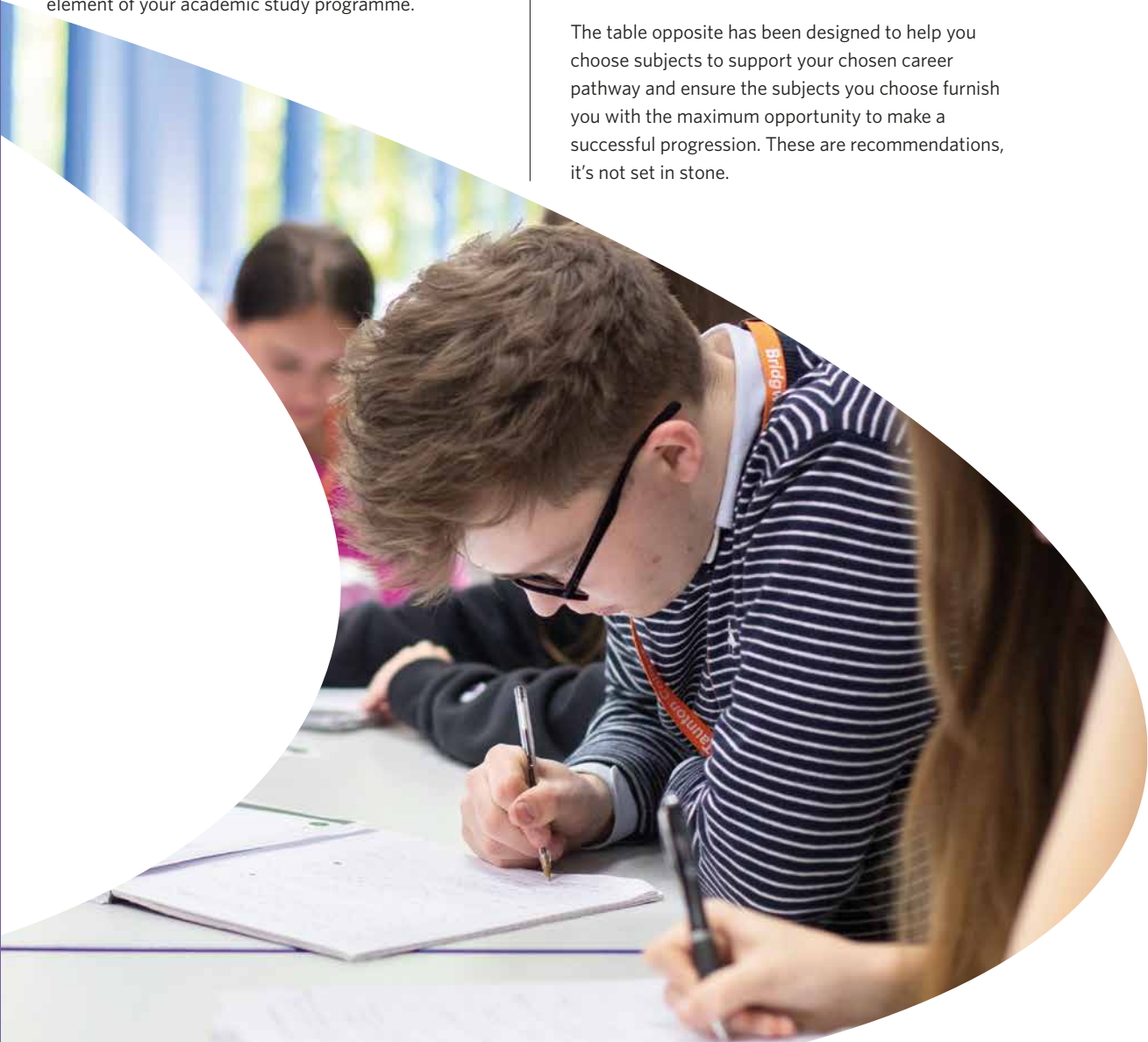
Plan Your Programme

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 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. These are recommendations, it's not set in stone.

Each subject has six hours of teaching and learning per week!



FACILITATING SUBJECT	SUGGESTED COMBINATION	POTENTIAL CAREERS / DEGREES
English Literature English Lang & Lit	History French Drama & Theatre Religious Studies Fine Art Sociology Media Law Government & Politics Psychology Business Studies English Language English Literature English Lang & Lit	Curator Advertising Executive Media Buyer PR Officer Copy Writer Director Speech & Language Therapist Publishing Copy Editor Web Content Manager ESOL Teacher Theatre Director Journalist Civil Servant Marketing Manager
Maths Further Maths Chemistry	Physics Economics Biology Fine Art Computer Science Business Studies Design Technology Government & 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 Government & Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Chemistry Geology Physics	Biochemist Medical Doctor Vet Dentist Environmental Scientist Mining or Marine Engineer Geologist Palaeontologist 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 Government & Politics Geography Religious Studies History Economics French Spanish Sociology Media Geology	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 Design Technology Drama & Theatre	English Language English Literature English Lang & Lit Psychology Sociology Dance Business Studies Graphic Communication Physics Fine Art Geography Sport & Physical Education Media Fashion & Textiles Photography Design Technology Drama & Theatre	Journalist Film & TV Producer Public Relations Executive Fashion Designer Fine Artist Graphic Designer Art Director Photographer Teacher Dancer Actor Director Choreographer Architect Events Manager Researcher

“If you’re 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.”

VANESSA HUGHES - Head of A Levels & IB

Entry Requirements

The standard entry requirement is a minimum of five GCSE passes at grade 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 grade 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 a subject at GCSE level to take it at A Level, but some subjects have certain requirements (please see the table opposite).

Extended Project

A Level students can apply to take an Extended Project, 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.

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 grade 7s is required, but please see page 19 for more information. Please note that you do not need to complete the Honours Academy application form if you have applied for the Academic Scholarship.

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, you can apply for an Academic Scholarship. See the Scholarships pages on our website for more information.

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



"My tutors have been extremely helpful throughout my Oxbridge application process; setting up multiple mock interviews so that I had a realistic feel for the process."

TOBY ROSE

A Levels

Robert Blake Science College

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Fine Art Graphic Communication	Grade 6 or above in art or graphics and a portfolio of work
Dance Drama & Theatre	Interview and relevant experience
Photography	5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 5 or equivalent including English and maths
Business Economics	One essay style subject* at grade 6 or above
Computer Science	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 Government & Politics Psychology Sociology Religious Studies	5 GCSEs at grade 9 to 5 including English and another essay style subject* at grade 6
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 grade 5 in English
Sport & Physical Education	Grade 5 or above in sport or physical education or Level 2 Diploma in sport
Fashion & Textiles	Grade 6 or above in textiles, art or product design and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including maths and English. A sample of your creative work will need to be seen at interview.

* Dance, English language, English literature, geography, history, humanities, media studies, psychology, religious studies and sociology

MORE CONFIDENT



LUCY FINNIS

A Levels

Chilton Trinity School

I chose to study here because of the wide range of A Level subjects and I liked the friendly and open environment, the large campus and the range of enrichment opportunities available.

The BTC approach to teaching has really made me understand and engage with the subjects a lot better. I like how we have self-study periods that allow time to focus on revising and to use the College resources.

My favourite experience was visiting Poland on a sociology trip. It really helped deepen my understanding of the 'crime and deviance' part of the course. Seeing the different culture sparked an interest in me to learn more about different cultures around the world.

The staff have been really supportive, helping with my university applications and discussing my progress at regular one-to-one meetings.

On successful completion of my A Levels I'm going to the University of Reading to study Law. I then plan to take the Solicitors Qualifying Exam and become a practising solicitor.

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

Business guides you through relevant and topical issues associated with running a modern day business, whether that be a local firm or multinational business. We consider the relevance in today's society of operating a business - such as digital technology and business ethics in a globalised world.

Guest speakers will be invited in and business trips identified to enhance and contextualise the learning. A Level Business Studies provides you with opportunities to develop important skills and relevant tools such as critical thinking, analysis and evaluation of businesses in their dynamic environments. At university, Business can be studied alongside a range of other subjects including marketing, economics, geography and psychology.

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.

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



CAITLIN FAHRENBRUCH

A Levels

Bridgwater College Academy

My school had good links with the College so before studying here I'd already visited several times for enrichment activities and for taster days where I used the science labs. They were great compared to other colleges.

The College has a lovely atmosphere with several places to eat, sit with friends and to study. There's a large network of tutors and support staff to help and give you advice about anything you need. I've also benefited from being part of the Honours Academy where I learnt about universities and was supported through the application and interview process.

My favourite part of A Levels is the range of experiments we do in chemistry and physics. They've taught me skills in data analysis. The lessons have helped me discover my passion and decide what I want to do in the future.

My greatest achievement has been receiving an offer from Imperial College London to read Chemistry. After completing my degree I hope to go on to study for a PhD and pursue a career in chemical research.

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 & Theatre

This is a practical and analytical programme that balances dramatic performances with theatre studies. You will perform both devised and scripted works, as well as study separate play-texts as part of your final written examination. 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

If you have ever wondered why markets fail, why inequality exists or why Government intervenes, this course will help you answer those questions.

This subject is ideal for anyone who wishes to develop an understanding of the dynamics between consumers, manufacturers and the government in a real world environment. Key economic principles and the links between microeconomics and macroeconomics will be discovered alongside Government policy and economic performance. Develop your skills in lateral thinking, analysis and problem solving skills.

Economics can be studied alone or alongside a range of other subjects at university, including finance, politics, business and international studies.

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.

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.



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.

Government & Politics

This subject explores the mechanisms that promote democracy in our country and the USA.

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, the key political thinkers that helped shape the UK and US political systems 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.

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.



SAFER,
HEALTHIER,
HAPPIER



TOBY ROSE

A Levels

Robert Blake Science College

I chose to study at BTC as it offered the A Levels I needed to apply to Oxford's Law degree. I have also had the opportunity to complete an EPQ based on Artificial Intelligence Law; this involved producing a university-style dissertation and presentation on a subject of my choosing, allowing me the chance to explore the subject in real depth.

I have found that at College I can always be busy doing something. Coursework, lessons, exam revision and enrichment activities are all part of College life, and timetables allow for a good balance of each.

My tutors have been extremely helpful throughout the Oxbridge application process, setting up multiple mock interviews so that I had a realistic feel for the process. The focus on interviewing and technical skills has been essential to me gaining an offer.

I aim to study a degree in Jurisprudence at St Peter's College Oxford so I can enter the workplace as a corporate solicitor. Over the long term, I hope to use this experience to help me work with companies in the technology sector on AI law.

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 darkroom 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, improving your memory and curing 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. There will be an opportunity to travel to Spain and complete a week of work experience where you will get the chance to practise your language skills.

Sports & 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.



A LEVEL RESULTS

Students celebrated their A Level results, marking yet another year of excellent academic and personal achievement.

Andy Berry, College Principal & Chief Executive said, "We're absolutely delighted with our students' results and it's been great to be part of today's celebration. As they collected their results, I was privileged to hear their success stories and exciting plans as they pursue their passions at top universities such as Oxford University, UCL, Cardiff and Exeter University."



Students achieved a 100% pass rate in the majority of subjects, and in a number of subjects, they achieved an extremely high number of A* to B grades. Of note are Chemistry, French, Design & Technology, Mathematics and Further Mathematics.

Head of A Levels, Vanessa Hughes said, "This is the first year of the linear A Level programme with students being examined at the end of the two years. It's been a fantastic year, and today is all about our students and our staff who have loved being with them and their families as they opened their results."

A Level students who have done particularly well include Toby Rose, formerly from Robert Blake Science College who achieved two A*'s and an A, and is off to Oxford to study Law, and Elliot Hunt received an A* and two As, and has been accepted by UCL to study Chemical Engineering. Other highflyers include

Alice Gardner from The King Alfred School with an A* and two As who will be studying at Bristol University in September, and Caitlin Fahrenbruch formerly from Bridgwater College Academy who achieved three As is off to York University.

Jodie Filer secured her place to study Sports Management at Loughborough University after achieving two As and a B. She commented; "The tutors have been brilliant. I wouldn't have done this well without them." Isobel Crocker did better than she expected, achieving an A and two Bs, and said: "The second year was tough, so I'm so happy to have what I need to study psychology at Cardiff University. Now I'm excited to start and can't wait to celebrate with my family."

Ceri-Anne Verrinder and Charlotte Oram will miss the College having made good friends but are looking forward to their next step. Ceri-Anne has a place at Exeter University to study zoology and Charlotte is going to Harper Adams University that specialises in animal sciences, food production, engineering and sustainability to study Bio Veterinary Science.

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ANDY BERRY - College Principal & Chief Executive



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ISOBEL CROCKER

Religious Studies, Psychology, Sociology (A, B, B)
Cardiff University

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

The International Baccalaureate (IB) 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 35 points, placing them above the global average of 30 points. Furthermore, several students gained very high scores between 35 and 40 points, with a 40 point score placing two students in the top 10% globally.

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.



COURSE & UNIVERSITY	OFFER	IB SUBJECTS TAKEN
Medicine <i>Oxford University</i>	39 points <i>7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects</i>	HL - Chem Bio Geo SL - French Maths Eng
Law <i>Exeter University</i>	34 points or 36 points <i>to gain £1,000 annual bursary</i>	HL - Film Studies Geo Eng SL - Bio Maths Studies French
Archaeology & Anthropology <i>Oxford University</i>	39 points <i>7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects</i>	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 <i>5 required in HL French</i>	HL - French Film Studies Eng SL - Bio Hist Maths Studies

“We’ve been delivering this internationally-renowned programme for eight years and are still the only college in Somerset to offer the International Baccalaureate.”

ANDY BERRY - Principal & Chief Executive

Entry Requirements

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

How is the IB 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. See page 27 for a tariff table.

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 Visual Arts
THE CORE		Creativity, Action & Science Extended Essay Theory of Knowledge

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 IB 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 behaviors 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.



"Choosing the IB was the best decision ever made. It allowed me to study more languages than A Levels and I really enjoyed my time here."

ELLIOT RIDSDALE

*Achieved 40 points
Going to University of Sheffield*

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.

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 filmmaking, scripting, editing, directing and producing. Students are assessed through practical filmmaking 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 SL it adds an impressive creative dimension to any university application.

THE CORE

Compulsory -

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)

CAS is at the core of the IB 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.

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, forms a central feature of the Service element.



**MORE
CONFIDENT**



OLIVIA MANNING

*International Baccalaureate
Crispin School*

I chose to study at BTC because I wanted to do the IB and it's the only college in Somerset that offers this prestigious qualification. I enjoyed the feel of the college when I first visited, and thought all the staff were very welcoming and knowledgeable.

Studying the IB satisfies my interest in a broad range of subjects such as sciences and humanities, and has meant I continue to study English and maths at a high level. In that respect it is great if you're not yet sure what you want to do in the future, as it allows you to keep your options open. It has also really improved my time management because there is a lot of independent work to do.

I took part in the Honours Academy, for students aspiring to top universities, and received extra support with my personal statement and did several practice interviews. This really helped me prepare for the unknown of university interviews, and following my interview at the University of Oxford I was thrilled to receive an offer to study chemistry.

