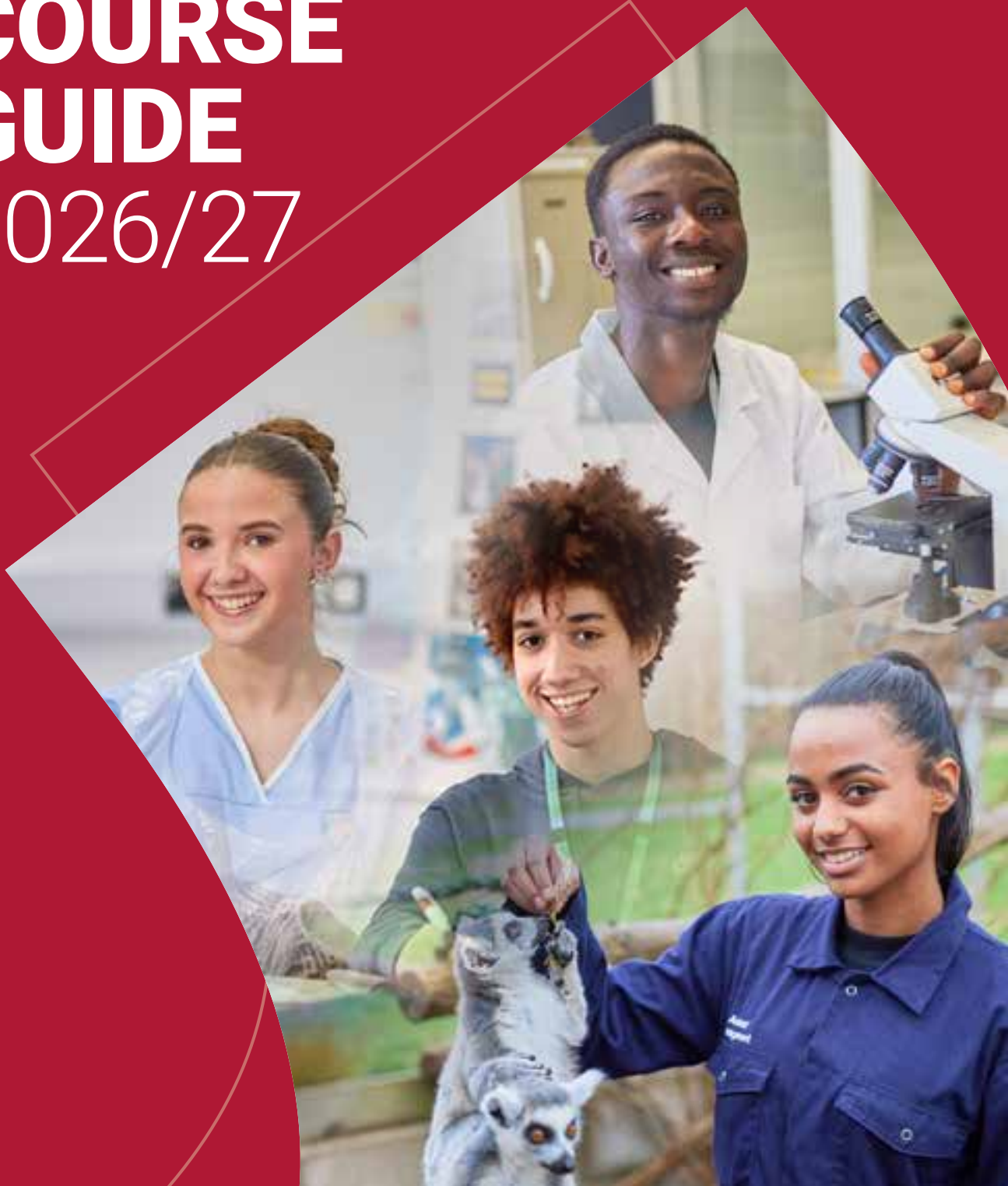


UCS
COLLEGE GROUP

COURSE GUIDE 2026/27



TRANSFORMING LIVES



WELCOME

As Chief Executive Officer of UCS College Group, I’m proud to lead a bold and ambitious organisation made up of four well-established and respected colleges: Bridgwater, Cannington, Strode, Taunton and University Centre Somerset.

Together, we form one of the South West’s largest and most forward-thinking education groups. Our shared mission is simple: to transform lives through learning.

This course guide is your starting point to explore the wide range of subjects and pathways available across our colleges. Whether you’re interested in A Levels, T Levels, vocational and professional training or an apprenticeship, you’ll find high-quality options designed to help you reach your goals.

We believe in unlocking potential, raising aspirations, and helping every learner succeed. We’ll support, challenge, and encourage you every step of the way.

I hope this guide inspires you, but don’t just take my word for it. Come and see for yourself. Explore the fantastic options available to you at one of our open events.

Andy Berry, CBE

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
UCS College Group



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INTRODUCING... UCS COLLEGE GROUP

UCS College Group is a new partnership between five respected education providers: Bridgwater College, Cannington College, Strode College, Taunton College, and University Centre Somerset.

By joining forces, we've created one of the South West's most inspiring and future-driven education groups, combining specialist skills, amazing facilities, and strong industry connections to give you the very best start.

Each college is still part of its local community, offering high-quality courses, dedicated staff, and the friendly environments you know. What's new is the power of our partnership, working together to open up more opportunities than ever before.

As a student, you'll have access to:

- more choice of courses, pathways, and progression routes
- support networks that help you achieve your ambitions
- specialist facilities across all colleges to enhance your learning
- a curriculum shaped by real industry needs, preparing you for the jobs of the future
- stronger industry links with local, national, and international employers.

This means more ways to build your skills, gain experience, and step confidently into university, an apprenticeship, or employment.

UCS College Group isn't just here for students, we're here for Somerset as a whole.

Together, we are:

- supporting lifelong learning for people of all ages
- creating opportunities in towns and rural areas across the county
- working closely with employers to strengthen the local economy
- helping businesses access the skills and talent they need to grow.

This is more than a new name, it's a promise to work together, think bigger, and deliver for every learner, every business, and every community we serve.



ONE GROUP... YOUR COLLEGES

Together, Bridgwater, Cannington, Strode and Taunton colleges are united as UCS College Group. You will receive more choice, more opportunity, and more support than ever before. Scan the QR codes to find out more about each college.



Scan here for more information about Bridgwater College



Scan here for more information about Cannington College



Scan here for more information about Strode College



Scan here for more information about Taunton College



IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES

At UCS College Group, our facilities are built to inspire, challenge, and prepare you for life beyond college. We've invested millions to ensure every workshop, studio, lab, and specialist centre matches and often exceeds real-world industry standards. When you step into our learning environments, you're stepping straight into your future career.

Our dedicated A Level study areas are purpose-built to help you thrive in this challenging and rewarding programme. Bright, spacious, and designed with students in mind, they strike the perfect balance between quiet zones for focused study and open spaces for collaboration. Alongside these, you'll have access to specialist classrooms, fully equipped science labs, and advanced computer suites that bring your subjects to life, ensuring you develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence to excel in your chosen pathway.

If you're passionate about engineering, construction or automotive, you'll train in industry-leading spaces like our £7.5 million Advanced Engineering Centre, Energy Skills Centre, and Construction and Civil Engineering Centres. You could be mastering CAD/CAM design, welding in our state-of-the-art Welding Centre of Excellence, diagnosing faults on electric and hybrid vehicles, or developing skills in plumbing, carpentry, bricklaying, painting and decorating or electrical installation, all in professional-standard workshops.

Health and social care students train in our fully equipped nursing wards, realistic hospital environments where you'll practise patient care using the same equipment found in the sector. Our Early Years facilities also provide specialist spaces for working with children, from nursery settings to primary classrooms, ensuring you graduate with genuine, hands-on experience.

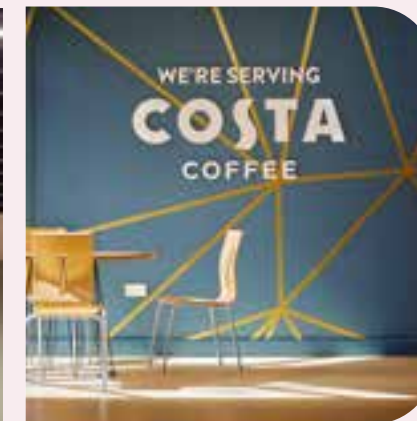
If creativity drives you, you'll learn in spaces that rival professional venues, from industry-standard recording studios and Mac suites to TV studios with green screens, dance and drama studios, and the county-renowned McMillan Theatre and Strode Theatre. You can perform, produce, or run live events and gain the technical and creative skills to take your talent to the next level.

Sports enthusiasts benefit from extensive indoor and outdoor facilities, including gyms, sports halls, and 3G pitches, perfect for training, competition, and personal fitness. If food and hospitality are your passion, our professional kitchens and the Quantock Restaurant give you the chance to create and serve dishes for paying customers, refining your skills in a real working environment.

Land-based students have access to some of the most impressive specialist facilities

in the South West. Cannington College features a 200-hectare working farm, a fully equipped equestrian centre, the world-class National College for Nuclear with VR simulation and reactor training, and an animal management centre housing everything from meerkats and primates to alpacas and exotic reptiles. You'll also develop practical skills in authentic outdoor environments, including historic walled gardens, countryside estates, and woodland areas used for environmental and land management training.

