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WELCOME

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 is a brilliant first step in realising your ambition. We have campuses at Bridgwater, Taunton and Cannington, offering a broad and diverse range of subjects and qualifications.

As I write this, we are currently following a roadmap out of lockdown, and I sincerely hope that when you join us the world will be on a more even keel. However, I have been reflecting on how the last 12 months has impacted on your time at school and your education. When I talk to the head teachers and governors of your schools, I am told about your resilience and how you stepped up to the challenge. You should be proud of yourselves for your resilience and positivity, as it will stand you in great stead for the future.

What I would also say is, no matter what the future holds, I know that we have an amazing staff team who will work with you to help you to achieve your ambitions. Our courses combine real-world experience with academic rigour and fantastic employability, and our staff know their disciplines from the inside out. They are dedicated to supporting your success and we believe in the ability of each of our students to fulfil their potential to become the best they can be.

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 many success stories, from studying at Oxford University and gaining scholarships to study in America, to becoming Head Chef and building a London fashion brand. For me, that's a key feature of BTC; our goal is 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.

This prospectus will help you decide if BTC is the right place for you. It outlines the courses available, what it's like to study at one of our state-of-the-art campuses and outlines the range of extra-curricular activities available for you to get involved in. It will also help you think about the likely shape of your professional future.

Don't just take my word for it, come and see for yourself. We plan on running guided campus tours as well as online question and answer sessions for you to meet staff and view the facilities, plus taster workshops to help you get a feel for the College. The dates can be found on the back cover of this brochure. Please check our website for changes and register to secure your place.

I look forward to welcoming you soon.

Andy Berry

Principal & Chief Executive
Bridgwater & Taunton College

“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.”





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Frequently Asked Questions



You're not the only one with questions. These are answers to some of the questions we've been asked before.

Is there someone who can help me choose what to study?

Yes, we have an Information, Advice & Guidance team who offer careers advice. Open events are also an excellent way to research different colleges and start to look at your options. Please also chat to our School Liaison Officers when they visit your school and don't forget your Careers Advisor.

What is the deadline for applications?

We recommend everyone applies as soon as possible so that you're interviewed before GCSE revision really kicks in. Applications open in October when you're in Year 11, so you can apply as soon as you've done your research.

Can I apply for more than one course?

Yes, you can apply for more than one course, though we recommend you try not to apply for more than three. If you have applied for very different subjects, you may be interviewed more than once.

If I apply early, can I change my mind?

After your interview, you'll be sent a conditional offer which you can accept or decline. This can be done at any stage before September, but it's better to secure your place as soon as possible.

What happens if I don't get an employer for an apprenticeship before September?

The final year at school is really busy, so you may struggle to secure a job with an employer looking for an Apprentice. We suggest you choose a full-time Study Programme as your second choice so you're guaranteed a College place. You can change to an Apprenticeship at any time after you start your Study Programme if you find employment.

What sorts of questions will they ask me in the interview?

Your interview is an informal chat with a tutor about your successes at school, your aspirations and future plans.

If you've applied for a creative arts course or subject, you will be asked to perform a piece or bring some artwork. Don't worry, the tutors are really friendly and just want to get to know you better. It's also your chance to find out more about the course you've chosen and ask questions. At the end of the interview, you'll be given a conditional offer based on your GCSE grades or the other criteria you've talked about.

What happens when I get my GCSE results?

Hopefully you'll be celebrating and could start on a higher-level course than you planned. If things haven't gone as well as you hoped, it's important to remember not to panic. We have a team of supportive staff who are happy to talk you through your options. Once you have your results, pop into the College to meet a member of the Information, Advice & Guidance team or call our GCSE helpline on 01278 441234. There will be an alternative they can explore with you.

If I travel by bus, do I have to stay at College all day?

No, if there is a bus home, you're free to leave the campus once your lessons are finished for the day. However, the library, study areas, workshops and other facilities remain open so you can complete assignments, research, study and work on projects without the distractions of home.

What catering facilities do you have?

We have a range of catering outlets on each campus, so whether you want a nourishing home-cooked meal, a quick snack or slurp of coffee, there are plenty of cafes and restaurants to satisfy your needs and dietary requirements.

If you meet the criteria, you could receive a free daily hot meal with a drink. All students have a College account that allows them to use their student ID to pay for meals in the restaurants. If you receive free meals, your ID will be pre-loaded in the same way as your peers.

What will my timetable be like?

You'll be given your timetable at your Welcome Day and it will depend on the course you've chosen. When you don't have a lesson, you're free to work in the library or study areas, take part in enrichment activities or spend time with friends in the common rooms.

Apprenticeships work differently. You could be at work most of the week and only come into the College one day a week, or you could spend a few weeks at College then work full-time, or never come in to College and learn everything on the job (including being assessed at work by a College Assessor).

Do you have uniforms, or can I wear anything I want?

There are no uniforms but some departments such as sport and automotive have branded clothing, and Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) is expected to be worn in most workshops.

You will be issued with a lanyard which you must wear on campus for security reasons. It also gives you access to certain areas and you can use it to pay at food outlets.

If I study a full-time course, how many hours will I have to be in College each week?

It varies per course and your timetable will be issued and discussed at your Welcome Day. The timetable will be set, so if you have other commitments, you should be able to arrange things around the time you need to be at College.

I don't enjoy sport. Are there any other clubs I can join?

Our Academies and BTC Lifestyle give you a chance to pursue your aspirations, make new friends, relax and enjoy time away from your studies. Find out more in the College Life (page 4) and College Academies (page 20) sections.

I'm really good at sport. Are there any scholarships?

We offer four levels of sport scholarships ranging from £125 to £1,000. They're based on your previous achievements and you can apply whether you're studying sport or not. For more information, please visit the Scholarships & Bursaries section on our website or email sport@btc.ac.uk.



College Life



Whatever you're into, the chances are that someone else at the College will share your enthusiasm. As a result, there are plenty of clubs, societies and sports activities available for you to enjoy.

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

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

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

College Academies

Our Academies 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 page 20.

BTC Lifestyle

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



The BTC Lifestyle team offer a wide range of active sessions throughout the week on all campuses. 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.

Why not become a BTC Activator and help run BTC Lifestyle by planning, co-ordinating, delivering and promoting sports and activities across the College to other students? This gives you coaching experience in a variety of sports as well as helping you develop your management, organisation and people skills.





Trips and visits

It's strange to think it, but some of your strongest memories of college might be of experiences when you were nowhere near College! That's because of the trips we organise to interesting and exciting locations, developing your knowledge and gaining fresh experiences.

Fancy abseiling as part of the Army's youth team, or volunteering at a camp for disadvantaged teenagers? Maybe you'd like to tour porcelain museums or visit an agricultural show? Our students have been to motor shows, fashion events, paintballing sessions and music concerts.

There has even been the occasional tour of the Houses of Parliament, and opportunities for trips within your curriculum area. For example, our Art & Design department has visited places like New York and Paris, and Sports students flew to South Africa to coach local children.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

This scheme involves a mix of adventure, self-development and community service, and it's recognised the world over.

Participants in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award develop many skills, 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.

"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



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.

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Mark Nettle | Director of Student Services



Student common rooms

When it comes to your downtime, we've the perfect place to spend it. Each campus has a common room, where you can catch up with friends over a cup of something warm, shoot some pool or compete on a games console, or simply relax on comfy sofas until your next class.

It's these communal spaces that make our campuses such special places to study. They help build strong networks between students, ensuring you'll always find someone to hang out with, or a place to take five in the midst of a busy day.



The Students' Union

Our Union is affiliated to the National Union of Students (NUS), and is run by students for students. Their focus is on the wellbeing of all students, and the overall experience of studying at BTC.

You automatically become a part of the Students Union when you join the College. To take full advantage of the opportunity, you can buy a TOTUM 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 RAG Day and themed parties. When it isn't doing all of that, it makes suggestions for improving College facilities, and helps create an environment in which everyone feels at home.

Learner Voice

Students are at the very core of our College, and 'Learner Voice' is really important to us. It is about giving you the chance to be heard on a range of issues that are important to you and to all students.

To make the most of this opportunity, do consider becoming a Programme Representative or even a member of the Student Executive. Reps and the Student Exec liaise between students and College staff to shape our corporate culture and enhance our life together.

Student Ambassadors

Becoming a College Ambassador is a great way to improve your confidence and enhance your CV. You may have the opportunity to represent your subject area, provide peer mentoring and help students at College. It's an important role, so we encourage students studying Level 3 qualifications to visit our website and submit a written application as soon as you start College to become a Student Ambassador.

Tutorials

We match every student to a personal tutor, who supports you with your 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 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. And there are regular special offers to give you the best value possible.

Student wellbeing

There are times when personal issues and/or college life can get a bit too much. The Wellbeing Team offers you a safe space to talk, and be listened to and helped. Wellbeing Officers provide a friendly, impartial service to help you deal with life's issues and support your health and wellbeing. For more detail, please refer to page 26

Freshers' Fair

To get a handle on everything that's going on at BTC, we invite you to the Freshers' Fair at the start of the year. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and sign up for your favourite activities (or find new ones to try).

Equality and diversity

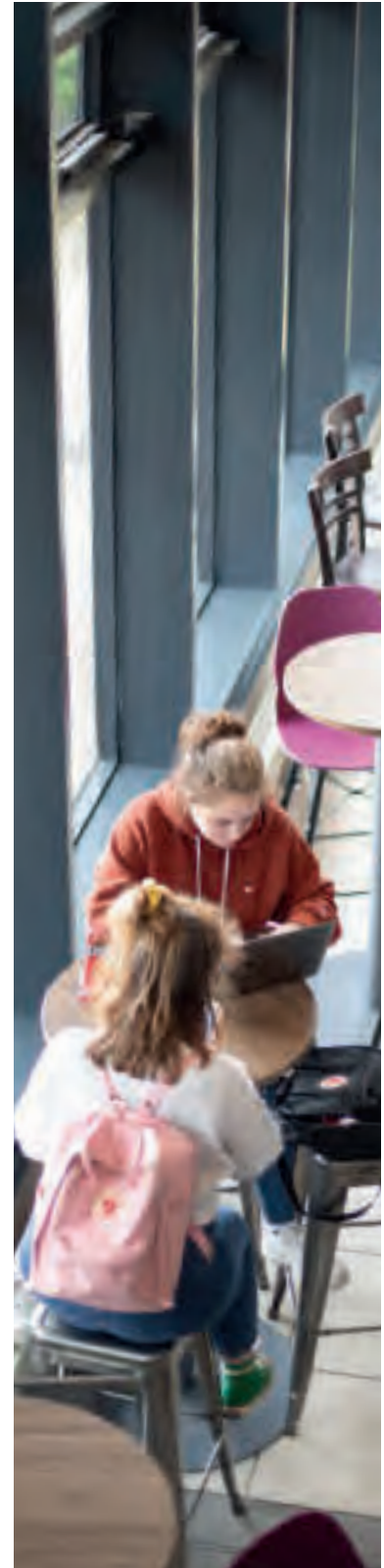
BTC prides itself on being an open and inclusive organisation. We have a zero-tolerance policy towards discrimination, harassment and race crimes. To us, everyone including staff and students alike, is equal and deserving of respect.

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 and support the Black Lives Matter movement.

Faith matters

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.



Fantastic Facilities

BRIDGWATER CAMPUS
AND
TAUNTON CAMPUS



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

A Level Study Room

The study room is a dedicated space specifically for A Level students. It has been creatively designed to aid students in their independent study and encourage private and/or group work so necessary to succeed on such an academic programme.

The room contains ideal spaces conducive to research, quiet study, revision and group work and is available to all A Level students during their timetabled directed study time.

T Level Digital Suite

We recently invested over £1.6 million in preparing the Taunton campus for T Levels, and continue to do so. This included building a new Digital Suite that houses 20 high-spec computers and a large viewing screen, plus a seating area, conference and break-out rooms. This allows free movement in a versatile space that encourages collaboration, discussion, research and independent work.

Learning is enriched through presentations, video conferencing and guest speakers that make use of the latest communication technology within the conference room.

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 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 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.



Welding Centre of Excellence

BTC worked in collaboration with Weldability Sif, South West Institute of Technology, Hinkley Point C and Heart of the South West LEP to create an innovative new facility in the Energy Skills Centre.

The Centre is a flagship of excellence for training in the South West, incorporating latest welding technology including virtual welding to deliver high quality, industry standard training. The 20 bespoke welding bays are designed to be flexible enough to deliver a range of welding processes in this state-of-the-art facility.



Fantastic Facilities

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

Ofsted report | March 2019



The McMillan Theatre

With our multi-million pound facility at the Bridgwater campus, you can learn theatre craft, dance and performance skills in an amazing space. Do you fancy performing 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.

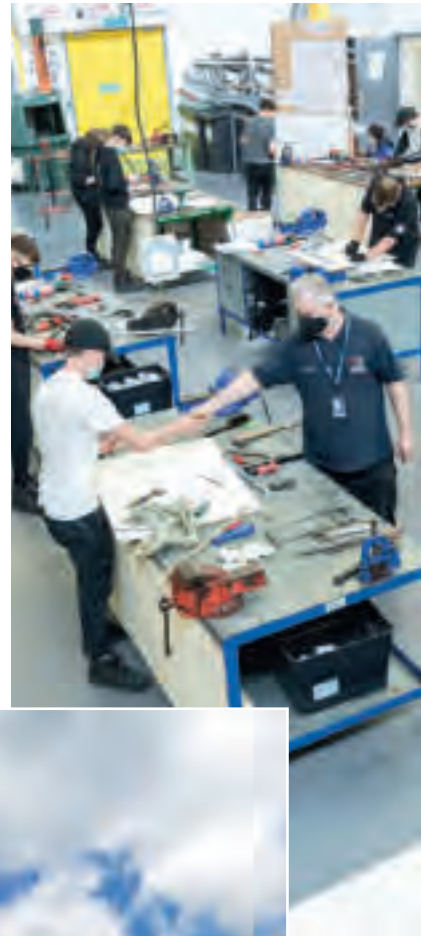
It's a similar story at the Bridgwater campus, where our facilities are equally impressive. So, wherever you choose to study, you can be assured of an industry-standard TV studio complete with editing suites, a photography studio with darkrooms, and the very best environment to lay foundations for your 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, civil engineer, surveyor, 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.

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.

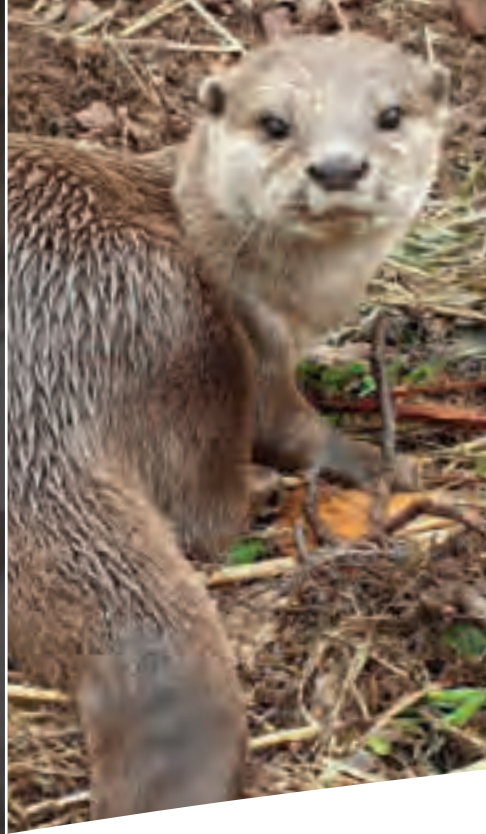
Science laboratories

Our science facilities 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.



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, an animal collection, heritage gardens 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 200 high-yielding Holsteins and a beef unit. 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. You will be involved in all aspects of running a busy mixed farm including fieldwork for forage and crop production. Fieldwork tasks are completed using our fleet of new tractors bought in at the start of each academic year to ensure our students are using cutting edge technology and machinery.

Animal Management Centre

For those with a focus on animal management, our Centre provides top-notch training facilities. The extensive animal collection includes exotic and domestic species, birds and a range of hoof stock. It's a fantastic place to hone your theoretical knowledge and your practical skills.

The campus also houses a professional dog grooming salon. 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 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. Even if you are not an equine student you can arrange to have riding lessons.

The Walled Gardens

Another key strand of our provision is horticultural training. The award-winning 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 greenhouse, 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.

The National College for Nuclear (NCfN)

National College for Nuclear is a state-of-the-art nuclear training facility which includes a virtual reality environment, reactor simulator, realistic working environment, labs, computer-equipped training rooms, recreation and collaboration space, as well as sports facilities and accommodation. NCfN has developed and is delivering the UK's nuclear sector curriculum, designing qualifications and training courses that are attractive to our students and meet the demand for highly skilled workers in the nuclear sector. Our courses are designed in partnership with the sector for a range of highly-specialised careers.



Accommodation

Because of the nature of our Cannington-based courses, many students choose to live at the campus. In recent years, the residential provision benefited from a £3 million investment into the residential blocks and a further £4.2 million investment in a new residential building.

Cannington hosts 217 beds for pupils aged sixteen to thirty in comfortable home-from-home accommodation. Under-18s are accommodated separately, and all bedrooms enjoy free Wi-Fi and TV ports.

The en-suite rooms are 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. 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.



BTC News

Read about some of the highlights and activities from 2021 to give you a flavour of College life.



A Level Students Accepted to Exeter Scholars

This year, eight A Level students will participate in Exeter University's scholarship programme aimed at giving participants the opportunity to develop their knowledge about university and experience what it is like to study at university level.

Along with the opportunity to gain an insight into university life, students can expect to develop their communication, problem-solving, and organisational skills, meet other like-minded students, expand their networks and develop their confidence.

Students choose a subject of interest through participating in a 'subject activity strand'. The strand sessions are led by university academics who are experts in their field and provide students with access to explore world-leading research.



“All the students involved in the programme are in their first year of A Levels and recently sat their first set of mock exams. All attained high grades in these, which highlights that they have settled into life at BTC very well and are great candidates for Exeter Scholars.”

Karen Crowley | A Level Tutor

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust Partners with BTC

The Health (Nursing) T Level is now available in Taunton. Students studying Health (Nursing) will obtain 315 hours 'on the job' experience under the expert guidance of professionals within the Somerset NHS Foundation Trust. Not only will this provide students with an unparalleled insight into the sector, but the successful completion of the T Level will enable them to progress confidently onto a degree in nursing or into other associated professions.

BTC recently secured funding to invest £1.2 million in a Health Faculty at the Taunton campus where students studying the T Level in Health (Nursing) will be based. This qualification will provide students with aspirations in adult nursing and other allied health professions the unique opportunity to study the highest quality of technical education.

Louise Rowley, Vice Principal at BTC said, "We are delighted that our partnership with Somerset NHS Foundation Trust continues to develop, and remain committed to ensuring the next generations can study T Levels and Higher Education related programmes at BTC."



"I'm so proud of the BTC family. Students and staff have been agile and innovative in their response to the pandemic, and dedicated to continuing their learning, teaching and to support each other and the community. Tutors ran online lectures and one-to-one tutorials, and we expanded our wellbeing services to ensure both staff and students were well supported."

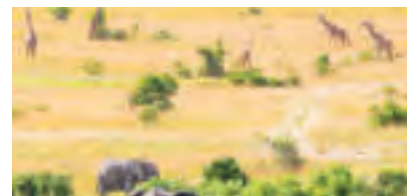
Andy Berry | BTC Principal & CEO

College Marks Climate Action Week

In recent years, climate action, sustainability and the environment has become an increasingly important global agenda. BTC is committed to making positive changes to reduce our environmental impact and to educate the College's community on matters of climate action.

As part of our commitment to promote education on the environment, the BTC Lifestyle team developed Climate Action Week.

The week comprised of informative and inspiring podcasts to raise awareness of the climate emergency and help students and staff to take action. Highlights included waste management company Biffa explaining what happens to the College's waste and RE Fashion giving an insight into the business' mission to reuse, remake and repair clothes to make fashion sustainable. Somerset Wildlife Trust gave listeners tips on how to encourage and protect wildlife in our gardens, and staff at Rodway Farm explained what methods they have used to make farming sustainable.



Shortlisted in Two Categories for the Tes FE Awards

The most outstanding individuals and institutions that the Further Education sector has to offer have been recognised in the shortlist for the Tes FE Awards 2021.

Tes Head of FE Julia Belgutay said, "Further Education providers have excelled in what has been a truly challenging year, and the amazing individuals, teams and institutions on our Tes FE Awards shortlist showcase that. Our judges were highly impressed with the calibre of entries and I want to congratulate everyone who has made the shortlist - it is a brilliant achievement."

BTC is one of the largest apprenticeship providers in England and a training provider of choice for organisations that include EDF Energy, ByLor, MoD, Magnox, NG Bailey, Laing O'Rourke, British Gymnastics, National Trust, Costain, UK Hydrographic Office, UK Power Networks and the Environment Agency, plus 1,000+ SMEs.

Through exemplary employer engagement, the College developed a bespoke training provision to address identified workforce needs in priority sectors. As a result of this work, BTC has been shortlisted for the Employer Engagement category.

Shortlisted for the Apprenticeship Programme of the Year category at this year's awards, BTC is the only training provider in England to offer the Water Environment Worker (WEW) Standard.

Recognition from the Tes FE Awards comes after the College was recognised nationally, including a Queen's Anniversary Prize, the 2019 TES Apprenticeship Programme of the Year and the 2020 national AoC Beacon Award for Employer Engagement. BTC also retained an Ofsted 'outstanding' grade in five key areas, most notably Apprenticeships and Leadership & Management.

New Home for Team Bath Netball U17s as BTC joins Blue & Gold's South West Talent Development Network



The College has joined Team Bath Netball's rapidly-expanding network of training venues across the South West of England after becoming the new home of the U17 squad.

The youngest of the Blue & Gold's age groups, coached by Denise Ellis and Kerry Walsh, will train at the College's Taunton campus located at the heart of the club's catchment area.

Natalie Roddy, Team Bath Netball's Academy Head Coach, said, "This is really exciting news and another big step towards managing the travel commitments of players within our Academy network. BTC has excellent facilities and its own netball programme that is developing and getting stronger. We are delighted to be working with the College and can't wait to get going."

BTC's netball team were AoC South West League Champions during the 2019/20 season, with Emily Rossiter, a former AoC Sports Performer of the Year, representing the AoC national squad. Fellow past student Paige Pople has also represented England U18s in Indoor Netball competition.

Netball is one of the sports enjoyed by more than 180 students each week as part of the Team BTC Performance Academy, which also includes basketball, men's and women's football, golf, hockey, and men's and women's rugby.

"During lockdown, our tutors were incredibly understanding and encouraging, and set up fun things to break up the hours of screen time. They helped us get into a routine and look after our mental health, so the remote lessons became normal and easy."

Charlotte Baum | Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

BTC Celebrates Success at the Beacon Awards



Beacon Award Winners
15 times

The College was honoured to receive the City and Guilds Award for College Engagement with Employers at the prestigious Association of Colleges' Beacon Awards.

BTC manages substantial national apprenticeship contracts in Water Environment Worker (WEW) for key sector organisations such as the Environment Agency (EA), National Trust and the Canal and River Trust. The apprenticeship has been so successful that the apprenticeship is now built into the Environmental Agency's recruitment strategy, with three cohorts planned each year.

Look out for them at www.btc.ac.uk/find-a-course/apprenticeships

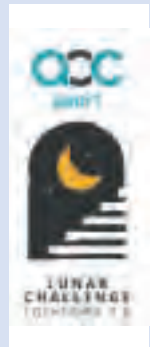
"This partnership will enable us to develop and nurture talented netball players across the South West."

Jason Gunningham | Assistant Principal

News snippets . . .

Go the Distance!

During lockdown, the College completed the Association of College's 'Lunar Challenge', an inclusive run, walk and cycling challenge using the free Strava App. Colleges were challenged to collectively reach 238,855 miles (the distance from the Earth to the moon) by running, walking or cycling as much as possible.



Inspiring Guest Speaker

Students studying A Level Business and Economics were treated to a virtual talk by Canadian entrepreneur, engineer and physicist, Michael LeGoff.

Michael has worked in the technology businesses for nearly 30 years and is currently CEO of the Cambridge-based sensor technology startup, Sorex Sensors. He has the reputation for being the catalyst for tech companies wishing to create value for stakeholders, and was happy to share his experiences with students.



GP Series Tests Nerves

The College's motorcycle team, together with Chris Ganley Racing, achieved third position overall in the iconic British Thundersport Racing GP series. The series is a UK motorcycle road racing challenge that tests even the best riders' ability, nerve and prowess.

Outstanding Destinations for Nuclear Engineering Students



We have the highest expectations for our learners who work relentlessly to achieve the best possible grades and secure sought after apprenticeships.

In 2021, all students studying nuclear engineering courses at the National College for Nuclear (NCfN), based at the Cannington campus, progressed to exciting destinations after a successful final year at College.

NCfN is a state-of-the-art nuclear training facility that includes a virtual reality environment, reactor simulator, computer-equipped training rooms, recreation and collaboration spaces, as well as sports facilities and accommodation.

It's the perfect launch pad for students to progress onto some of the very best apprenticeship programmes in the country.

These include Digital Engineering with Blyor, Nuclear Operative with Magnox and the EDF Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship. Other learners from this year's cohort have ventured further afield, pursuing careers in the Royal Navy, and even going on to study at universities across the UK.

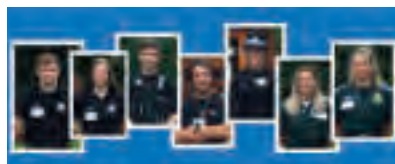


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Catering Student Excels

Graciela Baltazar, who is studying the Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery and previously attended Castle School, created and submitted dishes for two competitions and was successfully through to the final of Zest Quest Asia. For the final, Graciela supplied costings and prepared two Asian-inspired dishes during a live streamed cook-off from the College kitchens.



Inspiring the Next Generation

Seven former students who are now employed in the emergency services as police officers, firefighters and paramedics, returned to College to meet students starting uniformed public services courses. Ruth Burrows, Course Leader for Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Public Services, said, "It was a delight to be reunited with my ex-students. I'm so proud of them and the journey they have made to reach their goals.

The experience of introducing previous students to my current cohort was inspiring. The new students were really excited to meet emergency service workers who are only a few years older than them and had completed the same course."



Digital T Level Students Gain Real-world Experience

Four students studying the Digital Production, Design & Development at the Taunton campus recently completed a placement at digital signage, advertising and innovations company Copper Dot Digital.

The Digital T Level covers a range of topics including digital analysis and environments, IT systems and encryption, software design and development, programming and communication technologies.

Thrilokesh Ramakrishnan who previously attended Heathfield School commented, "The placement at Copper Dot was really great. It gave me an insight into the business world and reinforced what we've been studying at College."

My BTC Advantage

Flourishing is the name of the game at BTC. To help you achieve this, we have developed the BTC Advantage which is embedded into every course to support your personal development, behaviour and welfare.

I AM MORE CONFIDENT

“I now have far more knowledge of computers and the working conditions of a business than before I started this course. This has given me the confidence to help friends and family with their computer issues.”

Gareth Searle | T Level in Digital Production, Design & Development



I AM A MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER

“I’m proud to have completed all the work we’ve been set to the best of my ability and met all my assignment deadlines.”

Eilidh Paterson | Level 2 First Certificate in Business & Events Management



I AM A BETTER COMMUNICATOR

“I’ve learned more than just facts. College has taught me how to write a decent personal statement and become a responsible adult.”

Maisy Day | A Levels





I FEEL SAFER, HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER

“Studying the IB at BTC feels like being part of a small family of people who share the same interests, and that includes my tutors. I’ve always received all the support I need and feel safe and cared for.”

Avanthika Narayanan Shaine | International Baccalaureate



I HAVE HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

“I’m very proud of achieving distinctions in all my units and being offered a place at Plymouth University to study midwifery, but I couldn’t have done it without the help of my tutors.”

Harriet Trawin | Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care



I AM MORE COMMUNITY MINDED

“The 999 Academy helped me understand what I need to join the service and contribute to my community.”

Starlena Hancock | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services



I HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

“Due to the support and teaching at BTC, I believe I have the tools I need to achieve my goals.”

William Stokes | A Levels

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

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

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. It's not all about training, it's a supportive package that also give you access to strength and conditioning programmes, sports massage, performance analysis and guest talks from experts in sports psychology.

Honours Academy

If you're a high-flying academic or vocational student who's ambitious, motivated and hardworking, this Academy is designed to stretch and challenge you through additional tuition and coaching.

During the weekly sessions, you have the opportunity to:

- Prepare for progression to top universities and employers.
- Develop leadership skills and extend your learning within and outside your areas of study.
- Increase your confidence and improve 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.

Pathways to Medicine

Pathways to Medicine is an extension of the Honours Academy programme, however you don't need to be a member of the Honours Academy to join Pathways to Medicine. The programme is designed to support students applying for medicine-based courses at university, whether this be a medical degree or a qualification in nursing, children's nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy etc. Those enrolled on the programme have access to a range of guest speakers, undertake an independent research project and receive 1:1 support with their university applications.





Dance Academy

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

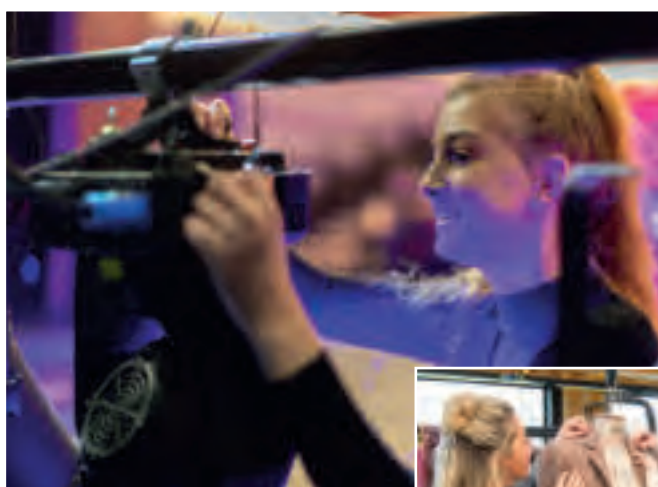
Photography Academy

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

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.



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.

Music Academy

This Academy offers you the chance to get involved in exciting modern music projects, regardless of your main subject discipline. The focus is working with, releasing on and running the College record labels. This gives you the opportunity to record and release music globally and interact with areas of music such as, radio stations, blogs, magazines, other labels and promoters.

It also gives you the chance to create content such as artwork, record sleeves, merchandise and music videos for releases. You'll collaborate with other students from a range of backgrounds, and have the chance to 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. Students 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 and 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.

Creative Enterprise Academy

This Academy leads you through the world of creative practice and how to make a success of yourself in the creative industry. From fashion and dance, to music and art, the Academy is suitable for anyone aiming for a career in the arts and will be an exciting journey to discover how to market yourself, define your unique selling points and have a successful career.



999 Academy

If you dream of pursuing criminals, triaging medical emergencies or rescuing people from smoke-filled buildings, this is the Academy for you. BTC has partnered with Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service and Avon & Somerset Constabulary to create an exciting Academy for those interested in the uniformed protective services. You will be expected to perform community engagement activities and cover areas such as missing persons' management, first aid, conflict resolution, water and hose training, road traffic collision management and communication, as well as take part in a live scenario at the end of the 18 month programme. It runs one evening a week during term time and entry is by application process only.