The Extended Essay

The Extended Essay is an in-depth study of a focused topic chosen from the list of approved IB 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 IB. 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.



MORE COMMUNITY MINDED



KATE BANCROFT
International Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme
Haygrove School

Studying the IB has instilled in me a very strong work ethic. The small class sizes have helped me find an amazing group of friends, and the staff are very supportive.

As part of the CAS (Creative, Activity, Service) aspect of the IB I have volunteered at CAB Sedgemoor and at Bridgwater Library helping with craft activities and reading sessions for primary school children. Alongside the IB, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award group at College and I am the Lead Ambassador on the BTC Student Ambassador programme.

In my first year at BTC I nervously asked my English tutor to write me a reference for the US Sutton Trust Programme, which encourages and assists UK students to apply for university in the US. I am delighted to have been accepted to study at Amherst College in Massachusetts and still can't quite believe I'm going! If it weren't for the support of my tutors with my application I'm certain it wouldn't have had the impact that it did.

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STUDENTS CELEBRATE THEIR RESULTS!

Collectively, students graduating in 2019 achieved an average score of 35 points, placing them above the global average of 30 points. Furthermore, several students gained very high scores between 35 and 40 points.

With results released in July, students are in a position to accept university places a month before their A Level counterparts. Our students confirmed places at several Red Brick universities including Sheffield, Birmingham and Leeds. Other universities from which these students have offers include Oxford University and Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Former Priory School pupil, Elliot Ridsdale achieved 40 points and accepted an offer to study Modern Languages & Culture at the University of Sheffield. He commented: "The IB allowed me to study more languages than A Levels and I really enjoyed my time here. Choosing to study the IB was the best decision I ever made."



"It's been a fantastic year, and today is all about our students and our staff who have loved being with them and their families as they opened their results."

VANESSA HUGHES - Head of A Levels

T LEVELS

Here at BTC we're very excited to be one of the first colleges in the country offering the new T Level qualifications.

Based at our Taunton campus, these two year technical courses launching in 2020, mark a milestone in the Government's plan to transform education in the UK. Equivalent to three A Levels, they are ideal if you're aiming to get into a professional skilled job.

The content for each T Level has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to help you get the skills and knowledge you need to progress to highly skilled employment, higher technical qualifications, higher apprenticeships or university.

In 2020 T Levels will be offered in the following subjects:

- Construction: Design, Surveying & Planning
- Digital: Production, Design & Development
- Education & Childcare



T-LEVELS THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Around 80% of your time is spent at College with the remaining 20% at your industry placement. This differs from an Apprenticeship which is typically 80% on-the-job and 20% in the classroom, and will suit those who feel ready to enter the workforce.

T Levels are made up of core skills, occupational knowledge, an employer set project and industry placement. Assessment is through a combination of examinations for the core skills, employer projects and practical exams for the occupational specialisms.

Along with specialist teaching at BTC, your industry placement is a key part of the programme. Experience with an employer in a workplace will allow you to apply the skills and knowledge you learn in the classroom to the job, giving you a taste of the world of work you can expect once you complete your studies.

Entry Requirements

You need 5 GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range with grade 4 in English and maths, and a keen interest in the topic. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

If you have not achieved the required grades to start a T Level, you could complete a tailored transition programme designed to provide you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to progress to the Level 3 T Level.



Construction: Design, Surveying & Planning

✦ TAUNTON CAMPUS

Civil engineering is an amazing career path to follow and the T Level is a great opportunity for you to start that journey. Everything you see that's been designed and built in today's world such as, schools, offices, hospitals, bridges, power stations and water supplies that connect the world around us will have been produced by Civil Engineers.

The T Level in Design, Surveying & Planning consists of:

- A technical qualification in design, sustainability, science, building technology and digital technology
- Occupational specialism in surveying and design for construction and the built environment
- Enrichment and tutorial support

Teaching & Assessment

You will be assessed through written and practical examinations, employer projects, group work, presentations and analysis. This qualification includes a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could find employment in a skilled occupation or study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship, degree, or higher level technical qualification.

Digital: Production, Design & Development

✦ TAUNTON CAMPUS

The breadth of content will ensure you are able to apply your skills in a variety of environments for different purposes.

Topics may include:

- Digital analysis
- Digital environments
- IT systems security and encryption
- Systems analysis
- System design and testing
- Software design and development
- Software support
- Programming
- Risk management
- Communication technologies

Teaching & Assessment

Assessment is through a variety of methods including exams, practical projects set by employers, assignments, case studies, presentations and externally examined coursework tasks. You may need to compile a portfolio of evidence to present at the end of the course for assessment purposes. This qualification includes a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Following a T Level, you could find skilled employment in a variety of businesses that require digital support and development. Alternatively, you could progress to study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship, degree or higher level technical qualification.

Education & Childcare

✦ TAUNTON CAMPUS

This challenging and exciting course focuses on childcare and education from 0 to 19, including child development and behaviours. Topics could include reflective practice, working with others in the sector, observations and assessments, safeguarding and supporting education.

The content is divided into five performance outcomes:

- Support and promote children's play, development and early education
- Build relationships with children to facilitate their development
- Plan, provide and review care, play and educational opportunities to enable children to progress
- Safeguard and promote the health, safety and well-being of children
- Work in partnership with colleagues, parents, carers and other professionals to support children's development

Teaching & Assessment

You will be assessed through written and practical examinations, employer projects, group work, presentations and analysis. This qualification includes a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience during an industry placement of at least 45 days.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could find employment in an early years setting such as primary education or nursery. Alternatively, you could progress to study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship, degree or higher level technical qualification.



"The 750 hours of work experience spanned various settings and really helped my studies. The time at Creech St Michael Primary School was fantastic and confirmed my ambition to become a primary school teacher."

Matthew Sutton

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development
Heathfield School

APPRENTICESHIPS

It's believed apprentices can 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.

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. We will also email you with vacancies and support you during the interview process, so please check your email.

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.

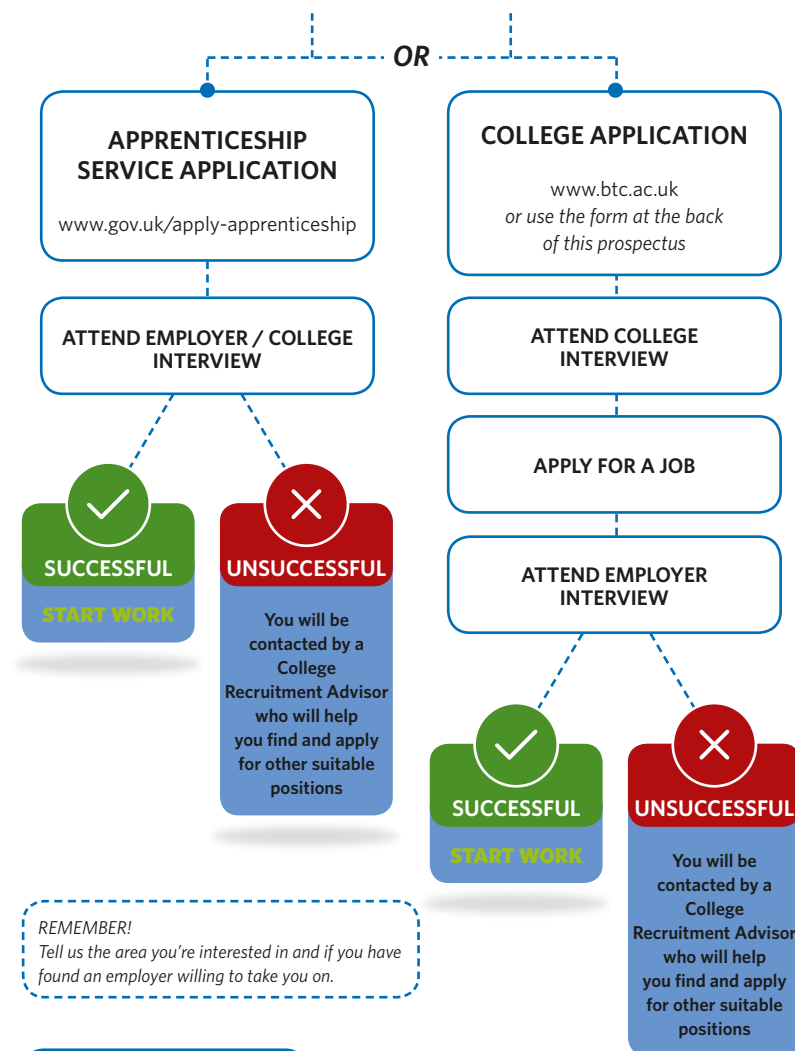
If you start a vocational qualification and it doesn't suit you, it's possible to start an Apprenticeship at any time of the year. We'll be able to help you find a suitable employer and support you to explore your options.

“Apprentices develop an extensive range of skills and knowledge and many extend and deepen specialist skills beyond the requirements of their qualifications.”

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HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE



TIMESCALE

September to February	CV preparation, interview training, work readiness sessions TOP TIP LOOK OUT FOR LARGE EMPLOYER VACANCIES 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
August onwards	Start work



EDWARD FELTHAM
Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture Making & Manufacturing
Employed by Longpré
Gillingham Secondary School

There aren't many colleges that offer this qualification, and BTC has the latest equipment and machinery as well as knowledgeable staff.

I really enjoy being at College as well as the workplace, especially when we work on high-end projects for extremely wealthy clients. I work for Longpré and I was very proud to help build a set of wardrobes for the king and queen of Jordan. We also did a job for the Mercedes F1 AMG headquarters. It was a unique experience - I fitted some of the furniture in their head office then had a guided tour through their machine shop, garages and simulator rooms.

I earn a full-time wage and have made friends at College and at work. I've also met a lot of influential people who could help me in the future. If you're passionate about woodworking, this apprenticeship is a great way to challenge yourself, increase your skills and gain qualifications whilst earning a salary.

Agriculture

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AVERAGE SALARY
LAND-BASED ENGINEER
£40,000*

Study on a 200 hectare working farm with 300 high yielding Holstein dairy cows, a flock of 200 ewes, a range of fully equipped workshops and state-of-the-art milking parlour.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Agricultural Consultant | Farmer | Land-based Engineer
Tractor Driver | Agronomist

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 with few formal qualifications who are looking to enter the land-based sector. You will learn how to work safely, care for animals and maintain structures as well as gain first-hand experiences of working on and around farms. It is ideal for a career in this area.

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 & Career 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.

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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 3 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 & Career Opportunities

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

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JOSIE DOWDING
Level 2 Diploma in Agriculture
The Gryphon School, Sherborne

I completed a year at another college and wasn't happy with their standard of teaching so I came to BTC to look around and I loved it!

It is brilliant here, I have made lots of friends and the tutors are excellent. I am a hands-on learner and sometimes find studying hard and need extra help. My tutors have been fantastic and are always willing to help me. I always struggled with work at school but now I am learning about something I love and with the backing of my tutor I have been able to complete assignments by myself.

I love doing duties on the farm and working with the animals. I am working on a goat farm for my work experience, I have never looked after goats before so there has been lots to learn. I have gained confidence in myself during my course and now have knowledge of all areas of farming.

When I finish my course I plan to work on my family farm and continue to grow my own herd of pedigree Jersey cows.

✦ DENOTES CAMPUS



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

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

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



VICTORIA CORDWENT
Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Agriculture (Livestock)
Queen Elizabeth's School

I knew BTC was the college for me after visiting an open event and meeting the staff. They were so passionate about the subject that I felt excited to get started. Once I joined the course, I got to know my tutors really well and they've always been incredibly friendly and helpful.

The course is so interesting and varied. One day we might be taking blood from the calves to test if they've had enough colostrum, and the next we could be practising a new skill like dehorning cattle. It's great to get out of the classroom and gain hands-on experience, plus it reinforces what we've learnt in our theory lessons.

Alongside the Level 3 qualification, the College allows you to gain extra licences such as a telehandler and tractor driving ticket. This means my CV looks great and I have additional qualifications that employers could be looking for. After college I plan to go to uni to study genetics or food and nutrition within agriculture. Once I've completed that, I'd like to find an internship in Canada before coming back to work in the UK.

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
- Livestock production and animal health
- Land-based machinery operations
- Project in the land-based sector
- Land-based workshop practice
- Industrial pollution and waste control management
- Understanding principles of land-based machinery
- Understanding farm power units: machinery and operation
- Combinable crop production

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and maths, or 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 & Career Opportunities

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

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
- Grassland management
- Agricultural crop production
- Livestock production
- Animal health
- Land-based machinery operations
- An investigative project in the land-based sector
- Estate skills
- Business planning and improvement in the land-based sector

- Livestock breeding and nutrition
- Dairy, sheep and beef production
- Agricultural forage crop production
- Pollution and waste control management

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 & Career Opportunities

On completion, you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Agricultural Management or find employment in the industry.



**AVERAGE SALARY
AGRONOMIST
£45,000***

Agriculture Apprenticeships

There are more than 150,000 agricultural businesses in the UK, creating an array of stimulating job opportunities.

The agri-food sector contributes £113 billion* to the country's GDP and many companies operate at the cutting edge of technology. Employers range from small family farms to large producers, creating a wealth of opportunity for newcomers to the industry.

By completing an apprenticeship in agriculture, you'll gain experience of farm work including dealing with livestock, crops and machinery. In addition, you'll receive the very best training from our experienced and well-qualified staff, making use of the modern facilities at our 200 hectare commercial farm and Agricultural Innovation Centre at the Cannington campus.

These apprenticeships are the ideal opportunity for tomorrow's professionals to develop vital knowledge, skills and experience.



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POSSIBLE CAREERS

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

*nationalcareers.service.gov.uk

**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
- Preparing to work in the land-based industries
- Animals in the wild and their main features
- Assist with handling and restraint
- Assist with feeding and watering animals
- Assist with the preparation for the 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 as well as course related visits and trips. Previously students have visited Bristol Zoo, Longleat and a City Farm. 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 a mandatory 60 hours of external work experience.

Progression & Career 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.

**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. The course covers both domestic and exotic animals, and if you like science, you will enjoy the animal biology component.

Topics include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 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 includes group work, practical sessions, oral presentations, lectures and peer group assessment. You also have the opportunity to work with our animal collection during practical husbandry sessions and at your work placement. You have the opportunity to take part in a study tour to broaden your knowledge through a range of practical activities. Trips have included Crufts, The Eden Project and Longleat.

Assessment methods include creating a work experience portfolio from the compulsory 100 hours work placement you will complete, written coursework and presentations.

Progression & 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 assistance level or as an Apprentice in a range of settings including rare breed farm parks, animal welfare organisations, veterinary practices, wildlife parks and zoos.

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PHOEBE MAYHEW
Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Animal Management
Northfields Education Centre

After researching animal care courses, the Cannington campus really stood out with its variety of species, excellent facilities and enrichment opportunities.

The staff here have helped me gain confidence and strength to do things I never thought I would. The routine and structure of the lessons has really helped reduce my anxiety and in doing so I have been able to gain more confidence which has helped me to create a strong group of friends.