Every UCS College Group facility is more than just a place to learn, it's where you live your future career. You'll work with the same tools, technology, and standards used by professionals, gain practical experience that employers value, and graduate ready to succeed. Wherever your ambition lies, we've created the spaces, invested in the equipment, and built the opportunities to make it happen.



ENRICHMENT

At UCS College Group, we believe your time at college should be about more than just gaining a qualification. It's about discovering new passions, developing life skills, and building the confidence to thrive in any path you choose. Our enrichment programme offers a wide range of opportunities designed to broaden your horizons, boost your wellbeing, and help you stand out from the crowd.

Whether you're into sport, music, creative arts, volunteering or social causes, you'll find something to inspire you. From sports teams that test your physical limits to clubs and societies for every interest, including gaming clubs, chess, LGBTQ+ and more. You can explore what you love and try something completely new.

Our students regularly take the lead in organising charity events and awareness campaigns, raising thousands for causes close to their hearts through our annual Raise and Give (RAG) events.

We also offer exceptional personal development opportunities, from the

internationally recognised Duke of Edinburgh Award to our vibrant Students' Union, which gives you a voice in shaping college life. Our Academies enable you to develop specialist skills alongside your studies. Whether that's performing arts workshops in the West End, coaching sport in underprivileged townships in South Africa, or taking part in community health projects in Vietnam, these will give you unforgettable experiences beyond the classroom.

Your wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do, with dedicated support through our Wellbeing Team, Counselling Service, and Lifestyle programme based on the five ways to wellbeing. We also provide inclusive multi-faith spaces, celebrate diversity, and uphold our commitment to equality for every member of our community.

At UCS College Group, enrichment is not an add-on, it's a vital part of your journey with us, helping you grow, connect, and achieve your full potential.



SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNING

Starting college can feel very different from school, but at UCS College Group we make sure you have the right support from day one. Every student is assigned a Personal Tutor, who will support you throughout your course and be your first point of contact for guidance and advice.

Our Additional Learning Support (ALS) team is here for any student who needs extra help with their studies, whether that's developing study skills, using assistive technology, taking part in small group workshops, or receiving one-to-one guidance.

If finances are a concern, we offer bursaries to help with the cost of travel, meals, equipment, trips and other essentials. We also provide scholarships for students with exceptional talent in areas such as sport, performing arts, land-based studies or academic achievement, to recognise and reward your potential.

Planning your next steps is made easier with our expert Careers team. They can help with university applications, personal statements, CV writing, interview preparation, and job searches, as well as connecting you to apprenticeship opportunities. Whether you're aiming for higher education, skilled employment or a specialist career, we'll guide you every step of the way.

Your wellbeing is also a top priority. Our dedicated Wellbeing team offers a safe and confidential space to talk. We also offer mentoring sessions and referrals to professional services when needed. They can connect you to clubs, societies and enrichment activities. As well as specialist support groups to help you to make the most of your college experience.

At UCS College Group, we're committed to helping you succeed, giving you the tools, guidance and confidence to achieve your goals to prepare for the future.



UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE

The UCS College Group Advantage is our promise to help every student go further, achieve more and feel ready for whatever comes next. Built around seven key areas: Excellence in Action, Leadership and Management, Career Readiness, Growth Mindset and Resilience, Personal Empowerment and Wellbeing, Digital

Confidence, and Global Citizenship and Sustainability. It gives you the tools, experiences, and mindset to succeed. By developing these qualities alongside your course, you'll not only gain a recognised qualification, but also the confidence, skills, and resilience to thrive in higher education, the workplace, and the wider world.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

- I strive for high standards in all areas of learning
- I reflect on my progress and use feedback to grow
- I have volunteered, supported fundraising initiatives, or contributed to my community.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- I can manage my time, meet deadlines, and prioritise effectively
- I take ownership of my success, understanding what is required to achieve on my course
- I show initiative, and demonstrate a positive, solutions-focused approach to learning.

CAREER READINESS

- I have used career planning tools to explore my future options
- I have taken part in events and activities linked to my chosen career
- I've developed a career plan in discussion with my tutor or careers adviser.

GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE

- I step out of my comfort zone to solve problems and manage pressure effectively
- I communicate clearly, thinking critically, and apply numeracy with confidence
- I am self-confident, adaptable and resilient.

PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

- I know how to look after my own social, emotional, financial, and mental health
- I know how to stay safe and healthy, both offline and online
- I know what to do if I am concerned about the safety or wellbeing of others.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY

- I understand and uphold British Values
- I act independently and responsibly
- I am aware of climate change, global challenges, and I contribute to positive change.

DIGITALLY CONFIDENT

- I know how to develop and apply my digital knowledge
- I use a wide range of digital tools to support my learning
- I understand the benefits and risks of AI and how to use it responsibly.

RESULTS

Students across UCS College Group celebrated another year of exceptional achievements across A Levels, T Levels, and technical/professional qualifications.

This year's success was about more than impressive grades and high pass rates, it was also about how our students leave us ready for the real world. Through industry-focused learning, hands-on experience, and strong personal support, they developed the skills, confidence, and resilience to thrive in whatever comes next. Whether progressing to university, starting an apprenticeship, or stepping into skilled employment, they are prepared not just as learners, but as well-rounded individuals ready to make a difference.

A Level students once again performed above the national average, with many subjects achieving 100% pass rates. T Level learners excelled too, with standout performances in Construction - Design, Surveying and Planning, Education and Early Years, Accounting, and Digital. All

combining academic excellence with substantial industry placements. Technical and professional students achieved outstanding pass rates and high grades, leaving them career-ready with practical expertise and industry connections.

Andy Berry, CEO of UCS College Group, said, "I am incredibly proud of our students, not just for their academic success, but for the people they have become. They leave us with the qualifications, skills, and experiences they need to excel in the next stage of their journey, and the confidence to contribute positively to their communities and workplaces."

Louise Rowley, Executive Principal of UCS College Group, added, "These results highlight the exceptional talent, dedication, and ambition of our learners. We've prepared them for so much more than an exam, they have the real-world skills, mindset, and resilience to succeed in higher education, in their careers, and in life."



CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

Deciding what to do after your GCSEs can feel like a big decision. With so many options and subjects to choose from, it can be hard to know where to start.

At UCS College Group, we understand this. That's why we offer one of the widest ranges of courses in the region, designed to suit all interests, learning styles, and career goals. We're confident you'll find a course that's right for you. It is important you choose the pathway that suits your learning style and the level at which you are working.

WHAT IS A PATHWAY?

A pathway is the route you take after school, designed to match your interests, skills and career goals. Each one offers different opportunities, and whichever you choose, it can lead to university or a higher-level course in your chosen subject area. Giving you the skills and knowledge to progress.

UCS College Group offers four pathways for you to study: A Levels, T Levels, Technical/Professional (vocational/BTEC) and Apprenticeships.

Each pathway is different. When choosing which one is right for you, you should think about your learning style, subjects you enjoy and what you'd like to do in the future.

A Levels

A Levels are a popular academic option, especially for students aiming for university. You'll choose three subjects and study them in depth. Many students also complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which allows you to explore a topic of your choice in detail, develop independent research skills, and strengthen your university applications. If you enjoy classroom learning and want to keep your options open for university or higher-level study, A Levels could be the right pathway for you.

T Levels

T Levels are equivalent to three A Levels and designed with employers. You'll spend time in the classroom and on a major industry placement. T Levels are a great choice if you want a mix of academic and practical learning that can lead to university, skilled work, or higher apprenticeships.

Technical/Professional Qualifications

These courses are career-focused and practical. You'll study in real-world settings like workshops, kitchens, salons or stables. A work placement is included, helping you build experience and confidence. This route prepares you for skilled employment, further training or university-level study.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are practical and hands-on. You'll learn on the job while earning a wage. You'll work with an employer most of the week and study at college for one or two days. It's a great way to gain skills, experience and qualifications in a real working environment.



WHAT LEVEL SHOULD I STUDY?

What's the difference between entry level, level 1, level 2 and level 3?

At college, courses are grouped into different levels, and the level that's right for you depends on the GCSE grades you achieve, how confident you feel with learning and if you have any previous experience. Here's a breakdown:

Entry Level

- This is the starting point if you need extra support with learning or didn't achieve any GCSEs
- Entry Level helps you build confidence, improve your English and maths, and get used to college life
- You'll learn practical skills to help you take your next step.

You might choose if you need help getting ready for a full-time Level 1 course.

Level 1

- Equivalent to GCSEs at grades 1–3
- Great if you need to boost your basic skills and knowledge in a subject
- Often includes functional skills in English and maths (if you didn't pass these at school)..

You might choose if you didn't achieve any GCSEs at grade 4 or above, but you're ready to start a career-focused course.

Level 2

- Equivalent to GCSEs at grades 4–9
- Builds on what you learned in school, with more focus on practical and job-related skills
- A good stepping stone for progressing to a Level 3 course.

You might choose if you achieved some grade 4s at GCSE, but not quite enough to go straight onto a Level 3 course.

Level 3

- Equivalent to A Levels
- This is a more advanced level that can lead to university, higher apprenticeships, or skilled employment
- You'll go into more depth and study more independently.

You might choose if you've got five or more GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths.

Please note, the above is a guide and each course has individual entry requirements.

If you are looking to start a trade and have no prior experience, you will need to start on a Level 1 course. This is because you will need to build the foundations of the industry. This is not about grades. It's about industry knowledge and skills.



HOW DO I APPLY?

Once you have researched and chosen which subject or career path you wish to follow, all you need to do is apply. It's very straightforward, follow our guide and you'll be here 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 address you provide on your application form is one you check regularly (preferably your personal email, not your school email). It is very important to let us know if your contact details change.