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.



Esports Academy

Esports is a term used to describe competitive video gaming, and is a popular recreational activity that offers many job and career opportunities.

Each competitive game played by the BTC Esports Academy is co-ordinated by experienced staff and students, with a focus on improving player communication and ability in the game. Students play a range of games including League of Legends, Overwatch and Rocket League. They also run other games internally within the spin-off gaming club, including Super Smash Bros and Valorant. BTC students have the resources to play in a competitive environment against some of the best teams in the United Kingdom.

All the British eSports games are cast and streamed, and students launched a Twitch channel to allow others to watch their competitive events.



Sports for Everyone



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

Team BTC is our sports academy programme and is open to all students, regardless of your course or campus. The Academy has been nationally recognised by the Association of Colleges as one of the best sport 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.

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. Students who are part of the Team BTC have access to strength and conditioning programmes, sports massage, performance analysis and guest talks from experts in sports psychology. Team BTC students can study a variety of academic programmes

and for some sports, they receive over twelve hours a week of coaching.

Our Teams

Team BTC offers provision across men's and women's football and rugby, golf, basketball, netball, trampolining and mixed hockey. Students are selected to be part of a Team BTC through a series of trials at the start of each academic year.

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 in badminton, cricket, tennis, squash, athletics, table-tennis, swimming and many more.

If you're already competing in sport at a high level, you may be interested in applying for one of our Sports Scholarships.

Our Partners

Alongside our exceptional performance programme, we work with an array of professional and semi-professional clubs such as Bristol Bears, Team Bath, Taunton Titans, Yeovil Town Ladies FC, Taunton Town FC, Bridgwater Town FC and many more.

Our partnership clubs provide excellent support services via their networks and provide robust pathways for our current students into the clubs.



Sports 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; 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.



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Supporting your Learning



Studying at college can feel very different from studying at school. 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 strong academic potential?

A BTC scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to have your ability recognised. They are designed to give you the very best start to your academic adventure and help realise your ambitions. To find out more, visit the scholarship page on our website.

Bursaries

If you have to be careful with money, and have low household income, 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 Funding 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.

Student wellbeing

There are times when personal issues and/or College life can get a bit too much. The Wellbeing Team offers you a safe space to talk, and be listened to and helped. Wellbeing Officers provide a friendly, impartial service to help you deal with life's issues and support your health and wellbeing. The service includes the following types of support:

- Regular mentoring sessions with a Wellbeing Officer
- Signposting to internal services such as professional counselling or additional Learning support

- Signposting to external professional agencies such as family intervention, mental health services, housing etc
- Designated member of staff for students in care
- Encouragement to get involved with enrichment activities such as BTC Lifestyle, clubs and societies and the Student Union
- Careers, health and study advice
- College support groups

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.

We pride ourselves on the fact that every student, regardless of their specific needs, has full access to our curriculum, and is given every opportunity to realise their potential.

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

Moving on

Here's a strange 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 Careers 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 Careers Service 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. This means that you'll have every opportunity to pursue your dreams.



Choose the Right Course



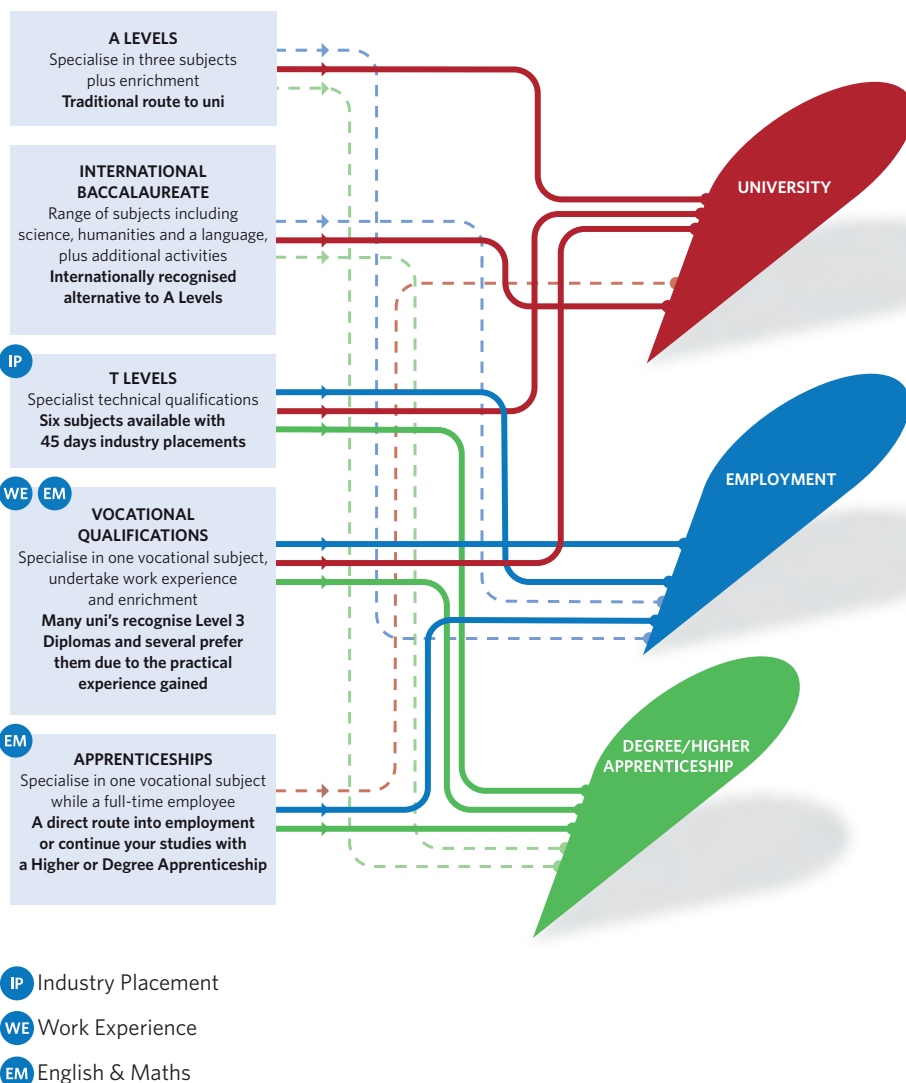
Whatever you study, we want your time at BTC to prepare you for a bright future. Here's how our programmes fit together.

A Levels and the International Baccalaureate offer a range of subjects including some 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 industry placement. These enable you to put into practice and further develop the knowledge, practical skills and behaviours learnt in the classroom. The placement

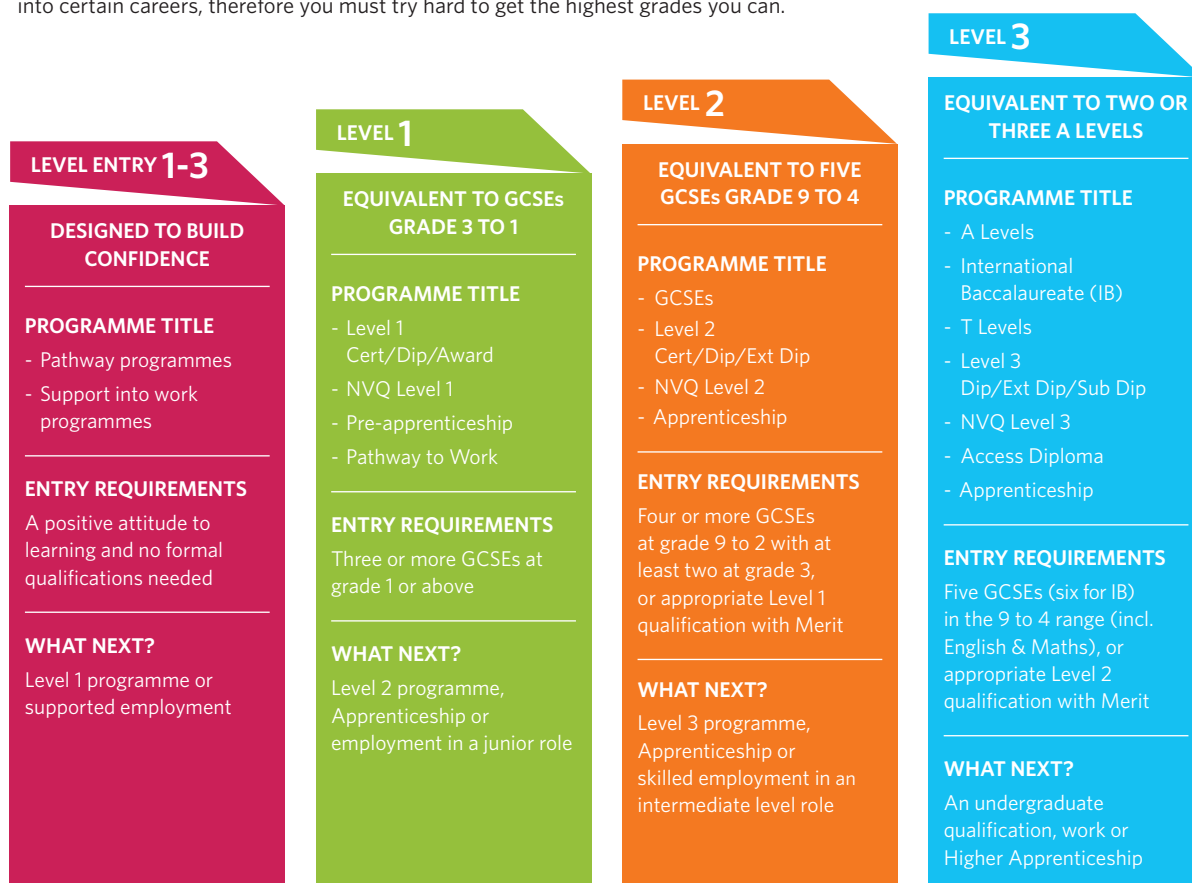
lasts a minimum of 45 working days and is designed to prepare you for the world of work and enhance your studies. See page 58 for more information about T Levels.

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.



Your Educational Journey



BTC has an extensive portfolio of courses and your expected GCSE results will help decide which one is going to suit your abilities.

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.

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



LEVELS

	QUALIFICATIONS	MAIN STAGE OF EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT
7	Postgraduate and professional qualification eg. Masters degree	Professional/postgraduate education research Employment
6	Bachelor's Degree Degree Apprenticeship	Higher Education advanced level skills Entry into preferred employment
5	Foundation Degree Higher Apprenticeship HND <i>Equivalent to second year of degree</i>	Entry to professional graduate employment
4	Higher Apprenticeship HNC Level 4 Diploma <i>Equivalent to first year of degree</i>	Specialised education and training
3	Level 3 NVQs Level 3 Extended Diploma/Certificate Advanced Apprenticeship Access Diploma A Levels T Levels International Baccalaureate	Entry to Higher Education Qualified/skilled worker Completion of secondary education
2	GCSEs Level 2 NVQs Level 2 Diploma/Certificate Intermediate Apprenticeship <i>Equivalent to five GCSEs grade 9 to 4</i>	Continuation of secondary education Progression to skilled employment
1	Level 1 Certificate/Diploma/Award Pre Apprenticeship <i>Equivalent to GCSEs grade 3 to 1</i>	Initial entry into further education Employment
E	Entry level courses to increase confidence	Qualifications can be taken at any age to continue or return to education/training

During your studies, you accumulate UCAS points that count towards degree-level entry requirements.

The table shows you the points Level 3 qualifications accrue. These are the entry requirements for university degrees.

A Levels		IB		T Levels	Vocational Courses		UCAS Points
Single subject	Three subjects	Higher Level	Standard Level		Level 3 Technical/ Extended Diploma	Level 3 Technical/ National Diploma	
	A*A*A*			D*	D*D*D*		168
					D*D*D		160
					D*DD		152
	AAA			D	DDD		144
	ABB				DDM		128
							132
	BBB			M			120
	BBC				DMM	D*D*	112
							108
						D*D*	104
	CCC			P D or E in the Core	MMM	DD	96
					MMP	DM	80
	DDD			P D or E in the Core			72
	DDE				MPP	MM	64
A*		7					56
A	EEE	6			PPP	MP	48
B							40
C		5				PP	32
			7				28
D		4	6				24
							20
E			5				16
		3	4				12
							8
			3				6

*Correct at time of printing

The Application Process

Let's assume you've done your research and know that we're the right 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 (preferably your personal email, not your school email).

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

TOP TIP

If you apply for an Apprenticeship, also apply for a full-time course as a back-up

1 APPLYING

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

If you're still not sure what's right for you or would like to start an Apprenticeship, 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, Advice & Guidance team.

2 THE INTERVIEW

Once we've received your application, you'll be invited to an interview via email.

If you've applied for more than one course, you'll be invited to a corresponding number of interviews.

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

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

The purpose of the interview is to make sure you've chosen the right course for you, for us to understand what plans you might have for the future and for you to get to know us a little better.

If your interview is for A Levels but you're not sure which subjects to choose, don't worry, you can discuss this at the interview.

TOP TIP

Have your Record of Achievement at your interview

TOP TIP

Secure your place on your chosen course by either responding to your email or calling us to accept your offer

3 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.

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

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

4 WELCOME DAY

You'll be invited to a Welcome Day in June (pending Covid restrictions).

This is a chance to make new friends, meet your course tutor and see where you'll be studying.

TOP TIP

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

5 RESULTS DAY

No doubt your palms will be sweating as you open your 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 checking your emails and get in touch if your email address has changed

6 ENROLMENT

Look out for your invitation to enrol - this is when you officially become a BTC student. You'll set up your student account and send us your photo for your ID card. Once this is done, you'll be 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!

Getting Here



BRIDGWATER CAMPUS AND CANNINGTON CAMPUS

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 from Taunton's town centre, and many buses stop right outside the campus.

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.

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.



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.

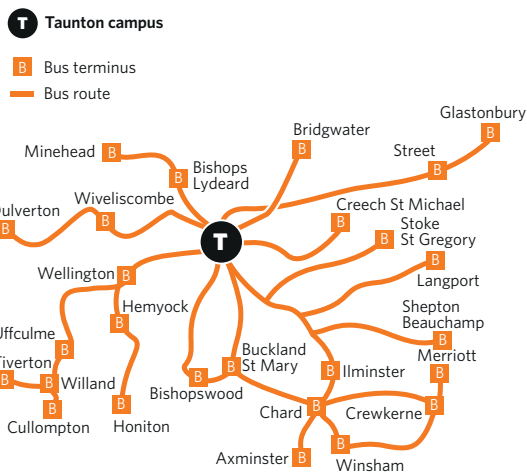
For train travel, you could purchase the 16-17 Saver ticket that offers half-price fares for 16 and 17 year olds. The Saver ticket costs £30* and applies to standard Season, Anytime, Off-Peak and Advance tickets on the National Rail network.

During term time, the College Bus pass allows one inward and one outward journey to and from the Bridgwater campus each day (with links to Cannington included), on services not on County routes. The cost of this bus pass can be paid in full on application or by eight monthly direct debits.

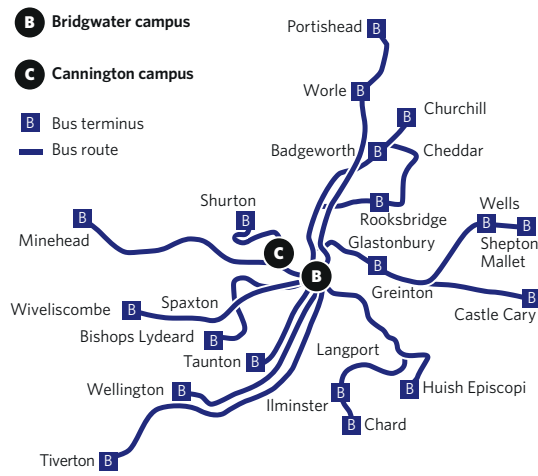
You may be eligible for financial help towards the cost of travel through the 16-19 Bursary. For prices, application forms, the bursary and further information about the County Bus pass, please contact the College Information, Advice & Guidance team on 01278 441234.

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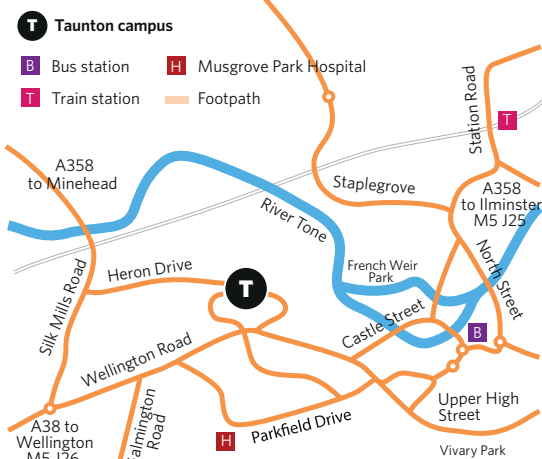
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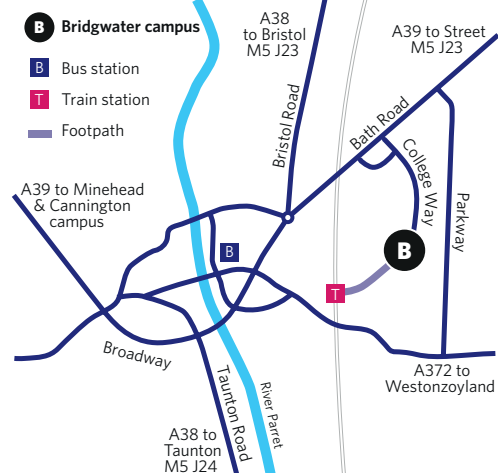
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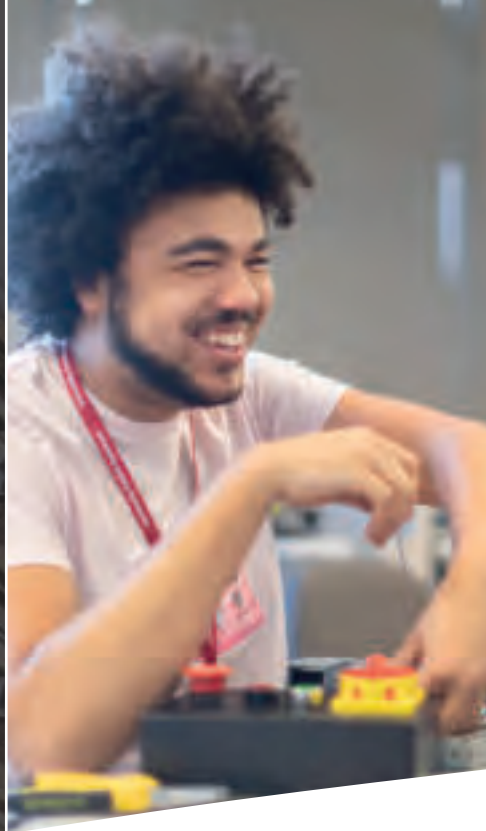
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University Centre Somerset



At this stage while you're choosing a college, you may not be thinking as far as university. But it might help to know that there is the opportunity to progress to Higher Education right here at BTC.

University Centre Somerset (UCS) is part of BTC. We currently have over 1,000 Higher Education students studying industry-led courses across a range of subjects that blend academic rigour with real-world experience in the workplace.

UCS offers all the benefits of achieving a Higher Education qualification from a big-name institution, but at campuses that are local to you.

We work with The Open University, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol), University of Plymouth and Oxford Brookes University to validate our degree 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.

Subjects include:

- Agricultural Management
- Animal Management & Wildlife Conservation
- Business
- Computing Management & Digital Technologies
- Construction & the Built Environment
- Creative Digital & Graphic Design

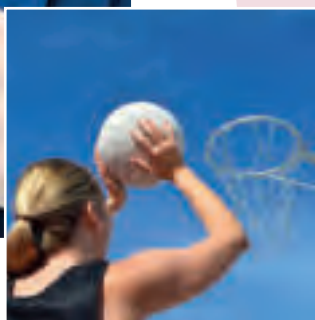
- Early Childhood Studies
- Engineering
- Fashion & Textiles
- Fine Art
- Health & Social Care
- Media Make-up
- Motorsport Engineering
- Music and Media Production
- Nursing
- Performance Arts
- Public Services & Criminology
- Sports Science & Coaching





Our courses are delivered in Taunton, Bridgwater and Cannington by talented lecturers with extensive professional experience. Relatively small class sizes and plenty of contact time demonstrate our dedication to the student experience, and mean you will always be supported to achieve your best.

Visit
www.somerset.ac.uk
to find out more



A Levels

Progression to A Level study is for many students the natural next step in their post 16 education following successful completion of GCSEs.

BTC offers an exciting A Level programme involving a wide variety of subjects, including some you may not have had the chance to study before, for example economics, law, politics and psychology.



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Many subjects use a range of guest speakers, visits and residential to enrich your learning. In the last few years these trips have included sociology students visiting HM Prison Bristol, law students going to Parliament, students studying French going to Paris, and trips to Prague, Italy and many more.



“I love studying at BTC because our tutors present the work in a way that’s easy to understand, and everyone’s friendly and willing to help you if you’re stuck. My tutors are very supportive, and they create the perfect environment to develop your interests and explore your options.”

Ryan Skone | Maths, Photography
& English Language
Bridgwater College Academy

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Teaching

During your two years of study you will receive five and a half hours of lessons per subject per week. You are expected to complete a significant amount of study out of the classroom, which will be a combination of homework and self-directed study. To complete this independent study, you have access to a study room available just to A Level students, and a dedicated floor in the LRC.

Tutorials

Alongside your A Levels, you also have one hour each week with your personal tutor and tutor group. This time is set aside for you to complete group activities and have 1:1s with your personal tutor who sets and monitors your personal targets. The personal tutorial programme also includes guest speakers, progression events and the UCAS exhibition

Enrichment

In addition to your A Level subjects and tutorials, enrichment forms the fourth part of your A Level programme. The A Level department offers a wide range of interesting and engaging enrichment activities to enhance and support your academic experience.

Extended Project: One enrichment option is to take an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), this is equivalent of half an A Level and is in addition to your three chosen A Level subjects. Students are required to choose a topic they find particularly interesting and conduct a research project culminating in a report or piece of art, model or film installation.

The project will enrich your academic portfolio and develop your initiative, as well as improving your research, organisation, reflection and evaluation skills. This enrichment is particularly recommended for those students intending to apply to university.

Honours Academy: This Academy is for A Level students who are ambitious, driven and keen to access a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities. The Academy will help stretch and challenge you to progress to leading universities and sought-after employment by offering additional tuition and skills development. The Academy has links with a wide range of higher education institutions, including Oxbridge, undertakes a range of project work and has access to many guest speakers from different walks of life as well as academia.

Academic Scholarship

If you are ambitious and predicted to achieve highly in your GCSEs, then you can apply for the A Level Academic Scholarship. This offers students specialist, additional tutoring and support.



I chose BTC because of the friendly and inclusive atmosphere, plus there are lots of enrichment opportunities to get involved in and great facilities.

I try to make the most of the extensive resources in the College library and joined the Italian group to increase my language skills.

The staff are always willing to help you at a moment's notice and we have a student forum that gives us the chance to raise topics that are important to us. I'm proud to be a Student Rep. My role is to gather feedback from my peers and present it to the Head of Department at the forum meetings.

After College I plan on studying French and Beginners Russian at the University of Bath, and aspire to teach French, either at a college or secondary school.

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Chemistry & French
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The standard entry requirement for A Levels is a minimum of five GCSE in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English.

You do not necessarily have studied your chosen subjects at GCSE level to take them at A Level, but some subjects have specific entry requirements.

SUBJECT	SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Art & Design	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art, Textiles or Graphics. Grade 5 or above in English and you will require a second interview.
Fashion & Textiles	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Art, Textiles or Graphics. Grade 5 or above in English and you will require a second interview. A previous qualification in Textiles is not essential, but you will need to demonstrate a keen interest and dedication to developing your skills.
Dance Drama & Theatre	Grade 5 or above in English and relevant experience is recommended. You will require a second interview. Practical interview to be prepared for during normal working conditions.
Computer Science	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English. You may find this subject challenging if you achieve lower than a 6 in Maths.
Physical Education	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Sport or PE. A BTEC or equivalent in Sport will be considered.
Biology Chemistry Physics	Grade 6 in the science you wish to study or two 6s in double science, and grade 5 or above in English and Maths.
French Spanish	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including French and/or Spanish.
Business Economics Photography Criminology Design Technology Geography Law History - Early Modern History - Modern Government & Politics Media Religious Studies Psychology Sociology	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
Geology	Five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range, including Maths and English, plus a science is recommended.
Further Maths	Grade 7 or above in Maths is essential, and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.
Maths	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Maths and four GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including English.

HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR SUBJECTS

1 Consider the subjects you study at school

Write a list of the subjects you really enjoy studying at school.

Would you like to continue studying some GCSE subjects at A Level?

2 Read the subject overviews in the prospectus

One of the fantastic things about our A Level programme is that you can study new subjects.

Add topics of interest to your list.

3 Visit our website

Each A Level subject page on our website includes more detail and activities designed to give you an idea of what it's like to study that subject. They include each tutor's contact details, so feel free to ask them subject-specific questions.

Complete the online taster activities.

4 What do you want to study at university or which career interests you?

Firstly, it's fine if you have no idea, but if you do know, you should find out if certain subjects are needed at A Level. For example, if you wish to study medicine, it's usually compulsory to have studied Biology and Chemistry.

Visit www.informedchoices.ac.uk and digital.ucas.com

Complete the online taster activities.

5 Apply to BTC

If you have decided on your three subjects, pop these on your application form, but if not, submit an online application for A Levels.

Apply online or use the form at the back of the prospectus.

6 Interview

You'll be invited to an interview with one of our experienced A Level tutors then sent a conditional offer.

Ask questions and discuss your subject choices.

7 A Level subject tasters

If you accept your offer and secure your place at BTC, you'll be invited to take part in subject tasters. These are another chance to discover what it's like to study a subject. If you attend and want to change your subject choice, just send us an email.

Take part in subject tasters.

8 Enrolment review

After you have been with us for a couple of weeks, there's still time to change subjects. You'll meet your tutor to complete an enrolment review where we double check you are happy with your choices and make changes if necessary.

SUBJECTS

Art & Design

Building upon existing arts practice, this A Level encourages advanced project development, professional practical skills and creative problem solving in a facility rich environment. Whether you dream of long days in the studio, an academic career in art history, your artwork used in advertising for your favourite products or a creative outlet which complements your academic studies, an A Level in art and design will support your future in creative media and the expressive arts.

You will be fully supported by professional, exhibiting teaching staff, and given the opportunity to develop your creative ability while broadening your contextual understanding. Negotiating briefs, creative problem solving and working to deadlines are all skills which separate creative arts students in a competitive marketplace. Alongside an academic study programme, art and design provides a creative outlet, adding variety to the week; a place where critical thinking and self-reflection drive ambitious, expressive solutions.

Biology

You will gain 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. These are studied 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.

Teaching methods include lectures, demonstrations and practical work. The practical work ranges from microscopic examination of specimens to biochemical and physiological investigations and it supports the theory covered in each module. Emphasis is made of the social, ethical and applied aspects of biology in relation to the theoretical background, in both national and international contexts.

Business

This course provides you with opportunities to develop important skills and relevant tools such as critical thinking, analysis and evaluation of businesses in their dynamic environments. Guest speakers are invited to the College and business trips are in place to identify, enhance and contextualise the learning.

Students study business in a variety of contexts, consider and discuss different types of businesses in various industries, nationally as well as internationally. Furthermore, correlations and relationships of business activities and functions will be analysed throughout both years.

Competitiveness and its impact on markets is an essential topic of this A Level subject. When analysing the business environment, we will review and evaluate social, ethical and environmental issues. The various factors that influence decision-making daily (short vs. long-run) will be considered by researching and discussing business and industry examples. Overall, by reviewing data (quantitative and qualitative), external and internal influences, you will get to know how a business is run, how and why decisions are made.



Chemistry

A Level chemistry gives you an exciting insight into the contemporary world of chemistry. It covers the key concepts of chemistry with practical skills integrated throughout the course. This combination of academic challenge and practical focus makes the prospect of studying A Level chemistry highly appealing.

You will learn about chemistry in a range of contexts, investigate and solve problems and build practical skills through a range of experiments and investigations. 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

If you want to study this subject at university, then this is for you, (although there are still a small number of university departments that may also require maths and/or physics at A Level). University courses in many other disciplines now require an understanding of computational theory, and undergraduate students in many subjects often find themselves programming their own bespoke systems for analysing final year projects and dissertations.

Computer science is also for students who have a passion for technology and want 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 skills developed on this course are transferable to future employment in various roles. Computer science sits well alongside all other A Level subjects but is often chosen to complement mathematics and science subjects.



Criminology (Diploma)

The Diploma in Criminology is the perfect qualification if you are interested in all things criminal and are considering a career within the criminal justice system. The qualification involves the study of criminal behaviour and its effects, patterns of crime, criminal statistics and various processes within the criminal justice system. The subject draws together criminal aspects of psychology, law and sociology in seeking answers to academic and societal questions, such as what causes criminal behaviour, what is the effect of crime on society and how crime has changed in the last 100 years.

The Diploma is taken in place of an A Level and therefore should be taken alongside two other subjects. It works particularly well with the humanities subjects.

Dance

A Level dance is a dynamic subject which encourages you to develop your creative skills and dance technique as well as learning about a range of practitioners and the dance industry. Through technique and choreography classes, you will learn about both historical and current dance practices ensuring that you will be inspired by the dance world around you! You will study a range of dance styles before deciding which styles to use for your final assessment.

The subject is equally weighted between practical and theoretical work with examination including choreographing and performing as well as a written exam which focuses on dance analysis, history and dance training. The study of dance enables you to develop socially whilst promoting creativity, fitness and well-being. The programme will also encourage you to develop other transferable skills such as team-working, communication and problem solving, all of which are skills sought after by higher education and employers in any field. Throughout your studies, you will be supported by staff members with excellent industry knowledge as well as access to three dance studios including a space at our McMillan Theatre to practise and perform.





I joined the Junior Honours Academy whilst still at school and this gave me my first insight into College life.

The tutors' enthusiasm for their subject was infectious and I became fascinated and curious about gaining new knowledge.

During the first months of College I was encouraged to make friends, explore the campus and take part in enrichment activities. This enabled me to settle in quickly and before I knew it, I was finding new interests plus continuing my successful athletics career.

The library and the A Level Study Room are excellent places to sit and study, and the independence given to you increases your confidence and motivation.

My aspiration is to become an Orthopaedic Surgeon and I believe BTC has given me the tools I need to achieve my goals.

William Stokes | Chemistry, Biology, Maths
Chilton Trinity School

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS



Design Technology

Product design (3D design) helps you take a broad view of design and technology, develop the capacity to appreciate engineering design, production of goods and appreciate the complex relations between design, materials, manufacture and marketing. You will gain a good understanding of design theory, movements and develop an insight into well-known designers, and develop an appreciation of the design process from concept ideas, research and development through model making, freehand and CAD drawings to the realisation and making of the final product.

You will learn how design prototypes can be manufactured into the products we use in our everyday lives. This will include the study of materials and their properties, production processes and modern manufacturing systems. There is a big practical element of the course where you will be working in the design workshop.

Drama & Theatre

This exciting and inspiring subject will prepare you for further study at degree level, a career or apprenticeship in the industry. You will have the opportunity to perform with your peers in a variety of genres and show your participation in the creation, development and performance of three pieces of theatre for your final assessment.