I love the hands-on work we do with the animals, which includes lots of handling and husbandry. It has given me the ability to really grow and develop as an animal carer. It never gets boring or repetitive, there is always something new happening and the staff involve us as much as possible.

After college I would like to study at university-level in either animal management or veterinary nursing. After that I would love to travel abroad to volunteer in animal rescue sanctuaries and then work as an animal therapist.



"This is a very hands-on course and you work with a variety of animals (be prepared to be bitten)".

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

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.

You will study a range of 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 grade 4 or above. Course entry is subject to successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

The first year includes 150 hours of work experience and 80 hours in the second year. Assessment includes theory exams, synoptic assessments, a work experience portfolio, written coursework, presentations, in-class tests, creation of posters and leaflets, work placement assessment and practical work.

The course has a range of educational visits including Crufts, Longleat, London Zoo and Cotswold Farm Park.

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.

Alternatively you could find employment at a supervisory level in animal sanctuaries, breeding and boarding facilities, specialist pet stores, zoos or wildlife parks.

Level 2 Diploma for Veterinary Care Assistants

✦ TAUNTON

This course is ideal if you want to work in a veterinary practice and gain a recognised qualification. Over the length of the course you need 600 hours of practical work experience.

Topics include:

- Veterinary nursing skills
- Anatomy and physiology
- Nursing support skills
- Canine and feline husbandry and management
- Exotic husbandry and management
- Health and hygiene
- First aid
- Reception skills
- Finance and administration

Entry Requirements

To start the course, you need employment or a voluntary placement in a veterinary practice. This does not have to be an RCVS registered Training Practice (TP). Entry is subject to a successful interview and you will complete an initial assessment in English and maths to determine your appropriate level of study.

You need to have attained GCSE English and maths in the 9 to 4 range. If you have not achieved this grade, you will attend English and/or maths lessons on a separate day in order for you to successfully achieve your programme and resit the GCSE.

Assessment

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

Having successfully completed this course you could progress to the Level 3 Veterinary Nursing Apprenticeship to become a Registered Veterinary Nurse, or continue to work within a veterinary practice using the knowledge and qualification you have gained.

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MOLLY BROWN

Level 1 Diploma in Animal & Horse Care

Robert Blake Science College

Studying at the Cannington campus is great fun. It's spacious and quiet, and a lovely place to be. The lessons are also really interesting and the coursework is relevant to what we're studying. I believe having a good social group, sharing experiences with others and asking for support when I need it, has helped my studies.

I'm really proud of what I've achieved so far. I've never been a confident person, so the thought of work experience and spending time with a group of strangers seemed impossible. Now everything's changed - I completed work experience with the National Animal Welfare Trust at Heaven's Gate and met some lovely people. This valuable experience reinforced that looking after animals really is my dream job.

The staff and tutors are so friendly and helpful, they make my time at College amazing. They have helped me make decisions about my future and given me lots of information about my options.

I now know I want to continue studying by progressing to the Level 2 and 3, to eventually becoming a veterinary nurse.

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Animal Care & Management Apprenticeships

If you want to work with animals, our animal care apprenticeships are a great way to gain the qualifications and experience you need.

They equip you for a variety of jobs with employers such as animal welfare organisations, zoos and wildlife centres, as well as in animal-related businesses such as dog grooming, pet retail, and animal-related education and entertainment.

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. Topics of study include the control and restraint of animals, grooming, preparing feed, maintaining the cleanliness and bio security of the animal care working environment and contributing to the evaluation and implementation of basic animal training programmes.

If you wish to further your career in the sector, you could progress to a higher-level apprenticeship and gain a supervisory role after completion.



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

POSSIBLE CAREERS

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

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

BRIDGWATER

If you are considering forensic science, you must have an 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
- 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

In the first year you study a Foundation Diploma, which is a qualification in its own right. Successful completion of the Foundation Diploma allows you to progress into the second year and gain the Extended Diploma. You will also be expected to carry out 30 hours relevant work experience in each year.

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

Many students progress to study a variety of scientific degrees. Previous students have studied degrees in 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 for studying a degree before selecting your college course.

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KEISHA HENDERSON

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (Analytical & Forensic Science)
Bridgwater College Academy

This course was recommended to me by my careers advisor at school because it includes a unit on forensics which is what I would like to study at university and pursue a career in. The course is great and I have met three amazing like-minded friends who I wouldn't have if I hadn't come here.

I struggle a bit with exams but my tutors helped me so much to prepare that I achieved a high merit in my very first one. I would recommend this course to anyone who loves science but suffers with exam stress as the tutors can really help you to manage it and the course isn't just about exams, there is coursework and project work too.



"My lessons vary from practical sessions in the labs and mock crime scenes, through to classroom-based presentations where I write notes."

MEGAN BRATCHER

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

Arboriculture

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POSSIBLE CAREERS

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

Level 2 Technical Diploma 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
- Environment and conservation: legal statutes, environmental legislation, pollution, habitat creation, bio-security, management and protection
- Tree classification and identification
- 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
- Regular industry seminars and professional speakers
- 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 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 of the Level 2 qualification, you may be able to progress on to a Level 3 qualification. Alternatively you could seek employment within the industry.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture

CANNINGTON

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 degree 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

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 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.

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SAMUEL OLIVE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture
Honiton Community College

I decided to study at BTC after attending a taster day. I really liked the facilities and how friendly the staff were. If I'm ever struggling with any work, they are happy to help me out in any way they can. They've also helped me gain confidence in my decision-making and practical work. Overall, studying here is fun and enjoyable. I have met new people who have become friends for life and one of my favourite memories is of when we all went on a study tour to Holland.

My knowledge of trees has deepened as I have progressed from Level 2 to Level 3 and the skills and knowledge I've gained will help in my career after College. I have had the opportunity to gain my NPTC chainsaw qualifications and to do work experience with Connor Down Tree Services, where I really enjoyed doing both grounds work and climbing work.

The advice I would give students interested in this course is don't be afraid to try something new. It is an eye opening experience and you will see the world from a different view - quite literally!

Automotive

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MOTORSPORT
ENGINEER
£50,000*

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

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Technician | Mechanic | Vehicle Body Builder | Repairer
Paint Technician | Assembler | Engineering Technician
Electrical and Electronic Technician | Repairer
Research & Development Engineer
Tyre, Exhaust & Windscreen Fitter

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.

You cover all foundation practical systems of the motor vehicle including:

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

The qualification develops both your competency in the workshop and your under-pinning knowledge in the classroom.

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 to the next level or employment.

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 workshops throughout the year and by working in a garage whilst on work experience. You will also be assessed via an online exam throughout the year which counts towards your final qualification.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion you could progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair 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 ideal if you 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
- 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, at Merit grade. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

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

You may progress on to an Apprenticeship programme (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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

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 programme (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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

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. 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 work placement.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Body Repair/ Paint Spraying Operations or Level 2 Apprenticeship. 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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

Teaching & Assessment

You will work in our workshops, repairing and painting real vehicles and sample work. Study will be over three days each week. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant work placement.

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress to a Level 3 Diploma qualification or find employment as a paint sprayer in many other industries.

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 or Paint Spraying Operations. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

Teaching & Assessment

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

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



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BREAKDOWN ENGINEER
£38,000***



"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."

RYAN CHAMBERLAIN

Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Heathfield School

Level 1 Diploma in Transport Maintenance (Heavy Vehicle)

✦ BRIDGWATER

This is a very practical course that introduces you to the industry while you gain 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 into 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 are essential. You need a positive attitude, as well as the enthusiasm to complete the programme and progress onto the next level or employment.

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.

Assessment is through practical evidence developed in the College workshops and end of unit assignments, phase tests and online exams assess the theory.

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress on to the Level 2 subsidiary Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair 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 looking to progress on to an Apprenticeship, employment in the heavy vehicle industry or interested in joining the Army whilst studying heavy vehicle mechanics. The Army Bursary Scheme is the way into a fantastic new learning experience that enables you to earn while you learn.

Topics covered 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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course.

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.



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, a keen interest in how they work and how to repair them.

Topics include:

- Health and safety practices in vehicle maintenance and good housekeeping in the automotive environment
- Tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance
- Introduction to the retail automotive maintenance and repair industry
- Motorcycle construction
- Routine maintenance on motorcycle chassis systems
- Motorcycle engines
- Transmission systems
- 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.

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 work placement.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Completion of this course can act as a pathway to a Level 2 Subsidiary Diploma in Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair Technology. 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 knowledge and skills required by today's motorcycle repair industry. You will also gain a broad 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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course.

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. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant work placement.

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.

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COREY PERRY-JONES

Level 3 Apprenticeship in Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance
Court Fields School

My Apprenticeship is with South Street Motors. I come to College for a full week, one week in every five and spend the rest of my time at work. The course is enjoyable and the staff have been helpful and supportive. You need to work hard though and be committed to your placement.

I've really enjoyed learning all about the internals of cars and what a car relies on to run smoothly. This benefits me in the workplace because I know how parts work when I come to repair or replace them. So far my greatest achievement has been passing the first year. I'm really proud of this because it means I'm on track to becoming a qualified mechanic.

Being in the workplace full-time most weeks has helped me to build relationships with colleagues, people in the trade and our stakeholders. My plan when I finish my Apprenticeship is to keep working in my current job and further my knowledge and experience. I'd also like to work on motorbikes as I'm interested in them too, and do private work for people I know. Basically, I want to carry on doing what I enjoy.

Level 2 Extended Diploma in Motorsport

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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 4 range including English, maths and science, or an equivalent qualification. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course.

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 could lead on to a university level course, 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 you could enter the motorsport industry at technician level.

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, English and science, and 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. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls, these can be purchased at enrolment if required.

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 work 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.

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KATIE MILLER

Level 2 Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
The King Alfred School

At the start of the course I was a little overwhelmed as it's such a male environment but I really wanted to do it so I took the chance. I was extremely shy and quiet to start with but it's made me stronger and really increased my confidence. I really enjoy the course because the group I am with works well together and we all help and support each other.

The tutors have supported me and made sure that I'm ready for my future career. They helped me when I was struggling, and they know how to make learning fun. My greatest achievement was when I won an award for outstanding work and great attendance. It was really unexpected and it really made me feel that the staff believed in me.

I particularly enjoy the practical work we do in the garage because it has given me confidence in working on heavy goods vehicles and working in a group. After I finish College I plan on doing an apprenticeship with Volvo. Then, when I have my driving licence, the Level 1 and 2 qualifications that I have gained at BTC will help me to become a lorry driver.

Automotive Apprenticeships

If you love cars and want to get hands-on with machinery, an automotive apprenticeship could be the ideal route to pursue.

There are a rich variety of roles available in the sector, and most people start as apprentice motor technicians or similar. This means you gain skills and knowledge while on the job, making it easier to secure your first full-time role.

The College has excellent working environments across both campuses. Having access to high quality tools and resources enables you to progress within the automotive industry as your knowledge and skills develop.

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, light vehicle and heavy vehicle work.

We pride ourselves on delivering individual support to our apprentices, ensuring you pursue a training programme that is suited to your future career needs, and the requirements of your employer.



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- Auto Refurbs Limited
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Barbering

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AVERAGE SALARY
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£38,000*

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

Level 2 Diploma in Barbering

BRIDGWATER TAUNTON

This course is designed to provide a sound basic knowledge of gent's 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 gent's 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 five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range 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 Barber Shop through observation. The theoretical units will be assessed by means of oral questions, online tests and assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

Level 3 Diploma in Barbering

BRIDGWATER TAUNTON

This course is designed to provide you with a good knowledge of advanced gent's 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
- Design patterns in hair
- Colour hair using a variety of techniques
- Wet shaving

Entry Requirements

You need to have completed a Level 2 qualification in hairdressing or barbering and have a keen interest in the subject. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

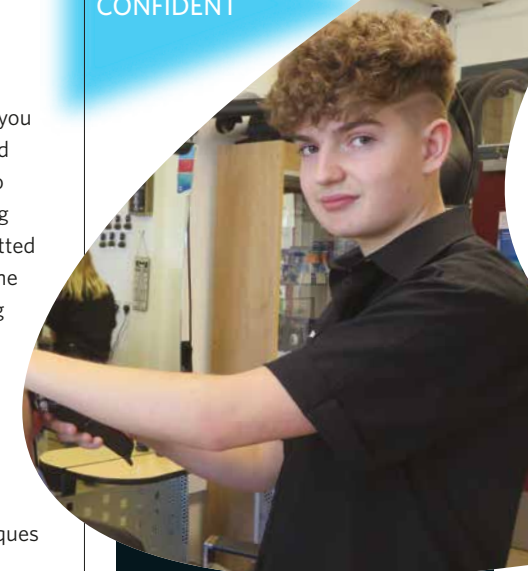
Teaching & Assessment

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, oral questions, online tests, assignments and a final exam.

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

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CHARLES MACLEAN

Level 2 Diploma in Barbering
Robert Blake Science College

I have always known I wanted to be a barber and after coming to the open evenings and a taster day I loved what I saw. The College has excellent facilities and is a really friendly environment. I have enjoyed meeting new people on my course and have made some great friends.

I entered the BTC Barber Bash competition, which was open to all barbers in the local area, and was really pleased to come second. The experience helped build my confidence and achieving second place showed me that all my hard work was paying off.

I would like to progress on to the Level 3 Barbering qualification next year and will continue to enter competitions. My ultimate dream is to run my own barber shop.



"The lessons are exciting, and my tutors are caring, passionate and inspire me."

DARCEY CUMMINS

Level 3 Diploma in Barbering
Robert Blake Science College

Beauty & Complementary Therapies

HIGHER
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AVERAGE SALARY
BEAUTY CONSULTANT
£25,000*

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.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Sales Manager | Proprietor | Sales Representative
Cosmetic Consultant | Sports Masseuse | Reflexologist
Skincare Specialist | Aromatherapist | Beautician
Make-up Artist | Nail Artist

Level 1 Introduction to Hairdressing & Beauty

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This course has been created 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 will develop your learning and personal growth in a nurturing and supportive environment. You will build practical skills in a multiple sector environment, to help you prepare for progression and employment.

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 or an apprenticeship programme. This will depend on the progress that you make during the course.

Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

✦ BRIDGWATER

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 and pedicure services
- Client care
- Lash and brow treatments
- Apply make-up
- Promoting products
- Reception duties
- Working in the hair industry
- Create an image

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 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 ongoing 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 or media make-up 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.

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Beauty Therapy

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

If you have appropriate academic skills along with a keen interest in this sector, you may be interested in this qualification. This challenging course provides additional opportunities to develop and demonstrate your skills and knowledge in the beauty sector.

Units may include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 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 ongoing 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 or media make-up 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.

Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy

✦ 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 including English and maths and have completed either a Level 2 hairdressing, barbering, or beauty qualification as a prerequisite to the Level 3 course. 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 online examinations, 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, further 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 examinations, practical assessments, case studies, assignments and final assessments.

Career & Progression Opportunities

On successful completion, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Sports Massage or Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy. 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.

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REBECCA BROWN

Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy
Heathfield Community School

The work experience opportunities at BTC have been really beneficial. I started by helping out at Cedar Falls Health Farm & Spa, and by the end of the week I was giving complementary treatments. Now I've completed my Level 2 and am studying the Level 3.