1 Applying

Leave yourself plenty of time to fill in the application form. We will encourage you to submit your application online, but if you are unable to do so, please contact us for a paper copy. If you're not sure which course is right for you or would like to start an Apprenticeship, you can apply for more than one course.

Please note, you will need to have secured an employer in order to start an Apprenticeship. If you do apply for an Apprenticeship, we require you to add a full-time course to your application as a backup.

If you need help filling in the form, please ask your careers teacher or contact the Information & Advice team, call 01278 441234 or email info@ucscollegegroup.ac.uk.

TOP TIP

If you apply for an Apprenticeship, also apply for a full-time course as a backup.

2 The interview

Once we've received your application, you'll be invited to an interview via email. The important thing to say is relax. Our staff want to see the real you, so don't feel as if you should be anything other than yourself.

You may be asked to bring along, submit or prepare something such as a portfolio of work or an audition piece to support your interview. This will be noted in the email you receive inviting you for an interview.

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, we can discuss this at the interview.

Please make sure you confirm your attendance by selecting the relevant button in the email you are sent and please ensure you are available for the whole period of your scheduled interview.

Most interviews will be conducted by telephone. Please ensure you will have full signal and are in a quiet space. You also may be called via a withheld number.

TOP TIP

Ask questions. It is important you make the right choice. No question is a silly question!

3 Offers

Soon after your interview, we'll email you with an offer of a place, if you are successful. Secure your place on your chosen course by either responding to your email or by calling us to accept your offer. After receiving your offer, please let us know if you accept your place either by responding to the email or calling us.

If you're offered a place during your interview, you can say that you'd like to accept it then and there. Once you're happy your place is secured, it's back to the revision in preparation for your GCSEs. We'll be thinking of you and wish you the very best of luck.

TOP TIP

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

4 Enrolment

Look out for your invitation to enrol. This is when you officially become a UCS College Group 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!

TOP TIP

Keep checking your emails and get in touch if your email address has changed.

5 Welcome day

You'll be invited to a welcome day. This is a chance to make new friends, meet your course tutor, experience the college atmosphere and see where you'll be studying.

TOP TIP

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

6 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 on 01278 441234. There'll be lots of alternatives for you to choose from and you'll still have the chance to study with us.



A LEVELS

HABEEB

“My goal is to become a doctor. Working on practical challenges with like-minded students has strengthened my teamwork and communication skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

85% of UK university applicants held A Level qualifications in 2023



A LEVELS offer a rigorous and in-depth academic pathway for students seeking to advance their education. With the flexibility to specialise in subjects aligned to your strengths and aspirations, A Levels promote intellectual curiosity, independent study, and analytical thinking. This qualification equips you with the skills and knowledge required for progression to university or a diverse range of professional careers. Ideal for motivated learners, A Levels provide the foundation for academic excellence and future success.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO STUDY A LEVELS?

A Levels are academically challenging, intellectually rewarding, and designed to push your thinking further. You'll explore subjects in greater depth, develop advanced skills for university and beyond, and take real ownership of your learning. You'll thrive if you are...

AN INDEPENDENT LEARNER – You take initiative, manage your time effectively, and go beyond what's taught in class.

ANALYTICAL – You're able to gather information, interpret data, and draw meaningful conclusions.

A CRITICAL THINKER – You enjoy analysing ideas, questioning assumptions, and building well-reasoned arguments.

WELL ORGANISED – You can prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, and balance multiple subjects.

A CONFIDENT COMMUNICATOR – You can express yourself clearly in writing, discussions, and presentations.

RESILIENT AND MOTIVATED
You stay focused, overcome setbacks, and keep striving for success.

A PROBLEM SOLVER – You like applying your knowledge to new or complex situations.

PRACTICALLY MINDED
In creative or scientific subjects, you're confident using tools, materials, or equipment.

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A Level study is enriched by experiences that deepen knowledge, ignite interest, and connect classroom learning to both national and global contexts. These opportunities inspire academic growth and broaden horizons. Highlights include:

- Biodiversity and conservation studies in Costa Rica
- Volcanic landscapes explored in the Bay of Naples, Italy
- Cultural and technical insights at Hinds College, Mississippi, USA
- Behind-the-scenes visits to the Houses of Parliament and Supreme Court, London
- Science and sustainability at Hinkley Point C and Steart Marshes
- Criminology in action at Shepton Mallet Prison
- Explore degree-level study and campus life through subject-focused visits to the University of Exeter and University of South Wales
- Career planning at Ashton Gate Apprenticeship and University Fair
- Urban geography fieldwork around Bristol Harbourside.

Students also benefit from a wide range of talks, workshops, and collaborations with academic experts and industry professionals, including:

- Dr Chris Spencer, Geography Department, UWE
- Professor Maria Scott, Modern Foreign Languages, University of Exeter
- CSI Simon Wedgwood, South West Forensics / Avon and Somerset Police
- Caroline Stone, Somerset NHS Trust
- Dr Megan Rowley, Clinical Psychologist, NHS
- Dr Scott Kerpen, Bath Spa University
- Graeme Ryan, Poet and Playwright
- Sarah Taylor, Promise Works Charity
- Representatives from the UK Space Agency
- Somerset Archives and Local Studies
- Holocaust Educational Trust.

Russell Group
universities
see A Levels as top
academic indicators

HADLEY

formerly of Brymore School

“My A Levels are a stepping stone to university and my dream of becoming a published author. I’ve already had a poem published after winning a competition! The Extended Project Qualification has been invaluable, teaching me research and referencing skills crucial for higher study, and teachers are really supportive in helping me reach my goals.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

WHERE COULD A LEVELS TAKE YOU?

Our A Level students have progressed to incredible destinations, from competitive degree courses to global careers and prestigious apprenticeships. Whether it’s science, law, languages or aviation, they’re putting their knowledge into practice and making their mark. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Medicine student at Liverpool University
- Pilot Training Programme with British Airways
- EFL Teacher at Strasbourg University
- PhD in Bioengineering, Imperial College London
- Paralegal at Irwin Mitchell, Bristol
- Senior Test Development Engineer, Cambridge Mechatronics Ltd
- Master of Chemistry at University of Edinburgh
- Business Administration Degree Apprentice
- Law Degree Apprentice at Higos.





ANNA
formerly of Huish Episcopi School

“A Levels allow me to specialise in subjects for my aerospace engineering career. Being given an iPad and Apple Pencil, along with practical workshop learning and opportunities like becoming a Student Digital Ambassador, means I’m developing skills in an organised, hands-on, and future-focused way.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
DIGITALLY CONFIDENT

The name
“A Level” stands for
Advanced Level

A LEVEL COMBINATIONS TO SUPPORT YOUR FUTURE CAREER

Choosing which subjects you should study at A Level can be difficult, but if there is a specific career path you wish to follow our suggestions below may support your decision making.

Please note these are only guidelines. Subject to timetabling you will choose a combination of three A Level subjects.

MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY SCIENCE (DOCTOR, SURGEON, DENTIST, VET, MEDICAL RESEARCHER)

- A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and either Maths or Physics (sometimes Psychology)
- Why: Most medical schools require Biology and Chemistry as a minimum.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE / BIOCHEMISTRY / LIFE SCIENCES (BIOMEDICAL SCIENTIST, LAB TECHNICIAN, GENETICIST, BIOCHEMIST)

- A Level Subjects: Biology, Chemistry and either Maths or Psychology
- Why: A strong science base is needed; some universities may require Maths.

MATHEMATICS / DATA SCIENCE / ACTUARIAL SCIENCE (MATHEMATICIAN, DATA ANALYST, STATISTICIAN, ACTUARY)

- A Level Subjects: Maths, Further Maths and either Physics, Computer Science, or Economics
- Why: A strong mathematical grounding is essential; Further Maths is highly valued.

GEOGRAPHY / ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE / EARTH SCIENCES (ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, GEOLOGIST, TOWN PLANNER, CLIMATE SCIENTIST)

- A Level Subjects: Geography, Biology or Chemistry and either Maths or Environmental Science
- Why: Science and analytical thinking are essential in environmental or earth-related degrees.

ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL / CIVIL ENGINEER (VARIOUS FIELDS), ARCHITECT (WITH DT), PRODUCT DESIGNER)

- A Level Subjects: Maths, Physics and either Chemistry, Further Maths, or Design Technology
- Why: Maths and Physics are essential for the majority of engineering degrees.

PSYCHOLOGY / NEUROSCIENCE (PSYCHOLOGIST, COUNSELLOR, NEUROSCIENTIST, MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER)

- A Level Subjects: Psychology, Biology and either Chemistry, Maths or Sociology
- Why: Psychology often requires scientific literacy and statistics knowledge.

ENGLISH / JOURNALISM / CREATIVE WRITING (JOURNALIST, EDITOR, AUTHOR, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER)

- A Level Subjects: English Literature, English Language and either History, Media Studies or Sociology
- Why: Strong focus on written and verbal communication is key.

PARAMEDIC SCIENCE / EMERGENCY CARE (PARAMEDIC, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT), AMBULANCE CARE ASSISTANT, SEARCH AND RESCUE MEDIC)

- A Level Subjects: Biology, Psychology or PE and either Chemistry, Sociology, or Health & Social Care
- Why: Biology is essential for understanding the human body; Psychology and PE support knowledge of health, fitness, and mental health.