Throughout the two-year programme, you will study a variety of theatre practitioners and performance techniques, develop a range of theatre making skills and develop

an understanding and appreciation of how social, cultural and historical context of performance texts have influenced the development of drama and theatre.

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.

This subject promotes and encourages a variety of skills that can be used across any discipline, including presentation skills, communicating effectively with confidence, working with others and creative thinking/problem solving. It contributes to prospects in any creative role due to its inclusion of how to appreciate artistic interpretation. Trips to live theatre events are integral to this subject as it is essential for you to analyse live theatre as part of your exam.

Economics

This subject is ideal for anyone who wishes to develop an understanding of the dynamics between consumers, firms 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 national as well as international economic performance. Develop your skills in lateral thinking, analysis and problem-solving. Economics can be studied alone or alongside a range of other subjects at university, including finance, politics, business and international studies.

The course is split between micro and macroeconomics and will be of interest to anyone who wants to understand human behaviour and the thinking of individuals and firms in the context of the economy. Micro build models of firm and individual behaviour and investigate how economies work and why governments intervene in markets. This informs macroeconomics and gives you an overview of the world around you and the impact governments and firms make to everyday life.

English Language & Literature

This is the perfect subject for you if you love reading and analysing literary works but are also fascinated by language in all its forms. You will be introduced to a wide variety of texts to examine from both a literary and linguistic viewpoint. A selection of poetry, novels, and dramatic texts, such as Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* and Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*, are studied in conjunction with a multitude of non-literary material, such as media-based writings. There is also a creative writing strand to the course, in which students study a novel together and are tasked with re-writing an extract.

The subject is assessed through exams and independent coursework, for which students choose their own texts and topics to investigate. This course is ideal for anyone wanting to study English at a higher level or wanting a career in any communications-led field, such as journalism, publishing, marketing or education.

English Language

A Level English Language is a fascinating subject which will develop your knowledge of how we use language far beyond what you learnt at GCSE. It is ideal for anyone preparing for a future career in journalism, publishing, marketing, public relations, and all fields in which written and spoken methods of communication are important.

You will study a range of linguistic concepts, analyse your own idiolect (the words and phrases you use), along with a wide variety of spoken and written texts ranging from Shakespeare to social media. Studying the development of children's spoken language from birth to seven years of age is a highlight for most students, as well as investigating how and why the English language has changed between the 17th and 21st centuries. You will also have the opportunity to craft your own writing for a variety of purposes and audiences and conduct your own independent language investigation for coursework.

English Literature

If you love reading, analysing characters and discussing the writers' craft, this is the subject for you. You will study a broad and engaging selection of poetry, novels, and dramatic texts from across the literary periods, by writers such as William Shakespeare, Emily Brontë and Carol Ann Duffy. In addition to learning to unpick intricate layers of meaning, you will explore the cultural and historical influences on writers and learn to apply literary criticism.

This subject will provide you with acutely developed analytical skills much valued in higher education and by employers. It is also useful for the study of other A Level subjects. The course is assessed through exams and independent coursework, for which students choose their own focus to pursue.



Fashion & Textiles

This is a highly creative subject that will give you an insight into the diverse application of materials, techniques and processes relevant to the fashion and textiles specialism. You will bring a conceptual approach to the subject through exploring the work of others, taking part in technical workshops, experimenting independently and developing your own ideas around topics of interest to you. You will work with both set and self-negotiated briefs to develop skills of problem solving, creative thinking, practical application of knowledge and understanding linked to academic research.

All aspects of garment construction and textile design are taught, to enable creative outcomes that are sure to challenge future designers. There is a strong link to the Fashion Academy and employers beyond the College which result in opportunities to build further transferable skills including communication, teamwork, event organisation and presentation through innovative, professional projects.





French

A Level French provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for students to build on their previous study of French at GCSE. Through social, intellectual, historical and political cultural themes, students will be able to develop their linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of the countries and communities where the language is spoken. A strong focus is placed on building students' confidence and fluency in spoken French using relevant and topical themes.

The course begins with revision, building on prior grammatical knowledge with personal grammar booklets, online exercises and small group sessions for support. Themes include what life is like for young French-speaking people today. In your first year, you watch and study a French film, while in your second year you will explore literature in the target language as well as choosing an area of personal interest to research and present during your speaking exam. This could relate to the country or communities where French is spoken and offers you the opportunity to deepen your cultural awareness.

Further 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.

The first year covers all A Level Maths topics which build upon your GCSE knowledge and provide the building blocks for all the other modules and branches of mathematics. You also study some of the applications of maths. In mechanics you will look at topics such as kinematics, forces and Newton's laws, while in statistics you learn about statistical distributions and hypothesis testing. During your second year you will study the Further Maths topics covering core and pure mathematics, further statistics and further mechanics.

Geography

Geography is a subject that blends well with both science and social science A Levels because of the broad range of topics studied. The subject covers both human and physical geography which include topics such as piracy, human trafficking, climate change, plate tectonics, biodiversity and many things in between. You do not need to have studied geography at GCSE level, but this would be an advantage along with an interest in contemporary world issues.

Fieldwork is a vital part of this course and you will be spending at least four days in the field over the two-year course. We visit the Somerset Coast, Bristol Harbourside Redevelopment, Steart Salt Marshes and the Quantock Hills. These field trips help you develop skills such as data collection, presentation and analysis, drawing conclusions and evaluating your work. These skills are necessary to complete the

coursework element of the course where you will conduct your own investigation into a topic of your choice. They are also very valuable skills for university and employment. In conjunction with other similar subjects, we run international residential visits which have previously included trips to Italy and Iceland.

Geology

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 and find abundant supplies of clean water. They search for valuable deposits of natural resources such as the rare earth elements in your smart phone, iron, coal and oil. They also try to minimise the threat to communities at risk from geologic hazards, volcanoes and earthquakes. It is a visual science, a practical science, a science that involves fieldwork, map work and laboratory investigations.

There is an abundance of fascinating geology to discover, at sites within easy reach of the College and day trips on field study feature strongly, so be prepared to be outdoors. In conjunction with other similar subjects, we run international residential visits. These have previously included many different locations in Italy, Iceland and Ireland.

Government & Politics

Politics offers the theoretical framework behind the actions of government and promotes a deeper appreciation about what we read and watch in the media. It examines the political systems in both the UK and USA. The key political thinkers that helped shape these political systems and the way the public engage with and participate in political action.

Politics explores the structure of key institutions such as legislative bodies, executives and judiciary and the power balance and relationships between them. It explores key debates around the democracies in the UK and USA and analyses the extent current systems uphold key western values.

Previously, students have had the opportunity to visit London and the Houses of Parliament, touring the history of the building and each chamber. Politics has close ties with the law A Level, which gives an opportunity for a residential trip to London to tour several political and legislative sites and explore the city. In addition, students have been involved with Bridgwater Town Council Youth Forum to represent the College and give ideas and opinions on town development.

History - Early Modern

History gives you an insight into how historians investigate and interpret the past and provides the tools to examine historical and contemporary sources to determine their reliability and utility. This subject allows you to develop the skills of a working historian by understanding the historical key concepts of change, continuity, causation, consequence, significance and perspectives.

Our early modern history route examines revolutions in early modern and modern Europe, with a focus upon the English civil wars and the French Revolution. During the second year, you will study political agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, as well as completing a coursework module. This will provide you with an opportunity to produce an independent research project investigating why historians disagree about an issue of your choosing. In addition, students will have the opportunity to involve themselves in community projects, as well as a proposed residential to Paris.

History - Modern

Our modern history route examines the issue of rights and freedoms in the modern world, with a focus upon 20th century American history, as well as India's struggle for independence from British rule. During the second year, you will study political agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain, as well as completing a coursework module. This will provide you with an opportunity to produce an independent research project investigating why historians disagree about an issue of your choosing. In addition, students will have the opportunity to involve themselves in community projects, as well as a proposed residential to Paris.

Law

Law A Level provides the perfect introduction to the subject for any student who wishes to study it at degree level or work in the legal sector. Alternatively, it is a good A Level choice for any student simply interested in finding out more about the society we live in. You will learn how laws are made, what decisions the courts make and the difference between the various types of legal personnel e.g. barristers, solicitors and legal executives. Most of your study will be focussed on three substantive

areas of law, namely, criminal law, tort law and contract law. Students will study these topics through the analysis of real-life case studies and the analysis of statute law.

Law complements many other A Level subjects, particularly those of English, politics, history, psychology, sociology and business. Law allows students to develop academic skills including analysis and evaluation, and to make an informed decision about future careers. Students interested in becoming solicitors, barristers or legal executives would be aptly suited to the study of law; but so too would those interested in careers in academia, criminology, business, politics, government, business and/or economics.





I chose BTC as I could study more than one creative design A Level subject, such as Photography and Fine Art.

I also liked the ethos of independent and self-directed learning; the teaching staff explained the importance of being an independent learner, a discipline that prepared me well for Higher Education. The facilities also swayed my decision to study A Levels at BTC. They are simply amazing and university standard.

I liked that I was treated as an adult, and that I was in charge of my learning. I used the photography studios and dark rooms out of class times. The facilities were excellent, and I could use them as much as I pleased, enabling me to work on my own creative projects.

I am currently working at Asif Khan studio, which is an architecture firm. I'm working on the design and construction on a range of projects including the private fashion galleries in the UAE, the new museum of London and product design. After I qualify, I plan on going to the States to continue my architectural studies at MIT or Harvard.

James Della Valle | Fine Art,
Physics, Maths
*Kingsmead Community School
BSc Architecture University College
London, Bartlett School of Architecture*

STUDENT ALUMNI



Maths

Maths 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.

The first year covers pure maths topics which build upon your GCSE knowledge and provides the building blocks for all the other modules and branches of mathematics. You also study some of the applications of maths. In mechanics you will look at topics such as kinematics, forces and Newton's laws, while in statistics you learn about statistical distributions and hypothesis testing. During your second year you continue studying pure maths topics which build upon the first year, covering higher level trigonometry and calculus. You will also continue to extend your understanding of the applications of maths within the fields of mechanics and statistics.

Media

This popular A Level involves a good mixture of critical analysis and practical production, allowing you to explore creative industries, experiment with modern technologies and develop your analytical and cultural awareness, setting you up as a multi-skilled and savvy future media expert. You will develop a coherent understanding of media forms. You study in excellent facilities at a professional standard using the full Creative Suite on Apple Mac computers. There are residential trips available and the opportunity to work on live briefs within the Media Academy.

What makes this course special is the outstanding, professional equipment mixed with the supportive staff who continue to develop their skills in the industry. With extensive progression routes into the industry this creative course will enable you to progress to the next stage of education or employment.

Assessment is split between two exams at the end of the second year which are very formulaic, as well as a practical piece of coursework.





Photography

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 and a dark room to fully realise their creative potential.

The course involves a variety of practical, theoretical and historical perspectives relating to photography as art, communication and illustration. Both analogue and digital photography are taught on this course. We cover many types of photography from documentary, portraiture, studio and pinhole whilst experimenting with lighting and location shooting.

You can also join a range of creative academies to further enhance your skillset. These include media, music, design, fashion and photography.



Physical Education

This subject is a popular choice for students wishing to undertake a career in all sports backgrounds due to the vast array of study aspects, including anatomy, physiology, skill acquisition, biomechanics and psychology to name a few.

As the subject involves the ability to link theoretical knowledge to sporting performance and fitness, it is imperative that students have a well-rounded understanding of all sports. Due to the coursework component of the subject being split into a practical assessment and a performance analysis element, it is imperative that students are regularly competing in a least one sport to at least club level. Teaching will consist of both classroom-based lessons and practical activities that could take place in our gym, sport therapy room, sports hall or on our 3G pitch.



Physics

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.

In the first year of the course, you build on knowledge gained from GCSE physics starting with topics such as motion and forces. These topics, whilst being more tangible and appearing more basic, will be greatly expanded upon and contain added mathematical context. This will then be followed by energy and materials, which is essential for the understanding of later topics due to the synoptic nature of the course. For example, the Electrons, Waves and Photons module looks firstly at how current moves in circuits and what drives and resists it, then investigates wave behaviour and especially interference. The final section considers the mysterious effects of quantum physics.

Psychology

Whilst studying the fascinating world of human behaviour, you will encounter many sensitive subjects including mental illness, extreme childhood neglect and animal research. You will study everything from electrocuting rats to Nazi death camps, improving your memory and curing your friends of phobias.

By the end of the course, you will understand why we cannot fully trust eyewitness testimony and why your first relationship with your primary caregiver is so important. You will also discover why children sometimes say the funniest things and how the ideas of Sigmund Freud are still influential today.

You will be assessed through short answer questions, such as labelling parts of the brain and completing mathematical calculations as well as writing essays. Psychology students come from a variety of academic disciplines, from fine art to physical science.



Religious Studies

In this subject, we 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. The second year will deepen your understanding of the material covered in the first year and you explore the nature of religious language, evaluate different understandings of 'miracles', and examine the dialogues between philosophy, religion and ethics.

Sociology

This subject includes a range of topics such as looking at theories and explanations for social behaviour and the methods used in social research. Lessons involve discussion, analysis and debate, all of which offer you a real opportunity to get to grips with the material, as well as the chance to prepare yourself for the demands of the exam.

A Level Sociology gives you a strong foundation for further study at degree level. It will provide you with knowledge that can be applied to all aspects of society as it encourages the use of a variety of academic skills, especially thinking critically about the world. Topics include the cause of crime, education inequalities and the role of religion in contemporary society. As well as a varied classroom experience, this subject gives you the opportunity to explore sociological issues by participating in several trips. These include HMP Bristol, Wells Cathedral, Poland/Prague and a Pagan temple.

Spanish

A Level Spanish provides an engaging and exciting opportunity for you to build on your previous study of Spanish at GCSE level. Through social, intellectual, historical and political cultural themes, you will be able to develop your linguistic knowledge and cultural understanding of the countries and communities where the language is spoken. A strong focus is placed on building your confidence and fluency in spoken Spanish using relevant and topical themes.

In the first year, you watch and study a Spanish film, while in the second year you explore literature in the target language as well as choosing an area of personal interest to research and present during your speaking exam. This could relate to the country or communities where Spanish is spoken and offers you the opportunity to deepen your cultural awareness.



“The staff are always willing to help you at a moment's notice and we have a student forum that gives us the chance to raise topics that are important to us.”

Stardust Dootson | Biology, Chemistry & French
Broadoak Academy

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Results Lead to Bright Futures!

Bridgwater & Taunton College A Level students celebrated their results, marking yet another year of excellent academic and personal achievement, with an overall pass rate of 99%.

Andy Berry, College Principal & CEO said, "I'm so proud of our students and staff who have excelled once again this year. With the support of their tutors, students adjusted well to blended learning, and their hard work and determination has been reflected in their results." He continued, "Whilst we couldn't be together to celebrate, I was thrilled to hear about their exciting plans to pursue their passions at top universities such as Oxford, King's College London and Exeter University."

Students with outstanding results include Georgina Husband who secured a place at Edinburgh University after achieving two A*s for Chemistry and Maths and an A in French, and Daniel Gunning who is off to study Chemistry at King's College London after gaining three A*s. Others to achieve three A*s include Emma Page who plans on studying at the University of Exeter and Jack Collard who has a place at the University of Birmingham.

Head of A Levels, Vanessa Hughes said, "Our staff and students worked extremely hard to ensure that learning continued throughout the lockdown and students were not disadvantaged by Covid-19. I'm delighted that most will be able to progress onto their chosen pathway and am so proud of them. I wish them all the best."

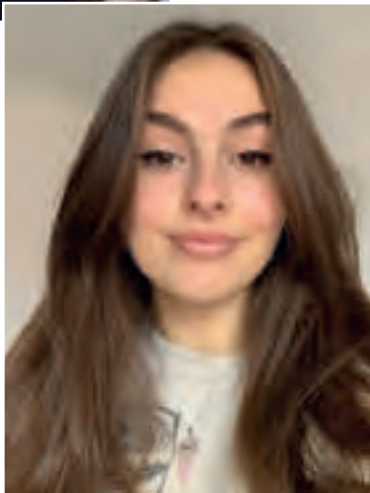


"My experience at BTC was brilliant and I couldn't have asked for better lecturers. I received all the support and encouragement I needed even during such uncertain times, and have achieved exactly what I wanted!"

Jonathan Brown | A* A* A

Maths, English Language, English Literature

Secured a place to study English Language and Literature at University of Oxford



"I'm so happy with my results and grateful to all the amazing staff who supported me. I couldn't have done it without them, so thank you so much!"

Kristi Greenwood | A* A* A*

Maths, History, Spanish

Secured a place to study Oriental Studies at Durham 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.



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The IB requires that you study six subjects: three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL). HL subjects receive four hours of tuition per week and SL subjects are taught for 2.5 hours per week. Subjects are chosen from six groups, along with a core programme of TOK (Theory of Knowledge), an Extended Essay and CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service).

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 two to 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.

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 HL 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 the use of robotics in curing cancers.



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 focusses 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?



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.



SUBJECT SELECTION	OFFER	IB SUBJECT
Group 1	English	English Literature
Group 2	Languages	Spanish / French / AB Initio Language (choose one or two)
Group 3	Humanities	History / Psychology / Geography (choose one)
Group 4	Sciences	Biology / Chemistry (choose one or both)
Group 5	Mathematics	Maths
Group 6	Arts	Film Studies (alternatively, study Chemistry or a second language)
The Core		CAS / Extended Essay / Theory of Knowledge

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need at least six GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range in a breadth of subjects including English, Maths and Science, and we recommend you have grades 9 to 7 in the subjects you wish to study at Higher Level.

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 31 for a tariff table.

DEGREE	TYPICAL OFFER	IB SUBJECTS
Medicine	39 points 7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects	<i>HL - Chemistry Biology</i> <i>SL - French English</i>
Law	34 points or 36 points to gain £1,000 annual bursary	<i>HL - Film Studies English</i> <i>SL - Biology Maths French</i>
Archaeology & Anthropology	39 points 7, 6, 6 required in HL subjects	<i>HL - French Psych English</i> <i>SL - Lang Ab Initio Biology Maths</i>
Psychology & Criminology	27 points	<i>HL - Psych Biology English</i> <i>SL - Lang Ab Initio Chemistry Maths</i>
English & Creative Writing	Unconditional offer	<i>HL - History Film Studies English</i> <i>SL - Lang Ab Initio Biology Maths</i>
Architecture	36 points	<i>HL - English</i> <i>SL - Lang Ab Initio Maths</i>
International Business & Psychology	26 points	<i>HL - Psych Film Studies English</i> <i>SL - Spanish Biology</i>
French & Theatre Studies	27 points	<i>HL - French Film Studies English</i> <i>SL - Biology History Maths</i>



Choosing to study the IB was the best decision I've ever made.

I was quite nervous about coming to the College as I was the only person to choose the IB from my secondary school, but the staff made me feel so comfortable and making friends with people on my course seemed like the easiest thing, because we all really want to be here.

The subjects we study are so interesting, but our learning isn't just about the content, it's about applying our knowledge to real life. As well as our subjects, we cover Theory of Knowledge which enables us to think about how we know things, which is great preparation for university and very interesting. I also take part in extra-curricular activities. I'm the Vice-President of the Student Union at the Taunton campus, Student Representative for the IB, an Ambassador and I'm working towards my gold DofE Award.

Molly Morgan | IB
Bishop Fox's School

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LEARNER**

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 Kazuo Ishiguro and Khaled Hosseini. 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 or two

Spanish | French | 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, 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, with recent visits including Paris, Berlin and Madrid.



GROUP 3 - Humanities

Choose one

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, you develop highly transferable skills such as the ability to research complex material, analyse sources and produce well-argued extended writing. HL study is an excellent preparation for history, law, politics and international relations at university and SL study provides a highly respected addition to all university applications. It is not essential to have taken GCSE history.

Psychology SL/HL

Psychology is a hugely relevant and fascinating subject which explores biological, cognitive and social

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

Geography SL/HL

This subject integrates both physical and human geography, and ensures you acquire elements of both scientific and socio-economic methodologies. It embodies global and international awareness in several distinct ways, and examines key global issues, such as poverty, sustainability and climate change. You will consider examples and detailed case studies at a variety of scales, from local to regional, national and international.



GROUP 4 - Sciences

Choose one or both

Biology SL/HL

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

Chemistry SL/HL

Only available as a Group 6 option taken alongside Biology

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 universities in applications to study chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacy, medicine, veterinary, dentistry and other science related subjects. 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.

“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

GROUP 5 - Mathematics

Compulsory

Maths SL

This subject gives you the academic acclaim 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 the course. Please note, mathematics HL is not available.

GROUP 6 - Arts

Alternatively, Chemistry or a second language may be studied in this group

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 HL students go on to study related courses at university, but whether you take it at HL or SL, it stands out as an interesting creative addition to any university application.



Studying the IB at BTC feels like being part of a small family of people who share the same interests, and that includes my tutors. I’ve always received all the support I need and feel safe and cared for.

Having recently immigrated from India, I was worried about starting college, but I’m proud of how well I adjusted. My tutors answer all my questions and give me reassurance and encouragement. They ensure I never feel left out and I’m confident I’ll achieve my goals. I also became a Student Ambassador and joined the Student Union. Interacting with new people and being involved in a group has developed my self-esteem as well as my communication, teamwork, time management and organisational abilities.

The IB encourages you to reflect and evaluate everything you do and link it to the real world. It’s helped me become socially responsible and smart, which in turn is preparing me for making decisions about my future.

Avanthika Narayanan Shaine | IB
Preston School

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& HAPPIER**





*Molly Morgan and her parents
Achieved 41 points and secured a place
to study Medicine at Exeter University*

Students Celebrate their Results!

Despite the disruption caused by Covid-19, students achieved outstanding results.

Collectively, in 2021 students achieved an average score of 35.5 points, placing them above the global average of 32 points according to TES. Furthermore, over half of the cohort achieved 39 points or above, and one student gained very high score of 41 points.

Bex Miller, Course Leader for the IB commented, "These students have faced considerable and unprecedented challenges during their two-year study programme. From lockdowns and changes to the syllabus, to the eventual cancellation of exams, they have had to overcome more than most."

"I'm delighted that they have received such an impressive set of results and have all secured university places at their first choices. This group of students have been an absolute delight to work with over the past two years and they have demonstrated enthusiasm, great humour, cheerfulness and resilience. They are the embodiment of IB learners and I have no doubt they will go on to achieve incredible things in their careers and beyond."

IB students receive their results in July, meaning they are in a position to accept university places a month before their A Level counterparts. Students have been delighted to receive offers from illustrious universities; among these are offers of Medicine at Exeter and Biomedical Science at Plymouth.

Andy Berry, Principal & Chief Executive of the College, said, "I'm really proud to offer this world-class programme and it's great to see our students achieve fantastic results again this year. I'm delighted to see them progressing to celebrated universities and wish them all the best in all their future endeavours."

"The IB programme is engaging, challenging and highly regarded, and we firmly believe that students who study this are truly challenged. It enables them to become independent and individual thinkers, becoming the best they can be."

"I feel an overwhelming sense of relief to have achieved a high grade and get into my first choice of university. Bex has been absolutely amazing and I couldn't have done it without her."

Katie King | 39 points
Secured a place to study Biomedicine at Lancaster University

"The whole experience at BTC has been great. It's been brilliant studying a variety of subjects and I've made some amazing friends."

Vienna Bennett | 30 points
Secured a place to study Biomedicine at Plymouth University

T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

We were very excited to be one of the first colleges in the country to offer the new T Level qualifications, and this year we've added more subjects.



“I have an interest in computing and was looking for a course that covered a range of topics plus included work experience, so the T Level was the perfect choice. My tutors are great, and it's been easy to make friends. It's a fun learning environment and I like being treated like an adult. ”

Tate Modica | Level 2 Digital T Level Transition Programme
Bishop Fox's School

MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNER

These two year technical courses are transforming 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 university, highly skilled employment, higher technical qualifications or higher apprenticeships.

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.

Transition Programmes

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.

LEVEL 2 T LEVEL TRANSITION PROGRAMMES

Health & Social Care

Education & Childcare

Digital & Computing

T-LEVELS



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Level 2 T Level Transition Programme in Health & Social Care

TAUNTON

This one-year bespoke course will support your progression to the T Level in Health (Nursing) qualification and is for those who may not have met the grade requirements for the T Level or who need to develop further before starting the T Level. This course has been designed to help you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours you need to be successful on a T Level programme.

You may cover aspects of health and social care including:

- Human growth and development
- Working in health and social care
- Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
- Communication in health and social care

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English language, maths and science. It is important you have a good level of spoken and written English. You are required to attend an interview and need a clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Teaching & Assessment

This course is mainly classroom based, but also includes 100 hours in the workplace that allows you to practically apply your study of the sector in a range of suitable settings. This will prepare you for the 45 days that need to be completed on the T Level as well as improving your knowledge and developing key employment skills.

Assessment is through a portfolio of evidence using a range of assessment methods. These may include assignments, individual research, project work, presentations and written assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course and meeting the grade and GCSE requirements, you could progress to the Health (Nursing) T Level. Alternatively, you could find employment as a Care Assistant, Support Worker, Healthcare Assistant, or start an Apprenticeship.

T Level in Health (Nursing)

TAUNTON

This two-year qualification has been designed as an alternative to A Levels in collaboration with employers and businesses. This is a new and exciting replacement for BTEC level 3 programmes. The T level in Health and Science will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a career in health care.

The course content has a strong focus on concepts that surround health care and science. Successful completion of the course will put you at a distinct advantage when applying to university as you will have proven skills.

During the first year, you explore the knowledge and skills relevant to health care. In the second year, focus is placed on the specialism occupational component (adult nursing). Throughout the two years you attend two industry placements where you will gain valuable experience and develop skills relevant to supporting the adult nursing team.

Topics could include:

- Working within the health and science sector
- Good scientific and clinical practice
- Providing person centred care
- Undertake a range of physiological measurements
- Assist the adult nursing team with clinical tasks

This qualification includes a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job mentoring. Mentoring will take place during an industry placement of a minimum of 45 days covering up to two health and social care placements.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range with grade 5 in English language and a grade 4 in maths and science. Entry is subject to a successful interview as well as an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

If you have not achieved the required grades to start a T Level or are not yet ready to undertake this programme, 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.

Teaching & Assessment

You will be assessed through written and practical examinations, employer projects, group work, presentations and analysis. You will also be observed and assessed in both industry placements to ensure you have a higher level of skill than other learners on BTEC or A Level programmes.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could find employment in a healthcare role such as a healthcare support worker, or apply to university to undertake a nursing degree programme. Alternatively, you could progress to study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship in nursing and other pathways such as Nurse Associate and Assistant Practitioner.

EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION

Level 2 T Level Transition Programme in Education & Childcare

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This bespoke one-year course has been designed to support those not yet ready for the Education & Childcare T Level. It enables you to gain the knowledge and experience which will allow you to work with children from birth to five years and is modelled on working in early years and primary settings and the T level themes.

Units may include:

- Supporting education
- Parents, families and carers
- Child development
- Observation, assessment and planning
- Safeguarding, health safety and wellbeing

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 3 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 have completed at least one week of relevant work experience (eg. in a nursery or primary school). You also need a reference and enhanced DBS check.

Assessment

Your learning will be internally assessed using a range of methods including assignments, a professional skills record, work-based projects and exams. You will complete at least 120 placement hours in early years settings and primary school.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Progression to the T Level requires a grade 5 in English Language and grade 4 in Maths. Alternatively, you could progress to an Early Years Apprenticeship if you decide a work-based route is more appropriate for you.

T Level in Education & Childcare

TAUNTON

This challenging and exciting course focuses on childcare and education from 0 to 19, including child development, psychology and behaviours. Topics include pedagogical approaches (teaching approaches), child development, attachment and behaviour, working with others, types of education provision, SEND, reflective practice, EAL, safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing. In the second year, you focus within the 0 to seven age range where you build your knowledge and skills alongside demonstrating your competence in industry placement.

- The overall content is divided into themes including:
- Exploring sector provision for education and childcare
- Child development, behaviour and English as an additional language
- Approaches to learning for positive outcomes in education for children and young people
- Professional practice for education and childcare including safeguarding, health and safety and well-being of children and young people, equality and diversity, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)
- Working with others in education and childcare



Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range with grade 5 in English and grade 4 in Maths and Science at grade 4, as well as a keen interest in the topic and some work experience with children. Entry is subject to a successful interview and an enhanced DBS.

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, subject to your GCSEs.

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 a minimum of 750 hours across the two years. This amount of experience provides you with a licence to practise in early years education and care.

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. Many students use the T level to progress onto a teaching degree.





BUSINESS

T Level in Management & Administration (Business Improvement)

BRIDGWATER

This two-year technical study programme is designed with employers to give you the skills that industry needs. It provides technical knowledge and skills specific to management and administration, as well as relevant Maths, English and digital skills.

Topics include:

- Business context
- People
- Quality and compliance
- Finance
- Policies and procedures
- Project and change management
- Business behaviours
- Employer-set project

During the second year you will learn to:

- Acquire and protect data to support the improvement process
- Analyse data to identify opportunities for improvement
- Engage stakeholders in discussions on business processes and improvement
- Identify, propose and plan solutions for improvement
- Monitor and report the implementation of business improvement activities

Entry Requirements

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

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

On successful completion, you could progress to a university course or a Higher Apprenticeship. There are many career options available across a range of sectors such as accountancy, digital marketing and international banking.

T Level in Management & Administration (Leadership/Management)

BRIDGWATER

This two-year technical study programme provides technical knowledge and skills specific to management and leadership, as well as relevant Maths, English and digital skills.

Topics include:

- Business context
- People
- Quality and compliance
- Finance
- Policies and procedures
- Project and change management
- Business behaviours
- Employer-set project

During the second year you will learn to:

- Lead, manage and develop individuals and teams to deliver outcomes
- Build relationships with colleagues, customers and stakeholders
- Deliver core operational tasks and plans
- Manage and implement projects
- Apply governance and compliance requirements

Entry Requirements

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



KNOW - HOW

T Level in Finance & Accounting

BRIDGWATER

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

On successful completion, you could progress to a university course or a Higher Apprenticeship. Potential careers include becoming a Business Advisor, Financial Controller, Project Manager or Accountant. You could also work in international banking or digital marketing.

This course is a two-year technical study programme designed with employers to give you the skills that industry needs. It provides technical knowledge and skills specific to industry, as well as relevant Maths, English and digital skills.

During your first year, you study the following subjects before specialising in finance or accounting in your second year.

Topics include:

- The business environment
- Careers within the legal, finance and accounting professions
- Regulation
- Professionalism and ethics
- Security and risk
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Professional services
- Fundamentals of law
- Fundamentals of financial accounting
- Technology
- Data driven innovation/analytics and design thinking
- Project/change management and administration

During the second year you will learn to:

- Produce and analyse a trial balance
- Prepare primary financial statements
- Analyse business performance and present results
- Provide support to tax and audit functions
- Prepare computations for payroll

Entry Requirements

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

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

On successful completion, you could progress to a university course or a Higher Apprenticeship. The many career options available in the sector include working in marketing or international banking, as a Business Advisor, Project Manager, Security Analyst, Accountant or Financial Controller.