My tutor is very supportive and I've formed close friendships with the others on my course. We work together on a daily basis and last year I received a Student of the Year Award. I was so proud of myself, plus I won a year of free Dermalogica training.

Several guest speakers from different companies and specialisms come in to talk about the beauty industry. I particularly enjoyed learning about different massage techniques, pre-blended oil massage and hot stone massage. I believe the combination of industry experts, work experience, my tutors and the course content has really prepared me for working in the industry and made me more confident when talking to new people.

I've applied to start the theatrical media make-up course at the College and hope to be accepted.

MY BTC ADVANTAGE | www.btc.ac.uk

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 BTC, 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.

You focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills, and the second year is the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course at the 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 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, or find employment in the industry.

Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree

✦ TAUNTON

This is the second year of the Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up. It enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, drawing techniques and a range of make-up applications including special effects.

The programme introduces new creative techniques, covering aspects of media make-up, drawing, multi-media art, digital and 3D, alongside critical practice and developing individual specialisms, in order to deepen your understanding of this creative industry.

Subjects may include:

- 3D sculpting and casting
- Digital portfolio development
- Drawing and painting
- Body painting
- Professional practice
- Special effects make-up
- Editorial make-up
- Hair and wig creations

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 grades 9 to 2, 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, and work placements are encouraged throughout the course.

Assessment is through practical and written assignments and observations.

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 as a junior or apprentice in the industry.

Business & Events Management

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AVERAGE SALARY
FINANCIAL MANAGER
£40,000*

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POSSIBLE CAREERS

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

Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business & Events Management

BRIDGWATER

This course is ideal if you wish to further your interest in business, events management or travel and tourism. 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
- Principles of marketing
- Finance for business
- Promoting a brand
- Visual merchandising
- 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 & Events. Alternatively you could start an Apprenticeship and enter the workplace.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business & Events Management

BRIDGWATER

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 or travel and tourism, 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 successful in the 21st century.

Units may include:

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

BETTER COMMUNICATOR



LAURA KVAKSYTE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business
Robert Blake Science College

I decided to study at BTC after attending open evenings and taster workshops. At first I was worried about leaving school and coming to college, but the tutors are always here to answer your questions and support you.

My biggest achievement was being one of only two students chosen to go on an Erasmus exchange programme to the Netherlands. I experienced education abroad, in a different language and culture, and completed six days of work experience with Dutch companies.

I've improved my communication skills and have gained so much confidence in speaking in front of people. This has really helped me to provide better customer service when communicating with customers on my work experience placement at Westerly Mini.

My plan is to take a gap year to get some more work experience and then go to university to study business management or hospitality.

Business & Events Management Apprenticeships

The world of business is broad, and our apprenticeship programmes cover a range of areas, including customer service, digital marketing, 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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Catering, Hospitality & Food Industries



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AVERAGE SALARY
RESTAURANT
MANAGER
£30,000*

These courses are perfect if you aspire to be the next Raymond Blanc, influence the future of food manufacturing, develop new recipes or modify foods to create new products.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Baker | Chef de Cuisine | Food Scientist/Technologist | Sous Chef
Consumer Scientist | Catering Manager | Sommelier Patisier
Restaurant Manager | Waiting Staff | Chef de Partie | Saucier
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AVERAGE SALARY
CATERING
MANAGER
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**Level 1 Certificate
in Culinary Skills**

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

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.

**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 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 prestigious employers such as Lymptstone Manor, The Mount Somerset Hotel, The Dorchester, Kentisbury Grange and others will encourage you to raise your aspirations.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you will be able to apply for the Level 2 Professional Cookery at the Taunton campus. Alternatively you could start an Apprenticeship.

HIGHER
ASPIRATIONS



OSCAR ASHLEY
Level 1 Diploma in
Professional Cookery
Holyrood Academy

I chose to study here after taking part in a taster event. I have always wanted to be a chef so decided this was the course for me. My course is fun and informative, and I've made new friends and fitted in easily.

The staff are very helpful and I have gained culinary skills and new techniques. I have taken part in work experience placements at Cricket St Thomas Hotel and Lord Poulett Arms. This has all helped me with my ambition to become a chef.

On completion of my course I would like to travel and explore foods around the world before becoming a chef and working at different restaurants. Ultimately I would love to run my own restaurant.

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 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

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 throughout the year.

You will have the opportunity to work with professionals on our monthly guest chef nights as well as experience a variety of visits to expand your knowledge of the industry.

Progression & Career Opportunities

You may be able to progress to the full-time Level 3 Professional Cookery qualification 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. 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 those 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.

Ideally, you will have been working as a chef and might already supervise other staff or manage resources. You may have completed the first and second year of the full-time Professional Cookery Diploma at the Taunton campus. You will develop your skills in several areas, including:

- Event planning
- Supervisory skills
- Costing and menu planning
- Gastronomy

Entry Requirements

You will either need a Level 2 qualification ideally within Professional Cookery or relevant industry experience and English and maths GCSEs 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 within 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 plan events within 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.

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REBECCA HURLEY
Level 2 Diploma in
Professional Cookery
Heathfield Community School

I had an interest in the catering industry throughout school and after a recommendation from a friend I chose to study here. The restaurant and kitchen environment is really busy and it helps that the facilities are so good.

My tutor has connections with a lot of respected restaurants and kitchens in the local area, so she was able to help me find work placements at Augustus' Restaurant and The Mount Somerset Hotel. I feel that I'm a completely different person than when I started. I've made friends with people I never thought I would.

My biggest achievement was winning Student Chef of the Year and competing at the South West Chef of the Year. I also have lots of great memories of achieving things with my fellow students on team building days and on our regular gourmet evenings.

Working in the Quantock Restaurant has made me aware of what working in a fully functional catering organisation will be like. In the future I am hoping to find a full-time job or apprenticeship in a high-end hotel or restaurant.

MY BTC ADVANTAGE | www.btc.ac.uk

Catering, Hospitality & Food Industries Apprenticeships

AVERAGE SALARY
CAKE DECORATOR
£25,000*

The hospitality industry is the third biggest employer in the UK, accounting for around 1.7 million jobs in 2018**, while 3.6 million people work in the food and drink industry. That makes it a great sector to work in, and our apprenticeship programmes provide the perfect preparation.

With an average salary of £28,500, the rewards of working in these industries are obvious. And with the opportunity to work in a dynamic, fast-paced sector an apprenticeship is a great option for ambitious people at the start of their career

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Information Systems Manager
Web Designer | Systems Developer

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Level available - please see pages 54 - 57

Level 1 Certificate in Computing & Digital Industries

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 employability 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 Computing & Digital Technologies. Alternatively you could choose one of the College's Apprenticeship programmes or move into full-time employment in the computing and IT sector.

Level 2 Extended Certificate in Computing & Digital Industries

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, games programming, software development, networking, technical support, network security or information systems, then this course can provide you with the means to kick-start that journey.

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

Units may include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need 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.

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CHARLOTTE COLMER
Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Computing & Digital
Technologies
West Somerset College

The College is a great environment for study and is very lively, with plenty of places to hang out with friends between lessons.

My course has given me plenty of practical and theory experience, and I've done a week's work experience with an operations manager at BT. I spent days out in the field with engineers from various areas of expertise and learnt a lot about the physical infrastructure that supports the internet.

Before coming to college I was very quiet and timid, whereas now I'm more confident and less shy. I attend regular eSports events in my department, and as a result of feeling more confident I'm also now beginning to help with the running of the programme.

The staff have really helped prepare me for my next steps. After this course, I plan on doing a computing degree at University Centre Somerset and building a career in cyber security.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing & Digital Industries

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

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

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

Units may include:

- Principles of computer science
- Fundamentals of computer systems
- Software design and development
- IT systems security and encryption
- Games programming
- Object orientated programming
- Computer networking
- The impact of computing
- Computer systems architecture
- Website development
- Animation
- Client side customisation of web pages
- Systems analysis and design
- 3D Modelling
- 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.

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.

You will be involved in project-based work that will develop your creative and technical ability. You also have access to trips and residences, 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.

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.

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.

MORE
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JAKE HALL

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Computing
The King Alfred School

I chose to study at BTC because of the excellent computing and IT facilities and, of all the colleges in the area, it seemed able to provide the best experience.

My confidence has definitely developed during my time at the College. Interacting with new people and in a new environment has helped me come out of my comfort zone and progress personally. I was a student ambassador in my first year, eventually getting elected as a Student Executive. I also took part in an ERASMUS+ project, where I went to Finland (for free!) with other international students.

The Work Experience Co-ordinators encouraged me to find a work placement, and I did a week in the IT department of an agricultural parts supplier based in Exeter. As a result, I was able to secure a part-time position with them which I've been working in for nearly a year.

On completion of my course I'm aiming to either go into a full time IT support/development role or continue on to university.

Computing & Digital Technologies Apprenticeships

AVERAGE SALARY
GAME DEVELOPER
£42,000

We live in a digital age, so an apprenticeship in computing is a smart career move.

Our programmes prepare you for a variety of roles, including working on an IT helpdesk, delivering first- and second-line support, digital marketing, software testing and cyber security.

By combining on-the-job training with College-based learning, our programmes offer the chance to develop your practical experience alongside your technical know-how. Typically, you'll be expected to attend College for one day a week, spending the rest of your time in the workplace and earning a wage.

You'll receive all the support you need to flourish professionally, including mentoring and coaching at work, and time with an Assessor who sets targets and monitors your progress. As a result, you'll have the perfect foundation for a rewarding career in the technology sector.



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POSSIBLE CAREERS

Painter & Decorator | Bricklayer | Dry Liner | Carpenter
Cabinet Maker | Plumber | Bench Joiner | Electrician

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Level available - please see pages 54 - 57

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 into a full Apprenticeship, a Level 2 Diploma or alternatively you could find employment in the construction industry.

MORE
EFFECTIVE
LEARNER



JACK BAKER

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Bench Joinery
Employed by Nigel Salter Joinery
Bridgwater College Academy

While studying an apprenticeship it's great to have the support of College staff and access to the impressive College facilities, alongside the experience you get in a real working environment.

My tutors are really supportive, both with my college work and with any concerns I have in the workplace. They encourage me to achieve my potential and have helped prepare me for my next step. By being employed, I've learnt all sorts of extra skills like how to deal with customers and other employees, and how companies operate.

I've enjoyed becoming more competent and feeling proud when completing jobs I couldn't have before starting the apprenticeship. It may not be perfect but you know you've tried your best and learnt a lot in the process.

After I achieve my Level 2 qualification, I'd like to go on to the Level 3 and possibly further. An apprenticeship is definitely a good option if you want to work and gain a recognised qualification. It's not always easy, but I'd say go for it and see where it takes you.

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 BTC 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 other 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 the College.

MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER



FELIX SPENCE

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Furniture & Manufacture
Employed by Artichoke Trinity School

I was really interested in the College because it has a good selection of tools and machinery, great tutors and I liked the workshops. It also offers courses from Level 1 to 3 in furniture making and design, which meant I could start at Level 1 and build my skills, plus I study maths alongside my course.

I work for Artichoke in Cheddar, a specialist joinery and design business making bespoke kitchens. Being both at College and in employment means I've made friends with other students as well as my colleagues. I've learnt so much from my colleagues and really enjoy working. It's an honour to work alongside such exceptional makers who bring people's dreams to reality, and a privilege to help them bring customers' designs to life.

My goal is to achieve a Distinction this year and then start the Level 3 qualification. I've such enthusiasm and excitement to learn about the furniture industry and I hope to work at Artichoke for as long as possible.

Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery

✦ 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 course.

Level 1 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making

✦ BRIDGWATER

This practical course has a strong emphasis on fine woodworking and will provide you with the skills needed for employment in furniture making, restoration, musical instrument making or any part of the fine woodworking industry. Professional Furniture Making 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 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.

Level 2 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making

✦ BRIDGWATER

This course has the aim of developing your fine woodworking and design skills ready for employment in the industry using the modern machines and hand tools in our specialist workshop.

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 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 practical course is for those who want to learn about 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.

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 exhibition standard pieces of furniture.

You will cover modules such as:

- Craft studies
- Design research and development
- Business skills
- Designing prototypes
- Spray finishing

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including maths, English and/or a Level 2 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 find employment in a variety of craft trades or become self-employed. 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 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 allows you to progress to further engineering and building services qualifications such as Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation at BTC or an Apprenticeship programme if employment within the electrical trade is secured. This gives you the opportunity to practise the basic installation of cables and wiring systems.

Level 2 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

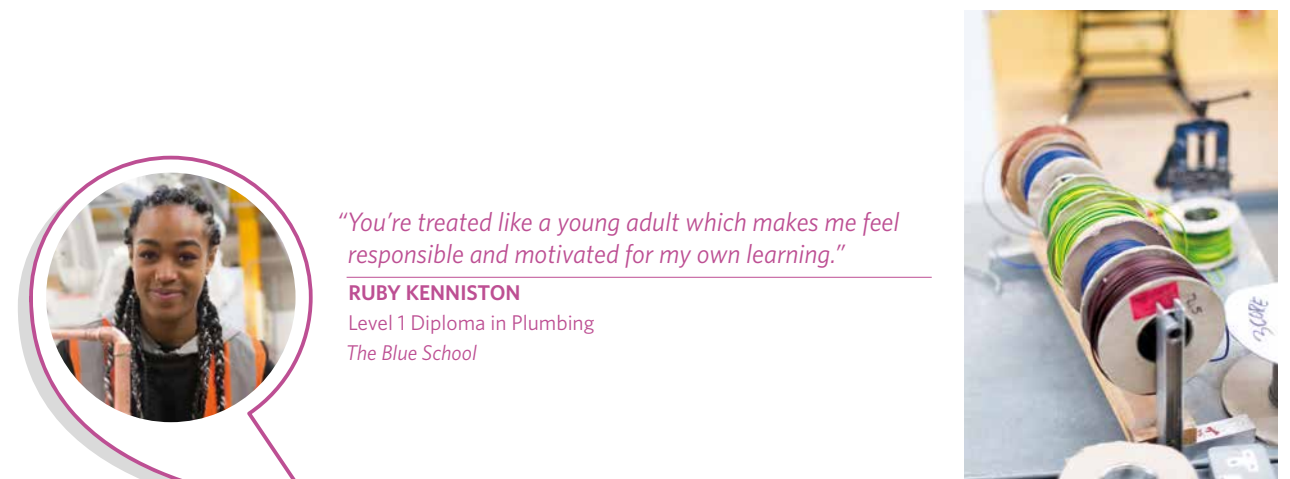
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English, maths and science, or a relevant Level 2 qualification. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

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.



"You're treated like a young adult which makes me feel responsible and motivated for my own learning."

RUBY KENNISTON

Level 1 Diploma in Plumbing
The Blue School

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.

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.

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.



AVERAGE SALARY
PLUMBER
£40,000*

✦ DENOTES CAMPUS

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 3 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 and 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.