EMILY
formerly of Crispin School

“I find Biology fascinating, and I’ve loved being able to really focus on it at college. The practicals are great fun, and my class is such a supportive environment. I also enjoy the independence here and the high-quality teaching, which has helped me grow in confidence and knowledge.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**



ECONOMICS / FINANCE / BUSINESS (ECONOMIST, INVESTMENT BANKER, FINANCIAL ANALYST, ACCOUNTANT)

- A Level Subjects: Maths, Economics and either Business Studies, Further Maths or Politics
- Why: Economics degrees often require or strongly prefer Maths.

HISTORY / POLITICS / INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DIPLOMAT, HISTORIAN, POLITICAL ANALYST, CIVIL SERVANT)

- A Level Subjects: History, Politics and either English Literature, Economics or Sociology
- Why: These subjects help develop critical thinking and essay writing.

COMPUTER SCIENCE / SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, CYBERSECURITY ANALYST, DATA SCIENTIST)

- A Level Subjects: Maths, Computer Science and either Physics or Further Maths
- Why: Logical thinking and technical ability are essential.

ECONOMICS / FINANCE / BUSINESS (ECONOMIST, INVESTMENT BANKER, FINANCIAL ANALYST, ACCOUNTANT)

- A Level Subjects: Maths, Economics and either Business Studies, Further Maths or Politics
- Why: Economics degrees often require or strongly prefer Maths.

LANGUAGES / TRANSLATION / INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (TRANSLATOR, INTERPRETER, DIPLOMAT, LANGUAGE TEACHER, INTERNATIONAL AID WORKER, TRAVEL & TOURISM MANAGER)

- A Level Subjects: French, Spanish (or another modern foreign language) and either English Language, History, or Politics
- Why: Language skills are crucial for communication-based roles, and essay subjects help develop strong literacy and cultural awareness.

HISTORY-RELATED CAREERS (HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST / CURATOR / ACADEMIC)

- A Level Subjects: History, English Literature and either Politics, Sociology or Classical Civilisation
- Why: History is a must; English develops analytical writing, and Politics or Sociology offer useful context.

LAW (SOLICITOR, BARRISTER, LEGAL ADVISOR, POLICY ANALYST)

- A Level Subjects: English Literature, History and either Politics, Law, or Sociology
- Why: Essay-based subjects show analytical and argumentative skill; Law isn’t required but is strongly recommended.

EDUCATION / TEACHING (PRIMARY/SECONDARY TEACHER, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST, SENCO)

- A Level Subjects: At least one subject in your intended teaching area (e.g. English, History, Maths) and two supporting subjects such as Psychology, Sociology, etc.
- Why: Universities like subject relevance and a balance of humanities or sciences.





GEORGIA
formerly of Stanchester Academy

“I’ve always loved horses, so combining that passion with photography felt natural. I’ve learned everything from composition and lighting to editing and building a portfolio. What I enjoy most is capturing movement and expression. With great equipment and expert guidance, I’ve developed my own style and now hope to turn equine photography into a career.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH /
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
(OCCUPATIONAL
THERAPIST,
REHABILITATION WORKER,
HEALTH ADVISOR,
CASE MANAGER)**

- A Level Subjects: Biology, Psychology or Sociology and either Health & Social Care or PE
- Why: Biology is essential to understand the body; Psychology/Sociology gives insight into behaviour and wellbeing.



**MARKETING /
ADVERTISING / PR
(MARKETING EXECUTIVE,
SOCIAL MEDIA
MANAGER, PR OFFICER,
MARKET RESEARCHER,
BRAND MANAGER)**

- A Level Subjects: Business Studies, Media Studies, Psychology, English Language or Sociology
- Why: These subjects develop communication, audience awareness, behavioural insight, and commercial understanding.

**GEOGRAPHY
(URBAN PLANNING
/ ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE /
SUSTAINABILITY
CONSULTANT /
CONSERVATIONIST)**

- A Level Subjects: Geography, Biology or Environmental Science and either Maths or Sociology
- Why: Geography is essential; supporting sciences help with environmental understanding and data interpretation.

**POLITICS / GOVERNMENT
/ INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS (POLITICIAN,
POLICY ANALYST, CIVIL
SERVANT, DIPLOMAT,
POLITICAL JOURNALIST)**

- A Level Subjects: Politics, History or Sociology and either Economics, Law or English Literature
- Why: Politics is central; History and Sociology give analytical and contextual depth, while Law and Economics enhance understanding of systems.

FRAZER

formerly of The King Alfred School

“Guest speakers have provided real inspiration and insight, preparing me for university or a degree apprenticeship.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
A LEVELS
starts here.

COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about our A Level provision, here are the courses you could study.

- Art & Design ●●
- Biology ●●
- Business ●●
- Chemistry ●●
- Computer Science ●●
- Criminology ●●
- Design Technology ●
- Drama & Theatre ●
- Economics ●●
- English Language ●●
- English Language & Literature ●
- English Literature ●●
- Environmental Science ●●
- Fashion & Textiles ●
- Film Studies ●
- Fine Art ●●
- French ●●
- Further Maths ●●
- Geography ●●
- Graphic Communication ●
- History (Early Modern / Modern) ●●
- History (Viking & Medieval) ●
- Law ●●
- Maths ●●
- Media ●●
- Music Performance ●
- Performing Arts ●
- Philosophy, Ethics & Religion ●
- Photography ●●
- Physical Education ●
- Physics ●●
- Politics ●●
- Psychology ●●
- Sociology ●●
- Spanish ●●
- Textiles ●●

AGRICULTURE

The UK agriculture industry is worth over £120 billion



AGRICULTURE today is more than tractors and fields. It's a dynamic, tech-driven industry powering food production, sustainability, and the economy. From drones and AI to business strategy and hands-on work, agriculture offers exciting career paths for problem-solvers, innovators, and future leaders. With global demand rising, skilled professionals are needed to drive change, protect the environment, and feed the world. Agriculture is evolving fast; be part of something vital, impactful, and full of opportunity.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN AGRICULTURE?

Agriculture is a hands-on, fast-evolving industry that blends outdoor work, new technology, and business skills. One day you might be feeding animals or inspecting crops; the next, managing stock or using data to plan ahead. You'll thrive if you are...

CURIOUS ABOUT TECH OR SCIENCE – Drones, GPS, and data are transforming modern farming.

ORGANISED – Running a farm is also about people, money, and planning.

ENERGISED BY FRESH AIR AND OPEN SPACES – Working in nature beats being stuck at a desk.

PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PLANET – Agriculture is key to fighting climate change and protecting nature.

ACTIVE AND HANDS-ON – You like physical work and don't mind getting muddy.

A TEAM PLAYER – Communication keeps everything running.

A QUICK THINKER – Every day brings new challenges. Quick reactions are vital.

MOTIVATED AND RESILIENT – It can be tough, early starts and hard work, but go far with the right mindset.

EMILY

formerly of Cullompton Community College

“One day I’m rolling fields, the next soil testing in a lab; it’s the best way to learn.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our students don't just study agriculture, they live it. Through real-world trips and industry visits, they gain hands-on insight, build confidence, and see where their future could take them. Recent highlights include:

- Attending the South West Winter Fair to explore livestock handling and show standards
- Exploring cutting-edge machinery and innovation at LAMMA
- Learning about herd health and dairy tech at the Dairy Show
- Discovering the future of sustainable farming at the AgriTech Show
- Visiting MVF Expo to understand large-scale animal feed production.

WHERE COULD AGRICULTURE TAKE YOU?

Our students grow their futures in a global industry, progressing into higher education, apprenticeships, and international roles. From farm management to agri-business, their next steps are as diverse as the land they work on. Destinations of former students include:

- Studying a BSc (Hons) in Agricultural Management at the University Centre Somerset
- Secured an apprenticeship with Greenslade Taylor Hunt
- Studying a BSc (Hons) in Agriculture at Harper Adams University
- Studying a BSc (Hons) in Agriculture at the University of Nottingham
- Working in full-time employment in New Zealand.

70,000 new agriculture jobs expected in the UK by 2030

CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Farm Manager, Agronomist (Crop Specialist), Livestock Manager, Crop Sprayer, Dairy Farm Worker, Business Consultant, Researcher, Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Sales & Marketing, Agricultural Inspector (Compliance & Safety), Animal Technician, Food Production & Supply Chain Manager, Environmental and Sustainability Advisor, Rural Surveyor and more...