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T-LEVELS

COMPUTING & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Level 2 T Level Transition Programme in Digital & Computing

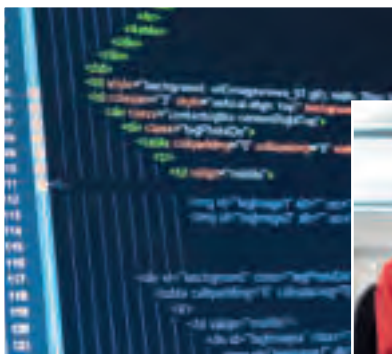
TAUNTON | BRIDGWATER

We recognise that not everyone will leave school ready or confident enough to undertake a Level 3 T Level, and some may need time to develop their English and Maths, communication and problem-solving skills.

This programme is a challenging fast-track course delivered over one year to help you prepare for the T Level qualification. It includes a mix of content from the T Level such as a nationally set employer project and work experience, and includes a significant amount of English and Maths. The breadth of content will ensure you are able to apply your skills in a variety of environments for different purposes and will be assessed through practical coursework and exam-assessed content.

Subjects may include:

- Digital analysis
- Digital environments
- Digital portfolio
- Website development
- Software development
- Cyber security
- PC building and maintenance
- Computer networks
- Emerging issues and impact on digital
- Legislation and regulatory requirements
- Extended English and Maths training and development



Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range with grade 3 in English and Maths, and a keen interest in the topic. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

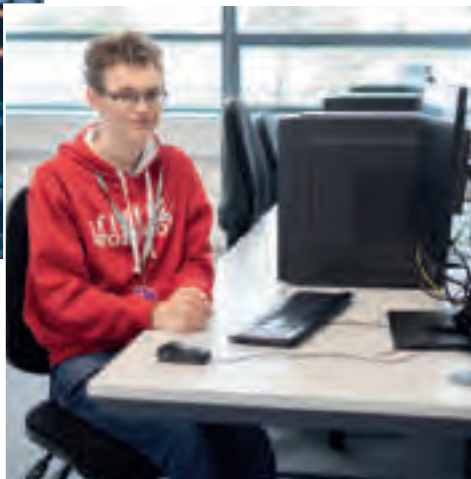
All students undertake a diagnostic period of six weeks to ascertain their suitability, attitude and preparedness for the demands of these qualifications. It may be discussed during this programme that an alternative is more suitable.

Teaching & Assessment

Assessment is through a variety of methods including exams, practical projects set by employers, assignments, case studies, and presentations. 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 a substantial industry placement.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Following successful completion of the course at Merit grade or above, and completion of both Maths and English qualifications at grade 4 for GCSE or pass at Functional Skills Level 2, you could continue to a T Level in Digital. You could also progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing & Digital Industries, another appropriate qualification, or start an Apprenticeship.



T Level in Digital: Software Development

TAUNTON

This two-year course has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses to provide an in-depth understanding of context, concepts, theories, principles and core skills in digital.

These topics could include areas such as problem solving, programming, emerging digital issues and how they impact society, as well as legislation and regulation of the digital environment. You will delve into how digital is used in a business context, data and cyber security.

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

Topics may include:

- Problem solving
- Introduction to Python programming
- Emerging issues and impact of digital
- Legislation and regulatory requirements
- Business context
- Data
- Digital environments
- Security
- Web application development

Entry Requirements

You need five 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.



T Level in Digital: Data Management

TAUNTON

Teaching & Assessment

Assessment is through a variety of methods including exams, practical projects set by employers, 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.

An industry placement is a core component of the T Level offering as it represents 20% of the overall programme. Achievement of the industry placement and working with an appropriate employer for the requisite hours is essential for achievement and awarding of the final qualification. During the industry placement, you need to complete between 315 and 420 hours across the two years, which will fit around your in-class studies. Completion of the industry placement is subject to a successful review with the employer against set targets.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Following a T Level, you could find skilled employment in a variety of businesses that require digital support and development, and could lead to a career as a Software Development Technician, Web Developer, Programmer, Application Support Analyst or Automated Software Tester. Alternatively, you could progress to study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship, degree or higher-level technical qualification.

During this course, you will learn the essentials of all digital roles by understanding data and digital systems, how software and business interact, security, testing, planning and legal issues. You then build on this by developing specialist skills as a data technician to understand how to source, analyse and interpret data to support business needs.

This course will give you the knowledge and practical skills needed to understand how data is used within the digital sector. You will learn how to analyse the ways in which businesses use data to recognise patterns and make recommendations for the future, as well as keeping data secure and ensuring businesses stick to current laws and legislations.

Units of study include:

- Business context
- Culture and data
- Digital analysis
- Digital environments
- Diversity and inclusion
- Learning and tools
- Legislation
- Planning
- Security and testing

This qualification includes a mixture of classroom learning and on-the-job experience during an industry placement of at least 315 to 420 hours.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range with a minimum of grade 5 in English and Maths, plus 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.

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Progression Opportunities

On completion, you could find employment in a skilled occupation or study a Higher or Degree Level Apprenticeship, or higher-level technical qualification. T Levels provide you with UCAS points that count towards degree-level entry requirements if you would like to progress to university.

This T Level could lead to a career as a Data Analyst, Cyber Security Analyst, Data Technician, Data Engineer or Digital Marketing Executive.



CONSTRUCTION

T Level in Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction

TAUNTON

Construction and civil engineering are amazing career paths 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 from houses to schools, offices, hospitals, bridges, power stations and industrial buildings has been created by construction professionals, including those in design and surveying roles from the construction and civil engineering industries.

The T Level consists of:

- A technical qualification in design, surveying, sustainability, science, building technology and digital technology delivered at our newly refurbished construction centre
- Occupational specialism in surveying and design for construction and the built environment

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, and a keen interest in the topic. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

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 of this technical qualification, you could study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or progress to university.

This course could lead to a career as a Surveying Technician, Civil Engineering Design Technician, Digital Engineering Technician, Civil Engineering Technician, Building Services Engineering Design Technician, Architectural Technician or Construction Design Coordinator.

T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction

TAUNTON

Building Services Engineers install, maintain and design the systems that make buildings safe, convenient and comfortable. As an Engineer, you could be designing, installing or servicing equipment in commercial buildings such as schools, offices, hospitals or shopping centres.

This T Level is suitable for anyone wanting a career in construction, specifically in electrical installation or plumbing and heating. It includes a technical qualification in Building Services Engineering plus an occupational specialism.

You will develop a general understanding of construction, including:

- Sustainability and the environmental impact of construction
- Building technology principles
- Building services engineering systems
- Maintenance principles
- Tools, equipment and materials
- Health and safety
- Building regulations and standards
- Digital engineering techniques
- Business, commerce and corporate social responsibility

In addition to the core content, you must choose one of the following specialisms:

- Electrotechnical engineering
- Plumbing and heating

Entry Requirements

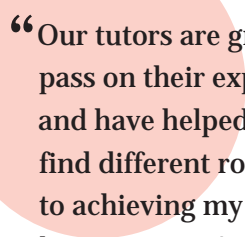
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Teaching & Assessment

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 the construction industry, progress to a Higher Apprenticeship in plumbing and heating or electrical installation or undertake a degree in Building Services at university.



“Our tutors are great; they pass on their experiences and have helped me find different routes to achieving my goal of becoming an Architect.”

Radek Kruk | T Level in Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction
Whitstone School



GET SKILLED UP

ENGINEERING

T Level in Onsite Construction

TAUNTON

During this two-year course, you learn about the construction techniques and methods used to undertake construction projects. You also undertake an occupational specialism, either bricklaying or carpentry and joinery.

The qualification will help you gain an understanding of the onsite industry and the sector, and will cover topics such as health and safety, construction science principles and sustainability in the construction industry.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, and a keen interest in the topic. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

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

This technical qualification focuses on the development of knowledge and skills needed for working in the onsite industry, which will prepare learners to enter the industry through employment or as an Apprentice. On successful completion, you could find employment in a skilled construction occupation, study a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship or progress to university.

BRIDGWATER

In today's world, Engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions. Engineering is a fast-moving, exciting career which incorporates the continuing development of products and systems, where you could find yourself designing the next generation of smartphones, programming robots, manufacturing components for fighter jets or developing sustainable energy.

The T Level consists of a technical qualification in manufacturing processing and control engineering, an employer-set project designed to combine core knowledge and skills to develop a substantial piece of work in response to an employer-set brief, and an occupational specialism in manufacturing technologies.



Units could include:

- CAD/CAM
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC)
- Materials and composites
- Manufacturing technology
- Fault finding, diagnosis and resolution methods

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, and a keen interest in the topic. Entry is subject to a successful interview.

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

This qualification is intended for those who want to progress to a career in a manufacturing engineering environment and will provide you with comprehensive technical training needed for today's professional engineering industry.

You will develop extensive skills and knowledge that make you stand out from the crowd when entering university or starting a Higher or Degree Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could find employment in a skilled engineering occupation.



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer a varied learning experience, and we offer over 150 Apprenticeships. You won't have to spend all your days studying; most of the time you'll be working at a company. It's all about learning while doing and learning from others in your industry.



If that's not reason enough to think of applying, then consider the prospect of earning a minimum of £124 a week even while you're training. It's not all about money, of course, but who wouldn't want to gain practical vocational experience alongside a qualification?

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

- 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.

REMEMBER

When you apply, tell us the area you're interested in and if you have found an employer willing to take you on

HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

STEP 1

Complete an application and attend a College interview for the area you want to work in. The College will give you advice for the level of Apprenticeship to apply for.

STEP 2

Find the live vacancies with BTC www.btc.ac.uk/find-a-course/apprenticeships

STEP 3

Apply for vacancies you're interested in by registering an account on the government website.

If you want help with your application contact the Recruitment team on Apprenticeshiphelp@btc.ac.uk

STEP 4

The College supports the employer through the recruitment process, which will include you being invited in for an interview with the employer.

STEP 5

After a successful interview with the employer, we will get you started on your Apprenticeship.

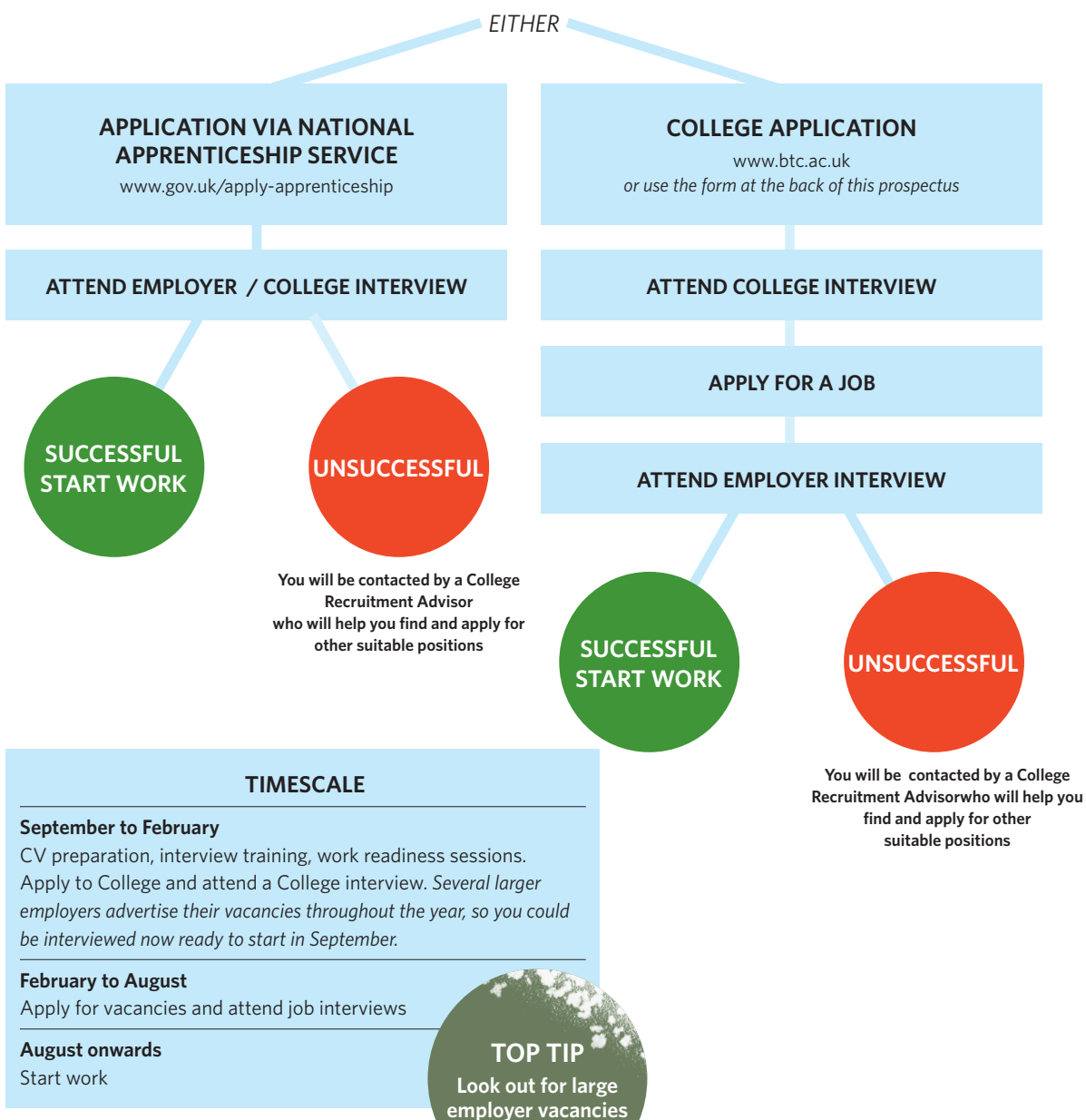
We recommend you apply for a full-time course as your second choice to secure your place at College while you find an employer.

It's possible to start an Apprenticeship at any time of the year, even if you're halfway through your College course. You can either apply for a job vacancy via the National Apprenticeship Service or start by applying for an Apprenticeship at College then find a suitable employer. We'll be able to help you find an employer and support you to explore your options.

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.

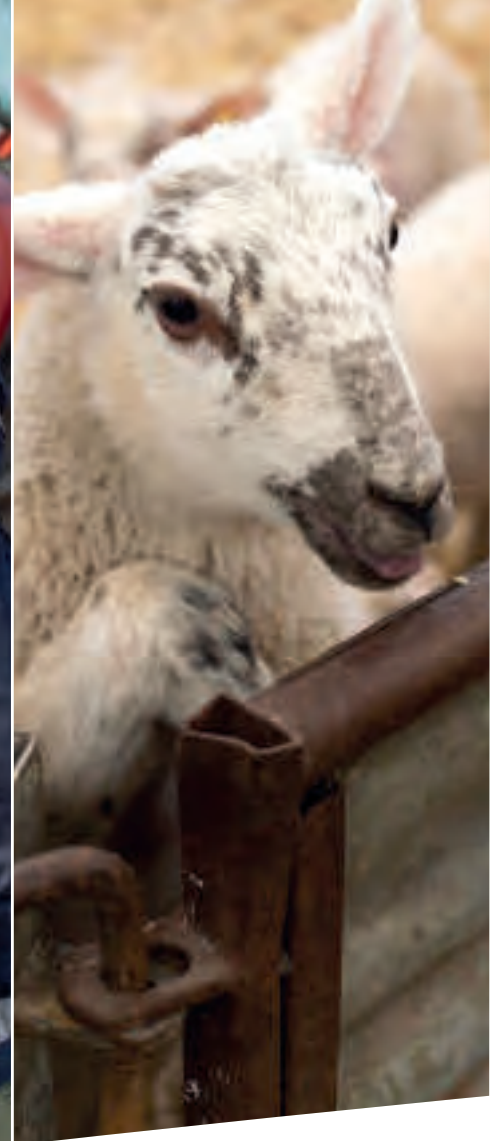
If you have already found an employer, complete the College application form and we will arrange for one of our Training Assessors to visit the employer. They check the job role fits with your proposed apprenticeship programme.

HOW TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE



Agriculture

Study on a 200-hectare working farm and gain hands-on experience with a range of livestock, machinery and crop husbandry practicals. The College farm consists of 200 high yielding Holstein dairy cows, a flock of 150 ewes and a fleet of state-of-the-art machinery with the latest technologies.



AVERAGE SALARY

FARM MANAGER

£40,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Farm Manager
Agricultural Sales
Herds person
Agriculture Consultant
Machinery Operator
Agronomist
Livestock Specialist
Livestock Nutritionist

*nationalcareers.service.gov.uk



“All the lessons are well planned, including things like calf handling. Our tutors explain the theory and demonstrate the skills, then allow us to practise. I prefer to learn by doing things, so this is perfect.”

Abigail Angrave | Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Agriculture
Heathfield Community School

Level 1 in Land-based Studies (Agriculture & Land)

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 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 qualifications. A genuine interest in 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.

Level 2 Technical 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 seven main areas of study:

- Introduction to working in land-based industries
- Introduction to plant and soil science
- Agriculture work placement
- Machinery operations in agriculture
- Livestock husbandry
- Grass and forage crop production
- Farming and agricultural estate maintenance

Entry Requirements

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

Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

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



Studying agriculture at the Cannington campus is excellent.

There's never a dull moment on the farm, I've enjoyed meeting new people and it's great to talk to others with similar interests.

I've enjoyed gaining technical skills and learning about farming practice, soil science, livestock husbandry and land-based machinery from knowledgeable staff, as well as having a laugh with my friends. My confidence has grown, and now I'm able to take the initiative and make decisions when working as part of a team which will be vital in the future.

If you love farming, you'll enjoy the course, and it doesn't matter if you are not from a farming background as you'll learn fast with the support from the College staff.

After College, I'd like to study a degree at university or start the Level 4 Diploma at UCS. I'm interested to learn more about animal nutrition and want to get involved in dairy farming, which is completely different to the sheep farm at home.

Victoria Carter | Level 3 Extended
Diploma in Agriculture
Holyrood Academy

MORE CONFIDENT



The farm at the Cannington campus is the best college facility I've seen for agriculture.

The buildings are well kept and clean, plus there's a library and common room where I can study or have a laugh with my mates.

My tutors are very approachable, and their lessons keep me engaged in the topics. The practical sessions create a feeling of the real world and I have a day each week on work experience. This brings the theory we learn to life and I use what I've learned at College in the real world.

When I finish College, I'd like to work abroad in a management position. My tutors have helped me apply for extra qualifications such as herdsman and foot trimming courses and a handler ticket which will be helpful when looking for work. When I get back from my travels, I'd like to study at degree level to increase my knowledge then take over the family farm.

Ross Hurford | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture
Honiton Community College

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Agriculture

CANNINGTON

This course develops knowledge across a range of agricultural topics including livestock management, mechanisation and crop production. Throughout this course, you will develop a working knowledge and understanding of business management, science and agricultural innovations to prepare you for a career within agriculture.

Topics could include:

- Professional working responsibilities
- Plant and soil science
- Contemporary issues in land-based sectors
- Work experience
- Estate skills
- Land-based machinery operations
- Managing activities for agricultural enterprises
- Agricultural business improvements
- Farm livestock husbandry
- Grass and forage crop production
- Sheep and dairy production
- Land-based workshop practices
- Selecting and managing land-based machinery

Entry Requirements

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

Assessment

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

Progression & 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.





Apprenticeships

In 2020, there were over 57,000 farmers and farm workers employed in the agricultural industry in England, and the agriculture sector contributed £3.2 billion to the country's GVA in 2018*.

Many companies operate at the cutting edge of technology and 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 gain hands-on experience of farm work including dealing with livestock, crops and machinery. In addition, you receive the very best training from our experienced and well-qualified staff, and the opportunity to make 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.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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Animal Care & Management

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



AVERAGE SALARY VETERINARY NURSE

£21,500*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Zoo Keeper
Dog Groomer
Conservation Worker
Animal Nutritionist
Animal Researcher
Animal Physiotherapist

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“I love the practical work; it’s always my favourite part of the week. There are so many different animals to work with, and I fall in love with them every time!”

Ludmila Martins | Level 2 Technical Certificate
in Animal Care |
Robert Blake Science College

Level 1 BTC Certificate 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.

Units of study could include:

- Small animal care
- Horse care
- The natural and captive world
- Personal and social development
- Employability skills including health and safety

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 work experience. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence showing your progress.

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.



I didn't know anyone at BTC before starting, but I soon made a small group of close friends.

We spend most of our day at the Cannington campus either in lessons or working together. The facilities are fantastic, and the animal unit is a big part of what made me want to study here.

My most memorable moments include being happy with my mock exam results, finishing long revision sessions and understanding the content, doing practical in our lessons and the trip to visit the Natural History Museum and London Zoo. I also completed work experience at a vet practice and am scheduled to spend time at a specialist hydrotherapy animal hospital.

The course has helped me develop many skills, including the ability to care for the animals, lead a team, delegate tasks, create and complete projects using Harvard referencing and citing, research scientific papers and write my own, as well as help others develop their skills and understanding.

I'm excited to start uni in September and have three offers from different institutions to study a BSc degree in ecology and wildlife conservation.

Jess Byrne | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)
Hans Price Academy

**MORE EFFECTIVE
LEARNER**



I chose BTC because of its reputation. Friends and family told me it was the best choice for me.

I really love my course. The staff are amazing, and they always support me when I need it and I've met lots of wonderful people.

I love the practical work; it's always my favourite part of the week. There are so many different animals to work with, and I fall in love with them every time.

To be studying this course is one of my dreams, and I'm really happy with how it's going. Next year I hope to progress to the Level 3 Animal Management course before going on to university to complete my studies.

Ludmila Martins | Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care
Robert Blake Science College

**MORE EFFECTIVE
LEARNER**

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care

CANNINGTON

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

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

There is a health and safety exam and a synoptic assessment. Other assessment methods include creating a work experience portfolio from the 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 the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo). Alternatively, you could seek employment at assistant level or as an Apprentice in a range of settings including rare breed farm parks, animal welfare organisations, veterinary practices, kennels and catteries, wildlife parks and zoos.



Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoo)

CANNINGTON

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

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

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

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 at the campus of your choice.

Teaching & Assessment

To support your learning, the first year includes 150 hours of work experience and 30 hours in the second year. College attendance is for the equivalent of four days a week with time for private study and work placements.

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

This qualification provides a solid basis to progress to university to study animal science, conservation, zoology, animal nursing and other related subjects, as well as equivalent or higher level Apprenticeships in these areas.

Popular courses to progress on to include the Foundation Degree in Animal Management & Wildlife Conservation delivered via University Centre Somerset.

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



Apprenticeships

If you want to work within the animal care sector, our animal care Apprenticeships are a great way to gain the qualifications and experience you need.

They equip you for a variety of job roles with employers such as veterinary practices, animal welfare organisations, zoos and wildlife centres, as well as animal-related businesses such as, pet retail, kennels, catteries and animal day care.

The key feature of the programmes is flexibility, with a variety of different pathways to suit your needs so that you gain hands-on experience in the real world, alongside developing your technical knowledge at College. Topics of study include the control and restraint of animals, administering medication, preparing feed, maintaining the cleanliness and bio security of the working environment, pre- and post-operative care and awareness of animal behaviour.

Once you complete a Level 2 qualification, if you wish to further your career in the sector, you could progress to a higher-level Apprenticeship, Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

**EMSI (March 2021)*



Applied Science

Do you have a passion for science?
Are Biology, Chemistry and Physics
your favourite subjects at school?
Do you want to pursue a scientific
career? If you have answered yes to
all these questions, then this course
may be right for you.



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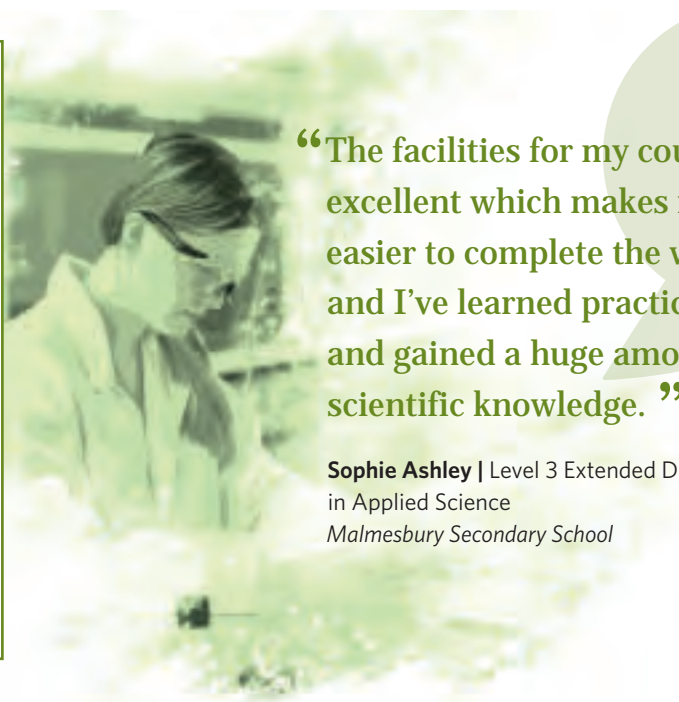
BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST OR
BIOCHEMIST

£40,900*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Analytical Chemist
Archaeologist
Forensic Scientist
Chemist
Geochemist
Research Scientist
Biomedical Scientist

*EMSI Analytics 2020



“The facilities for my course are excellent which makes it a lot easier to complete the work, and I’ve learned practical skills and gained a huge amount of scientific knowledge. ”

Sophie Ashley | Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Applied Science
Malmesbury Secondary School

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science

BRIDGWATER

This course is made up of various scientific units that focus on the diverse work carried out by scientists and enables you to gain both theoretical and practical skills in this fascinating and progressive field of study.

If you are considering a career in science-based subjects, including forensic science, you must have a real interest in analytical scientific work. Your analysis will produce results that would be vital to criminal cases and lives may depend on your skills. To follow your dreams of becoming a scientist in many fields you must develop your skills and knowledge in all science disciplines initially, before specialising in the workplace or furthering your studies in an appropriate course in higher education.

During this Level 3 qualification you will study the mandatory units along with some optional units, which are selected depending on the expertise in the teaching team.

Units in your first year may include:

- Principles and applications of science I
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills
- Laboratory techniques and their application in industry
- Physiology of human body system

Second year units may include:

- Principles and applications of science II
- Investigative project
- Contemporary issues in science
- Genetics and genetic engineering
- Applications of organic chemistry
- Forensic evidence collection and analysis

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, and a minimum of two GCSEs in science subjects. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

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 experiments, written reports, projects, performance observations and practical work, and externally set controlled tasks (practical and written) and written exams.

You will also be expected to carry out 30 hours relevant work experience in each year.

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

The Extended Diploma is a rigorous, scientific and practical science course, and most universities accept this qualification. If you have a career in mind, please check the UCAS entry requirements before selecting your college course.



I'm from Wiltshire, but BTC is the nearest college to my home that offers this course.

Without knowing people from school, it felt like a new start, but it's been great making new friends and my tutors are nice.

The facilities for my course are excellent which makes it a lot easier to complete the work, and I've learned practical skills and gained a huge amount of scientific knowledge.

My tutors are really helpful and want us to achieve our best. They're always happy to stay behind after lessons to go over anything we don't understand, they listen to my worries or concerns and are there for me when I need them.

After College, I plan on going to university to study biomedical science so I can become a Paediatric Doctor. It's been rewarding to achieve the grades I have for my assignments after working so hard, so I'm confident I'll continue to succeed by putting in the effort and achieve my goals.

Sophie Ashley | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science
Malmesbury Secondary School

**MORE EFFECTIVE
LEARNER**

Arboriculture

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



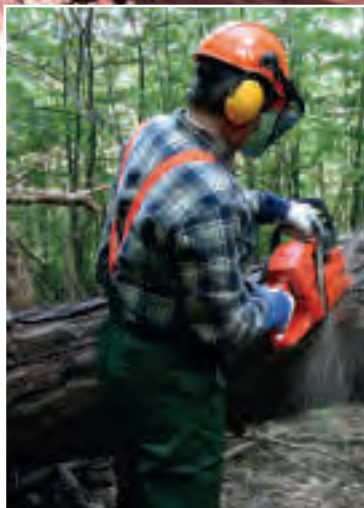
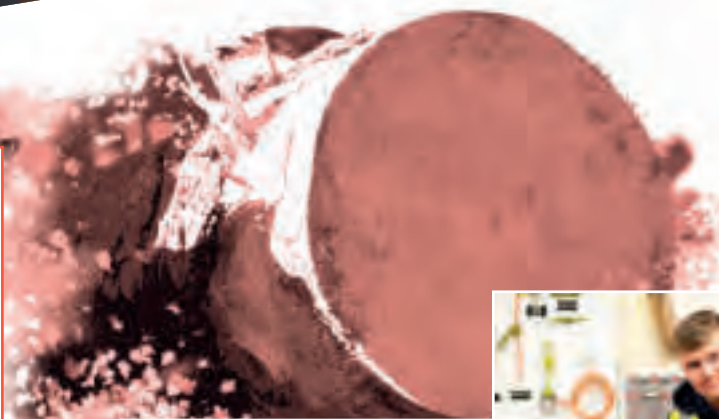
AVERAGE SALARY ARBORIST

£25,670*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Chainsaw Operator
Tree Surveyor/Inspector
Arboriculturalist
Tree Surgeon
Forester
Woodland Manager
Team Supervisor
Climbing Arborist
Contracts Manager
Grounds Worker

*EMSI Analytics 2020



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 working in land-based industries
- Introduction to plant and soil science
- Tree work placement
- Tree felling and ground-based operation
- Assisting climbing and aerial pruning
- Ecology of trees, woods and forests
- Practical tree work skills
- Tree classification and identification: classification, identification and botanical naming
- Tree establishment: species selection, site preparation, plant protection and aftercare
- Tree and woodland management: management plans, tree surveys, tree work, timber production

Entry Requirements

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

Teaching & Assessment

Regular industry seminars and professional speakers inspire and enthuse students to forge careers within the industry, and training towards the NPTC Certificates of Competence in chainsaw and related operations is embedded within the course. You will be assessed by a range of methods including multiple choice exams, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and projects.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the Level 2 qualification, you may be able to progress on to a Level 3 Foundation Technical Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture. Alternatively, you could find full-time employment with arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission or National Trust.

Level 3 Foundation Technical Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture

CANNINGTON

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

Topics may include:

- Professional working responsibilities
- Plant and soil science
- Work experience in land-based sectors
- Identification, planting and care of trees
- Tree pests and diseases
- Woodland management
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Operate, maintain and understand the principles of specialist forestry and arboriculture machinery

Entry Requirements

You must have achieved the Level 2 Technical Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture at Merit or Distinction grade, together with English and Maths GCSEs at grade 4 or above. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

Regular industry seminars and professional speakers inspire and enthuse students to forge careers within the industry, and training towards the NPTC Certificates of Competence in chainsaw and related operations is embedded within the course.

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress onto a Higher Education programme at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you may choose to find full-time employment. Opportunities within the industry include arboriculture contracting companies, local authorities, private parks and gardens, the Forestry Commission and National Trust. Alternatively, you could undertake tree work across the globe.



Everything is done properly at BTC and I heard good things from others who had done the course.

The tutors are very professional, friendly, experienced and knowledgeable, and we're taught the correct methods to ensure safety. It makes it really enjoyable and I know I'm being well taught.

One memorable lesson was when Mike showed us how to climb using a rope and harness. Since then, I've done more tree climbing using my own kit.