MORE
CONFIDENT



CALLUM MATTHEWS

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Civil Engineering
Employed by BYLOR – Hinkley Point C
Robert Blake Science College

BYLOR has the main civil engineering contract for the nuclear new build at Hinkley Point C and is training hundreds of workers. I'm one of the youngest apprentices at BYLOR and was very shy when I started.

I struggled to fit in at school so didn't have much confidence, but all that's changed. At the beginning of my apprenticeship, I was so keen to show my dedication that I cycled through the snow to get to work. My boss has been really positive about my progress and seen me come out of my shell. I was blown away when he nominated me for a Rising Star Award at the National Apprenticeship Awards, and I won.

The days at College are also great. I'm able to meet my friends and have learnt so much that I use on site. If I don't understand something, I make sure I ask so I don't hold up the job or make mistakes. Everyone at BYLOR and the College are really helpful and willing to pass on their skills to support me.

Construction Apprenticeships

Our programmes provide outstanding training across a wide range of sectors within the construction industry.

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.



AVERAGE SALARY
CONSTRUCTION SITE
MANAGER
£35,000*

BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- AC Plumbing and Heating Specialists Ltd
- Bylor Services Ltd
- Connect Consultants
- EDF Energy
- Hydro Southwest Plumbing & Heating

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for more information



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Countryside Management

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AVERAGE SALARY
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGER
£35,000*

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 | Gamekeeper
Conservation Officer | Government Department Officer
Coppice Worker | Environmental Officer | Wildlife Trust Worker



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Level 2 Technical Diploma in Countryside Studies

✦ 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 & Careers Opportunities

On successful completion you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Countryside Management 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 Diploma in Countryside Management

✦ 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.

MORE
EFFECTIVE
LEARNER



LUCY TAYLOR
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management
Crispin School

I like the whole atmosphere of the campus because it is so friendly. I feel comfortable speaking to the tutors and staff I may not know so well, like the librarians and receptionists, for help if I need it.

I have gained a sound knowledge of so many aspects of the countryside, including native tree species, freshwater fish and flora and fauna, as well as learnt practical skills in things like hedge laying and conducting habitat surveys. I've also done work experience with Natural England at a local nature reserve.

Jobs in this sector are very competitive and I feel that everything I have learned and done on this course will give me the edge when I move into employment.

I would say if you're interested in the countryside and you want a job working outside, then this could be the perfect course for you. It covers a wide variety of topics and there are a lot of career paths that it could open up, from a Park Ranger to a Gamekeeper.

Countryside Management Apprenticeships

AVERAGE SALARY
CONSERVATION
OFFICER
£25,000*

What career could be more rewarding than as a custodian and conserver 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.



BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- Dartmoor National Park
- Exmoor National Park
- Natural England

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Creative Arts

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AVERAGE SALARY
STAGE MANAGER
£35,000*

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

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Actor | Choreographer | Artist | Archivist | DJ
Entertainer | Music Teacher | Costume Designer
Classical Musician | Graphic Designer | Stylist
Lighting Technician | Music Promotions Manager
Prop Maker | Set Designer | Sound Engineer
Stunt Performer | Dancer | Filmmaker
Radio Broadcaster | Stagehand | Director

Level 1 Diploma in Creative Arts

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This course gives you the opportunity to gain experience working in a variety of areas such as drawing, 2D and 3D design skills, animation, photography, as well as learning to use a range of software on Apple Mac computers.

You will have access to excellent facilities at a professional standard, a full Creative Suite on Apple Mac computers, 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.

You also have access to trips and residentials, 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.

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. English and maths 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, 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 arts 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. You also have access to trips and residentials, 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.

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 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 production arts and live events, art and design, fashion business retail, creative media production, digital media design or A Levels, pending an interview.

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 course, including an end of year exhibition. Students will also participate in visits to museums and galleries to inspire their practice.

Throughout the course you cover a broad range of skills and approaches to art that may include:

- Visual culture (art history and theory)
- Drawing
- Photography
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Installation
- Printmaking
- Textiles
- Graphic design
- Performance art

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 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 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. It 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.

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.

You will have access to trips and residentials, 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.

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 a Level 3 Diploma in art and design, creative media or production arts and live events, or a 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 is structured to give you a wide range of experiences that introduce digital skills and ideas. You will be involved in project-based work that will develop your creative and technical ability. You also have access to trips and residentials, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course.

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

The second year you continue project work with a more in-depth approach to analysis and the introduction of advanced technical skills.

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 for assessment purposes.

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER



DYLAN JONES

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Digital Media Design
St Dunstan's School

When I was searching for a college I looked for a design course that included animation. BTC was the only college I found that taught this, and it had the best media courses and equipment I'd seen.

My animation skills have improved greatly since I have had the opportunity to learn from a professional. The College uses specialist software such as Adobe Animate and the equipment we use is the same as that used in industry. This means I can make really high quality project work. We also learn what it's like to work in the animation industry, and have created idents for an E4 competition which could be shown on TV. Alongside my course I am a member of the BTC Animation Academy where we do even more animation and enter competitions.

My time at College has been really positive and has fully prepared me for going to university to study Animation. Later on, I hope to pursue a career in animating movies or short films.



"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."

VANESSA HASTINGS

Level 3 Extended Diploma In Art & Design (Fine Art, 3D, Fashion & Textiles)
Studying Fashion & Photography at Falmouth University
Kingsmead School



Level 2 Diploma in Media

BRIDGWATER

Do you have a keen interest in media such as video, graphics, design and photography? 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. You will have access to trips and residentials, 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.

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, production arts and live events or fashion business retail, 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.



HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



TAILA HALFORD

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
Kings of Wessex Academy

I've thoroughly enjoyed my two years at BTC and appreciate the opportunities that have made me the performer I am today.

I was extremely lucky to play Daisy Hilton in last year's Performing Arts Final Major Project, 'Side Show' in The McMillan Theatre. I loved the entire rehearsal process which taught me about discipline, and encouraged my passion and motivation. Even more exciting is the opportunity to play one of my dream roles this year, Velma Kelly in 'Chicago'.

As BTC students, we're so lucky to have access to the amazing facilities at The McMillan Theatre. By learning on stage and in the dance studio, we're prepared for what working as a performer will be like and it gives us the best possible chance to succeed in such a competitive industry.

The performing arts course is perfect if you're serious about going into the industry and I can confidently say it's set me up with the right skills and tools for my drama school auditions. I've received a place on the degree course in musical theatre at the Emil Dale Academy and have recall auditions at two other top schools.

Level 3 Diploma in Art & Design (Design & Image, Art & Fashion)

TAUNTON

This course looks at the relationship between disciplines and how they work together in real-world contexts. It allows for extensive experimentation and development of ideas from across the art and design spectrum to be used in graphic design, photography, art or fashion. Industry briefs and challenging problems allow you to build an exciting portfolio, leaning towards a particular area of specialism in year two.

Modules as appropriate to individual pathways may include:

- Introduction to design principles
- Darkroom, location and studio photography techniques
- Experimental imagery
- Packaging design
- Moving image software skills
- Fine Art 2D/3D
- Fashion and textiles
- Contextual studies

Your practical studio-based experience is enriched through a programme of residential trips and visits. Previous groups visited New York, St Ives, London, and European destinations. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course.

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 continually assessed through practical and written assignments and external moderation, and your progress is monitored by tutorials and seminars.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion you could study a degree in subjects such as graphic design, photography, architecture, game design, animation, illustration, fine art, media make-up, costume design, etc. Alternatively you could find employment at junior level or a creative apprenticeship.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media (Film & TV)

TAUNTON

Study with award winning digital lecturers, 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

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.

Teaching & Assessment

You have access to trips and residentials, 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 ongoing throughout the year and involves practical and written assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

MORE CONFIDENT



HEIDI PROLE

Level 3 Apprenticeship in Graphic Design
Employed by First Design West Somerset College

After completing my A Levels, I started to work for First Design, who provide design, print, online and marketing solutions. They recommended an apprenticeship with BTC and I was happy to enrol after learning about the course and taking a look around.

An apprenticeship has been the best option for me since I benefit from working in the industry as well as gaining a qualification. College days give me time to work on my assignments and explore features in the software I haven't covered at work. During the rest of the week, I develop client relationships which help build my confidence and improve my ability to express ideas.

I would love to stay at First Design as it's my idea of the perfect job. I would definitely consider completing a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship to further my skills and knowledge in the workplace even more because, although I was apprehensive about starting an apprenticeship, it's been one of the best decisions I ever made and would recommend it 100%.

Level 3 Extended Diploma Creative Media Production

✦ BRIDGWATER

The Creative Media Production programme is a really successful and established course designed for those who have an interest in film, radio, television or journalism, and a desire to follow a media-related career. The course offers lots of opportunities to work on live briefs with local employers to enhance your skills and portfolio.

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 & Career 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 2 Diploma in Commercial Music

✦ BRIDGWATER

This course is ideal if you have basic skills in music or music technology and 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.

Units include:

- Music sequencing and production
- How the music industry works
- DJ skills
- Music performance and rehearsal techniques
- Recording techniques

The course concludes with a public performance opportunity where you can showcase your skills development over the year.

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 if you wish to pursue the performance pathway. No prior experience is required for the DJ pathway, but it would be advantageous.

Assessment

Assessment is by 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, students can progress on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma courses including music technology and performance, performing arts or production arts and live events. Alternatively you may seek employment in the performance arts, music and media industries.

MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER



MELISSA FEAR

Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Music Technology &
Performance
King Alfred School

I'm currently studying a degree in song writing at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts. When looking at colleges, I thought BTC had the best facilities and really experienced staff, including industry professionals from specialist areas.

I loved being able to perform during my course, and left able to manage my time, research topics and learn collaboratively, which are essential skills when studying at degree level. BTC prepared me by providing me an in-depth understanding of music theory, opportunities for instrumental performance and encouraged me to talk confidently about my own practice.

I also had experience of a record label and music distribution, and I was lucky enough to be signed to the BTC record label Brainworks. My single Table Salt was released under my artist name Hera, featured on BBC Radio 1, and was available to purchase and download from iTunes and Spotify. I learnt so much and felt so prepared for uni, that after auditions and interviews I secured numerous scholarships and unconditional offers.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Technology & Performance

✦ BRIDGWATER

This course 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 record music labels.

The technology pathway develops 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, as well as Sibelius to release your tracks via the student-run record label.

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 creative practical assignment tasks and an externally controlled assessment.

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.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion Business Retail

✦ 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 will learn about the fashion industry, from buying and setting trends, to the marketing and promotion of garments and designs, and gain experience within the areas of business for fashion, creative thinking, application of skills, and 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

You will have access to trips and residentials, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course.

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.

Level 1 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making

✦ BRIDGWATER

This practical course has a strong emphasis on fine woodworking and will provide you with the skills needed for employment in furniture making, restoration, musical instrument making or any part of the fine woodworking industry. Professional Furniture Making 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 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 & Career 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.



Level 2 Diploma in Practical Furniture Making

★ BRIDGWATER

This course has the aim of developing your fine woodworking and design skills ready for employment in the industry using the modern machines and hand tools in our specialist workshop.

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 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 practical course is for those who want to learn about 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.

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 exhibition standard pieces of furniture.

You will cover modules such as:

- Craft studies
- Design research and development
- Business skills
- Designing prototypes
- Spray finishing

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including maths, English and/or a Level 2 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 find employment in a variety of craft trades or become self-employed. Alternatively, you could progress on to design, craft or art subjects at degree level.

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



NICOLE WHITTY

Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production
Crispin School

I chose to come and study here after really enjoying a taster day and leaving it feeling as if I belonged at BTC. The taster gave a really good insight into the course and everyone was so polite and welcoming.

The facilities within the media department are great and we have so much fantastic industry-standard equipment at our disposal to use on our coursework projects. I also take part in the BTC Media Academy alongside my course. I really enjoy it because I can learn even more skills and we do extra client-based work. I have recently filmed a music showcase at The McMillan Theatre and really enjoyed the experience of working in a professional environment.

When I decided to apply for a place at University Centre Somerset my tutor helped me with writing the best personal statement that I could to give me the best chance of getting a place. I felt so proud when I received a conditional offer! It shows that university is achievable if you work hard.

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.

You focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills, and the second year is the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course at the 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 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, or find employment in the industry.

Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree

✦ TAUNTON

This is the second year of the Level 3 Certificate in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up. It enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, drawing techniques and a range of make-up applications including special effects.

The programme introduces new creative techniques, covering aspects of media make-up, drawing, multi-media art, digital and 3D, alongside critical practice and developing individual specialisms, in order to deepen your understanding of this creative industry.

Subjects may include:

- 3D sculpting and casting
- Digital portfolio development
- Drawing and painting
- Body painting
- Professional Practice
- Special effects make-up
- Editorial make-up
- Hair and wig creations

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 grades 9 to 2, 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, and work placements are encouraged throughout the course.

Assessment is through practical and written assignments and observations.

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 as a junior or apprentice in the industry.

✦ DENOTES CAMPUS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts

✦ BRIDGWATER

This course provides skills within all aspects of the three disciplines of dance, acting and singing. It also provides opportunities to develop skills in creativity and performance, audition preparation and professional training in each discipline. Sessions are delivered in the College's McMillan Theatre, with students regularly accessing workshops and performances by professionals. Our successful performances have seen students performing to packed houses of 300 people or more each night.

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
- Site specific
- 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.

Teaching & Assessment

You have the opportunity to attend a variety of live performances and trips. Previous students visited New York, London and Disneyland Paris.

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The College's 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.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dance

✦ BRIDGWATER

On this course you will study all aspects of dance and aspects of the performing arts including contemporary dance, 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
- Urban 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.

Teaching & Assessment

This course includes trips and visits, with previous students visiting New York, Disneyland Paris and Mississippi. Live performance is a valuable experience and students are encouraged to watch a variety of shows and performances.

Assessment is via coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research and group work. On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded an overall distinction, merit or pass grade.

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.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Production Arts & Live Events

✦ BRIDGWATER

This course is suitable if you have a keen interest in the technology and processes that underlie modern production and live 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 study programme, 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:

- Events management
- Performing arts business
- Live sound for the stage
- Stage lighting design
- Arts in the community
- Scenic construction
- Stage management

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 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.

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



JOSHUA HUGHES
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Events Production
Oswestry School, Shropshire

It's rare to find a course that teaches the technical aspects of events or productions. I had a great time at BTC, thanks to the fantastic tutors, nice people and really helpful staff. Now I work as a Laser Technician for ER Productions an innovative entertainment laser and SFX specialist, providing visual solutions for some of the most iconic shows, concert tours and high-profile events in the world.

I'm so grateful to the College for giving me the knowledge and experience of theatre lighting that enabled me to launch my career. Since graduating I've been on tour with boy band BTS and Kylie Minogue, and my next job is a world tour with Tame Impala. I travel to different cities with the groups to set up, operate the lasers and help with the load out. It's hard work and long hours, but I enjoy every minute. I'm having such a great time that I hope to stay at ER Productions and gain more experience using the different and innovative equipment.

Creative Arts Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships span arts, culture and design roles within the creative industries and provide you with the opportunity to work and train in your chosen specialism to gain skills, develop your professional role and earn whilst doing it.