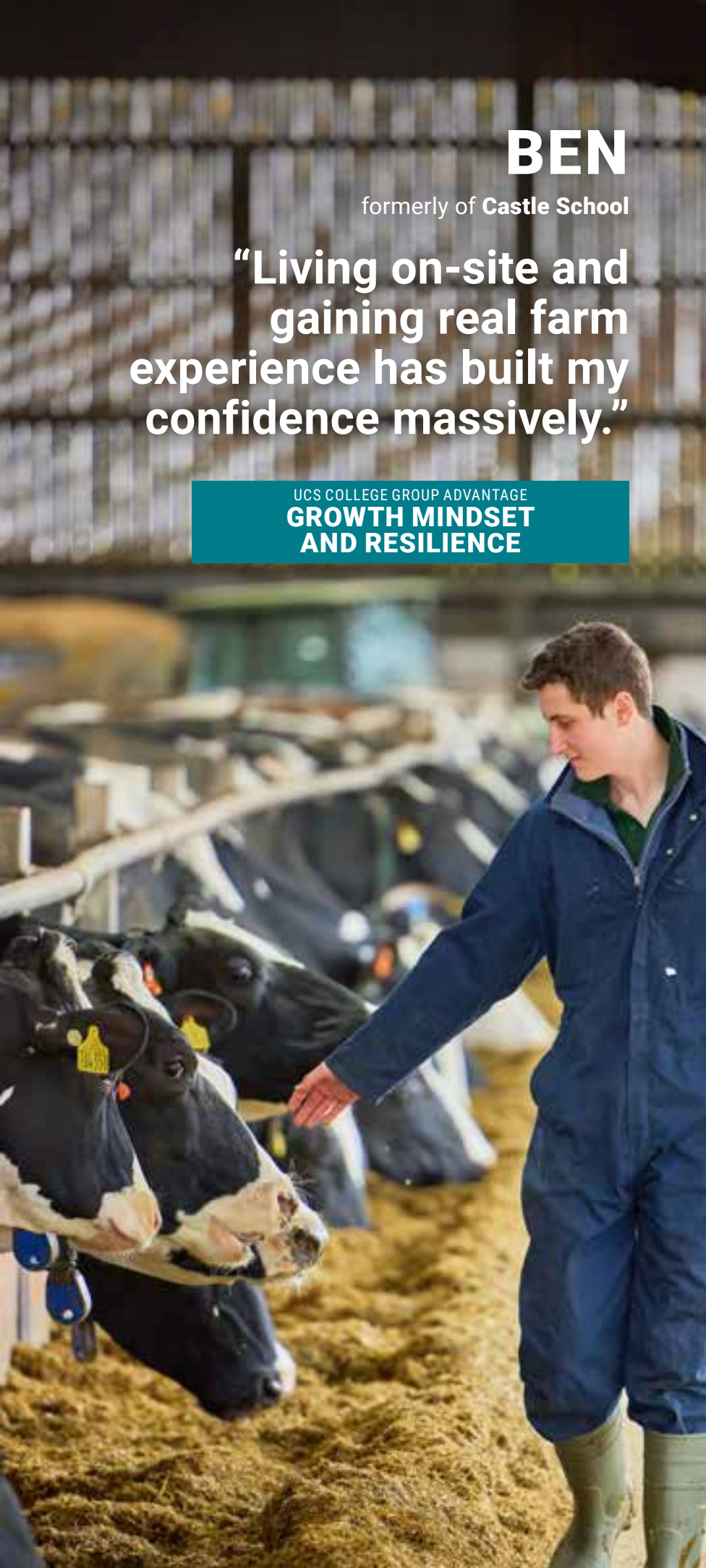
AVERAGE SALARY of an Agricultural Economist is £53,323 (SalaryExpert)



ANNABEL
formerly of Backwell School

"The facilities here are excellent; we have Rodway Farm which supplies milk to Tesco, and has both indoor and outdoor spaces where we are able to get a really great understanding of farming. The equipment we use enables us to expand our skills. I've been involved with soil testing, machinery operation and caring for the flock, all vital skills if you want to pursue a career in agriculture."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



BEN

formerly of Castle School

"Living on-site and gaining real farm experience has built my confidence massively."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET
AND RESILIENCE

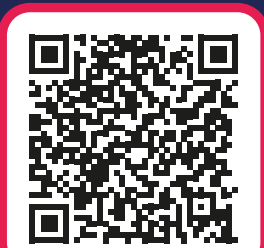
COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the agriculture industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 1 in Land-based Studies
- Level 2 in Agriculture
- Level 3 T Level in Livestock Production

Apprenticeships also available.

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in AGRICULTURE starts here.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



SOMMER

formerly of The Blue School

“The skills I’ve learned are preparing me to join the British Army as a dog handler.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

In 2024, approximately 57% of UK households owned a pet



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT offers a hands-on, purpose-driven career for those passionate about animal welfare. With global demand growing for ethical care, conservation, and behavioural expertise, skilled professionals are needed more than ever. Whether you support zoos, wildlife centres, or pet care, you’ll gain real-world experience that makes a difference. This resilient, future-proof industry is perfect for compassionate, driven individuals ready to turn passion into action, blending science, empathy, and skill into a career that truly matters.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT?

Animal care is hands-on, physically active, and incredibly rewarding. One day you might be feeding alpacas or cleaning reptile enclosures; the next, supporting vet care or helping with animal enrichment. You’ll thrive if you are...

COMPASSIONATE AND EMPATHETIC – You genuinely care about animals and their wellbeing.

HARDWORKING – Early starts and messy jobs don’t put you off.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE
Animals can be unpredictable, so patience is key.

PHYSICALLY ACTIVE – You prefer doing to sitting still.

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR
With vets, owners, and visitors alike.

A PROBLEM SOLVER – No two animals (or days) are the same.

OBSERVANT – You notice small changes that others might miss.

A TEAM PLAYER – You work well with others to get the job done.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



HARRISON
formerly of St Dunstons School

“I’m looking forward to progressing onto university to study Zoology, then pursue a Masters and PhD in Animal Behaviour. I think my course has prepared me well for the future, it’s very rewarding. I love working with the parrots, they’re one of the reasons why I’m so interested in pursuing a career in Animal Behaviour.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Real-world experience is at the heart of animal management. Our students observe behaviour in zoos, explore ethical care practices, and see first-hand how professionals work in rescue and conservation. These experiences help shape their confidence, understanding, and career ambitions. Recent visits include:

- Observing animal behaviour at Longleat Safari Park
- Learning about rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming at RSPCA West Hatch
- Exploring conservation in action at Paignton, Dartmoor, and Exmoor Zoos
- Attending Crufts to see world-class canine care and showmanship
- Investigating marine ecosystems at Plymouth Aquarium
- Discovering sustainability and biodiversity at the Eden Project.

WHERE COULD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT TAKE YOU?

Our students grow their futures in a global industry, progressing into higher education, apprenticeships, and international roles. From farm management to agri-business, their next steps are as diverse as the land they work on. Destinations of former students include:

- Chief Anaesthesia Nurse
- Dog Walking Business Owner
- Studying BSc (Hons) in Animal Management, Ecology and Conservation at University Centre Somerset.
- Head of Kennels at Ferne Animal Sanctuary
- Studying at Hartpury University / University of Exeter.

**Over 2,000 zoos
and aquariums
worldwide care for
and manage exotic animals**

CAREERS IN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT : WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Animal Behaviourist, Zookeeper, Animal Nutritionist, Animal Trainer, Dog Handler, Animal Welfare Officer, Veterinary Nurse Assistant, Wildlife Conservationist, Animal Rescue Specialist, Pet Groomer, Zoo/Safari Park Educator, Animal Charity Worker, Kennel or Cattery Worker/Manager, Exotic Animal Specialist, Wildlife Rehabilitator, Animal Scientist and more...

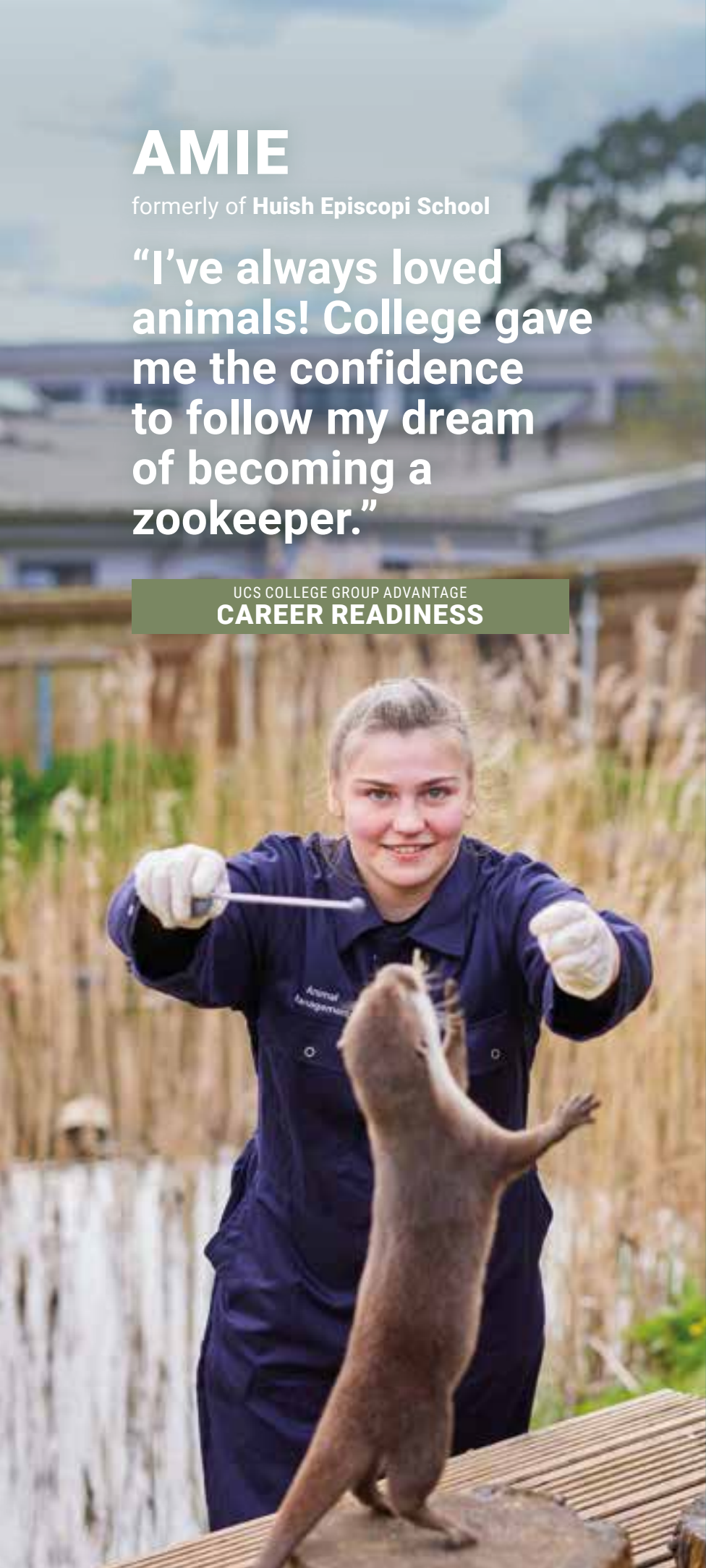
**AVERAGE SALARY
of an Animal
Scientist is
£56,406
(Check-a-Salary)**

AMIE

formerly of Huish Episcopi School

“I’ve always loved animals! College gave me the confidence to follow my dream of becoming a zookeeper.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the animal management industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study

- Level 1 in Animal Care ●
- Level 2 in Animal Care ●
- Level 3 T Level in Animal Management & Behaviour ●

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT** starts here.