Work experience has been delayed this year due to Covid, but I'm lucky my Dad owns Blagdon Tree Surgeons, so I've been working as a Groundsman. When I finish College, I'd like to work for him full-time and become a professional and well qualified Arborist.

Charlie Medder | Level 2 Technical Diploma in Forestry & Arboriculture
St Katherine's School

MORE CONFIDENT

Automotive

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



AVERAGE SALARY

AERODYNAMICIST

£45,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Vehicle Service Technician

Body Paint Sprayer

Designer

Diesel Mechanic

Car Dealership Owner

Accident Body Repairer

Mechanic

Paint Technician

HGV Mechanic

Engine Tuner

Race Engine Builder

*EMSI Analytics 2020



Level 1 BTC Certificate in Light Vehicle Transport Maintenance

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:

- Engine systems
- Chassis systems
- Electrical systems
- Transmission systems
- Health and safety

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

Entry Requirements

GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range are desirable, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject but not essential. Learners will need to study Maths and English if they have not already achieved Grade 4 or above.

A keen interest in the automotive industry is essential. You need a positive attitude, as well as the enthusiasm to complete the programme and progress on to the next level or employment.

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. Your progress will be monitored through informal assessment throughout the year which will count towards your final certification. You will also be expected to complete work experience in a relevant placement.

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 for learners who have completed the Level 1 Diploma or equivalent, or have relevant experience of the motor trade.

Topics covered may include:

- 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 and experience with motor vehicles, or a Level 1 BTC Certificate or IMI Level 1 Diploma in Light Vehicle 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 which 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 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 in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair or Level 3 Extended Diploma in Motorsport.



I was immediately impressed by the automotive workshops when I visited the Taunton campus, and knew I wanted to study here.

I met my tutor and he looked past my gender and ME/CFS to see my enthusiasm for the subject. ME is a neurological condition that affected my school attendance, so I hoped an adult environment would suit me and I was right. I completed my Level 1 course with almost 100% attendance and felt normal for the first time in ages.

Studying at BTC is great. The campus is just the right size and the facilities are excellent. The workshops are spacious, clean, well-lit and contain all the equipment we need, including Snap-on tools.

All my tutors are friendly, helpful, respectful and brilliant teachers. They encourage us to work in teams which is so different from my experience at school where I became anxious and isolated. Now I work best in a team and my social anxiety is almost non-existent.

I haven't decided what I'd like to do once I complete my studies, but whatever it is, I won't regret studying at BTC. It's taught me so many things and I've had a great time along the way.

Yaz Ashplant | Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Huish Episcopi Academy

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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 which 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) or employment within the automotive industry.

Level 1 BTC Certificate 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 which 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 in Vehicle Body & Paint Operations (Body Repair). Alternatively, you could find employment in the automotive trade at an entry level.



Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Accident Body Repair/Paint Spraying Operations

BRIDGWATER

This course is ideal if you are looking at following a career in vehicle accident repair or customisation, and wish to progress on to a Level 3 qualification in either body repair or refinish. You will learn how to repair body panels and paint them using the latest techniques.

Subjects may include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English, Maths and Science, or an equivalent qualification. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls which 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 Opportunities

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

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:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification in either Vehicle Accident Body Repair Principles or 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 which 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 Opportunities

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



Level 1 BTC Certificate in Heavy Vehicle Transport Maintenance

BRIDGWATER

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

This is a very practical course that introduces you to the industry while you gain 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 3 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 will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment if required.

Teaching & Assessment

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

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

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

Level 2 Sub-Diploma in Heavy Vehicle Maintenance & Repair

BRIDGWATER

This course is for those who are looking to progress on to an apprenticeship, employment in the heavy vehicle industry or are interested in joining the Army whilst studying heavy vehicle mechanics.

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)
- Current diesel engine technology
- Heavy vehicle chassis systems including brakes, steering and suspension
- Electrical/auxiliary systems

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. You will need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment if required.

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 BTC Certificate in Transport Maintenance (Motorcycle)

BRIDGWATER

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

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
- Motorcycle transmission systems
- Motorcycle electrical and electronic systems
- Motorcycle fuel, ignition, air and exhaust system units and components
- Introduction to low carbon technologies in the automotive industry

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the 3 to 1 range, or other equivalent qualifications in a related subject. A keen interest in the motorcycle industry and an overall enthusiasm to succeed are essential. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment.

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 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 Diploma in Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair or one of the many varied interesting automotive options. Alternatively, this would also act as an excellent route into employment.



“Studying at BTC is great. The campus is just the right size and the facilities are excellent. The workshops are spacious, clean, well-lit and contain all the equipment we need, including Snap-on tools.”

Yaz Ashplant | Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
Huish Episcopi Academy

Level 2 Diploma in Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair Technology

BRIDGWATER

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

Topics include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Level 1 qualification or equivalent. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You will need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment.

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.

Level 2 Extended Diploma in Motorsport

BRIDGWATER

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

Modules include:

- 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
- Motorsport vehicle maths, science and electronics

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. You will need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment.

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 could 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 if you want to enter the motorsport industry at technician level like some of our previous successful students.

Topics can 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, science and electronics

Entry Requirements

You need to have achieved either the Level 2 Extended Diploma in Motorsport or Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair at Merit grade and have five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths, English and Science. You will be invited to attend an informal discussion to assess your suitability for the course. You also need safety boots and overalls which can be purchased at enrolment.



Assessment

Assessment is through a range of assignments and coursework containing theoretical and practical 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 at grade 6 or above, 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.



Apprenticeships

If you like the thought of working in a technologically advanced industry where the demand for skilled workers is increasing*, then an automotive engineering Apprenticeship could be the ideal route to pursue.

There is a vast variety of exciting roles available in the sector, with most experienced technicians starting as an Apprentice. This means you gain practical skills and knowledge while at work, making it easier to secure your first full-time role.

With access to high-quality, industry-standard resources in our well-equipped workshops, you'll learn a huge amount during your College-based studies, enhancing your contribution in the workplace. Our curriculum covers qualifications in accident repair, panel and paint, light vehicle and heavy vehicle disciplines.

We pride ourselves on delivering high quality 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.

Please visit page 66 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

**EMSI (March 2020)*



Barbering

Study all aspects of barbering while working in a realistic environment created within the College's barber shop with a team of industry experts.



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BARBER

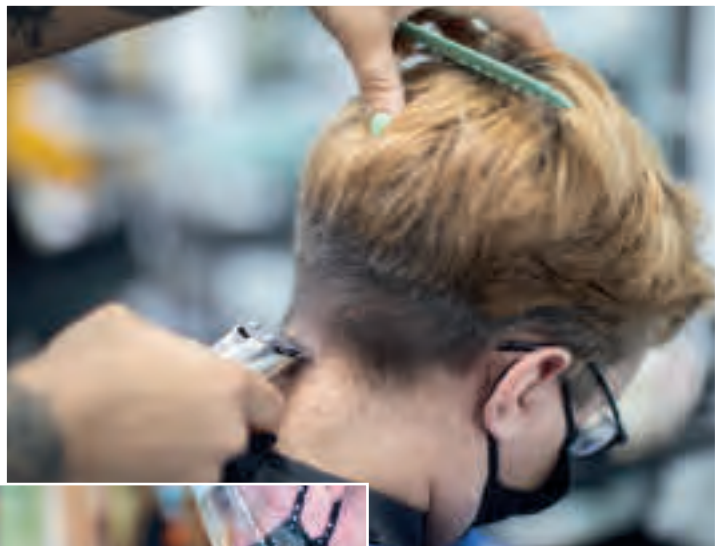
£25,000+*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Freelance Barber
Barber Shop Owner
Lecturer

Working with media
platforms

*EMSI Analytics 2020



Level 2 Certificate in Barbering

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course is designed to provide 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 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 advanced Level 3 Diploma in Barbering. Alternatively, you could move into employment or self-employment in a salon or barber shop.

Level 3 Diploma in Barbering

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course is designed to provide you with an excellent knowledge of advanced gent's barbering. It is for those who have a genuine interest in barbering and building their knowledge 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 advanced techniques
- Traditional wet shaving

Entry Requirements

You need to have completed the Level 2 Certificate in Barbering, with a Merit profile, or a Level 2/3 hairdressing qualification 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 a business qualification, or move straight into employment, self-employment in a salon, barber shop or on a cruise ship. Career opportunities such as working with media platforms are also an option for Barbers.



Beauty Therapy

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.



AVERAGE SALARY SALON MANAGER

£23,700*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Salon Owner/Manager

Beauty Consultant

Nail Artist

Beauty Therapist

Sales Manager

Cosmetic Consultant

Sports Massage Therapist

Reflexologist

Skincare Specialist

Aromatherapist

Make-up Artist

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“I also have amazing tutors who help guide me through the course, give ideas about what to do once I leave College and are very supportive – I know I can go to them at any time with a worry or question. ”

Claire Salter | Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Therapy Services
The Castle School

Level 1 Introduction to the Hairdressing & Beauty Sector

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

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

This is an exciting bespoke course that 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:

- Introduction to the hair and beauty sector
- Presenting a professional image
- Health and safety
- Basic skincare
- Basic manicure
- Basic pedicure
- Shampooing and conditioning the hair
- Applying temporary hair colour
- Styling, plaiting and twisting the hair
- Employability and personal skills

Entry Requirements

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

Teaching & Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

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

Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Therapy Services

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

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

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

- Anatomy and physiology
- Hair removal treatments
- Facial and skin analysis treatments
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Client care and communication
- Health and safety
- Working in the beauty industry

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 good report. 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 assessment within a realistic salon environment, presentations and assignments.

Career & Progression Opportunities

You could progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy or 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 various local salons and spas, cruise liners, Cedar Falls, Rookery Manor, and Spa Experience, and many have set up their own businesses.



I enjoy the whole College experience and have met lots of people and made new friends.

My timetable is great as it gives me time in my week for a part-time job as well as time to study. I also have amazing tutors who help guide me through the course, give ideas about what to do once I leave College and are very supportive – I know I can go to them at any time with a worry or question.

The course has helped me gain social skills and confidence as well as knowledge, and really helped me come out of my shell. This will help me to find a job in the future and be as successful as possible. I plan on taking a gap year to travel and explore new places, then begin the training course for Steiner cruise ships to work as a Beauty Therapist.

Claire Salter | Level 2 Certificate in
Beauty Therapy Services
The Castle School

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Beauty Therapy

Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Techniques

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.

Units may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Promote and sell products and services to clients
- Monitor health and safety in the salon
- Client care and communication
- Working with colleagues
- Provide body massage and electrotherapy
- Provide facial electrotherapy
- Provide stone therapy treatment
- Massage using pre-blended oils

Entry Requirements

You need to have completed the Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Therapy Services with a Merit and have five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths. 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, practical assessments on clients within a realistic working environment, written coursework, presentations and online theory exams/ assignments.

Career & Progression Opportunities

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

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 five 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 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up qualification or find 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.

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

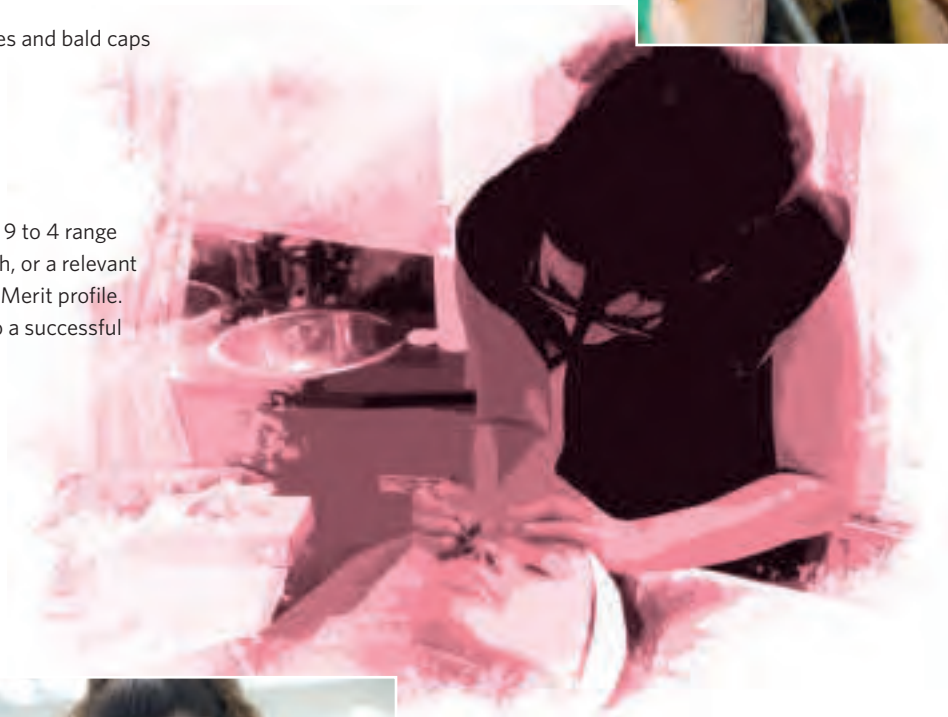
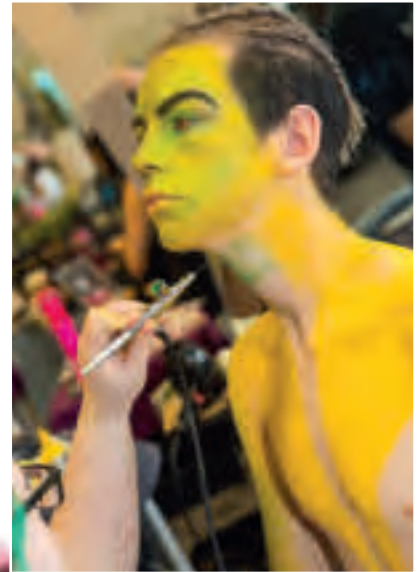
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

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 one of our hairdressing or beauty qualifications, or find employment in the industry.



Business & Events Management

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



AVERAGE SALARY MARKETING AND SALES DIRECTOR

£78,300*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Entrepreneur
Business Advisor
Analyst
Solicitor
Investment Banker
Digital Marketing
Brand Management
Financial Manager
Risk Analyst

*EMSI Analytics 2020



“Our tutors have been brilliant in helping us plan our next steps. We have professional practices for an hour each week where we learn about the world of work and what we need to know or have when applying for a job.”

Eilidh Paterson | Level 2 First Certificate in Business & Events Management
Broadoak Maths & Computing College

Level 2 First Certificate in Business & Events Management

BRIDGWATER

This course is ideal if you have an interest in business and events management that you want to develop further. 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
- Improving and developing customer service
- Recruitment, selection and employment
- 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

Most subjects are assessed internally through assignments, while some units are externally assessed either through an on-screen exam or a written exam paper.

Progression Opportunities

You could choose to continue your studies at the College and progress to a business T Level or start an Apprenticeship and enter the workplace.

**BUSINESS
T-LEVELS
AVAILABLE!
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The College environment is great. There's a good balance between the learning and social aspects of being a student, and we're given independence as well as guidance from our tutors.

The classroom is always a place of discussion and debate which adds to the sense of community within College and my course.

My timetable includes online and College lessons plus independent study hours. This is a chance to catch-up or start work set by my tutors and includes information that deepens our understanding of the subject as well as provides the content for our assignments. I'm proud to have completed all the work we've been set to the best of my ability and met all my assignment deadlines.

Our tutors have been brilliant in helping us plan our next steps. We have professional practices for an hour each week where we learn about the world of work and what we need to know or have when applying for a job. I plan on starting the Level 3 qualification next year then continue my studies to help me towards my career goal.

Eilidh Paterson | Level 2 First Certificate in Business & Events Management
Broadoak Maths & Computing College

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Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion Business & Retail

BRIDGWATER

This course is an excellent choice for those who want to develop a sound business understanding and how to apply this to the creative, global and innovative fashion industry.

You will learn about opportunities and current practice within the fashion industry including trend forecasting, manufacture, styling and promotion. You will have access to facilities including sewing and textiles studio, photography studio and Mac suites.

Key topics include:

- The fashion retail environment
- History & key developments of the industry
- Buying and merchandising
- Visual merchandising
- Marketing and brand management
- Communication for fashion and retail
- Styling
- Production techniques and supply chain
- Environmental impacts and sustainability
- Progression for future study and careers

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

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 at University Centre Somerset, Higher Apprenticeship, seek employment in the fashion industry or start up your own business/entrepreneurial activities.



Apprenticeships

The business sector saw 25% growth in the South West over the last three years* and the finance sector continues to be a global leader.

Our Apprenticeships are designed to respond to the needs of business and cover areas such as customer service, business administration, accountancy, human resources and management.

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

Most of our pathways take between one and two years to complete. Typically you will spend 80% of your time learning on the job, with the remaining 20% being dedicated to studying either in College or remotely. Your Mentor and Assessor will monitor your progress at work and set you targets to aid your development, as you progress your career in your chosen sector.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

*EMSI (March 2021)





Catering & Hospitality

These courses are perfect for those who would like to learn about life in the hospitality industry. Whether that's gaining a Michelin Star or working within the public sector, the wide range of opportunities within the sector is immense.

These courses are designed for students to gain theoretical knowledge combined with technical practical skills.

AVERAGE SALARY WEDDING CATERER

£28,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Dietician
Nutritionist
Commis Chef
Chef de Cuisine
Sous Chef
Chef de Rang
Catering Manager
Sommelier
Restaurant Manager
Maitre d'Hôtel
Chef de Partie

*Emsi Analytics 2020

“I really enjoy my course and have learned so much about professional hospitality services. I love to improve and my goal is to become a Head Chef or work in a Michelin starred restaurant, then open my own restaurant in the Philippines.”

Graciela Baltazar | Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery
The Castle School



Introduction to Culinary Skills

BRIDGWATER

This course is for those thinking of entering the catering profession who want to gain experience in working in the catering industry. You will have the opportunity to gain skills in working in a commercial style kitchen and take a food hygiene certificate 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 Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

TAUNTON

This is an exciting opportunity for you to explore the ever-changing world of hospitality. You will learn how to become a professional member of a team within 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 3 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 assessments 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 Lymestone Manor, The Mount Somerset Hotel, The Dorchester amongst 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 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery at the Taunton campus. Alternatively, you could start an Apprenticeship.



Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery

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 also learn about menu development and costing.

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 amongst others.

In addition to the main qualification, you will undertake a Level 1 Certificate in Food & Beverage Service. This will involve learning about roles and responsibilities working in a variety of hospitality organisations in a customer-facing role.

Entry Requirements

You will need five GCSEs at grade 9 to 3 (English at grade 4) or Level 1 Diploma in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry. 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 assessments as well as coursework throughout the year. Your main method of assessment will be through a written and practical exam at the end of 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. You will have the opportunity to find out about numerous employers from our guest speakers sharing experience from a wide range of hospitality areas.

Progression & Career Opportunities

You may be able to progress to the full-time Level 3 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery after successful completion of the course and an in-depth interview process. Alternatively, you could study for the Apprenticeship in Professional Cookery or Hospitality Supervision. There are also many employment opportunities for qualified candidates within the catering and hospitality industry.



I came to an Open Evening to look at the restaurant and kitchen, and just absolutely loved it.

Next, I was invited to a taster night when the restaurant was open to the public. I spent a couple hours in the kitchen and met some students to find out more about the course.

I've really enjoyed making new friends and trying things I've never done before. I worked in the restaurant as a Barista and in the desserts section, and entered a cooking competition where I was challenged to create a dish using rhubarb. My greatest achievement is doing well in my front of house evaluation. I was so nervous as I haven't waitressed or done bar work, but with support from my tutors, I managed to do service calmly and confidently.

I'm also a member of Team BTC rugby which is a great way to continue my hobby and works around my timetable. I've made friends with students on other courses while we have fun staying fit, improve our physical skills and maintain our mental health.

I highly recommend this course. You learn everything about the hospitality and professional cookery industry and there's a great balance of theory and practical work. The opportunities and experiences you're exposed to are amazing.

Charlotte Baum | Level 2 Diploma in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry
Robert Blake Science College

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I started on the Level 1 Diploma then progressed to Level 2, and next year I'd like to start a Level 3 Chef de Partie Apprenticeship.

I really enjoy my course and have learned so much about professional hospitality services. I love to improve and my goal is to become a Head Chef or work in a Michelin starred restaurant, then open my own restaurant in the Philippines.

We learn in a professional restaurant that's open to the public and regularly host guest chef evenings. During these events, we learn to create delicious menus using different techniques. I've also entered several competitions and my tutors are very supportive, especially when I have garnish ideas to complete the dish. They're happy to give me one-to-one time which shows they care about me.

Since starting College I'm able to multi-task and have become more organised. I believe I have the skills to become a flexible and confident chef, but it helps to listen and be prepared to learn from your mistakes, and don't be afraid to take risks like entering competitions – you might win!

Graciela Baltazar | Level 2
Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery
The Castle School

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Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Professional Cookery

TAUNTON

This course is aimed at anyone who is determined and motivated to develop their skills to become a professional chef and have an interest in managing their own kitchen or restaurant. You should have a real passion for pursuing a career within hospitality. It is designed to help you enter employment with a higher level of responsibility or at a more prestigious establishment.

Throughout the year, you will develop skills and techniques to complete a wide range of tasks within a kitchen and restaurant.

Topics may include:

- Financial control within a kitchen
- Legal and social responsibilities
- Theory and technical skills related to a range of food items

In addition to the main qualification, you will undertake a Level 2 Certificate in Food & Beverage Service. This will involve learning about the organisation of a customer-facing role within the hospitality industry. You will take part in event planning within our realistic working environment.

Entry Requirements

You will need to have completed the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Professional Cookery, plus have GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 in Maths and English.

Teaching & Assessment

Your week will consist of theory and workshop lessons as well as research study time. You would also benefit from exposure to a part-time job within a professional hospitality environment.

You will complete assignment and project work during the year as well as written and practical end point 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.

Apprenticeships

This dynamic, fast-paced sector employs over 1.6 million people* across a range of skilled professions, and our Apprenticeship programmes provide the perfect preparation for ambitious people at the start of their career.

Some of our programmes blend College-based learning alongside hands-on experience in the workplace, ensuring you develop practical skills that augment your growing technical and theoretical knowledge, making you an asset to future employers and earning while you learn.

If you are looking for a career that could take you anywhere in the world, look no further than an Apprenticeship in hospitality and catering. From restaurants, cafes and holiday camps to cruise ships, there is a place for you.

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Clean Energy

The clean energy sector is entering an exciting phase of investment where opportunities for skilled professionals are flourishing. It's an industry that continues to grow, with 436 nuclear power reactors in 31 countries and another 70 under construction, growth in decommissioning, demands in defence, ongoing vital research and development, there is no better time to enter the sector.



AVERAGE SALARY ENERGY PLANT OPERATIVE

£35,100*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Nuclear Technician

Reactor Operator

Electrical Engineer

Instrumental & Control
Engineer

Nuclear Scientist

Design

Research & Development

Project Management

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“ All the facilities are new and the tutors are kind. We're treated like adults and I like that we're trusted to complete our work. ”

Benjamin Cotton | Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Engineering (Nuclear)
Haygrove School

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear)

CANNINGTON (NCFN)

Study nuclear engineering, and you could be on the road to becoming a highly skilled professional able to work in a variety of disciplines within the nuclear and energy sectors, including power generation, decommissioning, nuclear new build, defence or zero carbon energy.

This course will appeal to those with a keen interest in engineering, technology and science. The curriculum has been designed in partnership with employers and delivered in the state-of-the-art National College for Nuclear, providing you with the experience and recognised qualifications to pursue a successful career in the sector. 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 including:

- Specialist engineering project
- Engineering principles and mathematics
- Microcontroller systems for engineers
- Electrical power distribution and transmission
- Condition monitoring techniques
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Mechanical behaviour of materials
- Computer Aided Design
- Work experience in the engineering sector

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Higher Maths at grade 5 or above. Alternatively, an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit grade that includes Higher Maths is acceptable.

Assessment

Most subjects are internally assessed through assignments graded at Pass, Merit and Distinction depending on the quality of the work. Some units are externally assessed using different methods, either through time constrained exams or external controlled assessments.

Progression Opportunities

The course is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will provide progression to Apprenticeships including Degree Apprenticeships or Higher Education. In partnership with the National College for Nuclear, we offer degree pathways awarded by The University of the West of England and endorsed by our industry partners.



BTC offers so many engineering courses, but I chose one with a nuclear focus since I'd like to work in the industry.

I started a full-time course but now I'm ready to transfer to an Apprenticeship. My greatest achievement is attaining a Distinction in my first year and spending a week with EDF Apprenticeships at Cannington Court. My grades have given me an excellent springboard and the work experience helped me decide what I'd like to do in the future.

I study at the Cannington campus in the National College for Nuclear, which is a new building with everything we need. I feel very well supported and my tutors are excellent teachers. They help me prepare for interviews when I apply for Apprenticeship positions, and I've enjoyed learning new skills and knowledge that will help me succeed in the engineering sector.

College has taught me to prioritise my workload so I meet deadlines and achieve high quality work, plus I've made lots of good friends.

Madison Simmons | Level 3
Extended Diploma in Engineering
(Nuclear)
Haygrove School

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I'm really glad I chose BTC. Initially I was impressed by the professional environment and advanced equipment, then I met my tutors and I knew I'd benefit from studying here.

The National College for Nuclear is a great place to study, made easier by the extensive help given by our tutors. I achieved a Distinction in my first year which motivated me to work even harder this year. I enjoy learning about how things work and every topic within this course has interested me.

Our timetable gives us plenty of time for breatherers, when you can step away to meet friends, take part in other activities and catch up on work. I've made some good friends; we all set ourselves challenging goals and help each other achieve them.

I've been successful in securing a Nuclear Engineering Degree Apprenticeship with the Atomic Weapons Establishment with the goal of becoming an Advanced Engineer. This is the course I've been dreaming of for the last few years and I can't wait to get hands-on with some projects. I've gained everything I wanted from this course; the next step in my career, good grades and importantly, more friends.

Brad Baker | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering (Nuclear) West Somerset College

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

Level 3 Pathway to Net Zero

CANNINGTON (NCFN)

The planet is in our hands and needs a new generation to develop technologies and overcome the challenges facing the globe.

Studying the right combination of A Levels in a state-of-the-art environment, supported by organisations with common goals, will provide the platform and direction for you to achieve your ambition of building a sustainable future.

The Pathway includes an A Level in Maths and Physics plus an optional subject. You can discuss the best choice at your interview. You will also study an Extended Project Qualification to complement your main programme which is supported by organisations whose common goals are to achieve net zero. This will provide the platform and direction for you to progress onto university or a Degree Apprenticeship to achieve your ambitions for a sustainable future.

This course offers you the unique opportunity to study across our campuses at National College for Nuclear, Advanced Engineering Centre and Agricultural Innovation Centre to fully capitalise on your learning experience and bring theory to life.

In addition, you could take field trips to the National Physical Laboratory, Bristol

University Hub, Electric Mountain, Generating Power Station and Eden Project which will further enhance your experience and potential to succeed.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 5 range including Higher Maths and a science at grade 6 or above.

Assessment

The final assessment method is different per subject, so it is important you check each subject individually. Most A Levels are assessed through formal examinations at the end of the two years. Some subjects have a coursework or a practical element in addition to examinations.

Throughout your time at BTC, you will frequently undertake practice assessments to prepare you for your formal exams. You will be assessed through written examinations, with regular internal assessment taking place as the course unfolds.

Progression Opportunities

These A Levels are ideal to continue your journey onto a degree at your chosen university or a Degree Apprenticeship to study sciences, the environment, engineering or design.

Apprenticeships

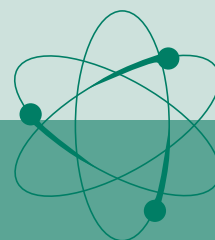
The nuclear sector is a significant employer in the South West and our Apprenticeships give you a chance to establish yourself as an industry specialist.

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 state-of-the-art National College for Nuclear (Southern Hub) at the Cannington campus that includes a reactor simulator and a virtual-reality power station and have been developed in close co-operation with industry partners, educational specialists and the government.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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Computing & Digital Technologies

Be the master of digital technologies in the 21st Century or get serious about your gaming hobby by turning it into your dream career.

COMPUTING
& DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES
T-LEVELS
AVAILABLE!
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“I chose BTC because the course covers a range of computer-related subjects. I felt this would help me decide which direction to take my career, and I made the right choice.”

Tarrin Curtis | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing & Digital Industries
Robert Blake Science College

AVERAGE SALARY SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

£46,700*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Programmer
Software Developer
Games Designer
Coder
Systems Analyst
Application Analyst
IT Consultant
Games Developer
UX Analyst
Multi-media Programmer
SEO Specialist
Systems Developer

*Emsi Analytics 2020



I have an interest in computing and was looking for a course that covered a range of topics plus included work experience, so the T Level was the perfect choice.

My tutors are great, and it's been easy to make friends. It's a fun learning environment and I like being treated like an adult.

We've learned a lot about networking, cyber security and how to build machines to spec, but I'm especially proud of implementing bootstrap and a custom CSS with html to build a portfolio of my progress. I plan on using it to showcase my skills and development to potential employers or universities.

Our tutors arrange guest speakers to deepen our knowledge of computing. This term, many came from sectors I didn't expect such as the army, NHS and within the advertising industry. It's exciting to discover how IT is used and their talks opened my eyes to the direction my career could take once I complete my studies.

Tate Modica | Level 2 Digital T Level Transition Programme
Bishop Fox's School

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LEARNER**

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
- Working in a small business
- Events planning
- 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 Industries. 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 Certificate in Computing & Digital Industries

BRIDGWATER

Are you looking to pursue a career in IT but don't know where to start developing the specialist skills required? This course is 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.

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
- Cybersecurity and networking
- 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 such as T Levels (see page 64), the Extended Diploma in Computing or an Apprenticeship.





Our class is very sociable and the tutors are chilled out.

I enjoy being there even though I am not naturally a social person. Due to Covid, all our timetable moved to online learning, but being on a computer course meant I didn't have too much trouble adjusting. My tutors are very organised and make sure we have the resources we need and keep us linked in with each other. They're also incredibly supportive. I know I can ask them anything and they'll give me an answer, find out for me or point me in the right direction.

I now have far more knowledge of computers and the working conditions of a business than before I started this course. This has given me the confidence to help friends and family with their computer issues, including my Scout group leaders who needed to prepare virtual meetings and online facilities.

I'm only in my first year, so haven't decided what to do once I complete the course, but there are lots of options. If you enjoy working with computers, I recommend looking into this course.

Gareth Searle | T Level in Digital Production, Design & Development
Court Fields School

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Computing & Digital Industries

BRIDGWATER

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.

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

Units may include:

- Principles of computer science
- Fundamentals of computer systems
- Software design and development
- IT systems security and encryption
- Games programming
- Computer networking
- Computer systems architecture
- Website development
- Animation
- Client-side customisation of web pages
- Systems analysis and design
- Communication technologies

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English or a Merit grade in a related Level 2 qualification.

Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

The Extended Diploma is equivalent to three A Levels and will allow for direct entry into universities or on to our University Centre Somerset degree in Computing & Internet Technologies.



Apprenticeships

We live in a digital age, so an Apprenticeship in computing is a smart career move. The average salary in England is £50,367* and our programmes prepare you for a variety of roles including IT support, networking, software development, data analysis, cyber security and digital marketing.