An apprenticeship programme usually takes two years to complete and training is carried out within the workplace. An assessor visits on a regular basis to monitor your progress, deliver training and set targets.

Career progression varies depending on your chosen industry. You could become a live events rigger, theatre technician, leather crafts person, content creator interior designer, sewing machinist, web designer, graphic/advertising designer or print technician. You could also work for a TV or film company in the production team or within a broad range of creative marketing roles.



BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- Goose & Gander Ltd
- Haynes International Motor Museum
- Mulberry Company (Design) Ltd
- Custom Labels Ltd
- The McMillan Theatre
- Sassi Holford
- Spicerack Media
- Environments for Business
- Tacchi-Morris Arts Centre
- Carly Press

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Early Childhood Studies

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

POSSIBLE CAREERS

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

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Level available - please see pages 54 - 57

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. You also require a clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

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 Technical Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

The aim of the course is to prepare you to work with children between birth and five years as an Early Years Assistant. During the one year programme you will need to complete 280 hours of mandatory work experience.

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, evidence of work experience with the Early Years age range, and you need a reference and a clear 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.

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HAPPIER



MATTHEW SUTTON

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Children's Play, Learning & Development
Heathfield Community School

The main reasons I chose this college was the excellent learning support. I have a hearing impairment, and the learning support staff and workshop co-ordinators have ensured that help is across all my lessons, and I know I can ask them for further assistance with anything if I need it.

The routine here is structured in a way that allows you to plan your work to the fullest. There is timetabled self-study time and lots of opportunities to work at staffed learning workshops, which are very quiet and relaxed.

I have done 750 hours of early years work placements which counts towards my qualification. The staff at Wyvern Nursery and Creech St Michael Primary School were so supportive and really friendly.

My ambition is to become a primary school teacher and make a difference to children's lives. I'm keen to work with children who have additional needs, as I know the value of being supported and helped. After College I plan to study a degree and then a PGCE course in order to become a qualified teacher.

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 curriculum and how theoretical learning underpins working with children. You will gain practical experience during your mandatory 750 placement hours. These will be made up in a variety of settings to include nurseries, schools and special educational needs placements.

You will cover units such as:

- Children's development, play and learning
- Working with children with additional needs
- The Early Years Foundation Stage
- Promoting children's development outdoors

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



Entry Requirements

You need a minimum of five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including maths and English, or a Level 2 Early Years qualification at Merit level and English and maths GCSEs at grade 4. 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 an extensive 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.

MORE
CONFIDENT



CHARLOTTE WHITEROD

Level 2 Technical Diploma 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 as well as practical experience in a workplace.

I didn't know anyone when I started but quickly made new friendships and have gained in confidence. The work experience helped with that, as well as the staff being really supportive.

After completing my Level 2 qualification, I have progressed on to the Level 3 Extended Diploma. I have enjoyed the opportunities to do lots of work experience in different early years settings. Next year on completion of my course I am hoping to go to university or into full time work.

Early Childhood Studies Apprenticeships

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.



BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust
- Early Birds Pre-school
- Little Explorers Childminding
- Yew Trees Nursery
- Vector Learning Trust
- Watery Lane Pre-school
- Waycroft Academy

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Engineering



HIGHER
ASPIRATIONS



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 | Magnet Engineer
Instrumental & Control Engineer | Design Technician
Radiation Protection Engineer | Architectural Technician
Project Control Engineer | Mechanical Engineer

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.

This 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
- Health & Safety
- Mathematics
- The engineering world and products
- Fabrication and welding
- Engineering machining

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 3 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. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant industry placement.

Technical Baccalaureate Diploma in Engineering

✦ BRIDGWATER

Engineering is a fast-moving, exciting industry which incorporates continuing development of technology and systems. This course will provide you with comprehensive technical training needed for today's professional engineering industry.

This 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 on your career ladder.

An Engineering Technical Baccalaureate is a study programme that consists of an Engineering Extended Diploma, an A Level maths and an Extended Project.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, 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 Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England delivered at University Centre Somerset.

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AMY MILLER
Technical Baccalaureate Diploma in Engineering
Haygrove School

I love that we're able to do extra things on top of the course we're studying. I'm completing a maths A Level alongside my engineering course, and it's timetabled so I don't miss anything and can reach my full potential.

When I'm not in lessons I have time to work on my assignments and also to join clubs and take part in sport. We also do lots of extra-curricular activities and trips. This year we went to Barcelona and visited the Camp Nou stadium, the Spanish Formula 1 race circuit Catalunya, and explored the city.

Last year I was chosen to take part in the Eurekaha Challenge that involves using design thinking to solve complex problems for an external company. As the process went on, my confidence grew and I was really proud we found a solution that the company liked.

With the support of the BTC staff, I've achieved the highest predicted grades in my engineering course and an A in my Maths A Level and as a result I've already been offered a place on the Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship with EDF Energy. I'm so excited - not only will I have a degree when I finish, but experience within EDF Energy as well.



Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aerospace Engineering

✦ BRIDGWATER

In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting edge technologies and innovative solutions. Study Aerospace Engineering and one day you could find yourself designing the next generation of supersonic aircraft or working on the latest military or civilian helicopters.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects. 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 at grade 5 or above, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes maths.

Assessment

You will be assessed through a variety of methods including practical assessment, written coursework and presentations. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant industry placement.

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 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 automation, electrical technology, electronic/electrical engineering, automotive electronics or green technologies.

This 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:

- Electrical and electronic principles
- Electrical installation
- Electronic measurement and testing
- Application of electronic devices and circuits
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Programmable logic controllers
- Industrial robot technology

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 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. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant industry placement.

Progression & Career Opportunities

For students who successfully complete the course you could progress to the HNC in Electrical/Electronic Control Engineering or Foundation Degree in Mechatronics 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 Engineers, Electronic Technicians and Control Engineers.

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS



BEN HUNT

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
King Alfred School

The atmosphere at College is very different from school. They treat us with respect and we're able to call the tutors by their first names. We're responsible for getting our work done, and each lesson is well structured to refine and expand our knowledge. Every week I have a tutorial session to recap what I've done, review what I want to do in the future and plan how I'm going to achieve it.

In my first year I achieved a Distinction* which is the highest grade possible. I worked really hard for it so it was a great feeling when I received my results. I also did 30 hours work experience for a local electrician, but this year I'm part of a pilot programme so completing 315 hours with various companies. In the first year I found the work experience myself, but this year my tutor has helped.

My two years at College have flown by and though it's been hard work, it's been worth it. Once I complete my course, I plan on securing a Higher Level Apprenticeship to earn a salary and work towards a degree.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

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
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Manual machining processes and fabrication
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC)
- Industrial robotics

Both the mechanical and manufacturing pathways share a common first year. In the second year you choose to specialise which dictates the specialist units you study.



"The course has provided me with the entry requirements to start a degree level engineering Apprenticeship."

HARRY LAWRENCE

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering
Huish Episcopi Academy

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.

Assessment

This course is assessed by a range of assignments and assessments. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant industry placement.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Successful completion will enable progression on to university, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Higher Apprenticeships.

Former students have become Design Engineers, Aerospace Engineers and have moved into employment with the Ministry of Defence, Airbus, Thales, Rolls-Royce, GKN and EDF Energy.

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MATT PHIPPEN

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering
Robert Blake Science College

The engineering department at BTC has exciting new facilities and equipment in the Advanced Engineering Centre, so we are able to learn about a range of engineering types like computer design engineering, manufacturing engineering and robotics.

The way that my course is constructed really suits my way of learning as it is mostly coursework-based and we have quite a lot of self-study time which means I am able to keep on top of my work. The tutors all want to see you do well and are willing to help with anything.

I would advise anyone studying here to take any opportunity to participate in enrichment and side projects alongside their course. I took part in the 'Eurekaha' engineering project which taught me extra skills in how to communicate ideas and how to prototype. It also made me more confident in talking and presenting ideas which I am certain helped me to secure my next step, a Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship with EDF.

Engineering Apprenticeships

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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- Lang O'Rourke
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English (ESOL)

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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.

English for Academic Purposes (ESOL) 16 to 18

BRIDGWATER

If you are aged 16 to 18 and English is not your first language, this course will develop your skills prior to progressing your education. The course welcomes students with no knowledge of English, as well as students who already have a limited use of the language.

Modules include:

- Core English language studies
- Maths
- Information technology/computers
- Project work
- Vocational study - health & social care, childcare, catering, art or business studies
- Self study

Entry Requirements

There are no formal qualifications required for entry. You will undergo an informal interview and possibly an initial assessment to determine which level of the course is right for you. For your first visit to College, you will need to bring your passport or Home Office documents/visas.

Teaching & Assessment

Various guest speakers visit during the year and there may be the opportunity to undertake work experience. You will be required to give presentations and take part in discussions. In addition, you are required to take responsibility for your own learning, complete homework, work in pairs or groups when appropriate and complete self-study activities.

Examinations are in three parts; speaking, listening, and reading and writing. Revision sessions are organised to prepare you for the exams and tutorial sessions follow and review your progress.

Progression Opportunities

On completion of the course you may progress to either the next level of ESOL or another course if you have the correct level of English.

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REGINA MÁRTON
ESOL
Originally from Hungary

I am originally from Hungary and when I came here two years ago I couldn't speak any English at all. I thought it would be very hard for me to learn, but I'm very proud that I have learned it so quickly. My tutors are friendly and helpful and I have made friends who have also helped me a lot. I'm comfortable speaking English now and the course has given me confidence.

My advice to anyone thinking of taking this course would be to be confident and study hard! When I have finished my course I would like to stay at College and take my education further by doing a hairdressing course. In the future I would love to start my own business.



"My tutors are friendly and helpful and I have made friends who have also helped me a lot."

REGINA MÁRTON
English for Academic Purposes

Equine Studies

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AVERAGE SALARY
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£45,000*

A career in the equestrian industry requires hard work and determination, but the result is an interesting and rewarding way to earn your living.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Stable Hand | Groom | Equestrian Centre Manager | Breeder
Training Riding Instructor | Jockey | Trainer | Exercise Rider
Rehabilitation Therapist

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.

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 a horse 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. Your learning is reinforced by 150 hours work experience within an equine-based 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.

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MARY LOCKYER
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Haygrove School

I chose to study at BTC because it's one of the few local colleges that offers courses in equine studies. I enjoy learning in a practical environment alongside horses, so the course was perfect for me.

Throughout the week we have classroom-based theory lessons like stud management, horse fitness and training, equestrian teaching and business. I also ride twice a week at College; I have a lesson improving my riding technique on the flat with Gold Medallist endurance rider Jane McGuinness, and a jumping lesson. Jumping is tough, but once we achieve a target we celebrate, then think about what we could do to get better. The staff are always there to give constructive feedback and push us to achieve what they know we can do.

I've decided to go straight into work after I finish College, so I can gain more experience working in the equine industry and put my Level 3 qualification to use. I am considering university as an option in the future though and may look at studying an equine business degree.

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. 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

In your first year you will also complete 150 hours work experience within an equine-based setting, and another 150 in your second year. You will be assessed through a variety of methods including externally set and marked tests, assignments, portfolio development, practical/riding assessments and presentations.

Progression & Careers 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.



"I've been offered a place to study Veterinary Bioscience at Aberystwyth University."

CAITLIN LOWE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Kings Monkton School

Equine Studies Apprenticeships

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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Foundation Studies

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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.

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.

Level 1 Certificate in Culinary Skills

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

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.

Choices for Independence

✦ TAUNTON

This programme is aimed at meeting the needs of individuals with severe learning difficulties, and profound and multiple learning disabilities.

Applicants must have an Education, Care and Health Plan and the aim is to support the transition from school, through college, to future life. You will have the opportunity to develop your communication and life skills 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 in the community.

We offer intensive interaction sessions and use Somerset Total Communication and Symwriter. 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.

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.

Introduction to Further Education

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ 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.

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 progressed on to animal care, horticulture and agriculture programmes.

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 City & Guilds qualifications 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 effectively.

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 further education programmes in a related subject area, find employment or apply for supported work placements.

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CALLUM DYER

Level 1 Certificate in Culinary Skills
Chilton Trinity

This course is great. I have an assortment of lessons from practical cookery, theory, maths and English. I've also made a new friend and really enjoy the practical sessions. I work in the College canteen to get some experience in a real kitchen, and my confidence has grown so I can do more things now than I could before.

I love preparing food, so the best part of my course has been running the College restaurant and when we catered for an outside function at Greenway Farm. We cooked a three course meal with two choices for 30 people, it was a good lesson in transferring the skills I'd learnt at College to someone else's kitchen. It was a challenge but brilliant, plus it was for charity.

My tutor has been really supportive since she knows me really well, understands my limits and has been able to slowly push me out of my comfort zone. As a result, I've been offered an apprenticeship after I finish my Level 1, so I'll be able to carry on working in the College canteen.



College



Information



Baking



Sensory room



Horticulture



Life skills

Multi Trades

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON
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This course is for those who are undecided about their future and have found it difficult to engage in education in the past. It aims to support your mental health and behavioural 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.

Subjects could include:

- Motor vehicle
- Construction
- Sport
- Hairdressing/beauty therapy
- Media/art
- 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 progress on to a further education Level 1 or 2 qualification. Alternatively you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship.

Progression for an Active Life

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

Progression for an Active 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 moderate 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. You must have an Education, Health & Care Plan.

Assessment

You will 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, supported employment or social services provision.

Steps to Employment & Further Education

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ CANNINGTON
✦ 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.

Transition Group

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This course is for pupils from both special and mainstream schools with a diagnosis of Autism, 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
- 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 achieving a grade 4 at GCSE level.

Progression Opportunities

On successful completion of the programme, you may be able to apply for Level 1, 2 or 3 courses in another vocational area, apply for work or apply for Project Search or a Supported Internship.



Project Search

✦ 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 Musgrove 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.

Progression Opportunities

On successful completion of the programme, you are prepared to enter the world of work.



Supported Internship

✦ BRIDGWATER

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

Progression Opportunities

On successful completion of the programme, you are prepared to enter the workplace.



Hairdressing

MORE
EFFECTIVE
LEARNER

AVERAGE SALARY
SALON MANAGER
£30,000*

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 will 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 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

✦ 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
- Change hair colour using basic techniques
- Perm and neutralise hair using basic techniques
- Styling and blowdrying hair

Assessment

Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, tests and a final written and practical exam.

Entry Requirements

You need five 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.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing or Level 2 Certificate in Barbering at Bridgwater & Taunton College. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.

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JAIME WOOLLAN

Level 3 Diploma in Hairdressing
Bridgwater College Academy

I chose to come to BTC after coming to look round. I felt really comfortable with the surroundings and staff. I started with the Level 1 course, then progressed to the Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing, and now I'm studying the Level 3 Hairdressing course. I've really enjoyed it at College and made new friends on my course.

My favourite part of the course is working in the College salon with paying clients. I've really enjoyed this aspect and it's helped me feel more confident in myself. You need a lot of patience but it is worth it to see the end result.

The staff on my course have helped to prepare me for my next steps and I'm ready to work in the hairdressing industry.