ARBORICULTURE

Urban greening, reforestation, and tree health are vital for cities to survive



ARBORICULTURE is an active, adrenaline-fuelled industry centred on trees and their vital role in climate, wildlife, and wellbeing. As urban greening and sustainability grow, skilled arborists are in high demand. This career is perfect for those who love the outdoors, enjoy physical, hands-on work, and care about the environment. You'll climb trees, use specialist equipment, and manage natural spaces that support ecosystems and communities. It's a future-proof career offering real-world impact, progression, and purpose, ideal for nature lovers ready to get stuck in.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN ARBORICULTURE?

Working in arboriculture is active, hands-on, and deeply connected to the natural world. One day you could be climbing trees with ropes and harnesses, the next diagnosing diseases or operating chainsaws and wood chippers. It's a physically demanding, rewarding career that gets you outdoors and lets you make a real environmental impact. You'll thrive if you are...

HAPPIEST OUTDOORS

Working outside all year-round, high in the canopy or deep in woodland.

INTERESTED IN NATURE AND SCIENCE

Tree biology and ecosystems are key.

PHYSICALLY FIT AND ACTIVE

Climbing, lifting, and using tools requires strength and stamina.

A TEAM PLAYER

Teamwork and clear communication are essential.

DETAIL-FOCUSED

Spotting decay and following safety protocols is vital.

YOU'RE KEEN TO KEEP LEARNING

New techniques and equipment mean arboriculture is always evolving.

A PROBLEM-SOLVER

Every tree and site is different, so quick thinking helps.

ADAPTABLE AND RESILIENT

Conditions change, challenges arise, and no two days are the same.

SAM

formerly of Haygrove School

"From using chainsaws to climbing trees, safety is emphasised in everything we do."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING



AERRON
formerly Home Schooled

“Working on a community woodland affected by Ash Dieback has really opened my eyes. It’s not just about trees, it’s about protecting spaces people care about. Being part of a team making a real difference has made me more aware, responsible, and proud to support the local environment.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our students don’t just learn arboriculture, they climb it, prune it, and protect it. With practical experience at the heart of their course, they explore real-world environments, meet industry professionals, and tackle the challenges faced by modern tree care specialists. Recent highlights include:

- Observing iconic trees at Westonbirt National Arboretum
- Discovering tree science and heritage at Kew Gardens
- Touring Sorbus International HQ
- Visiting Chew Valley Trees to learn about sustainable nursery management
- Exploring innovations in commercial forestry at the Confor Forestry Industry Show.

Arborists are on the frontline of climate action

WHERE COULD ARBORICULTURE TAKE YOU?

With hands-on experience at the core of their training, our students go on to careers in climbing, consultancy, leadership, and conservation. The possibilities are vast, here’s what some of our former students are doing now:

- Director of MTL Group Ltd
- Arborist at Westonbirt Arboretum
- Competing internationally as part of the Stihl Timbersports Team
- Climbing Arborists at TreeTec in Australia
- Employed in vegetation management roles for local councils.



AVERAGE SALARY of an Arboricultural Manager is between £37,000 and £50,000 (trees.org.uk)

CAREERS IN ARBORICULTURE : WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Harvesting Forester, Lumberjack, Arboricultural Consultant, Tree Surgeon, Forest Officer, Forest Ranger, Woodland Officer, Woodland Manager, Arborist, Forest Manager, Silviculturist, Forest Farmer, Tree Preservation Officer, Planning Tree Officers, Policymakers, Researchers, Tree Health Inspector and more...

MEG

formerly of Crispin Academy

“I’m confident my communication skills have increased as a result of the work experience I completed at Silva Tree Surgeons.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the arboriculture industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Forestry & Arboriculture ●

Level 3 T Level in Trees and Timber (Arboriculture) ●

Apprenticeships also available.

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in ARBORICULTURE starts here.

ART, DESIGN & FASHION

KATHRYN

formerly of **Kingsmead School**

“Our trip to New York was incredibly inspiring. The architecture and culture gave me so many ideas for my art.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**LEADERSHIP
AND MANAGEMENT**

Viewing art can lower stress and improve wellbeing



The **ART, DESIGN, AND FASHION** industry is bold, expressive, and full of opportunity. It thrives on innovation, individuality, and visual impact, turning bold ideas into powerful visuals, garments, and products. From sketching and styling to branding and digital design, this global industry offers endless creative career paths. Whether you aim to influence trends, create meaningful work, or shape the visual world around us, it's a dynamic space for imaginative, passionate individuals ready to tell their story.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN ART, DESIGN OR FASHION?

The art, design, and fashion industry is fast-paced, expressive, and built on bold ideas. One day you could be sketching concepts or styling a shoot; the next, designing a logo, cutting patterns, or editing digital work. You'll thrive if you're...

BURSTING WITH CREATIVITY – You love generating fresh ideas and expressing yourself visually.

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR
You can explain ideas, absorb feedback, and work well in creative teams.

DETAIL ORIENTATED
Whether drawing, stitching, or designing, precision matters.

RESILIENT – You embrace challenges, bounce back from setbacks, and keep pushing forward.

TREND-SAVVY – You keep up with styles, movements, and know when to push boundaries.

COMMERCIALLY MINDED
You understand how to promote, sell, or protect your creative work.

CONFIDENT WITH TOOLS
From Adobe to sewing machines, you're hands-on and ready to learn.

ORIGINAL – You bring your own voice, style, and vision to everything you create.

ART, DESIGN & FASHION



SAOIRSE
formerly of CST Trinity Academy

“The work experience with St. Margaret’s Hospice was amazing. We worked in teams to design window displays, and the winners installed theirs in-store. It gave us real insight into visual merchandising, which really helped with our next classroom display project.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Inspiration and experience go hand in hand. From global fashion hubs to hands-on workshops, real-world learning helps students understand the industry, sharpen their skills, and spark creative ambition. Highlights of our student industry-focused experiences include:

- Attending the Oscars Make-up Symposium and MUD Make-Up Designory in Los Angeles
- Exploring design heritage in Rome, Madrid, Amsterdam, London, and Bristol
- Visiting M&S Schmalberg Fabric Flower Studio in New York
- Sustainable fashion insights at Kforkinkeliane and NEB-STAR New Bauhaus in Norway
- Industry tours at Levi’s, the Mulberry factory, and Goose & Gander HQ
- Collaborating with Digital Somerset and Art for Life.

WHERE COULD ART, DESIGN & FASHION TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to shape the creative industries in bold and exciting ways. From launching their own fashion labels to working behind the scenes at the BBC, they’re turning their talent into thriving careers. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Founder of independent fashion brand Belladonis
- Studying BA (Hons) Film & TV Production at Bournemouth University
- Make-up Artist at the BBC
- Freelance Tattoo Artist
- Machinist at Mulberry
- Freelance Photographer for weddings, events, and commercial marketing
- Studying an Art & Design Foundation Diploma at University Centre Somerset.

The UK fashion and textile industry contributes £62bn to the UK economy



AVERAGE SALARY
for an Arts Therapist is **£39,873** (Talent)

CAREERS IN ART, DESIGN & FASHION: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Fine Artist, Concept Artist, Art Therapist, Art Conservator, Printmaker, Tattoo Artist, Art Teacher / Lecturer, Art Technician, Branding Specialist, Fashion Designer/Stylist, Tailor, Sustainable Fashion Specialist, Accessories Designer, Product Designer, Interior Designer, Graphic Designer, Fashion Marketing Specialist, Fashion Photographer, AR Developer and more...

DANIEL

formerly of Chilton Trinity School

“Screen printing was completely new to me, and learning it has been really valuable. We’ve also explored photography and painting techniques.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the art, design and fashion industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Creative Arts ●●●

Level 2 in Art & Design ●●●

Level 3 in Art & Design ●●●

Level 3 Level 3 in Fashion Business & Retail ●

Level 3 in Fine Art & Fashion Textiles ●

Level 3 in Make-up Artistry ●●

Foundation Diploma in Art & Design - Pathways to HE ●●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in ART, DESIGN & FASHION starts here.

AUTOMOTIVE



The UK is home to 7 out of 10 Formula 1 teams

The **AUTOMOTIVE** industry is fast-paced, innovative, and constantly evolving, powered by cutting-edge technology, creativity, and engineering expertise. From electric vehicles and smart driving systems to motorsport and custom design, it offers limitless opportunities. If you're hands-on, curious, and love solving problems, this industry will ignite your passion. Automotive is ideal for those who enjoy working with technology, thinking ahead, and getting stuck in. With global demand rising, it offers the skills to build a thrilling, future-proof career.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN AUTOMOTIVE?