By combining on-the-job training with College-based learning, our Apprenticeships offer the chance to develop your practical experience alongside your technical know-how.

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 sector.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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Construction

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

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AVERAGE SALARY CIVIL ENGINEER

£42,200*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Plumber
Electrician
Engineer
Civil Engineer
Bricklayer
Metal Worker
Wind Turbine Technician
Painter & Decorator
Cabinet Maker
Site Carpenter
Bench Joiner

*EMSI Analytics 2020



“ Our tutors are great; they pass on their experiences and have helped me see the different routes to achieving my goal of becoming an Architect. ”

Radek Kruk | T Level in Design, Surveying
& Planning for Construction
Whitstone School

Level 1 BTC Certificate in 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

There are no formal qualifications required for entry, but 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 to have completed the Level 1 Extended Certificate in Practical Brickwork. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment 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.



Level 1 BTC Certificate 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.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal qualifications required for entry, but you will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Teaching & 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.

This course is made up of practical and theory elements, which means you can work at your own pace to complete the modules required to achieve the qualification. During the course, you are also required to complete 30 hours of trade-related work experience.

Progression Opportunities

If suitable employment is secured, you could progress on to an Apprenticeship in either brickwork or carpentry and joinery. Alternatively, you could start a full-time Level 2 course at the College.

Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course will appeal to you if you wish to follow a career in wood occupations such as site carpentry or bench joinery. 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 BTC Certificate in Carpentry & Joinery. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment 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 3 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery

TAUNTON

This course will appeal to you if you wish to follow a career in wood occupations such as site carpentry or bench joinery. 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 may include:

- Carry out first fix flooring and roofing
- Carry out second fixing operations
- Carry out first fix roofing and stairs
- Carry out second fixing double doors and mouldings
- Set up and use fixed and transportable machinery
- Manufacture shaped doors and frames
- Manufacture stairs with turns

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range including English, or an appropriate Level 2 qualification such as the Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry & Joinery. Course entry is subject to an initial assessment 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 site or bench joinery if suitable employment is secured.



Level 1 BTC Certificate in Electrical Installation

BRIDGWATER

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.



I started studying A Levels at Strode College but they weren't for me, so I came to BTC when they launched the T Levels. I don't think it does you any favours if you follow the crowd, so I believe you'll succeed if the course is something you like and you put in what you want to get out.

My greatest achievement this year is receiving an Outstanding Progress award. My Mum was so proud, particularly since I was dealing with some mental health issues at the time. The support from my tutors is great and they're always able to answer my questions.

Our classroom-based lessons are brought to life with practical sessions and industry placements. We recently spent a day at the Cannington campus operating the telehandler and driving dump trucks. It was inspiring and motivational, giving us an insight into the industry from different angles. Our tutors are great; they pass on their experiences and have helped me see the different routes to achieving my goal of becoming an Architect.

Radek Kruk | T Level in Design,
Surveying & Planning for
Construction
Whitstone School

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Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation

BRIDGWATER

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. 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.

Mandatory units 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. Acceptance is subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

All units have practical and theory elements. Assessment is through online exams, practical tasks and science projects.

Progression Opportunities

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

Level 3 Diploma in Electrical Installation

BRIDGWATER

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 could use BS 7671 (IET Wiring Regulations) that set the standards for electrical installation in the UK and many other countries.

Entry Requirements

You must have completed the Level 2 Diploma in Electrical installation 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.



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Level 1 Diploma in Painting & Decorating

TAUNTON

This course covers the basics of the trade and introduces 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.

Core subject areas include:

- Health, safety and welfare
- Technical information, quantities and communication
- Knowledge of construction technology

Key practical skills and knowledge includes:

- 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 or the Level 2 Diploma in Painting and Decorating.

Level 2 Diploma in Painting & Decorating

TAUNTON

This qualification allows you to gain knowledge and craft skills in painting and decorating. 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 health and safety, painting and decorating techniques together with the relevant theory of painting and decorating and knowledge of construction technology.

Core subject areas include:

- Health, safety and welfare
- Technical information, quantities and communication
- Knowledge of construction technology

Key practical skills and knowledge include:

- Erect and dismantle access equipment and working platforms
- Prepare surfaces for decoration
- Apply paint systems by brush and roller to complex areas
- Apply foundation and standard papers
- Produce specialist finishes for decorative work
- Applying and creating colour

Entry Requirements

You need GCSEs in the 9 to 3 range, or other equivalent qualification in English and Maths or a relevant Level 1 qualification. You will be invited to attend an interview to assess your suitability for the course.

Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

On successful completion, you could progress to an Apprenticeship with the College, providing you have secured an employer.



Level 1 BTC Certificate 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 focusses 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 BTC Certificate in Plumbing and have achieved 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 secure an employer and work towards a Level 3 Apprenticeship at the College.

Apprenticeships

The value of new construction work continues to rise driven by growth in both public and private sector work* and offers a range of trades and professions that allow you to work in a variety of settings.

Our Apprenticeship programmes provide outstanding training based over four sites with multiple workshops and outside realistic work spaces. The department has links with local industry and larger employers such as Laing O'Rourke and EDF to ensure you become a valued member of their workforce.

Our experienced staff teach in environments that provide the latest industry tools and equipment, and go above and beyond to enrich the students' experience through community construction projects and numerous regional and national competitions.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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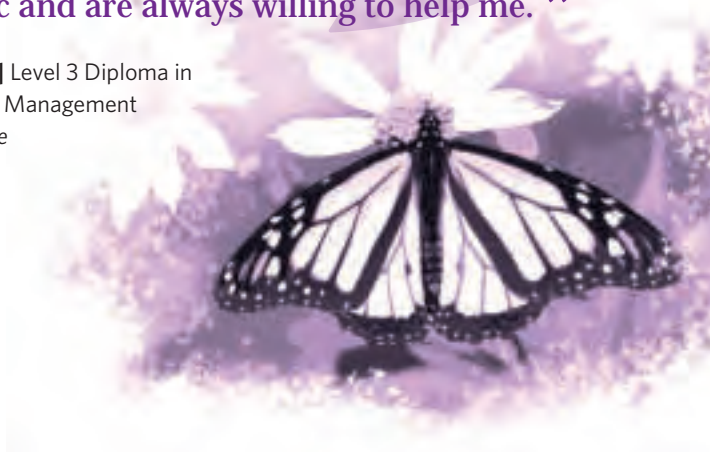


Countryside Management

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

“It is brilliant here. I’ve made lots of friends and the tutors are excellent. I’m 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.”

Barney Cox | Level 3 Diploma in
Countryside Management
King’s College



AVERAGE SALARY ECOLOGIST

£29,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

National Park Warden
Gamekeeper
Land Manager
Ecologist
Heritage Manager
Habitat Manager
Ecology Consultant
Wildlife Educator
Ranger
Countryside Officer
Conservation Officer
Wildlife Trust Worker

*EMSI Analytics 2020

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
- Habitat Maintenance
- Countryside Estate Maintenance

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 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 National Diploma 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 National 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:

- Professional working responsibilities
- Plant and soil science
- Work experience in the land-based sector
- Countryside estate skills activities
- Managing environmental habitats
- Wildlife ecology and conservation management
- Countryside recreation
- Land-based machinery operations
- Woodland management
- Identification, planting and care of trees

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. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

This course is delivered through classroom-based lessons, practical sessions and tutorials, and you undertake 150 hours of relevant work experience in each year. Assessment is through practical work, 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, Government and non-Government organisations, charities, contractors and possible self-employment. Roles such as Reserve Assistant, Ranger or Warden are common career plans. Some examples of employers include the National Trust, RSPB, WWT and Wildlife Trusts.





Studying at the Cannington campus gives me the happy medium between class work and practical learning, which is perfect. I love learning away from pen and paper.

The environment is less rigid than school, but my tutors still push me to excel and provide me with all I need to succeed.

My confidence has grown since starting College, particularly working outdoors and performing practical tasks. I enjoy the variety of work we cover and hope it will be good preparation for my future.

I've always had a passion for the military, so once I finish my course, I plan on joining up then following my childhood dream of becoming a Fisheries Manager with my own land and carp lake.

Barney Cox | Level 3 Diploma
in Countryside Management
King's College

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Apprenticeships

What career could be more rewarding than being a custodian and conservator of our beautiful countryside? We work closely with the National Trust, Environment Agency, Canal and River Trust, Somerset Drainage Board and other local and national conservation organisations to equip students with the skills they need.

We offer three Apprenticeships that lead to you becoming a Countryside Worker, Countryside Ranger or Water Environment Worker.

Countryside Workers carry out specific environmental and conservation tasks, and are clear about how practical conservation work interacts with the productive and recreational use of the countryside.

A Countryside Ranger works in organisations that are responsible for managing the countryside and natural environment.

They are responsible for the daily management, maintenance, conservation and protection of the natural environment and will inspire people about the natural environment and encourage them to engage with their local green spaces.

Countryside Rangers organise, supervise and deliver specific land management, conservation and community engagement tasks and manage small scale projects working collaboratively both internally and externally with a wide range of partners, stakeholders, organisations and interest groups as well as creating safe environments where the public can enjoy the countryside and coastline.

The purpose of most water environment jobs is to create a safe environment where the public can enjoy water as well as the surrounding land and buildings, whilst protecting the environment and creating habitats for species to thrive.

If you have the desire to work in often challenging and remote environments, the combination of studying at the Cannington campus and experience in the workplace will provide a real-world insight into the industry.



Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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Countryside Management



Creative Arts

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



AVERAGE SALARY PHOTOGRAPHER

£29,100*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Graphic Designer
Filmmaker
Actor
Choreographer
Artist
Costume Designer
Lighting Technician
Set Designer
Sound Engineer
Dancer
Director

*EMSI Analytics 2020



“I was quite nervous about starting as many of my friends were going to different colleges, but the teaching is incredible, and I’ve made lifelong friends.”

Alice Cameron | Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Performing Arts
Crispin School Academy

Level 1 BTC Certificate 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 residential, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace.

Entry Requirements

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

Assessment

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

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design, Commercial Music, Performing and Production Arts or Media 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
- 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 residential, visiting speakers and professional facilities. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace.

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 could 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 or A Levels, after a successful interview.



I transferred from studying A Levels at a different College and was a little worried I wouldn't make friends.

I shouldn't have been concerned since I soon settled in and everyone is friendly and helpful.

It's not all about your course, there's so much to get involved in. I'm a member of the Fashion Academy, so I can have even more fun with fashion. You don't have to be studying the Academy's subject, it could be a hobby or something you've always wanted to try such as photography, dance or a sport.

The course has taught me transferable skills as well as sewing, how to use design software, product development and business, and my work experience at Next gave me a chance to help merchandise stock and help customers.

After I leave College, I plan on studying Fashion Management at university. Not only will this give me the opportunity to learn more about fashion, but I'll have the chance to work in the industry during a placement year. I'm very excited about my future and ultimately, I'd love to become a Fashion Stylist or Social Media Marketing Manager for a brand like ASOS.

Isabelle Keates | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion Business & Retail
Haygrove School

FEEL SAFER, HEALTHIER & HAPPIER



I've always been interested in fashion and textiles and was impressed by the facilities and resources at BTC.

Everyone was also so warm and welcoming at my Welcome Day, that I knew the College was the right fit for me.

My tutors sparked my love, joy and passion for the subject and their enthusiasm was infectious. They were all supportive and encouraged me to explore and push my creative thinking which developed my personal artistic expression.

During my A Level, we regularly took part in group sessions that included presenting my sketchbook and garment work. I was anxious at first but gaining confidence to speak in public was great preparation for university where I had to discuss my projects with confidence, and articulate my concepts and processes concisely to tutors, peers and various people in industry.

I left Heathfield with a C in Fashion & Textiles but left College with top grades, the Fashion & Textiles Award and entered one of the top universities in the world for fashion; University of the Arts London, London College of Fashion. After graduating from university, I've been building and running my own fashion brand based in Carnaby, London. Hard work, passion and dedication really do pay off, so my advice is to strive for a career that you genuinely love and care about.

Sarah Hollebon | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design and A Level Fashion & Textiles
Heathfield Community School

STUDENT ALUMNI

Level 2 Diploma in Visual Arts & Media

TAUNTON

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

The Level 2 programme is a practical, exciting and empowering course which allows you to access a range of visual art and media to see where your skills lie.

Units of study may include:

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

Alongside these, you study the various creative industries and specialise in one for your Major Project at the end of the course. Work placements and work readiness take place throughout the course to ensure you are ready to progress your studies or enter the workplace. You also have access to trips and residentials, visiting speakers and professional facilities.

Entry Requirements

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

Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

You could progress to Level 3 Diplomas in art and design, film and TV, creative media or production arts and live events, or a creative Apprenticeship.

Level 3 Applied General 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 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 Media

BRIDGWATER

Do you have a keen interest in media such as video, graphics, design and photography? This course is ideal if you wish to follow an educational route in media or digital media pathways. The course focusses 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

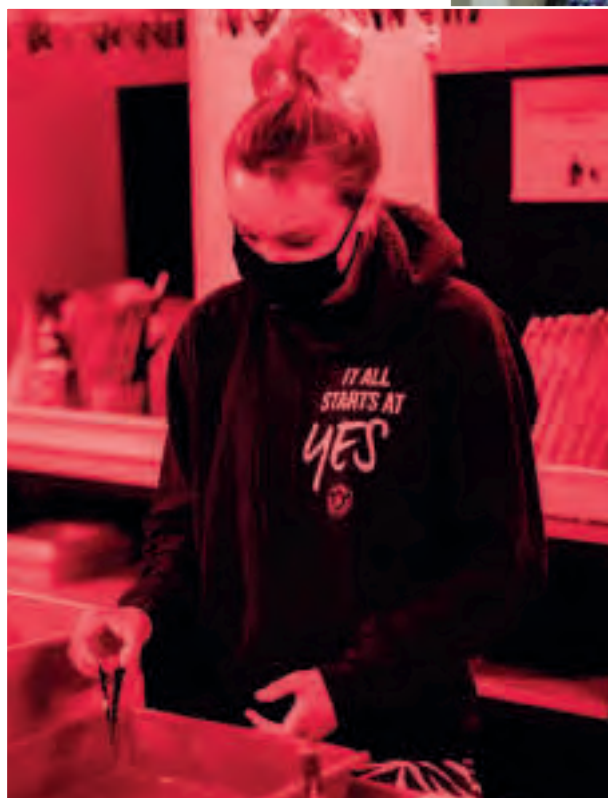
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio showing examples of your work.

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 could progress on to a Level 3 course in either art and design, commercial media production, 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.



Level 3 Applied General Extended Diploma in Art & Design (Design & Image or Art & Fashion/Textiles)

TAUNTON

Informed by employers in the creative industries and some of Europe's top creative Higher Education institutions, this course looks at the relationship between creative disciplines and how they work together in real-world contexts.

The course 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/textiles. Starting broadly in year one there is an opportunity to engage in specialist areas in year two. A dynamic mixture of industry briefs and challenging creative problems allows you to build an exciting portfolio, leaning towards an area of specialism. You will be introduced to visual language, research skills, critical and contextual awareness, materials, processes and technical skills, as well as audience engagement. These are all skills required by employers in the creative industries and the top universities.

Topics as appropriate to individual pathways may include:

- Introduction to design principles
- Darkroom, location and studio photography techniques
- Branding and packaging design
- Digital and traditional photography
- Drawing and material processes
- Moving image software skills
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Fine art painting and sculpture
- Fashion design and construction
- Traditional and digital printed textiles
- Life drawing
- Contextual studies

Your practical studio-based experience is enriched through a stimulating programme of residential trips and visits. Previous groups have visited New York, St Ives, London and European destinations. 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

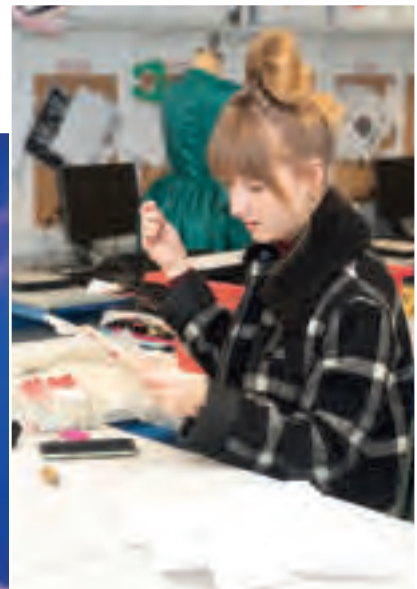
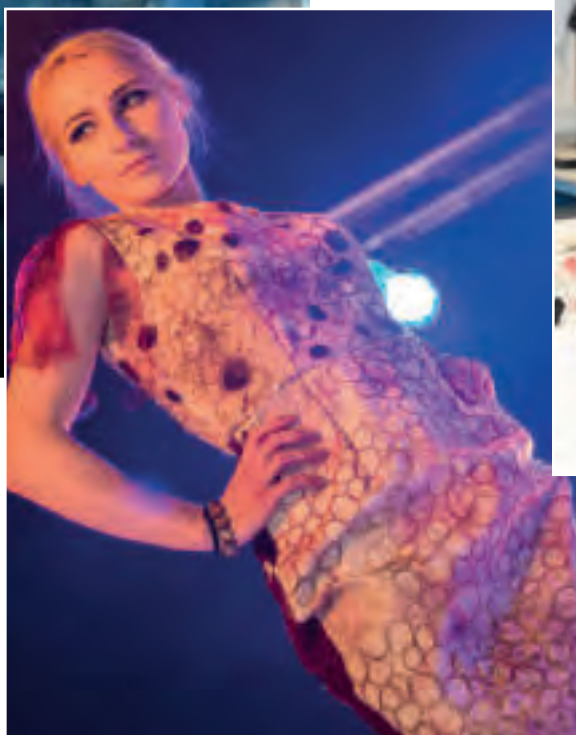
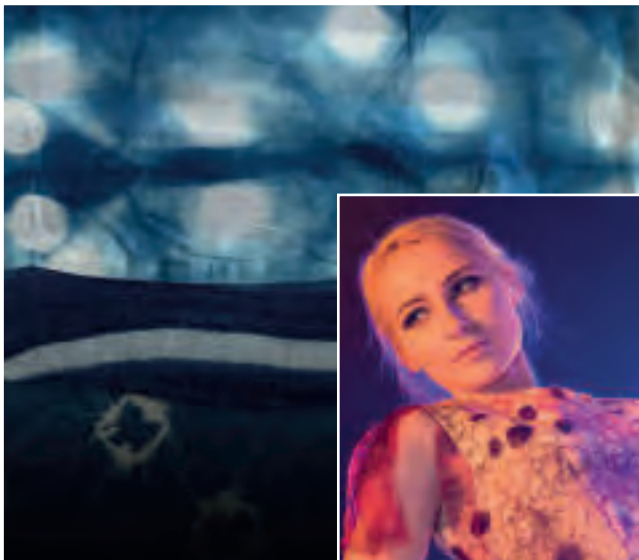
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design at Merit grade or above. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and evidence of creative work in a portfolio is beneficial.

Assessment

You are continually assessed through practical and written assignments, a practical exam and external moderation. Your progress is monitored by tutorials and seminars.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion you could start a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design or study a degree at University Centre Somerset in graphic design, fashion, textiles or fine art. Alternatively, you could find employment at junior level or a Creative Apprenticeship in areas such as display, graphic design, interiors, fashion & textiles and community arts or events promotion.



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

TAUNTON

If you choose this course, you will study with award winning digital lecturers in 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. This course has fantastic industry links and will allow you to create an online presence to showcase your talents to a wider audience.



Topics of study include:

- Creative advertising
- Music video
- Client commercial videos
- Documentaries
- Post-production editing and visual effects
- Script writing
- TV shows
- Audio
- Interactive video
- Short films
- Film theory

Entry Requirements

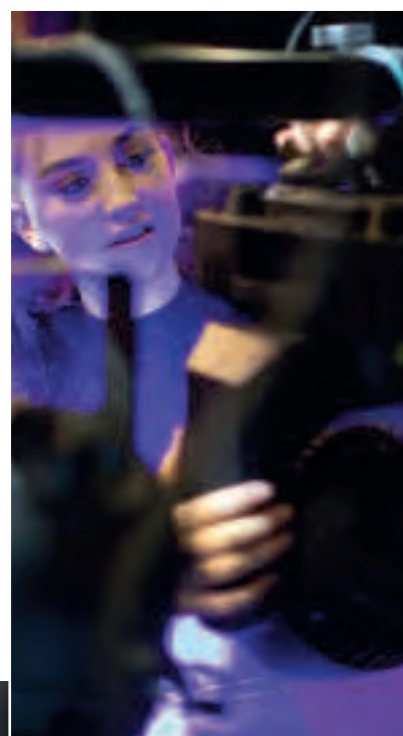
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or Level 2 Diploma in Media at Merit grade or above.

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 Opportunities

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



Level 3 Extended Diploma in Commercial Media Production

BRIDGWATER

This successful and established course is designed for those who have an interest in film, radio, television, interactive media 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
- App creation
- Making short films
- Digital photography
- Music video production
- Studio and multi-camera filming
- Working with clients making live projects
- Using interactive platforms

Entry Requirements

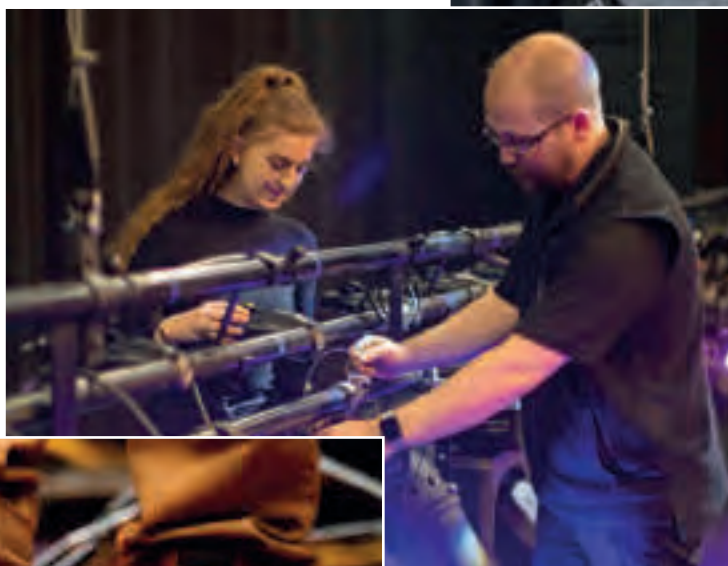
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit grade or above. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview and a portfolio of examples of your work.

Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

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



Level 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.

The course introduces you to a wide range of music related subjects and is made up of units that develop practical skills and knowledge of the music industry. You will learn how to sequence and produce beats, operate the equipment in a professional recording studio environment, and learn how to write and create your own music. On top of this, you will specialise as a performer or develop your DJ skills. The course concludes with a public performance opportunity where you can showcase your skills development over the year.

Units may include:

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

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range. Entry to this course is subject to a successful interview and you may be asked to perform using your instrument 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.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Technology & Performance

BRIDGWATER

This course is ideal if you want to find employment in the music industry, work as a self-employed musician or practitioner in the creative industries. It will help develop your practical and theoretical understanding of a wider range of music styles and improve your performance, composition and production skills.

The performance pathway allows you to develop your skills through specialist lessons for music composition, instrumental and ensemble performance in a range of contexts. You will learn to use a range of software such as Logic and release your tracks via the student-run record music labels.

The technology pathway enables you to develop your production skills in sequencing, sound synthesis and the use of music technology in performance. You also gain a theoretical understanding of acoustics, music fundamentals, the industry and wider music production skills including studio recording, remixing, events management, DJ performance techniques and live sound. The course also includes training in a range of programmes including Logic Pro, Ableton Live, Pro Tools and Reason to release your tracks via the student-run record labels.

Modules may include:

- Music fundamentals
- Rehearsal and performance

- Computer-based music composition
- Music video production
- Remixing and production
- The music industry
- Music events management
- Studio recording techniques
- Digital synthesis
- Live sound

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, or a relevant Level 2 qualification passed at Merit level. For the performance pathway, you need to demonstrate skills equivalent to approximately Grade 5 standard on your first instrument, usually having played for at least three years. Entry is also subject to a successful interview and audition.

Assessment

This course is assessed through coursework with creative practical assignment tasks and an externally controlled assessment. These reflect industry practice and develop fundamental skills that are required for employment in the music industry, including performance projects and coursework assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could progress to the HND music production qualification at University Centre Somerset. Alternatively, you could find employment in the entertainment industries at technician or trainee management level.





It feels like being part of one big family at BTC.

Our tutors push us to excel in a non-judgmental environment that allows us to be ourselves, develop our technique and learn new dance styles. We're learning from the best in the industry in amazing facilities, plus we've been able to travel and perform for audiences, see shows and take part in workshops in some of the UK's best dance studios.

I've met some amazing new people, made new friends and grown in confidence. I felt so proud when we first stepped onto the McMillan stage to perform as a group. I'm also part of the Dance Academy, so rehearse and dance with students from other courses.

My plan after College is to study a degree in musical theatre and professional dance. My goal is to perform in the West End, appear in music videos and work with different people within the industry, and I believe I'll achieve it if I work hard enough.

Nicky Rush | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dance & A Level Dance
West Somerset Community College

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Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fashion Business & Retail

BRIDGWATER

This course is an excellent choice for those who want to develop a sound business understanding and how to apply this to the creative, global and innovative fashion industry. The aim of the course is to explore the diverse careers available in this sector by working through projects that consist of research and investigation, plus enable core practical and creative skill development to develop ideas and produce exciting, professional outcomes.

You will be taught by subject specialist lecturers with wide ranging industry experience and receive input from current employers. You will learn about opportunities and current practice within the Fashion industry including trend forecasting, manufacture, styling and promotion. You will have access to facilities including sewing and textiles studio, photography studio and Mac suites to learn key creative presentation techniques and allow you to build a strong portfolio of visual work in preparation for your personal progression.

The course also focusses on key transferable skill development, building confidence, communication and presentation skills.

Key topics include:

- The fashion retail environment
- History and key developments of the industry
- Buying and merchandising
- Visual merchandising

- Marketing and brand management
- Communication for fashion and retail
- Styling
- Production techniques and supply chain
- Environmental impacts and sustainability
- Progression for future study and careers

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 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 at University Centre Somerset, Higher Apprenticeship, seek employment in the fashion industry or start up your own business/entrepreneurial activities.



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 five 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 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up or find 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.

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

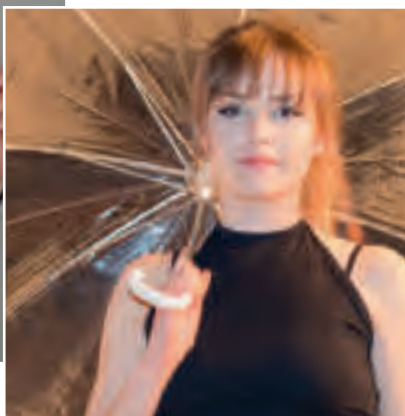
You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including Maths and English, or a relevant Level 2 qualification with a Merit profile. Entry will also be subject to a successful interview.

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 one of our hairdressing or beauty qualifications, or find employment in the industry.



I chose BTC after attending an open evening and discovering they had a course that would take my passion for make-up further.

I'm quite an anxious person but since joining the College, I've gained in confidence and made some great friends.

My tutors are very supportive, and I've learned new make-up techniques as well as how to style and colour hair. The practical sessions help me practise my new skills, so I was excited when it was suggested we help the theatre's production of Aladdin to replace the work experience we missed due to Covid. I created a mood board to present my ideas for each character, then transferred my creations onto each person.

Once I achieve the Level 2 certificate, I plan on completing the Level 3 before studying media make-up at university. From there, I can pursue my dream of opening my own make-up academy.

Tia Leone | Level 2 Certificate in Hair & Media Make-up
The King Alfred School

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Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts

BRIDGWATER

This course is practical in nature and suitable for students considering pathways into the performing or production arts industry. It provides skills within all aspects of the three disciplines of dance, acting and singing as well as the vital skills needed when producing performances with lighting, costume design, sound and stage management. You will also have opportunities to develop skills in creativity and performance, audition preparation and professional training in each discipline.

All students study a combination of units to give a broad introduction to the many aspects within performing and production arts.

Units could include:

- Staging a performance
- Performance skills and practice
- Production skills and practice
- Communicating with an audience

You are also able to attend a variety of live performances and trips, with previous students visiting New York, London and Disneyland Paris.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification. Dance, drama, music or expressive arts subjects would be an advantage, as well as performance experience in or out of school. Entry is subject to a successful interview and audition.

Assessment

Assessment is through coursework based on assignments set in each unit. Assignments involve performance projects, individual research, group work and project work. On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded an overall Distinction, Merit or Pass grade.

Progression & Career Opportunities

You could progress on to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in performing arts practice, production arts and live events, fashion business and retail, dance or media. Previous students have also been employed by organisations within the performance arts industry or gone on to teaching qualifications.

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Tia Leone | Level 2 Certificate in Hair & Media Make-up
The King Alfred School



Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts Practice (Performing Arts/Dance)

BRIDGWATER

For students with their sights set on a career in the performance industry, a BTEC in Performing Arts is a great choice. This practice-based course offers pathways in either Performing Arts or Dance and both aim to train you with the relevant skills and knowledge that employers value, as well as the confidence to progress into a fulfilling, exciting career in the creative industry.

Both pathways are practical in nature and focus largely on developing techniques in a variety of disciplines. Alongside this, you will develop skills in creativity in areas such as choreography, directing and devising as well as preparing you for auditions. It provides full-time training in musical theatre, dance, singing and acting with many of our students progressing on to top drama schools including Arts Educational School, Performers College, Guildford School of Acting, Bird College Conservatoire of Dance and Musical Theatre, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, Royal College of Music and Insitute of the Arts Barcelona.

Sessions are delivered in the College's McMillan Theatre, with students regularly accessing workshops and performances by professionals. Students also perform in The McMillan Theatre and our successful performances have seen students performing to packed houses of 300 people or more each night.



All students study a combination of units to give a broad introduction to the many aspects within performing arts. You will be able to choose a pathway depending on your skills and area of interest. These pathways include:

- Performing Arts – acting, singing, musical theatre, jazz dance, commercial dance, industry, devising, film and TV acting, classical theatre and contextual studies.
- Dance – contemporary, ballet, jazz, commercial, lyrical, choreography, urban, industry, contextual studies, audition techniques.

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. On successful completion of the course, you will be awarded an overall Distinction*, Distinction, Merit or Pass grade.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The College's graduating performing arts students regularly progress to some of the best known London schools for performing arts. Previous students have also been accepted on a range of other courses or been employed in the entertainment or leisure industries. They have also been employed by organisations within the performance arts industry or gone on to teaching qualifications.



I was attracted to study at BTC by the focus on supporting students to fulfil their potential, and I was inspired when I came to watch the showcases and summer musical.

I have loved every aspect of College and genuinely look forward to studying each day, especially the opportunities to perform. I always receive helpful feedback, so I know what to work on and how. I was quite nervous about starting as many of my friends were going to different colleges, but the teaching is incredible, and I've made lifelong friends.

Classes take place across the College's amazing facilities. We have access to dance studios with mirrors and 'springy' floors, a studio with brilliant acoustics and a piano, a space that can be adapted to feel like a small theatre, plus The McMillan Theatre that seats 350 people and regularly hosts professional touring shows.