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 range 9 to 4 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 Barbering or Media Hair & Make-up at BTC. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.



Level 2 Diploma 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 you could 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.

You focus on media make-up techniques, developing significant skills, and the second year is the Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree course at the 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 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.

Level 3 Media Make-up Pre-Degree

✦ TAUNTON

This is the second year of the Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up. It enables you to develop your creative approach to texture, 3D casting, drawing techniques and a range of make-up applications including special effects.

The programme introduces new creative techniques, covering aspects of media make-up, drawing, multi-media art, digital and 3D, alongside critical practice and developing individual specialisms, in order to deepen your understanding of this creative industry.

Subjects may include:

- 3D sculpting and casting
- Digital portfolio development
- Drawing and painting
- Body painting
- Professional practice
- Special effects make-up
- Editorial make-up
- Hair and wig creations

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 grades 9 to 2, 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, and work placements are encouraged throughout the course.

Assessment is through practical and written assignments and observations.

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 as a junior or apprenticeship in the industry.

Health & Social Care

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AVERAGE SALARY
COUNSELLING
PSYCHOLOGIST
£45,000*

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.

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Care Assistant | Support Worker | Drug & Alcohol Worker
Healthcare Assistant | Social Worker | Midwife | Counsellor
Occupational Therapist | Physiotherapist



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. You will also need to have an enhanced DBS.

Teaching

Modules are taught through a mixture of class-based activities, practical sessions and during work experience. You will need to complete 90 hours of work placement in health and social care related settings.

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
- Infection prevention and control

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.

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 will also need to have an enhanced DBS.

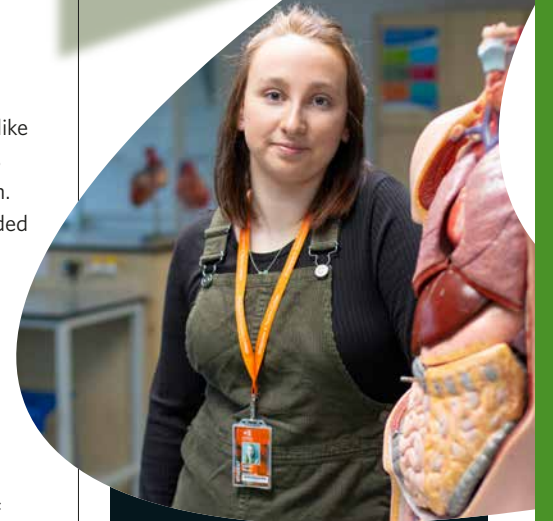
Teaching & Assessment

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. You will also need to complete 100 hours of work placements in health and social care related settings.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course at Merit level with English and maths at grade 4 or above, you could choose to progress to the Level 3 Health & Social Care qualification. Alternatively you could progress into the workplace as a Care Assistant, Support Worker or Healthcare Assistant, or on to an Apprenticeship.

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LAUREN PIERCE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Health & Social Care
Heathfield Community School

I never thought I would make so many friends at College, but because of the atmosphere and the areas where you can meet up like The Hub and LRC, it's easy to make friends. The tutors are also great and arrange regular one-to-ones to check how we're doing.

As part of my course, I've done 200 work placement hours which sounds a lot, but it was well spaced out and has given me opportunities to work in different sectors. I spent most of my time at a care home which I feel has helped me become a more capable Care Assistant and a better person. Then I tried placements in early years settings which were hectic, but I really enjoyed them. This led on to my placement at the maternity ward at Musgrove Park Hospital where I was present at a birth, which was the most magical thing in the world.

Due to my work experience, I'm now able to work at a hospital as a bank HCA. After College, I plan to start a Degree Apprenticeship at Musgrove and eventually become a qualified nurse.

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.

Units may include:

- Human lifespan development
- Working in health and social care
- Anatomy and physiology
- Psychological diseases and their care
- Microbiology

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English, maths and science, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with Merit profile overall, as well as a distinction in human body systems if you do not hold a GCSE grade 4 in science. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview and an enhanced DBS.



Teaching & Assessment

You will have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way, both in the classroom and on work placements. Assessment is through a programme of assignments including individual research, group work, project work, presentations, timed exams and written assignments. You also need to complete 100 hours of work placement over each year.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion 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.



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Heathfield Community School

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 and 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.



BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- Altogether Care LLP
- Brunelcare
- Camelot Care
- Cream Care
- Crimson Hill Support Ltd
- Derriford Hospital
- Diamond Court
- Headway Bristol
- Hummingbird Care

Please call 01278 441234 for more information



Horticulture, Sports turf & Greenkeeping

HIGHER
ASPIRATIONS

AVERAGE SALARY
LANDSCAPE GARDENER
£30,000*

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 | Pest Control Advisor | Horticulture Chemist
Plant Breeder/Geneticist | Nursery Manager | Grower
Landscape Gardener

Level 1 Diploma 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 and wildlife.

Topics could include:

- Working safely and working in a team
- Maintaining equipment
- Lawn care
- Planting and establishing plants
- Tree planting and aftercare
- 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

After successfully completing this nationally recognised qualification, you will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to move into employment or progress to the Level 2 Technical Diploma or a Level 2 Apprenticeship, subject to an interview.

Level 2 Technical Diploma 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 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.

Level 3 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.

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.

Entry Requirements

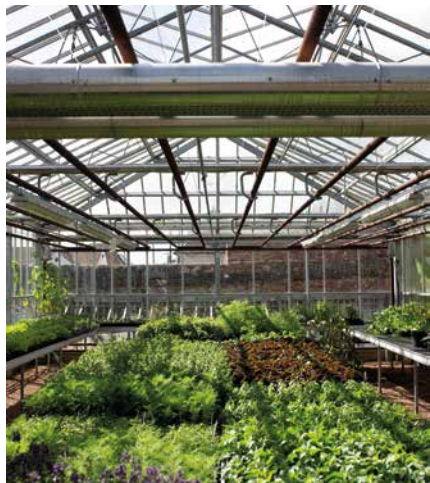
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and maths, or to have completed a Level 2 qualification in horticulture (or equivalent) at Merit grade with GCSE English and maths. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

You will be taught and assessed through practical sessions, written exams, assignments, presentations and projects.

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 industry in a range of settings.



**AVERAGE SALARY
GARDEN NURSERY
ASSISTANT
£18,000***



"The teaching here is excellent, and my tutors make every lesson enjoyable and fun."

INDIA MOULE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horticulture
Bridgwater College Academy

HIGHER
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DANIEL RICHARDS
Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture
Queen Elizabeth's School

As my family home is quite far away from College, I took up the opportunity to live in the College's residential accommodation at the Cannington campus. This has been one of my favourite parts of attending BTC as I have met and made many new friends and really enjoy the time we spend together outside of our college studies.

The Horticulture course has provided me with more practical opportunities than I thought it would.

I have completed 300 hours of work experience with a local grounds maintenance company where I have done fence building, hedge laying and some soft landscaping tasks. Everyone at the company is really helpful and I have learnt many new skills across the time I have spent with them.

After college I hope to go into employment and work towards reaching my aspiration of owning my own landscaping company.

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Horticulture, Sports Turf & Greenkeeping Apprenticeships

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 Horticulturist 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.

**AVERAGE SALARY
HORTICULTURAL
MANAGER
£40,000***

BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- 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

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for more information**



Nuclear

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AVERAGE SALARY
NUCLEAR ENGINEER
£60,000*

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 | Project Control Engineer
Instrumental & Control Engineer | Radiation Protection Engineer

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 work in a variety of engineering disciplines within the nuclear and energy sectors, including power generation, decommissioning, nuclear new build, defence or renewable energy.

This course will give you the experience and recognised qualification to pursue one of these career routes.

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 and mathematics
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Microcontroller systems for engineers
- Electrical power distribution and transmission
- Condition monitoring techniques
- Mechanical behaviour of materials

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including higher maths, 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. Some units are externally assessed through time constrained exams or external controlled assessments.

Progression Opportunities

The Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will provide progression on to Higher Education, a wide range of possible careers and Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships.

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 you to develop your skills, knowledge and application of chemistry, environmental science and physics.

You will study a combination of theory, applied theory and practical subjects across a broad range of topics and you may want to combine it with an A Level in maths. Topics include:

- 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 higher maths, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that includes maths and science.

Assessment

The majority of the subjects are internally assessed through assignment work while other units are externally assessed using time constrained exams or external controlled assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion you could progress to Higher Education and Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships, or work in a variety of disciplines within the sector.

HIGHER
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ANDREEA WADE
Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear)
Bishop Fox's School

I was so excited when I found out BTC offers this course so close to home. It will allow me to go straight into the nuclear industry at Hinkley Point which is perfect as I have decided that I would rather do that than go on to university.

This course is so different from anything my friends are doing and I enjoy the freedom I have compared to school - it's great being treated like an adult. The coursework isn't easy but I'm very driven to succeed. My tutors are helping prepare me for the real world and are really supportive, but I also like that it's our responsibility to be dedicated and do well.

Nuclear Apprenticeships

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) at the Cannington campus and have been developed in close co-operation 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.

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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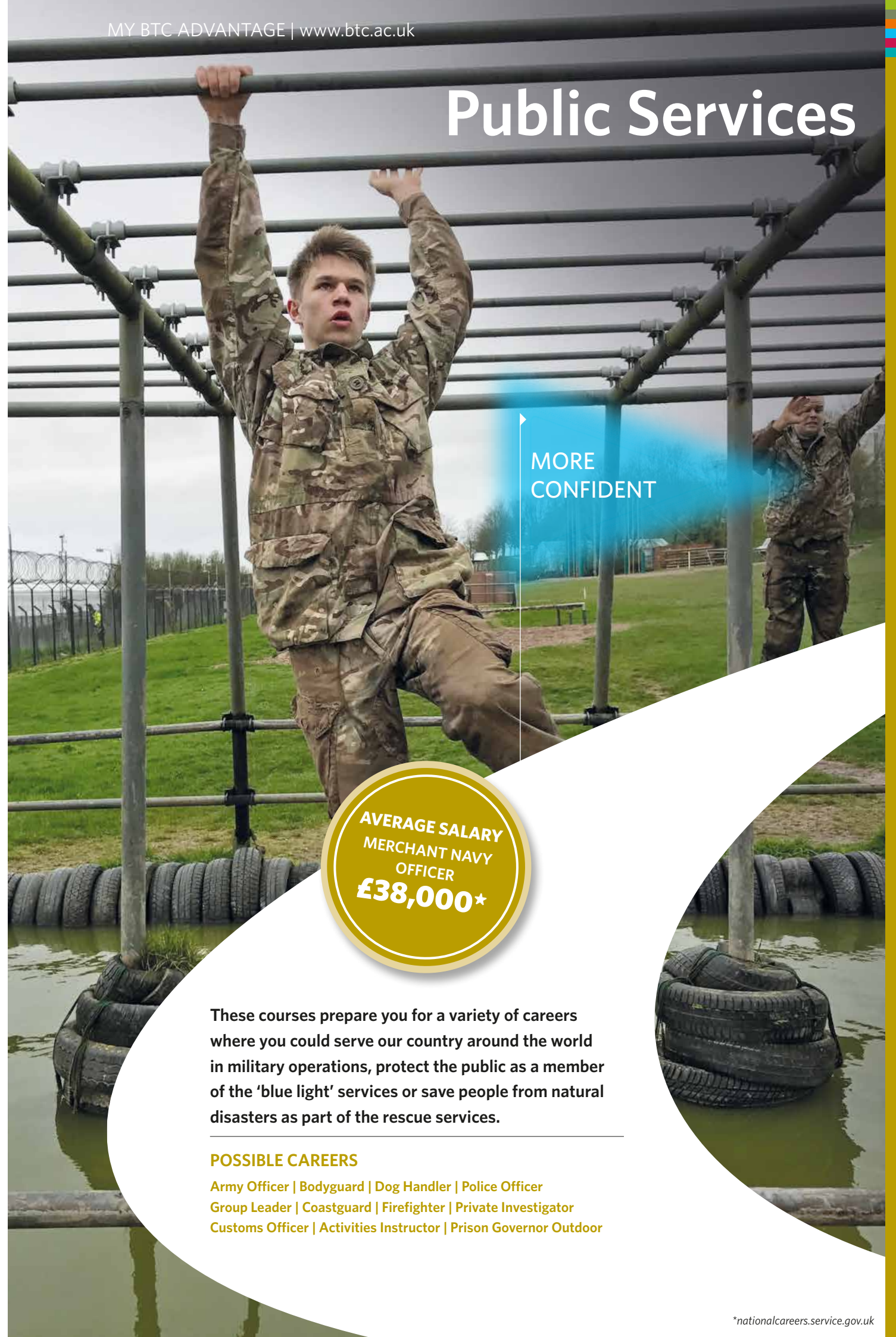
INCLUDE:

- Decommissioning Operative
- Nuclear Process Operative
- Health Physics Monitoring
- Team Leader/Supervisor
- Project Control Technician
- Laboratory Technician
- Digital Engineering
- Engineering (MOET)

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Public Services



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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
Group Leader | Coastguard | Firefighter | Private Investigator
Customs Officer | Activities Instructor | Prison Governor Outdoor

Level 1 Diploma in Uniformed Public Services, Outdoor Adventure & Sport

✦ TAUNTON

This course will appeal to students who would like to study a course specifically focused on sport, public services and outdoor adventure. If you are more practically minded and interested in a career in the sports industry, emergency or armed services or outdoor activities, then this is the course for you.

The course will be practical and theoretical, designed to develop basic skills and subject knowledge. To achieve the qualification you will study a selection of units which include sports, public services and outdoor education.

The units of study 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 will include qualifications and specialist awards that are relevant to the subject you are studying and could include First Aid and Sports Leader Awards.

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or to have successfully completed 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 assessment which includes 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, or in the sport and leisure or outdoor adventure industries.

Level 2 Diploma in Military Preparation

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This course is suitable for those who have applied or are considering applying for a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office. It is a practical and theoretical based course designed to develop military skills and knowledge including teamwork, leadership, field craft and navigation.

Units may include:

- Teamwork and communication
- Land navigation by map and compass
- Maintaining health and wellbeing
- Preparation for expedition
- Ceremonial drill and parade training

In addition to the theory elements, you will 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 the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services.



"I was proud to be selected to join the elite 999 Academy after passing a fitness test, sitting an exam and the interview."

STARLENA HANCOCK

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

Level 2 Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This course is designed for those seriously considering employment within a uniformed public or emergency service. It works closely with our 999 Academy, giving you the opportunity to work alongside a range of emergency services and gain vital work experience skills. Close links with potential employers are an additional feature, as well as participation in various team competitions.

Units may include:

- Public service skills
- Health and fitness
- Adventurous activities
- Expedition skills
- Leadership and teamwork

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.

Teaching & Assessment

Work experience is an important element of the course, allowing you to sample employment opportunities in the armed and emergency services.