The automotive industry is high-tech, hands-on, and always moving forward. One day you could be stripping down an engine; the next, using diagnostics to fix an EV or customising a car for the track. You'll thrive if you are...

FELIX

"I want to be a Formula 1 race mechanic. The facilities and former students' successes inspired me to study here."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**LEADERSHIP
AND MANAGEMENT**

CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THINGS WORK

– From engines to electronics, you love taking things apart and fixing them.

A TEAM PLAYER

Whether in a garage or a pit crew, you work well with others.

PRECISE – Small parts, tools, and precision tasks are no problem.

PHYSICALLY FIT – You don't mind getting stuck in or being on your feet all day.

A PROBLEM SOLVER

Faults aren't always obvious, but you like figuring things out

KEEN TO LEARN – New tools, EVs, and tech mean there's always something new.

TECH-SAVVY

– Modern cars use software, scanners, and AI-powered systems.

RELIABLE AND MOTIVATED

You turn up, work hard, and take pride in what you do.



JACOB

“Winning the IMI Full-Time Learner of the Award. This course has put me on the right path to achieve my dream of owning a company of garages. Learning from my tutor and experiences like the NEC bike show are invaluable.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

The global automotive industry is worth over \$3.5 trillion!

CAREERS IN AUTOMOTIVE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Race Mechanic, Motorsport / Performance Engineer, Electric & Hybrid Motorsport Engineer, Pit Crew Member, Aerodynamicist, Data Analyst (Race Strategy), Vehicle Diagnostics Specialist, ADAS Technician, Roadside Assistance Technician, MOT Tester, Light Vehicle Technician, Panel Beater, Custom Painter/Airbrush Artist, Vehicle Wrapper, Structural Damage Assessor and more...



WHERE COULD AUTOMOTIVE TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to build careers with some of the biggest names in the industry. From elite motorsport teams to specialist workshops and major manufacturers, they’re applying their skills in real-world roles across the UK and beyond. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- McLaren F1 / Red Bull F1
- Toyota UK
- McLaren Sports Cars – Refinish
- TB Body Repairs
- Studying a BEng (Hons) Degree in Motorsport Engineering at the University Centre Somerset
- Secured an automotive apprenticeship with local mechanics
- Panel beater.

AVERAGE SALARY for a Motorsport Engineer is £36,330 (Glassdoor)

DOMINIC

formerly of Huish Episcopi

“My work experience gave me a taste of life in a real garage. I’d love to run my own workshop one day!”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the automotive industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 1 in Automotive Maintenance ●●
- Level 1 Vehicle Accident Repair (Multi-skilled) ●
- Level 2 in Automotive Care ●●
- Level 2 in Vehicle Accident Paint Refinishing ●
- Level 2 in Motorsport ●
- Level 3 in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair ●
- Level 3 in Motorsport ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED? For further information, scan here:

Your future in AUTOMOTIVE starts here.

BARBERING



MADDISON
formerly of Haygrove School

“I want to be a mobile barber and work with neurodivergent children and adults who struggle with salons.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT
& WELLBEING**

No robot can match a barber’s skill and creativity



BARBERING is a creative, people-focused career perfect for those passionate about style and male grooming. You’ll master skills like fades, beard sculpting, and skincare while developing confidence and technical ability. It’s a social industry that values self-expression, trend awareness, and building strong client relationships. With expert training and hands-on experience, you’ll be ready to work in barbershops, grooming salons, or even launch your own business. Barbering offers a stylish and rewarding future with real edge.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN BARBERING?

Barbering blends skill, confidence, and creativity to help every client look and feel their best. In this fast-paced and ever-evolving industry, you’ll shape styles, build trust, and deliver standout results. You’ll thrive if you’re...

GREAT WITH YOUR HANDS

Precision is key for clean fades, sharp lines, and polished finishes.

FRIENDLY AND PROFESSIONAL

– You create a relaxed atmosphere that keeps clients coming back.

FULL OF IDEAS

– You enjoy experimenting, following trends, and creating looks that suit each individual.

WELL-ORGANISED

– You manage time and appointments without sacrificing quality.

CARE ABOUT SAFETY AND DETAIL

– The smallest touches can turn a good cut into a great one.

BUSINESS-MINDED

– You understand pricing, promotion, and how to grow a loyal client base.

A NATURAL COMMUNICATOR

– You listen well, offer advice, and connect easily with clients.

SKILLED WITH TOOLS

Clippers, scissors, razors, and products feel natural in your hands.



HARVEY
formerly of Bridgwater College Academy

“Starting on mannequin heads helped me learn the basics, but working with real clients really boosted my confidence and skills. For my final project, I used complex techniques like Dutch braids and enjoyed the freedom to be creative and independent.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET & RESILIENCE

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In barbering, real-world experience makes all the difference. From learning new techniques to exploring international styles, students gain hands-on knowledge that builds confidence and sharpens their skill. Recent highlights include:

- Watching live demos and picking up expert tips at the Great British Barber Bash
- Travelling to Japan through the Turing Scheme to learn international barbering styles
- Exploring global grooming trends, tools, and techniques in professional salon settings.

WHERE COULD BARBERING TAKE YOU?

Barbering offers a flexible and creative career with real independence. Many of our students go on to work in busy local barbershops or build their own self-employed businesses, where they create loyal client bases and personal brands. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Self-employed in thriving local barbershops
- Building personal brands and client bases across Somerset
- Running their own chairs or studios.



58% of UK men regularly visit a barber

AVERAGE SALARY for a Barber is £27,992 (Glassdoor)

CAREERS IN BARBERING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Barber, Barbershop Owner, Barbering Educator / Trainer, Session Stylist, Brand Ambassador, Social Media Influencer / Content Creator, Senior Barber / Master Barber, Mobile Barber, Cruise Ship or Resort Barber, Product Developer, Men’s Grooming Specialist, Barbering Competition Artist, Barbering Consultant and more...

BLAKE

formerly of **Bridgwater College Academy**

“The replica barbershop has everything I need, including professional products for dyeing hair and practicing real salon techniques.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the barbering industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Barbering/Hairdressing ○

Level 2 in Barbering ○○

Level 3 in Barbering ○○

.....
Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in **BARBERING** starts here.

BEAUTY



DAISIE

formerly of Haygrove School

“Spending every single day doing hands-on practical work in the salon here is perfect for my learning style. We cover everything from manicures to spray tanning.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

The skin is the largest organ in the human body



The **BEAUTY** industry plays a vital role in helping people feel confident, empowered, and at their best. It’s a dynamic and creative field that blends practical skills with personal care, covering everything from skincare and make-up to massage and holistic therapies. Studying beauty therapy gives you expert training, industry insight, and room to specialise. If you’re friendly, artistic, and love keeping up with trends, this rewarding career lets you make a real difference every day.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN BEAUTY THERAPY?

The beauty industry is creative, hands-on, and always evolving. One day you could be delivering a luxury facial; the next, perfecting a bold makeup look or designing detailed nail art. It’s a career that blends technical skill with personal care. You’ll thrive if you are...

PRACTICAL AND CONFIDENT – Comfortable using tools, products, and equipment for makeup, skincare, or nails.

FRIENDLY AND APPROACHABLE – You make people feel at ease and build strong client relationships.

CREATIVE – Excited by trends, visual styles, and creating personalised looks for different clients.

A GOOD COMMUNICATOR – You listen carefully, explain treatments clearly, and offer honest, helpful advice.

DETAIL-FOCUSED – You know that flawless finishes come from precision and care in every step.

PATIENT AND PROFESSIONAL – Calm under pressure, maintaining high standards in appearance, hygiene, and service.

ORGANISED AND PUNCTUAL – Able to manage appointments and keep to tight schedules without rushing the client experience.

WILLING TO GROW AND ADAPT – You stay up to date with trends, techniques, and new industry developments.



ALARA
formerly of Robert Blake
Science College

“During my time at BTC, my teachers and other staff members have helped me immensely. I have become more confident in myself and the work I do. They have constantly pushed me to the best of my abilities, for which I could not thank them more. Staff and peers have motivated me daily, it’s a constant stream of support no matter the situation.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**PERSONAL
EMPOWERMENT
AND WELLBEING**

**LEARNING GOES BEYOND
THE CLASSROOM**

From national competitions to international travel, our students gain real-world experience that builds confidence and professional polish. These opportunities bring classroom learning to life and prepare them for the fast-moving world of beauty. Highlights include:

- Competing in regional and national skills competitions
- Delivering treatments at outreach clinics in local care homes
- Exploring trends and techniques at Salon International
- Experiencing the latest innovations at the Hair and Beauty Show, NEC
- Gaining a global perspective through international trips, including Japan.

**WHERE COULD BEAUTY
THERAPY TAKE YOU?**

Our students have gone on to launch successful careers in salons, spas, and cosmetic brands across the region and beyond. From luxury day spas to global beauty names, they’re putting their skills into practice in exciting, real-world roles. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Elements Day Spa
- Victoria Hair and Spa
- Benefit – Make-up Specialist
- ALAK Beauty.



**Cosmetic comes from
the Greek word “Kosmos”
which means “Ornament”**

CAREERS IN BEAUTY: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Beauty Therapist, Dermatologist, Make-up Artist, Beauty Influencer / Content Creator, Spa Therapist, Bridal Makeup Artist, Nail Technician, Brow Technician, Semi-Permanent Makeup Artist, Lash Technician, Beauty Salon Owner, Spa Manager, Brand Manager, Beauty Product Sales Representative, Beauty PR Specialist, College Lecturer and more...