My advice to anyone starting this course is to be unapologetically you and take every opportunity thrown at you. Be inquisitive, step out of your comfort zone and don't be afraid to make mistakes. Don't worry about not being good at everything, they're not looking for you to be perfect, they're looking for someone with a great passion for the arts.

Alice Cameron | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
Crispin School Academy

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I did my research before deciding to study at BTC by attending events and taking part in tasters.

I was impressed by the McMillan Theatre, the College's reputation and the careers past students have pursued.

Our lessons take place in fantastic studio spaces and we use state-of-the-art, industry spec equipment, plus our tutors not only care for our progress and production of work, but also our wellbeing and mental health.

The highlight of my studies is putting on shows as part of the production arts team. We design and run the lighting and sound, stage manage and build the sets. I'm also proud to have achieved the full 90 credits in my first year after working hard on both my written and practical assignments.

After College, I am going to the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School to study Production Arts for Stage and Screen. This course has given me confidence, knowledge of my chosen speciality, the opportunity to use equipment and rehearse my skills during the College's extensive show calendar. I believe this will be valued and recognised by universities and help me in my career.

Thomas Barge | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Live Events & Production Arts
Heathfield Community School

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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

- 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 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.

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 can take up to two years to complete and training can be carried out within the workplace as well as at College depending on your programme and employer.

Career progression varies depending on your chosen industry. You could become a Content Producer, Venue Technician, Leather Crafts Person, Print Technician, Sewing Machinist, Web Designer, Graphic/Advertising Designer or Pattern Cutter. You could also work for a TV or film company in the production team or within a broad range of creative roles.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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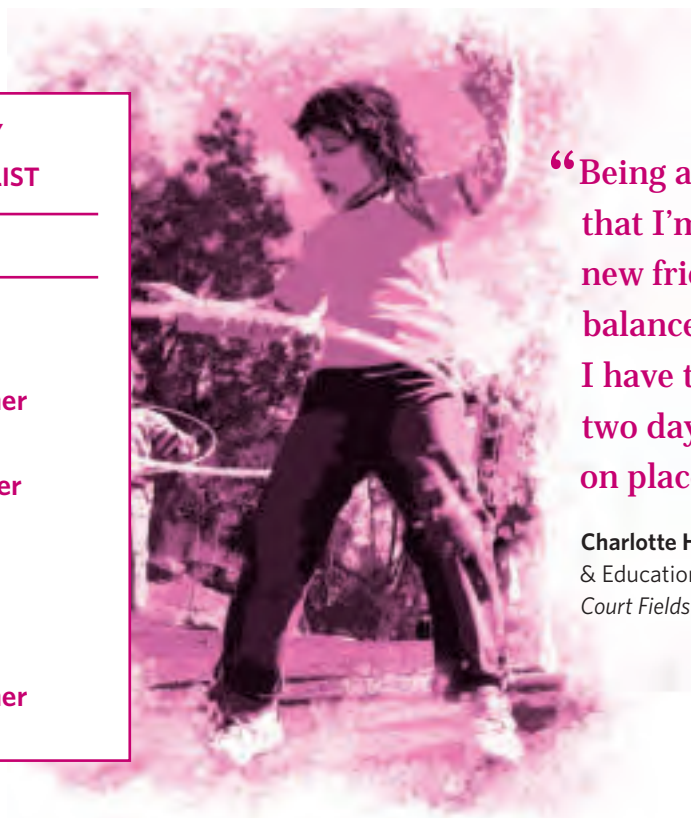
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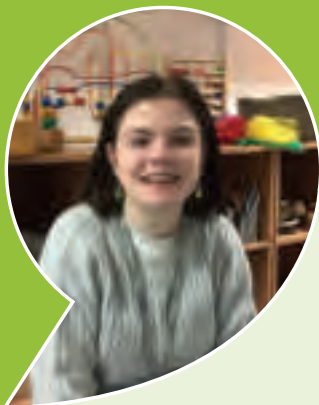
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Nanny
Teaching Assistant
Nursery Manager
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*EMSI Analytics 2020



“Being a BTC student means that I’m making loads of new friends. I also enjoy how balanced my timetable is. I have two days in College, two days online and one day on placement. ”

Charlotte Heggadon | T Level Childcare & Education Level 3
Court Fields School



I heard great things about the College from others and was pleased the Taunton campus was offering T Levels.

I live locally so I can walk to College and it felt like the perfect fit.

I'm looking forward to working with children and am enjoying the activities we've done in College so far. The staff are very supportive, and I hope to go on to a teaching degree when I achieve the T Level qualification.

Molly Shattock | T Level Childcare & Education Level 3
Heathfield Community School

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Level 1 Introduction to Health, Social Care & Early Years

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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 may need to develop further before moving on to Level 2. This course provides a gateway 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 as you will be undertaking placement in a health and social care or early years setting over the year.

Teaching

Modules are taught through a mixture of class-based activities, practical sessions and during work experience. You will need to complete 100 hours of relevant work placement over this programme to progress to Level 2.

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 3 Diploma in Childcare & Education

BRIDGWATER

This course enables you to gain the knowledge and experience which will allow you to work with children from birth to five years.

Your learning may include:

- Children's health and wellbeing
- Understanding children's additional needs
- Providing safe environments for children
- Play and learning
- Child development

The course will give you Early Years Educator status which is required to work in early years settings.

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English and Maths, or a Level 2 qualification in early years at Merit grade. It is important you have a good level of spoken and written English. If you wish to progress to primary school teaching you need GCSE science at grade 4 or above. You will be required to attend an interview and have completed at least one week of relevant work experience (eg. in a nursery or primary school). An enhanced DBS certificate is also required.

Assessment

Assessment is through a portfolio of evidence using a range of assessment methods. These may include individual research, project work, presentations and written assignments. There will be a task-based controlled assessment and extended assessments. This gives the opportunity for different learning styles and individual needs to be considered. A crucial element of the course is 750 hours of work placements in a variety of settings over the two years of study.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could progress to a Foundation Degree or BA (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies at University Centre Somerset, or a degree in primary education teaching, social work, speech and language therapy or special education. Alternatively, you could find employment as an Early Years Educator, Classroom Assistant or Child Minder.



I chose to study the T Level because I want to follow my dream of becoming a primary school teacher and this is the best course to do that.

It also offers long placements as well as classroom experience.

Being a BTC student means that I'm making loads of new friends. I also enjoy how balanced my timetable is. I have two days in College, two days online and one day on placement.

There are loads of enrichment activities to get involved in. The College facilities are always kept clean and there is a lovely café and cafeteria we use at break times. My favourite moment has been working with my tutor and friends to feel more comfortable about going into my work placement by exploring different activities and games to engage children.

The staff have helped us with the transition to College, making us feel safe and being friendly and supportive.

I am so excited to start my work, know the children and gain experience in schools. On completion of the course, I plan on going to university to do a teaching degree.

Charlotte Heggadon | T Level
Childcare & Education Level 3
Court Fields School

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Apprenticeships

Childcare is one of the most rewarding and challenging sectors you can work in.

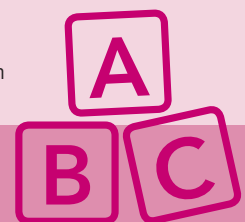
To equip you with the skills required in this demanding role, our Apprenticeship programmes blend on-the-job learning with College-based study. That way, you develop practical skills in parallel to your theoretical knowledge, so you have what it takes to thrive professionally.

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.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

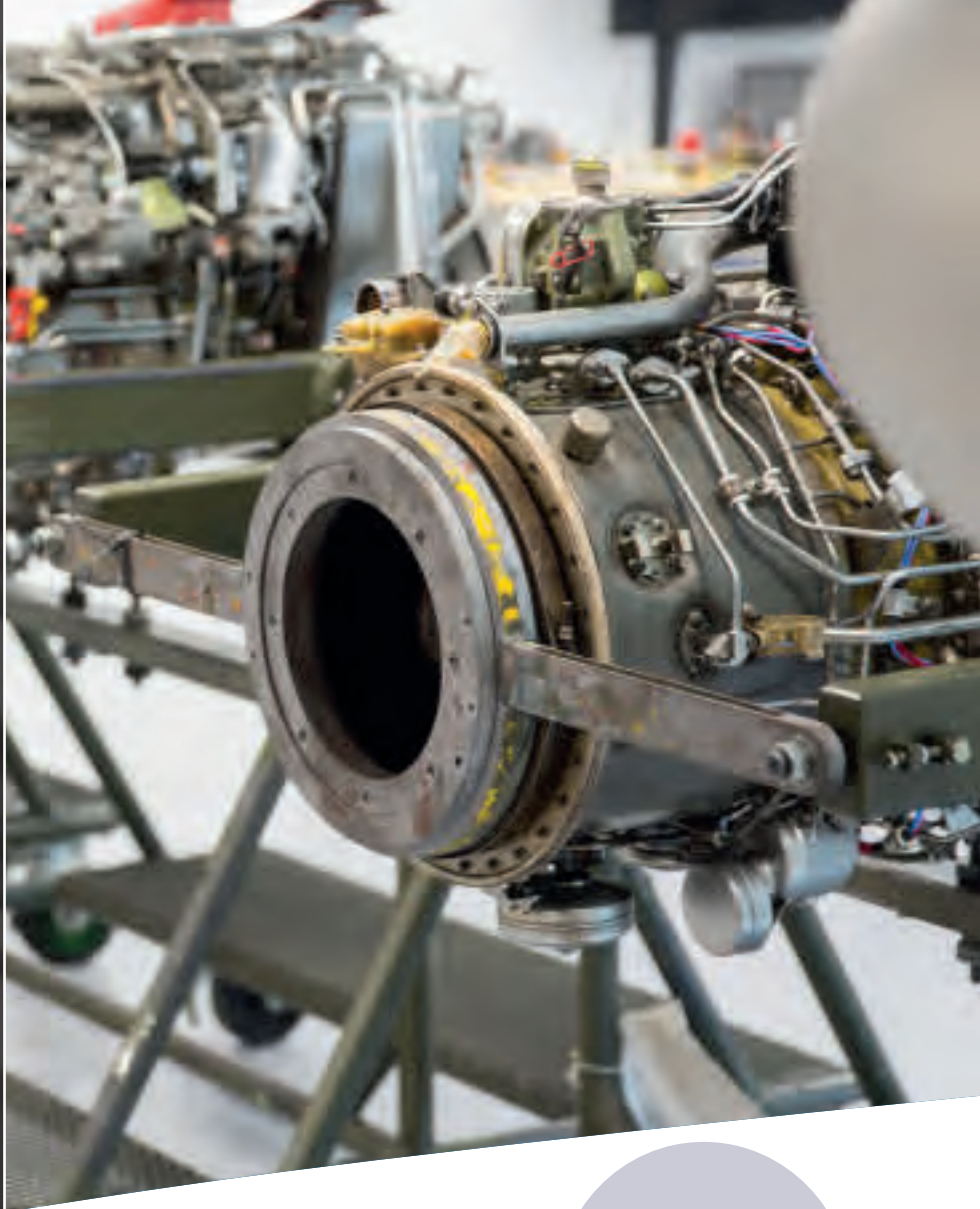
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Engineering

In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions, from aircraft design to engineering product design.

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AVERAGE SALARY FLIGHT ENGINEER

£90,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Mechanical Engineer

Electrical Engineer

Instrumental & Control
Engineer

Manufacturing Technician

Aerospace Design Engineer

Aircraft Fitter

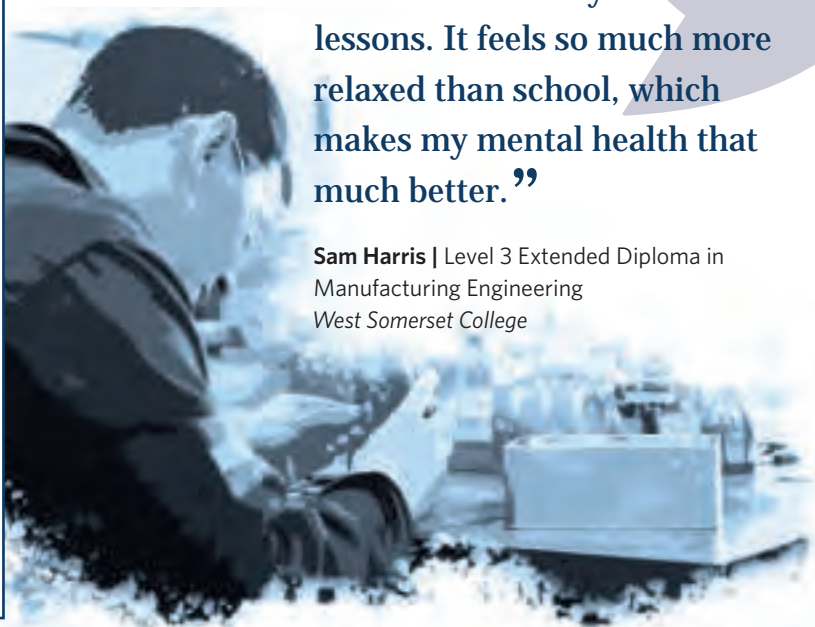
Welder/Fabricator

Maintenance Engineer

*Emsi Analytics 2020

“I enjoy being treated like an adult and having the freedom to decide how best to use my time between lessons. It feels so much more relaxed than school, which makes my mental health that much better.”

Sam Harris | Level 3 Extended Diploma in
Manufacturing Engineering
West Somerset College



Level 2 Diploma in Engineering

BRIDGWATER

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
- 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.

Your progress 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.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aerospace Engineering

BRIDGWATER

Engineering holds many fantastic and exciting opportunities. In today's world, Engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions. 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. This course will give you the experience and recognised qualification necessary to pursue the career of your dreams.

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

Units may include:

- Aircraft flight principles and practice
- Aircraft workshop methods and practice
- Aircraft gas turbine engines
- Engineering principles
- Fabrication manufacturing processes
- Aircraft Maintenance

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English at grade 4 and 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, presentations and an exam in your second year. 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 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 careers.



I've always wanted to go into engineering and this course is unique.

My favourite moment so far was working on the aircraft at College and learning how it's put together by getting stuck in.

It feels good to have independence in my learning and I can feel I'm developing into an adult. We're treated as equals and with respect, but it's down to us to meet deadlines and remain focussed. Everyone is friendly and super helpful, so you're made to feel welcome and well supported. I'm proud to be a female in this industry and want to show that anyone can do anything if they put their mind to it.

The course has helped me decide I'd like to continue to focus on aeronautical engineering, so I plan on starting an Apprenticeship when I complete my course. This should allow me to travel the world and work on incredible machines.

Evelyn Rowland | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aerospace Engineering
Chilton Trinity School

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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 electrical/electronic engineering qualification is 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 English at grade 4 and Maths at grade 5 or above. Alternatively, an appropriate Level 2 qualification with an overall Merit that 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

This course is equivalent to three A Levels and students who are successful 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 of England. Former engineering students have become Design Engineers, Electronic Technicians and Control Engineers.

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Manufacturing Engineering

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

In today's world, engineers work in an environment that encompasses the use of cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions. As an Engineer, you could find yourself designing the next generation of smartphones, programming robots, manufacturing components for fighter jets or developing sustainable energy. Study engineering and you could work within a variety of engineering disciplines such as product design, aerospace, manufacturing, electrical and electronics, communications, mechanical, nuclear and energy, environment or transport.

You may want to combine this qualification with an A Level in Maths or Physics.

Units may include:

- Engineering principles
- Engineering product design and manufacture
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Manual machining processes and fabrication
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC)
- Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM)
- Industrial robotics

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English at grade 4 and Maths at 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. 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

This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels and successful completion will enable progression on to HNC in Manufacturing Engineering or university, Apprenticeships including Higher Apprenticeships and a wide range of possible careers in industry.

University Centre Somerset offers a Foundation Degree in Mechanical Engineering leading on to a BEng or MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree awarded by The University of the West of England. Former students have become Design Engineers, Aerospace Engineers and have moved into employment with the Ministry of Defence, Airbus, Thales, Rolls-Royce, GKN and EDF Energy.



Level 3 Pre-Apprenticeship in Welding & Fabrication

BRIDGWATER

This course has been designed alongside our industry partners and is for students who want to gain practical skills and knowledge in welding and fabrication to prepare them for progression on to an Apprenticeship, further study or employment.

You will have access to some of the latest welding technology, including virtual welding within our state-of-the-art Welding Centre of Excellence. This will enable you to develop the relevant skills, behaviours, knowledge and health and safety awareness training required to prepare you for working in the engineering sector. You will also experience employer talks and visits, potentially linked to HPC, to assist you with your progression.

Units may include:

- Health and safety
- Fabrication and welding principles
- MIG and TIG welding processes
- Sheet metal fabrication

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, including English at grade 4 and Maths at grade 5 or above or an appropriate Level 2 qualification in a relevant subject.

Teaching & Assessment

You will be assessed using a range of assignments and assessment methods. These are set and marked internally by College staff and validated by an external moderator.

You will attend College for at least three days a week and be expected to complete written assignments in self-study time and work experience in a relevant industry placement.

Progression

On successful completion of this course, you could start an Apprenticeship with EDF Energy, Bylor, Doosan or Cavendish Nuclear, or find employment in a range of careers within the engineering industry. Alternatively, you could continue to study engineering at our University Centre Somerset.



Apprenticeships

The engineering industry contributed £117.2 billion to England's GVA in 2018* and includes a range of highly specialist, technical professions.

Our Apprenticeships 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, from household brands to local businesses and all offer an ideal context in which to prepare for your future career.

Given the diversity of employers and professions, each programme varies in its commitment to College attendance, but 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.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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English (ESOL)

If English isn't your first language, this course is designed to improve your spoken and written English in preparation for further study or employment.



English for Academic Purposes (ESOL) 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.



Equine Studies

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



AVERAGE SALARY

HORSE RIDING INSTRUCTOR

£25,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Groom

Riding Instructor

Trainer

Jockey

Breeding/Stud manager

Equine behaviour consultant

Horse welfare officer

Nutritionist

Saddler

Farrier

*EMSI Analytics 2020



“I enjoy the structure of College lessons and have made loads of friends. We work as a team and help each other out while we all learn about the equine industry, and there’s never a dull moment. ”

Adam Blake | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Equine Management
Clevedon Secondary School

Level 1 BTC Certificate 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 units from animal care and horse care pathways.

Units of study could include:

- Small animal care
- Horse care
- The natural and captive world
- Personal and social development
- Employability skills including health and safety

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 work experience. Assessment is based on a portfolio of evidence showing your progress.

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.



I'm in my second year at BTC and choosing to study here is the best decision I've made.

This College has great facilities as well as supportive tutors who have made this an amazing and unforgettable experience.

I enjoy the structure of College lessons and have made loads of friends. We work as a team and help each other out while we all learn about the equine industry, and there's never a dull moment.

In my first year I spent time at Badgworth Arena for my work experience. I gained new skills and developed those I'd learnt at College, plus it gave me an idea of what I'd like to do when I finish my studies.

My tutor has been really supportive and helped me look at my options. I enjoy hands-on, outdoor work so plan on starting as a Yard Groom. I have a much better understanding of horse management and the equine world, so feel prepared and excited to start my career.

Adam Blake | Level 3 Extended
Diploma in Equine Management
Clevedon Secondary School

HIGHER ASPIRATIONS

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 Distinction 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 hours 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.

Apprenticeships

According to the British Equestrian Trade Association's 2019 National Survey, there are an estimated 847,000 horses in Britain and 27 million people interested in the industry*. This offers those interested in entering the sector a plethora of opportunities to find their place.

As an Apprentice, you'll work full-time in industry and attend College each week to develop your knowledge and understanding and enhance your practical skills. Topics covered during your studies include horse health, stable and grassland management, nutrition, riding a schooled horse, riding on the road, transporting horses and developing effective working relationships.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

*www.beta-uk.org (March 2021)





Foundation Studies

These programmes have been designed to help you adapt to college life and get you ready for the future, whether it's working, studying or living more independently.

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.



“I’ve been working at the College for many years and it’s still wonderful to see my students develop their life skills. I love watching their confidence grow and friendships blossom. Some go on to study Level 2 and 3 courses, and this year one student secured an Apprenticeship. What an achievement!”

Ali Stokes | Course Leader

Introduction to Culinary Skills

BRIDGWATER

This course is for those thinking of entering the catering profession who want to gain experience in working in the catering industry. You will have the opportunity to gain skills in working in a commercial style kitchen and take a food hygiene certificate 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 profound and multiple learning disabilities and severe learning disabilities.

Applicants must have an Education, Care and Health Plan to start the course, and the main aim of the programme is to support the transition from school, through college, to future life. You will have the opportunity to develop your communication and life skills. This is achieved by offering a differentiated curriculum designed to meet your individual needs. You will have the opportunity to make choices in both class-based and realistic settings such as the College Restaurant, Learning Resource Centre and out in the community. You will have opportunity to work with skilled and experienced staff, in a specialist environment.

Your tutor and the learning support team will work with you to create an individualised programme to help you to build on transferable skills that will enable you to become confident in the wider community. We offer intensive interaction sessions using Somerset Total Communication and Symwriter, alongside assistive technology to enable you to develop in a way that suits you.

A multi-sensory approach is used in learning situations which can include:

- Baking
- Life skills
- Horticulture
- Sessions in the sensory room

Entry Requirements

You need the ability to engage in learning in an inclusive and purpose-built learning environment and the capacity to tolerate a differentiated learning environment, with support.

Assessment

You will take part in an initial assessment to establish your starting point and, with support, agree your individual learning aims. You will be assessed through continuous one-to-one observation and by building a portfolio of evidence using photographs, tapes and video. Your progress will be monitored using RARPA (Recognising & Recording Progress & Achievement).

Progression Opportunities

You may have the opportunity to progress further within the Choices for Independence programme and, if appropriate, go on to the Progression for an Active 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 an interest in land-based activities and demonstrate the motivation and commitment to undertake a full-time course. You need to be able 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 pupils from both special and mainstream schools who have a range of abilities but need help making independent choices and developing independent living skills. The course aims to develop self-confidence, improve social communication and provide you with work-related options which could include voluntary work placements.

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 life skills and employability. 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 skill
- 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.

Multi Trades

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON | CANNINGTON

This course is for 16 to 19 year olds who are undecided about their future and have found it difficult to engage in education in the past. It aims to support your social, emotional mental health and behavioural support needs as well as academic attainment, whilst giving you the opportunity to develop skills in a variety of vocational areas. You will also undertake a work placement to give you experience of the working environment and a valuable addition to your CV.

After initial assessment, you will be guided through a range of subjects where independent learning and creativity are encouraged. These will be relevant to your future needs and could range from work skills and managing money, to health and safety in the workplace. Up to half of your time at College will be spent in a vocational area engaging in practical activities to help you decide and prepare for what you want to do next.

Subjects could include:

- Motor vehicle
- Construction
- Sport
- Hairdressing/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 Functional Skills level 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 further education Level 1 or 2 qualifications. Alternatively, you could find employment or start an Apprenticeship if you secure an employer.



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 severe learning disabilities, complex autism and moderate learning disabilities, focusing on life skills, communication skills, confidence building and 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. 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 will have an Education, Health & Care Plan.

Assessment

You will take part in an initial assessment to establish your starting point and agree your individual learning targets. You will then be assessed through observation and by building a portfolio of evidence such as photographs and video. Your progress will be monitored through weekly tutor feedback, two-way reviews, subject reports, termly student/parent reviews, transition reviews and annual end of year reports.

Progression Opportunities

On successful completion, you could progress to another Foundation Entry Level course, or day services provision.



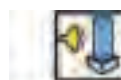
College



Information



Baking



Sensory room



Horticulture



Life skills

Steps to Employment & Further Education

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON | CANNINGTON

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, exploring the local area, art and design, volunteering and life skills.

Entry Requirements

You need to be working to at least Entry Level 2 Functional Skill level and have a positive attitude to learning. You must have the ability to work within a group of 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 agree individual targets for the year and create a portfolio of evidence to show how you meet these.

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 16 to 19 year olds 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. 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 helped 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.

Entry Requirements

You need to have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and want to move into employment by the end of the programme.

Progression Opportunities

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

Supported Internship

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This is an employment programme for young people with an Education and Health Care Plan who may need support to transition into employment. The programme aims to provide you with support in the transition to employment, adulthood and independence.

The programme centres on a work placement which can be from one to four days a week. Our dedicated Work Placement Co-ordinator works with your tutors to identify when you are ready for a work placement and supports you throughout the process to ensure you have the best chance to succeed. During your studies, you will also continue to work to improve your Maths and English skills and have a named tutor and Job Coach who have regular contact with your parents or carers.

Employability skills could include:

- Searching for a job
- Applying for a job
- Preparing for interview
- Communication
- Independent living skills
- Personal and social development
- Personal presentation skills
- Work experience

Entry Requirements

To do a Supported Internship, you need to have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and want to move into employment by the end of the programme.

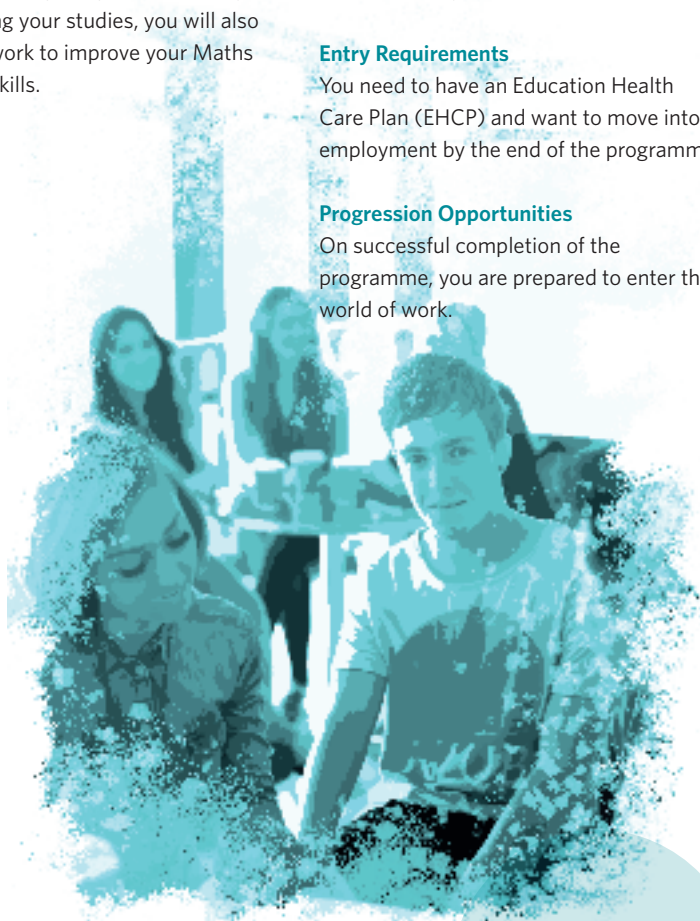
Progression Opportunities

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

“My confidence has grown so I can do more things now than I could before.”

Callum Dyer | Level 1 Certificate in Culinary Skills

Chilton Trinity



Hairdressing

Our courses will put you head and shoulders above the rest. In addition to on-the-job training in our salons, you have the opportunity to enter competitions, meet guest speakers and learn specialist techniques.



AVERAGE SALARY HAIRDRESSER

£22,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Stylist

Salon Owner

Colour Specialist

*Emsi Analytics 2020

“After this year and once I complete the Level 3, I might go to university to study trichology. If I decide that university isn’t for me, I’ll head out into the industry and start working my way up. Eventually I’d love to own my own salon. ”

Charlie-May Pinn | Level 2 Certificate
in Woman’s Hairdressing
Heathfield Community School



Level 1 Introduction to the Hairdressing and Beauty Sector

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:

- Introduction to the hair and beauty sector
- Presenting a professional image
- Health and safety
- Basic skin care
- Basic manicure
- Basic pedicure
- Shampooing and conditioning hair
- Applying temporary hair colour
- Styling, plaiting and twisting the hair
- Employability and personal skills

Entry Requirements

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

Teaching & Assessment

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

Progression Opportunities

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

Level 2 Certificate in Women's Hairdressing

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This is a one-year course and is designed to provide an in-depth knowledge and understanding of 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 hair salons and be able to provide services to members of the public and other paying clients.

Units will include:

- Health and safety within the salon
- Consultation
- Working in the Hair Industry
- Shampoo and condition hair
- Cut women's hair
- Change hair colour using basic techniques
- Styling and blow-drying hair

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.

Assessment

Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, written assignments and online multiple-choice tests.

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 Diploma in Barbering. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a range of related settings including hair salons and cruise ships.



Hairdressing is my passion, so it's exciting being at College in a professional salon environment that's open to the public.

It helps us gain an understanding of the industry and practise the skills we'll need when we finish College. Sometimes I'm pushed out of my comfort zone as my people skills develop and I adapt my conversation to individual clients, but it's always fun.

I have Dyslexia, so sometimes I struggle with the theory but with support of my tutors, I have absolutely no problem completing the work. Even studying at home due to Covid has been great. The tutors made our lessons interesting by running live sessions, and working online still allowed us to experience the social aspects of College and encouraged me to interact with everyone on my course. I'm a very sociable person and have built strong friendships that helped keep studying fun, and we've learnt a lot from each other.

After this year and once I complete the Level 3, I might go to university to study trichology. If I decide that university isn't for me, I'll head out into the industry and start working my way up. Eventually I'd love to own my own salon.

Charlie-May Pinn | Level 2
Certificate in Woman's Hairdressing
Heathfield Community School

BETTER COMMUNICATOR

Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This one-year course is designed to advance existing hairdressing skills and knowledge and offers a natural progression route from the Level 2 hairdressing qualification.

Units may include:

- Develop advanced cutting and colouring techniques
- Client consultation
- Develop and enhance creative hairdressing skills
- Style and dress long hair
- Colour correction
- Creative perming

Entry Requirements

You need a good reference and five GCSEs in the range 9 to 4 including English and Maths along with a Level 2 hairdressing qualification, at Merit profile. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment

Assessments take place throughout the course and include practical observations, oral questions, written assignments and online multiple-choice tests.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Diploma in Barbering or Level 3 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up. Alternatively, you could seek employment in a hair salon, own your own salon business, become a wig maker, work in the film industry or with industry giants such as L'Oréal.

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.

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 five 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 Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up qualification (see page 129) or find employment as a trainee Make-up Artist or Stylist.





Health & Social Care

Whether you specialise in nursing, caring for the elderly or those with learning difficulties, you need to be trained for one of society's most demanding jobs.



AVERAGE SALARY NURSE

£37,800*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Adult Nurse
Care Worker
Support Worker
Addiction Recovery Support Worker
Healthcare Assistant
Midwife
Occupational Therapist
Physiotherapist

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“Through my tutors’ support and encouragement, I display a greater understanding and comprehension in my work and have developed the confidence to share the knowledge I’ve gained.”

Eliza Jones | Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
The Castle School

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 may need to develop further before moving on to Level 2. This course provides a gateway 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 as you will be undertaking placement in a health and social care or early years setting over the year.

Teaching

Modules are taught through a mixture of class-based activities, practical sessions and during work experience. You will need to complete 100 hours of relevant work placement over this programme to progress to Level 2.

Progression

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

Level 2 Certificate in Health & Social Care

BRIDGWATER

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 gain the skills needed to look after adults within care in a variety of settings.