You will be monitored and assessed throughout the course. Assessment is continuous throughout the course and methods include written work, presentations, evidence logbooks and practical work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course you may progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services or another relevant Level 2 or 3 course. Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This advanced course has been specifically designed for those interested in a career within the Police, Ambulance and Paramedic Services, Royal Navy, Fire Service, Royal Air Force, Prison Service or HM Customs. It also works closely with our 999 Academy which gives you the opportunity to work alongside a range of emergency services in the South West of England and gain vital work experience skills.

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 its effects

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English and/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.

Teaching & Assessment

Work experience is built into the course and allows you to sample the full range of employment opportunities in the armed and emergency services.

Assessment methods employed within the academic units include individual research, group work, project work, presentations, visual displays and written papers. Each unit carries at least two assignments. Successful assessments will be graded at pass, merit or distinction.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course you may choose to progress to a Foundation Degree in Public Service with Criminology, which is offered at University Centre Somerset in Taunton, or find employment.

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HARRY BURROWS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services
The Kings of Wessex Academy

One of the things that drew me to study at BTC was the 999 Academy; a unique extra-curricular programme that the College runs in partnership with the emergency services. My most memorable academy experience was leading a water rescue with firefighters from Bridgwater Fire Station.

My college timetable allowed for self-study time to complete coursework and free time to take part in enrichment activities. I regret not joining a sports team, but the 999 Academy and coursework kept me busy. The staff were really knowledgeable and dedicated, and happy to help whenever possible. We had access to all sorts of resources to support our studies and the college facilities are of a very high standard.

My advice to others looking to study at BTC would be to throw yourself into everything – the more you put in, the more you get out. Now I'm off to start uni in South Wales to continue my studies

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Cycling Coach | PE Teacher | Sailing Instructor | Sports Agent
Football Coach | Referee | Health Trainer

Level 1 Diploma in Sport, Outdoor Adventure & Uniformed Public Services

✦ 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.

The course is a practical and theoretical-based course designed to develop basic skills and subject knowledge. To achieve the qualification you will study a selection of units which include sports, public services and outdoor education.

Units may include:

- Introduction to expedition skills
- Practical teamwork for the public services
- 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 will include specialist awards.

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or to have successfully completed an Entry Level 3 qualification. You must have a keen interest in sport, public services and outdoor activities, and a positive attitude to learning.

Teaching & Assessment

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership offer 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.

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.

Level 2 Certificate in Sport

✦ BRIDGWATER ✦ TAUNTON

This course is designed for anyone with an interest in sport and the sports performer, who wants to pursue an exciting and rewarding career within the sport, health, leisure and coaching industries. You will develop an understanding in many of the underlying principles to succeed in sport, including training programmes, the human body and how it responds to exercise. The course involves various practical elements, therefore a keen motivation to participate in a variety of sports is essential.

Subject areas include:

- 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 qualification. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

Somerset Activity Sports Partnership offer exciting opportunities to gain coaching experience and develop your skills, as well as putting theory into practice.

Assessment is continuous throughout the course and will include 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.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The course aims to prepare you to progress on to the two year Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science. Alternatively you could find employment as a Leisure Assistant or similar.

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, and the importance of living an active and healthy lifestyle.

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, residentials 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 into Higher Education by studying 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 an exciting opportunity for those with a passion for sports science. It provides a clear pathway to 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 in South Africa to deliver a variety of sporting activities, support children with English and maths skills, and help develop their understanding of life skills.

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 including English, maths and science, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification. For the sport and exercise science strand of this qualification, you need a GCSE grade 5 in maths and/or science. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

Modules are 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 and assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The majority of our students progress to the highest performing universities in the country, while others choose to remain in Somerset to study the Foundation Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton.

Level 2 Diploma in Football Coaching in Community Settings

★ BRIDGWATER ★ ASHTON GATE

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 qualification, and entry is subject to a successful 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. Alternatively, you could start an Apprenticeship or find employment as an Academy Coach, Community Coach, PE Teacher, or a coaching role abroad.

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FREYA KELLEY

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
Kings of Wessex

My course is great. We study a wide range of units including sports psychology, and it's a good mix of practical and theory with lots of interactive lessons.

Being at College has made me feel more independent and confident. I've given presentations to my classmates and become a Team BTC Activator helping other students get active. I run gym sessions and help with 'This Girl Can' events to get girls into sport. I joined the Team BTC badminton and hockey teams, and it was really exciting when the badminton team came fourth in the South West Regionals.

When I finish my course I plan to go to university to study physiotherapy. I decided on this route after completing three weeks of work experience at physiotherapy practices within the NHS and private clinics. My tutors helped with my UCAS application and personal statement, and I've had offers from several universities. I'd like to go to Nottingham or Hertfordshire and afterwards hope to open my own private physiotherapy practice.

Level 2 Diploma in Fitness Instructing

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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. You will also support the running of the gym facilities at BTC, ensuring you have experience to excel in this exciting industry.

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 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.

Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training

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This course is for those who want 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.

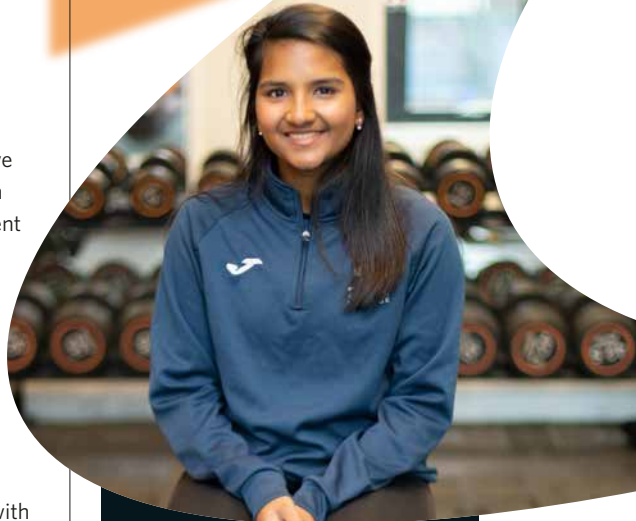
Assessment

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

The course prepares you to progress to the FdA in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education at University Centre Somerset in Taunton or a Foundation Degree in strength and conditioning. Alternatively, you could study the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports & Exercise Science or Sport.

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ALICIA DIAS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
St Bede's Catholic College

This qualification is equivalent to A Levels and recognised by universities, so it's a great alternative route into a degree in Physiotherapy. It's taught me a lot of useful skills like being organised to help prioritise my workload and meet deadlines, and communicating effectively which is essential when coaching sports.

Work experience is a really important part of the course. I completed several work placements including shadowing a PE teacher in a primary school, and physiotherapists in clinics and hospitals. At the school I helped plan and deliver PE lessons to different age groups, and working with the physiotherapists showed me how they specialise and tailor treatments to different patients' needs.

The College feels safe and supportive, and I've made good friends. You're able to ask the College staff for all sorts of help; the librarians helped me research for assignments while my tutors prepared me for my uni interviews and gave me confidence. They're always there for you, even if it's something personal or just going over lesson notes.

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TOM CUFF

Level 3 Apprenticeship in Supporting Teaching & Learning in Physical Education and School Sport
The Gryphon School

I wanted to work in a school environment, so studying an apprenticeship was brilliant since it gave me experience as well as the grades I needed for university. I worked full-time but had time set aside for my College work. It was really helpful having tutors and the teachers I worked with giving me feedback and supporting me.

I loved the children at the school and the staff were amazing. I learnt so much from the course; my tutor was so knowledgeable and always able to answer all my questions. Being embedded in the workplace gave me so much confidence and I was able to take what I was learning and use it immediately in my job.

Now I'm at uni studying a Foundation Degree for Teaching Assistants and plan on becoming a primary school teacher. This is all possible because of the apprenticeship, so I'd definitely recommend it; it set me up to achieve the career I always wanted.

Sport, Coaching & Exercise Health Apprenticeships

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. 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 Apprenticeship.

Over 90% of our Apprentices who are not progressing to Higher Education accept full-time employment with their employer on completing their Apprenticeship.



BUSINESSES WE WORK WITH INCLUDE:

- 1610 Sports Centres
- Honiton Golf Club
- Liberty Gymnastics Club
- Wells Golf Club
- Kilve Court Residential Centre
- Rotherham School of Gymnastics
- R&W Sports Coaching Limited
- Somerset County Cricket Club
- TLE Sports Coaching

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	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington
A Levels		✓	
T Levels	✓		
International Baccalaureate	✓		

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture			L2
Agriculture (Livestock)			L3
Agriculture (Mechanisation)			L3
Land-based Studies (Agriculture)			L1
Apprenticeships			

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Animal & Horse Care			L1
Animal Care			L2
Animal Management (Zoo)			L3
Veterinary Care Assistants	L2		L2
Apprenticeships			

APPLIED SCIENCE

Applied Science (Analytical & Forensic Science)		L3	
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ARBORICULTURE

Forestry & Arboriculture			L2 · L3
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AUTOMOTIVE

Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair		L2	
Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	L2 · L3	L2 · L3	
Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair Technology		L2	
Motorsport		L2 · L3	
Transport Maintenance (Heavy Vehicle)		L1	
Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle)	L1	L1	
Transport Maintenance (Motorcycle)		L1	
Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Paint Spraying Operations		L2 · L3	
Vehicle Accident Repair (Multi Skilled)		L1	
Apprenticeships			

BARBERING

Barbering	L2 · L3	L2 · L3	
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BEAUTY & COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

Beauty Therapy	L2 · L3	L2	
Complementary Therapies		L3	
Hairdressing & Beauty	L1	L1	
Hair & Media Make-up		L2	
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3	
Media Make-up Pre-degree	L3		

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BUSINESS & EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Business & Events Management		L2 · L3	
Apprenticeships			

CATERING, HOSPITALITY & FOOD INDUSTRIES

Culinary Skills	L1	L1	
Professional Cookery	L3		
Professional Cookery & Certificate in Food and Beverage Service	L1 · L2		
Apprenticeships			

COMPUTING & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Computing & Digital Technologies	L2 · L3	L1 · L2 · L3	
Digital Media Design		L3	
Apprenticeships			

CONSTRUCTION

Bricklaying		L1 · L2	
Carpentry & Joinery	L1 · L2	L1	
Electrical Installation	L1 · L2 · L3	L1 · L2 · L3	
Furniture Design & Manufacture		L3	
Painting & Decorating	L1		
Plumbing	L1 · L2	L1 · L2	
Practical Brickwork		L1	
Practical Furniture Making		L1 · L2	
Apprenticeships			

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

Land & Wildlife Management			L2 · L3
Apprenticeships			

CREATIVE ARTS

Art & Design		L2 · L3	
Art & Design (Design & Image, Art & Fashion)	L3		
Art, Design & Media	L2		
Commercial Music		L2	
Creative Arts	L1	L1	
Creative Media (Film & TV)	L3		
Creative Media Production		L3	
Dance		L3	
Digital Media Design		L3	
Fashion Business & Retail		L3	
Furniture Design & Manufacture		L3	
Media		L2	
Media Make-up Pre-degree	L3		
Music Technology & Performance		L3	
Performing Arts		L3	

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CREATIVE ARTS CONT.

Practical Furniture Making		L1 · L2	
Production Arts & Live Events		L3	
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3	
Apprenticeships			

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

Children's Play, Learning & Development	L2 · L3	L2 · L3	
Health, Social Care & Early Years	L1	L1	
Apprenticeships			

ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering		L3	
Electrical & Electronic Engineering		L3	
Engineering	L2	L2 · Tech Bacc	
Manufacturing & Mechanical Engineering	L3	L3	
Apprenticeships			

ENGLISH (ESOL)

English for Academic Purposes		✓	
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EQUINE STUDIES

Animal & Horse Care			L1
Equine Care			L2
Equine Management			L3
Apprenticeships			

FOUNDATION STUDIES

Transition Group	✓	✓	
Choices for Independence	✓		
Culinary Skills	L1	L1	
Introduction to Further Education	✓	✓	✓
Land-based Studies			✓
Learning for Life & Work	✓	✓	
Multi Trades	✓	✓	
Progression for an Active Life	✓	✓	
Project Search	✓		
Steps to Employment & Further Education	✓	✓	✓
Supported Internships		✓	

HAIRDRESSING

Hair & Media Make-up		L2	
Hairdressing & Beauty	L1	L1	
Media Make-up Pre-degree	L3		
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3	
Women's Hairdressing	L2 · L3	L2 · L3	

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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				

NUCLEAR

Applied Science (Physical Science - Nuclear)			L3	
Engineering (Nuclear)			L3	
Apprenticeships				

PUBLIC SERVICES

Military Preparation	L2			
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		L2		L2
Personal Training		L3		
Sport	L2 · L3	L2 · L3		
Sport & Exercise Science		L3		
Sport, Outdoor Adventure & Uniformed Public Services	L1			
Apprenticeships				

APPLICATION
FORM

For office use only

First choice course code _____

Second choice course code _____

Date entered _____

Signature _____

Please complete this form using blue or black ink and return:

Information, Advice & Guidance Team

Bridgwater & Taunton College, Bath Road, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4PZ

Surname	<input type="text"/>	Forename(s)	<input type="text"/>
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Name of current or previous school or college and year of leaving	<input type="text"/>		

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 ☐ NoHave you been a resident in the EEA for the last three years, not solely for study purpose? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf 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) Are you interested in an Apprenticeship? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, which subject or industry are you interested in? Employer and company name

Please briefly tell us why you have chosen this course(s)/Apprenticeship.

Where would you like to study?

☐ Bridgwater campus☐ Taunton campus☐ Cannington campusAre you currently a full-time student at Bridgwater & Taunton College? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIf still at school, are you currently attending a programme at College? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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)

Postcode

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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:

<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"/>	

ETHNIC ORIGIN

White <input type="checkbox"/> British (English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish) <input type="checkbox"/> Irish <input type="checkbox"/> Gypsy or Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/> Any other White background	Asian/Asian British <input type="checkbox"/> Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Asian background	Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Group <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/> White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Any other mixed/multiple ethnic black
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British <input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> Any other Black/African/Caribbean Black	Other Ethnic Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Arab <input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic groups	

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EVENTS

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OPEN EVENINGS

Bridgwater campus

Wednesday 16 October 2019	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 5 December 2019	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 14 January 2020	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 4 March 2020 - <i>Apprenticeship Focus</i>	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 11 June 2020	6pm - 8pm

Taunton campus

Thursday 17 October 2019	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 4 December 2019	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 15 January 2020	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 5 March 2020 - <i>Apprenticeship Focus</i>	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 9 June 2020	6pm - 8pm

Cannington campus

Saturday 16 November 2019	10am - 1pm
Saturday 25 January 2020	10am - 1pm
Sunday 7 June 2020	10am - 1pm

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TASTERS

Bridgwater & Cannington campuses

Tuesday 8 October 2019	9.30am - 2pm
Thursday 7 November 2019	9.30am - 2pm
Thursday 28 November 2019	9.30am - 2pm
Thursday 20 February 2020 - <i>Half Term</i>	9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 18 June 2020	9.30am - 2pm

Taunton campus

Tuesday 5 November 2019	9.30am - 2pm
Wednesday 19 February 2020 - <i>Half Term</i>	9.30am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 30 June & Wednesday 1 July 2020	9.30am - 2.30pm

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Catering & Hospitality

Thursday evenings throughout the year

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