You will cover all aspects of care including:

- Human growth and development
- Working in health and social care
- Equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
- Communication in health and social care
- Creative activities in health and social care
- Common care disorders

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range including English or 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 a clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Teaching & Assessment

This course is mainly classroom based with a work placement to support your learning. The 100 hours of placements in health and social care related settings provide the opportunity to observe professional practice in action and gain valuable employability skills.

Assessment is through a portfolio of evidence using a range of assessment methods. These may include assignments, individual research, project work, presentations and written assignments.

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 Diploma in Health & Social Care qualification, or the T Level Health (Nursing) at the Taunton campus (see page 60). Alternatively, you could find employment as a Care Assistant, Support Worker, Healthcare Assistant, or start an Apprenticeship.



The facilities at BTC are amazing and we have an incredible range of resources.

I also really enjoy the course structure since it allows time to write assignments and complete extra work away from College, as well as a part-time job where I gain transferable skills.

The course has increased my curiosity and deepened my understanding of the subject. Through my tutors' support and encouragement, I display a greater understanding and comprehension in my work and have developed the confidence to share the knowledge I've gained.

The staff treat me with respect and listen to my opinions and beliefs. They've also helped me explore my options when I finish College, so I've decided to attend an adventure leadership gap year course before heading to university to study child and young people's nursing. My hope is to effect change in the lives of children and young people around the world.

Eliza Jones | Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
The Castle School

**MORE EFFECTIVE
LEARNER**

**HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE
T-LEVELS
AVAILABLE!
SEE PAGE 60**



Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care

BRIDGWATER

This course will appeal to you if you have a keen interest in health and care, and are unsure of the sector in which to progress. If you have a lively and enquiring mind, a willingness to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate ideas effectively, this course is right for you. If you are considering a career in the health care sector, nursing or social work, this course will support you to discover the whole sector.

The course offers valuable work experience opportunities in a range of placements with local care providers, including care of the elderly and specialist care placements. It will help you develop key skills that are valued by employers and universities, and gain confidence by developing independent learning skills.

Units may include:

- Human growth and development
- Working in health and social care
- Anatomy and physiology for health and social care
- Psychological and sociological perspectives in health and social care
- Infection prevention in health and social care

You will have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way, both in the classroom and on work placements.

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 grade 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 Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Teaching & Assessment

Assessment is through a portfolio of evidence using a range of assessment methods. These may include assignments, individual research, project work, presentations and written assignments. You will also complete 100 hours of work placements in health and social care related settings in each year of the course.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you will have access to a range of career opportunities in the sector such as care support work in residential settings, working as a Healthcare Assistant in the community, primary care and acute health environments and community-based support work.

You can also access Higher Education studies in fields including social work, criminology, nursing, mental health nursing, midwifery and occupational therapy. You will learn and use a variety of transferable skills that are in great demand and recognised by employers, universities and colleges as being of great value.



When I visited BTC, I instantly felt at ease and knew it was the place for me.

I wanted to expand my friendship group and it has a great reputation, so I thought I'd enjoy studying here, which I have!

I met my best friend on my first day, but I remember being so nervous and excited at the start. The staff made the atmosphere so comfortable, that it was extremely easy to talk to people.

We're in College two full days a week and one half-day, so there's time to use the library and quiet areas to focus on our work. During the rest of the week, I work at home and my tutors are just an email away. I also have a part-time job as a Health Care Assistant which I secured after completing work experience. I've been inspired by the nurses I work with, particularly during the pandemic. It was heart breaking to see lives stolen by the virus but bonds between staff and residents is so strong and everyone is staying positive. It's definitely the perfect sector for me to work in and I'm excited to start my journey.

Lauren Bate | Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care
Court Fields School

**MORE COMMUNITY
MINDED**

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 clinical health or social care Apprenticeship may be right for you.

Delivered by experienced health practitioners and social care professionals, our Apprenticeships equip you with the skills to thrive in an integrated health or social care sector, working for either a private operator or the NHS Trust. 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 Trainer Assessor and employer.



Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

Horticulture

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.



AVERAGE SALARY HORTICULTURE TRADER

£18,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Landscape Designer
Grounds Maintenance
Botanist
Soil Scientist
Garden Designer
Pest Control Advisor
Horticulture Chemist
Plant Breeder/Geneticist
Nursery Manager
Commercial Grower
Landscape Gardener

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“ I particularly like the practical lessons when we discuss the theory, then the tutor shows us how to do something and we have a go ourselves. ”

Ben Rexworthy | Level 2 Technical Diploma
in Horticulture
Brymore Academy

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.

Units may include:

- Introduction to working in land-based industries
- Introduction to plant and soil science
- Horticulture work placement
- Land-based machinery operations
- Propagation techniques
- Establish and maintain plants and seeds
- Establish and maintain soft landscapes
- Estate maintenance 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 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 Foundation Diploma in Horticulture or start an Apprenticeship. Alternatively, you could seek employment within the industry in a variety of settings.



I'd recommend this course to anyone interested in horticulture.

The facilities are great, I've made lots of friends and learned so much since I started. I particularly like the practical lessons when we discuss the theory, then the tutor shows you how to do something and we have a go ourselves.

I was able to use all I've learnt when on my work experience at Wood-Land Southwest. They're a woodlands and grounds maintenance business so we were strimming, chipping, dragging brush and planting trees. I've also enjoyed learning the theory of horticulture as well as how to cut hedges and use tools correctly and safely.

I'd like to become a self-employed gardener but hope to start by working for a company to gain experience before striking out on my own.

Ben Rexworthy | Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horticulture
Brymore Academy

**MORE EFFECTIVE
LEARNER**

Horticulture





I was attracted to study at BTC for several reasons such as the amount of practical and theory work, the chance to get involved in volunteering, working in the Walled Gardens of Cannington and the interesting modules such as garden history.

I remember my time at College as enjoyable and exciting, and I learnt so much. I had such a supportive network of peers on my course and I made friends for life. The staff were incredibly helpful and I genuinely loved my time there.

One of my greatest achievements was the pop-up gardens we designed and built at the Bath & West Show. We won gold awards both years and it was such a fun team experience.

I don't think I would be working as Assistant Gardner at Whatley Manor if I hadn't completed the course at BTC, and the work experience I completed while studying really boosted my confidence.

India Moule | Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Horticulture
Bridgwater College Academy
Assistant Gardener
Whatley Manor Hotel & Spa

STUDENT ALUMNI

Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Horticulture

CANNINGTON

The horticulture industry is traditionally divided into three sectors: production horticulture, amenity horticulture and landscaping & design. Production horticulture offers employment within food production, ornamental crops and hardy nursery stock production. On the other hand, amenity horticulture offers opportunities within gardening and grounds maintenance. Finally, landscaping covers both hard and soft landscaping, so from turf-laying and planting to paving and fencing.

This course offers an exciting opportunity to develop comprehensive skills and knowledge across the horticulture industry in preparation for employment or higher-level study.

Topics could include:

- Professional working responsibilities
- Plant and soil science
- Work experience in the land-based sectors
- Estate skills
- Identification, planting and care of plants
- Routine plant management
- Plant propagation activities
- Land-based machinery operations

- Outdoor horticultural crop production
- Landscape and garden design

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 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, you could progress to an Apprenticeship or degree at the College. Alternatively, you could seek employment within the industry in a variety of settings including private and commercial landscaping, local authority parks, private gardens, plant nurseries and commercial growers.





Apprenticeships

If you love being outdoors whatever the weather and want to earn a salary while you learn, these Apprenticeships will 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 optional workshops delivered at our beautiful and well-resourced Cannington campus.

If you choose to pursue an Apprenticeship in Sports Turf or Greenkeeping, you will learn the skills required for maintaining playing surfaces for all sports and work on golf courses, football and rugby stadia, schools, colleges and other sports facilities.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

*EMSI (March 2021)



Sports, Coaching & Exercise Health

The sporting life has much to offer, and it can provide a great way to earn a living. Our programmes equip you with the knowledge, skills and experience needed to take your career and performance to the next level.



AVERAGE SALARY SPORTS COACH

£25,000*

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Instructor
Physiotherapist
Sports Psychologist
Sports Therapist
PE Teacher
Personal Trainer
Sports Performance Analyst
Fitness Instructor
Nutritionist

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“BTC is a very friendly college and the staff have always helped me when I need it. During lockdown, I came into College a few hours a week to do the remote learning with the support of my LSAs, so I kept up with my coursework.”

Ryley Burke | Level 2 Certificate in Sport
Chilton Trinity School

Level 1 Certificate in Sport, Outdoor Education & Protective Services

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course is designed to give you a taster of the three career pathways by developing these transferable skills and basic knowledge before progressing onto a selected Level 2 route.

To achieve the Level 1 qualification, you will study a selection of units which may include:

- Principles of anatomy and physiology
- Principles of active, healthy living
- Exploring personal health and fitness
- Planning and delivery of sport/physical activity
- Teamwork and leadership skills

Alongside the main qualification, you will undertake numerous enrichment activities and sessions that aim to develop confidence, build social skills and develop you as an individual, so that you will realise your own potential into progressing into further study.

Some of these activities may include:

- Introduction to expedition skills
- Practical teamwork
- Working as a volunteer in the community
- Outdoor activities like coasteering, archery and kayaking
- First aid

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, outdoor activities or protective services and a positive attitude to learning.

Teaching & Assessment

There are amazing opportunities to take part in sporting tournaments and you can volunteer in the local community on fun projects.

Assessment takes place throughout the course and includes projects, practical demonstrations or assignments and a portfolio of evidence.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This course aims to prepare you to progress on to a Level 2 qualification in either sport, outdoor education or protective services.

Level 2 Certificate in Sport

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course is designed for anyone with a keen 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 may 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 includes two externally assessed exams. Teaching is through a variety of methods including coursework, online tests, written reports, and the delivery of practical sessions, practical performance, observations, group work and presentations.

Progression & Career Opportunities

The course aims to prepare you to progress on to the two-year, Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development or Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science. Alternatively, you could find employment within the sport and leisure industry or progress into a suitable apprenticeship.



Everyone at the College is very welcoming and the timetable fits my lifestyle perfectly.

It's a great mix of practical and theory, and my lessons are taught by enthusiastic staff who know the subject inside and out. The environment also feels safe. We wear ID cards on lanyards, so only students and staff can come in and out of the College.

I was very proud to work with my classmates to create a sports festival for secondary school pupils. The challenge was to work as a team, share ideas and communicate effectively, so it was very rewarding when the event was a huge success.

My time at College has built my confidence and I've gained valuable skills such as effective communication, teamwork and leadership. The course has increased my knowledge and being a member of Team BTC allows me to meet amazing new people and train with supportive and enthusiastic coaches.

I'm considering going to university to become a Physiotherapist but would also like to gain a Level 2 trampoline coaching qualification so I can start my own trampoline club.

Kaitlyn Margetts | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development
Bishop Fox's School

FEEL SAFER, HEALTHIER, HAPPIER

Level 2 Diploma in Health & Fitness

BRIDGWATER

The aim of this qualification is to give you the essential knowledge and skills required to pursue a career in the active leisure industry. By completing the course, you will broaden your ability to enhance and develop your career prospects, as well as increase your earning potential in the sector.

Topics may include:

- Anatomy and physiology
- Principles of exercise
- Gym-based exercise
- Health and safety
- Supporting clients

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 2 range or equivalent vocational qualification. The course requires physical exertion and individual participation is essential, therefore a degree of physical fitness is necessary. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Assessment

Methods of assessment include multiple choice exams and practical demonstrations or assignments. You will also gather a portfolio of evidence throughout the course.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training or start an Apprenticeship in Exercise & Fitness.

Level 3 Diploma in Personal Training

BRIDGWATER

This qualification has been designed for gym instructors wishing to find employment in the health and fitness sector as a personal trainer where they can also apply the additional business skills and knowledge they will have achieved.

The qualification will provide a combination of knowledge and skills to prescribe, plan and deliver safe and effective exercise programmes and personal training sessions to a range of clients.

Units may include:

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Principles of nutrition
- Lifestyle, health and wellbeing
- Health and fitness behaviours in clients
- Programme design and delivery for personal training
- Business acumen

Entry Requirements

You need to have completed the Level 2 Diploma in Health & Fitness and entry is subject to a successful interview.

Assessment

Assessment is through multiple choice exams, practical demonstrations and a portfolio of evidence and assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you could continue your studies by enrolling on a Diploma in Exercise Referral or Sports Massage Therapy. Alternatively, you could progress to either the Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Fitness Instructing or Level 4 Certificate in Strength & Conditioning. There is also an Advanced Apprenticeship in Exercise & Fitness available if you prefer to earn while you learn.



Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

The sports sector is a fast-growing industry. It is currently worth £24 billion to the economy and continues to grow annually. The course will meet the needs of those who aspire to work in sports coaching, teaching, therapy and conditioning or the health and leisure industry. In addition, it will enable successful learners to progress to Higher Education. 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:

- Developing coaching skills
- Practical sports application
- Career in the sport and active leisure industry
- Health, wellbeing and sport
- Sport development
- Self-employment in sport and physical activity
- Nutrition for physical performance
- Fitness testing
- Organising events

Entry Requirements

You need five GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range, with either English or Maths preferred, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Teaching & Assessment

The course involves a mixture of theory and practice relating to sport, recreation, leisure and physical education. It includes work experience, residential opportunities in the UK and abroad. In addition, learners may have the opportunity to complete a range of NGB coaching and officiating qualifications; this will enhance their professional profile when competing in today's job market.

Assessment for the course is through a variety of coursework-based methods including observations, presentations, case studies, assignments and synoptic assessments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, 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 could find employment within the sport and leisure industry or progress into a suitable Apprenticeship.





I wanted to study exercise science and the College was the best option.

Team BTC was also very appealing, as it gave me the chance to continue playing sport at a high level whilst gaining a qualification.

I enjoyed the independence and high expectations my tutors had of me, and through Team BTC I received brilliant coaching, conditioning and training. I built long lasting friendships with people both in my class and across the College through a shared passion for sport and common experiences.

My favourite moment was the amazing trip to South Africa. The two weeks I spent in Port Elizabeth were incredible and I'd certainly go back.

I believe my time at College was great preparation for my next steps. It made me more independent and taught me to manage my time effectively. I'm currently a student athlete at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, where I'm on a soccer scholarship playing for the College team in the NCAA. My aspiration is to continue playing football at the highest standard possible and hope it leads to a job one day. However, I'm also pursuing a Masters in Physical Therapy alongside my football, as this is something I'd also love to do.

Patrick O'Halloran | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science
The Castle School
BSc Exercise Science Pre-Physical Therapy
Walsh University, Ohio, USA North Canton, Ohio, USA

STUDENT ALUMNI

Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Science

BRIDGWATER

This course provides an exciting opportunity for those with a passion for sports science. The course 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 and health professions.

This course also offers a unique opportunity to coach in the underprivileged township areas of Port Elizabeth 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:

- Functional anatomy
- Applied sport and exercise psychology
- Nutrition for sport and exercise performance
- Coaching for performance and fitness
- Biomechanics in sport and exercise science
- Sports massage
- Sports technology

Entry Requirements

You need three GCSEs in the 9 to 4 range including English, and Maths and Science at grade 5 or above, or a Merit profile in a relevant Level 2 qualification. Entry is also subject to a successful interview.

Teaching & Assessment

Modules will be taught through lectures, laboratory sessions and a range of practical workshops. Assessment is through externally marked exams and case studies, and a variety of internally marked coursework-based methods including observations, presentations and assignments.

Progression & Career Opportunities

Most 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.



“The great part about BTC is that our sporting goals are supported alongside our studies, which made me feel welcome from the start.”

Angharad Laraman | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development
Hans Price Academy

Level 3 NCFE Diploma in Sport & Physical Activity - Outdoors

TAUNTON

This course will meet the needs of those who aspire to work in outdoor activities as an Assistant Instructor and learners will gain the relevant knowledge and underpinning skills to take them into employment.

The course involves a mixture of theory and practice relating to outdoor activities, sport, recreation, leisure and physical education.

Units may include:

- Exercise, health and lifestyle
- Preparing for a career in sport and physical activity outdoors
- Principles and practices in outdoor adventure
- Outdoor and adventurous expeditions
- Skills for land and water-based adventurous activities
- Equipment and facilities for outdoor adventure
- Environmental education for outdoor adventure
- Impact and sustainability in outdoor adventure
- Assessing risk in sport

The invaluable experience gained during the course will enable you to become a confident and efficient leader in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. These may include kayaking, mountain biking, canoeing, sailing, map and compass navigation, caving, surfing, high and low ropes, team building and leadership.



You will have the opportunity to participate in work experience with one of our key partners. Participate in excursions, trips and expeditions. An optional residential abroad will be part of the programme in the second year of study.

Opportunities will be given to complete several National Governing Body (NGB) Outdoor Leaders and Instructor qualifications over the duration of the course. This will be tailored to your interests and NGB availability during the two-year course.

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. You must have enthusiasm to participate in the activities offered throughout the course with a can do, positive attitude.

Teaching & Assessment

We have access to amazing resources to include our Outdoor Activity Centre at Cannington, and our position in Taunton gives us access to natural landscapes such as the Quantock Hills, Exmoor, Dartmoor, Wimbleball Lake and the coast.

Assessment is through a variety of coursework-based methods including observations, practical assessments, presentations, case studies, assignments and synoptic assessment.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you may choose to progress into Higher Education or directly to employment as an Outdoor Activities Instructor. You could also work as an Activities Instructor at a variety of outdoor pursuit centres and providers in the UK or abroad and be able to instruct at specialised outdoor centres.

Apprenticeships

Do you dream of working in the sport or leisure industry as a Fitness Instructor, Swim Teacher, Personal Trainer, Leisure Manager, Coach or Community Sport and Health Officer?

Maybe you'd prefer to deliver physical activity in schools or with private coaching companies, coaching football, multi-skills or gymnastics, or work within a large hotel or activity/outdoor centre.

Our Apprenticeships are designed to prepare you for this dynamic sector and often employers offer additional qualifications such as first aid, swim teacher, lifeguard and a variety of Level 2 coaching courses alongside your main studies.

Most students progress through the Levels, from Level 2, 3 and 4, then you could progress on to the College's Degree in Sports Science with Sports Coaching Education. Over 90% of our Apprentices accept full-time employment with their employer on completing their Apprenticeship.

Please visit page 68 to find out how to apply and secure an Apprenticeship, or call 01278 441234 for more information.

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Uniformed Protective Services

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 emergency services or save people from natural disasters as part of the rescue services.



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POSSIBLE CAREERS

Police Officer

Emergency Services Call
Handler or Dispatcher

Royal Navy/Army/Royal Air
Force/Royal Marines (range
of commissioned and non-
commissioned roles)

Coastguard

Border Force Officer

Prison Service

*Emsi Analytics 2020



“I enjoy the outdoor activities that make up part of my course and have pushed myself. I now feel more confident to take the initiative and would advise others to grab all the opportunities College offers.”

Reece Hollingsworth | Level 3 Extended
Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services
West Somerset College

Level 1 Certificate in Sport, Outdoor Education & Protective Services

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course will appeal to those who enjoy learning in a practical environment and wish to study a course specifically focussed on sport, outdoor education and protective services. It is designed to give you a taster of the three career pathways by developing these transferable skills and basic knowledge before progressing onto a selected Level 2 route.

To achieve the Level 1 qualification, you will study a selection of units which may include:

- Principles of anatomy and physiology
- Principles of active, healthy living
- Exploring personal health and fitness
- Planning and delivery of sport/physical activity
- Employability in the active leisure sector

Alongside the main qualification, you will participate in our exciting BTC Advantage programme. You will undertake numerous enrichment activities and sessions that aim to develop confidence, build social skills and develop you as an individual, so that you will realise your own potential into progressing into further study.

Some of these activities may include:

- Introduction to expedition skills
- Practical teamwork
- Working as a volunteer in the community
- Outdoor activities like coasteering, archery and kayaking
- First aid

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, outdoor activities or public services and a positive attitude to learning.

Teaching & Assessment

There are amazing opportunities to take part in sporting tournaments and you can volunteer in the local community on fun projects. With your tutor's support, volunteering work is designed to develop your confidence and communication skills.

Assessment takes place throughout the course and includes projects, practical demonstrations or assignments and a portfolio of evidence.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This course aims to prepare you to progress on to a Level 2 qualification in either sport, outdoor education or protective services.



The College was recommended to me and even though it's a long bus journey, it's worth it.

My tutors are great and I've made some good friends. I also joined Team BTC to play rugby, so have met students from across other courses and love that I can carry on playing competitively.

I enjoy the outdoor activities that make up part of my course and have pushed myself. I now feel more confident to take the initiative and would advise others to grab all the opportunities College offers.

Reece Hollingsworth | Level 3
Extended Diploma in Uniformed
Protective Services
West Somerset College

MORE CONFIDENT



Level 2 Diploma in Military Preparation

TAUNTON

This course is designed to prepare you physically and mentally to embark on a military career. It is suitable for those who have applied or are considering applying for a military career through an Armed Forces Careers Office. This 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

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 try.

Several public and emergency services organisations require applicants to be clear of certain medical conditions. Therefore, please check the specific role you are interested in before considering this career path.

Assessment

The course is based on continual assessment with each of the units being graded. The assessments will vary from individual written work to group presentations and practical work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you will have reached the fitness levels and standards required to pass entry tests for any service. Alternatively, you may choose to progress to a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services or an alternative Level 3 qualification at BTC.



Level 2 Diploma in Preparation for Public Services

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This course is designed for those seriously considering employment within a uniformed public or emergency service, such as the police, ambulance and paramedic services, Royal Navy, fire service, Royal Air Force, prison service or HM Customs. This programme also works closely with our 999 Academy to give you the opportunity to work alongside a range of emergency services in the South West of England and gain vital work experience skills.

Close links with potential employers are an additional feature of the programme as well as participation in various team competitions. The programme is divided into units of study delivered over a one-year period in a trimester format.

To achieve the Diploma, you must successfully complete all units, which may include:

- Public service skills and support for the community
- Employment in uniformed public services
- Health and fitness for entry into the uniformed public services
- Activities and teamwork for the public services
- Expedition and land navigation skills
- Attending emergency incidents in the public services
- Security procedures in the public services

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 try.

Several public and emergency services organisations require applicants to be clear of certain medical conditions. Therefore, please check the specific role you are interested in before considering this career path.

Teaching & Assessment

Work experience is an important element of the course, allowing you to sample the full range of employment opportunities in the armed and emergency services. Previous students visited military establishments like 40 Commando, the

police headquarters at Portishead and Exeter Prison. There is also the chance to join the week-long British Army 'Look at Life' course to gain valuable experience and a thorough understanding of life in the public services.

You will be monitored and assessed throughout the course to ensure you achieve as high a level as possible. Assessment is continuous throughout the course and methods include written work, presentations, evidence logbooks and practical work.

Progression & Career Opportunities

On successful completion, you may progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services or another relevant Level 2 or 3 qualification. Alternatively, you may choose to seek employment in a wide range of related occupations.



Level 3 Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services

BRIDGWATER | TAUNTON

This advanced level programme has been specifically designed as interactive preparation for those interested in pursuing a career within a public or emergency service, such as the police, ambulance and paramedic services, Royal Navy, fire service, Royal Air Force, prison service or HM Customs. This programme also works closely with our 999 Academy to give 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:

- Citizenship and diversity
- Behaviour and discipline in the uniformed protective services
- Physical preparation, health and wellbeing
- Teamwork, leadership and communication in the uniformed protective services
- Skills for outdoor adventurous activities in the uniformed protective services
- Introduction to criminology
- Planning and responding to emergency incidents
- Expedition skills

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. Previous students have visited military establishments like 40 Commando, the police and fire headquarters at Portishead and Exeter Prison. There is also the chance to join the week-long British Army 'Look at Life' course to gain valuable experience and a thorough understanding of life in the public services.

Assessment methods within the academic units include two externally set exams taken over the two years. You are also judged through internal/synoptic assessments in the form of written assignments, presentations, practical assessments and topical case studies. Successful assessments will be graded at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Progression & Career Opportunities

This course reflects the shift towards increased graduate employment in the sector, for example in the police services. The variety of subject areas within the programme provides a qualification that can be applied in a range of employment, both in and outside of the protective services sector. Alternatively, on successful completion you may choose to progress to a Foundation Degree in Public Service with Criminology, which is offered at University Centre Somerset in Taunton.



Our offer

	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington
A Levels		✓	
International Baccalaureate	✓		

T LEVELS

Health & Social Care	L2		
Health (Nursing)	L3		
Education & Childcare	L2/L3	L2	
Management & Administration (Business Improvement)		L3	
Management & Administration (Leadership/Management)		L3	
Finance & Accounting		L3	
Digital & Computing	L2	L2	
Digital: Software Development	L3		
Digital: Data Management	L3		
Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction	L3		
Building Services Engineering for Construction	L3		
Onsite Construction	L3		
Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control		L3	

AGRICULTURE

Land-based Studies (Agriculture & Land)			L1
Agriculture			L2/L3
Apprenticeships			

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

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

APPLIED SCIENCE

Applied Science		L3	
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ARBORICULTURE

Forestry & Arboriculture			L2/L3
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AUTOMOTIVE

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

	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington
BARBERING			
Barbering	L2/L3	L2/L3	

BEAUTY THERAPY

Introduction to the Hairdressing & Beauty Sector	L1	L1	
Beauty Therapy Services	L2	L2	
Beauty Therapy Techniques	L3		
Hair & Media Make-up		L2	
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3	

BUSINESS & EVENTS MANAGEMENT

Business & Events Management		L2	
Fashion Business & Retail		L3	
Management & Administration (Business Improvement) - T Level		L3	
Management & Administration (Leadership/Management) - T Level		L3	
Finance & Accounting - T Level		L3	
Apprenticeships			

CATERING & HOSPITALITY

Introduction to Culinary Skills		✓	
Introduction to the Hospitality Industry	L1		
Professional Cookery	L2/L3		
Apprenticeships			

CLEAN ENERGY

Engineering (Nuclear)			L3
Pathway to Clean Energy			L3
Apprenticeships			

COMPUTING & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Computing & Digital Industries		L1/L2/L3	
Digital & Computing - T Level Transition	L2	L2	
Digital: Software Development - T Level	L3		
Digital: Data Management - T Level	L3		
Apprenticeships			

CONSTRUCTION

Brickwork		L1	
Bricklaying		L1	
Carpentry & Joinery	L1/L2/L3	L1/L2	
Electrical Installation		L1/L2/L3	
Painting & Decorating	L1/L2		
Plumbing	L1/L2	L1/L2	
Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction - T Level	L3		
Building Services Engineering for Construction - T Level	L3		
Onsite Construction - T Level	L3		
Apprenticeships			

Our offer

	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington
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COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

Countryside Studies			L2
Countryside Management			L3
Apprenticeships			

CREATIVE ARTS

Creative Arts	L1	L1	
Art & Design		L2/L3	
Visual Arts & Media	L2		
Media		L2	
Art & Design (Design & Image or Art & Fashion/ Textiles)	L3		
Creative Media (Film & TV)	L3		
Commercial Media Production		L3	
Commercial Music		L2	
Music Technology & Performance		L3	
Fashion Business & Retail		L3	
Hair & Media Make-up		L2	
Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up		L3	
Performing & Production Arts		L2	
Performing Arts Practice (Performing Arts/Dance)		L3	
Production Arts & Live Events		L3	
Apprenticeships			

EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION

Health, Social Care & Early Years	L1	L1	
Childcare & Education		L3	
Education & Childcare - T Level/ Transition	L2/L3	L2	
Apprenticeships			

ENGINEERING

Engineering		L2	
Aerospace Engineering		L3	
Electrical & Electronic Engineering		L3	
Manufacturing Engineering	L3	L3	
Welding & Fabrication		L3	
Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing & Control - T Level		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			

	Taunton	Bridgwater	Cannington
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FOUNDATION STUDIES

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

HAIRDRESSING

Introduction to the Hairdressing & Beauty Sector	L1	L1	
Woman's Hairdressing	L2/L3	L2/L3	
Hair & Media Make-up		L2	

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Health, Social Care & Early Years	L1	L1	
Health & Social Care		L2/L3	
Health & Social Care - T Level Transition	L2		
Health (Nursing) - T Level	L3		
Apprenticeships			

HORTICULTURE

Horticulture			L2/L3
Apprenticeships			

SPORTS, COACHING & EXERCISE HEALTH

Sport, Outdoor Education & Uniformed Protective Services	L1	L1	
Sport	L2	L2	
Health & Fitness		L2	
Personal Training		L3	
Sports Coaching & Development	L3	L3	
Sport & Exercise Science		L3	
Sport & Physical Activity - Outdoors	L3		
Apprenticeships			

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Sport, Outdoor Education & Uniformed Protective Services	L1	L1	
Military Preparation	L2		
Preparation for Public Services	L2	L2	
Uniformed Protective Services	L3	L3	

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

Legal name _____ Preferred name _____

Date of birth Legal sex ☐ Male ☐ Female Preferred gender ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non binary

Address _____

Postcode _____

Home tel _____ Mobile tel _____

Name of current or previous school or college and year of leaving _____

When you have made your application, we would like to contact you by email. Please enter your email address and check your emails on a regular basis.

Personal email _____

School email _____

Nationality _____

Is English your first language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you been a resident in the UK for the last three years, not solely for study purpose? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, please enter the date you entered the UK

COURSE DETAILS

Which course(s)/apprenticeship are you applying for? Please refer to the prospectus for title.

If your first choice is an Apprenticeship, please apply for a full-time study programme as your second choice.

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

If you are applying for A Levels or the International Baccalaureate (IB), please state the subjects you are interested in.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 (IB only) _____

If applying for an Apprenticeship, have you found an employer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what is the company or your employer's name? _____

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

Where would you like to study?

☐ Bridgwater campus ☐ Taunton campus ☐ Cannington campus

Are you currently a full-time student at Bridgwater & Taunton College? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If still at school, are you currently attending a programme at College? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Tel Email

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

CONTACT PERMISSION

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Please let us know if you would like us to contact you or not by selecting one of the following options:

☐ Yes please, I'd love to hear from you. ☐ No thanks, I don't want to hear about offers and services

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www.gov.uk/government/publications/learning-records-service-the-plr-for-learners-and-parents

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Somerset TA1 5AX

Cannington Campus

Rodway Farm, Cannington
Somerset TA5 2LS

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EVENTS

We're excited to welcome you to our campuses, however in light of Covid-19, please check our website for updates or changes to the proposed schedule. Better still, register at www.btc.ac.uk/events for our events and we'll send any updates straight to your inbox.

Registration is essential!
Please visit
www.btc.ac.uk

GUIDED TOURS

Bridgwater campus

Tuesday 12 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 19 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 9 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

Taunton campus

Wednesday 13 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 18 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 8 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

Cannington campus

Saturday 13 November 2021	10am - 1pm
Saturday 22 January 2022	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 27 April 2022	5.30pm - 7pm

ONLINE Q&AS

Tuesday 19 October 2021	6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 17 November 2021	6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 26 January 2022	6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 15 June 2022	6pm - 7pm

APPRENTICESHIP JOBS FAIR

Bridgwater campus

Thursday 17 February 2022	6pm - 8pm
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TASTERS

Bridgwater & Cannington campuses

Wednesday 6 October 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Thursday 11 November 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Wednesday 1 December 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Thursday 24 February 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 15 June 2022	9.45am - 2pm

Taunton campus

Wednesday 10 November 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Wednesday 23 February 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 16 June 2022	9.30am - 2pm