**AVERAGE SALARY
of an Spa & Leisure
Manager is £37,756
(Glassdoor)**

MILLIE

formerly of West Somerset
Community College

“The course is really practical, and working on real clients has massively boosted my confidence and self-belief.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
& RESILIENCE**



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the beauty industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 Introduction to the
Hairdressing and Beauty Sector ●●

Level 2 in Beauty Therapy ●●●

Level 3 Beauty Therapy
Techniques ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
BEAUTY starts here.

BRICKWORK



TOMMY
formerly of Robert Blake School

“The learning environment is hands-on and supportive, the tutors explain everything clearly if you’re ever unsure about something.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

Over 2.7 billion bricks are laid in the UK every year



BRICKLAYING is a skilled, respected trade at the heart of the construction industry. From new homes and public buildings to heritage restorations, bricklayers create work that stands the test of time. It’s ideal for those who enjoy working outdoors, staying active, and taking pride in what they build. With growing demand for housing and infrastructure, skilled bricklayers are highly sought after. Earn good money, master your craft, and build a future you can be proud of.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN THE BRICK INDUSTRY?

Brickwork is physical, rewarding, and built on pride. One day you’re laying the foundations of a new home; the next, you’re shaping the skyline with strong, precise structures. You’ll be outside in all weather, working as part of a close-knit team, and building the walls that shape entire communities. You’ll thrive if you are...

PHYSICALLY CAPABLE

Heavy lifting and graft don’t faze you. You are confident handling tools, lifting, and staying active.

PHYSICALLY FIT – Long days outdoors are all part of the job.

CREATIVE – Straight lines, clean corners, and perfect levels matter.

GOOD WITH NUMBERS
You can measure, mix, and calculate with confidence.

HANDS-ON – You like using tools and getting stuck into real-world work.

PRACTICAL – You like building things that last.

A TEAM PLAYER – Building a house means working alongside others on-site.

PROUD OF YOUR WORK – Every wall is a chance to show your skill.



FREDDIE
formerly of West Somerset College

“Alongside my course, I played competitive football and was selected for the Schools Football National U18 team. It was an amazing achievement and I was so proud to represent the country. The support I received at college was unbeatable, I’ll remember my time fondly, both in and out of the classroom.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In brickwork, learning by doing is essential. From heritage sites to large-scale infrastructure projects, students gain first-hand insight into the construction industry. These experiences develop practical skills, build confidence, and bring the world of brickwork to life. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- Exploring modern and traditional renovation at the National Renovation Centre, Swindon
- Visiting Glastonbury Abbey with local employer Qube to understand historical restoration
- Gaining professional insight from guest speakers across the construction industry
- Experiencing large-scale construction in action at Hinkley Point C.

WHERE COULD BRICKWORK TAKE YOU?

Our students have laid the foundations for successful careers in the construction industry. From apprenticeships with local firms to self-employment and technical roles, they’re building real-world experience and contributing to projects across the region. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Apprenticeships with D’Ovido Brothers, Qube, and SA Webber
- Working as self-employed bricklayers
- Employed as brickwork technicians.



Some heritage buildings in the UK feature bricks over 500 years old.

AVERAGE SALARY
of a Bricklayer is
£37,600
(Glassdoor)

CAREERS IN BRICKWORK: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Bricklayer, Stonemason, Construction Site Manager, Heritage/ Conservation Bricklayer, Refractory Bricklayer, Brickwork Supervisor / Foreperson, Brickwork Estimator, Dry Stone Wall Builder / Landscape Mason, Groundworker and more...

TIM

formerly of The King Alfred School

“I competed in the Guild of Bricklayers South West Skills competition and came second place, I was so proud!”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the brickwork industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Bricklaying ●

Level 2 in Brickwork ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in **BRICKWORK** starts here.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

FLORIN

formerly of Bridgwater College Academy

“I’ve learned to express opinions and understand different perspectives, vital for teamwork, clients, and solving problems.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
AND RESILIENCE**

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... EDF Energy, Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce, National Grid, Somerset Passenger Solutions, Maxwells Accountants, South West Heritage Trust, St Margarets Hospice, Click The Button, Brunel Chartered Accountants and more...

1 in 3 UK employers are actively seeking employees with business, finance, or marketing skills



BUSINESS is a vibrant, fast-paced industry bursting with opportunity for those ready to lead, innovate, and make an impact. Whether it’s marketing, management, entrepreneurship, or finance, studying business builds essential transferable skills that apply across every industry. You’ll learn to think strategically, solve problems, and communicate with confidence. With global demand and endless pathways to grow, earn, and lead, it’s ideal for curious, motivated individuals who want a flexible, high-impact career with long-term prospects and real-world influence.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT?

Whether you’re launching a start-up, leading a project, or analysing financial data, success comes from combining people skills, strategy, and confidence. You’ll thrive if you are...

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR

From presenting ideas to writing reports, strong communication is essential.

COLLABORATIVE – You work well with others and value shared ideas.

A PROBLEM-SOLVER – Whether handling customers, budgets, or trends, you find smart, practical solutions.

PROACTIVE – You take the lead, bring fresh thinking, and keep things moving.

ANALYTICAL – You enjoy using data and insight to make informed decisions.

DIGITALLY FLUENT
From Excel to social media, you’re confident using tech.

ORGANISED – You manage time, meetings, and deadlines with confidence.

CREATIVE – You spot opportunities, build brands, and innovate, thinking outside of the box.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT



ISSY
formerly Castle School

“My apprenticeship has allowed me to work across multiple departments, gaining experience it would ordinarily take years to acquire. This has enabled me to fast-track key workplace and employability skills, setting solid foundations for my future career.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Business comes to life through real-world experiences. Our students meet industry experts, explore global workplaces, and take on live projects to develop practical insight and confidence. Recent highlights include:

- Exploring business strategy at Clarks Village, Street
- Immersing in business culture on a residential to Mississippi, USA
- Gaining international experience in Bologna, Italy, through Turing placements
- Hearing from Heather Rybaruk, owner of Click the Button
- Engaging in live networking events with the Bridgwater Chamber of Commerce.

WHERE COULD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TAKE YOU?

Our students progress into exciting roles in global organisations, local businesses, and university-level study. Whether managing projects, supporting clients, or leading departments, they’re putting their skills into action. Recent destinations include:

- Account Manager at Balco
- Project Management Apprenticeship at BAE Systems
- Level 3 Business Apprenticeship at UCS College Group
- Business Support Officer at EDF Energy
- Degree Apprenticeship in Accounting
- Studying BSc (Hons) Accounting, Business Finance & Management at the University of York.

42% of Gen Z say they want to start their own business



AVERAGE SALARY of a Management Consultant is £48,404 (checkasalary.co.uk)

CAREERS IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Business Analyst, Project Manager, Business Development Executive, Entrepreneur, Executive Assistant, Accountant, Finance Officer, Auditor, Payroll Specialist, Investment Analyst, Relationship Manager, Marketing Executive, Brand Manager, Sales Manager, Market Research Analyst, HR Officer, Recruitment Consultant, Talent Acquisition Specialist, HR Business Partner, Logistics Coordinator, and more...

ASHTON

formerly of Pyrland School

“Collaboration is key in the accounting industry, having an iPad helps us work on team projects independently, from anywhere.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
DIGITALLY CONFIDENT



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about business management and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 T Level Foundation in Business ●

Level 3 T Level in Business Management & Administration ●●

Level 3 T Level in Accounting ●

Level 3 in Fashion Business & Retail ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in BUSINESS MANAGEMENT starts here.

CARPENTRY



SKYE

formerly of West Somerset Community College

“The course builds solid carpentry skills. We start with hand tools, then move to power tools, I can now use both confidently.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

Carpenters are the backbone of construction



CARPENTRY and joinery is a creative, hands-on trade that turns ideas into reality. If you enjoy working with your hands, have an eye for detail, and love building with purpose, this could be your ideal path. From crafting bespoke interiors to fitting staircases or restoring heritage sites, it's a varied and highly skilled profession. You'll gain real-world experience, long-term job security, and the freedom to work independently, take on unique projects, or even grow your own business.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN CARPENTRY?

Carpentry is about shaping spaces, solving problems, and bringing ideas to life with wood. Whether you're fitting staircases, crafting kitchens, or framing roofs, no two days are the same. It's a creative and highly skilled trade where your eye for detail, pride in your craft, and ability to visualise in 3D will set you apart. You'll thrive if you're...

PRECISE – Measuring, cutting, and fitting things perfectly excites you.

TECHNICALLY MINDED – You like following plans and drawings.

GOOD WITH YOUR HANDS
You've got the coordination to handle tools with care.

FOCUSED – You can concentrate on complex builds without distraction.

PATIENT – You take time to get the detail right.

PROUD OF THE FINISH – You enjoy making things that look and feel great.

CREATIVE – You enjoy shaping materials and solving design challenges.

INDEPENDENT AND TEAM-FOCUSED – You're confident whether you're leading or following.

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... David Salisbury, Blackdown Shepherds Huts, Wrencon Construction, Durston Construction, Ellis & Co (restoration and Building), P.A.P Building Services, Stanley C. Bakers & Sons Ltd, Persimmon Homes and more...



NOAH
formerly Home Schooled

“The workshop is my favourite part, and learning practical skills here has really helped me grow in confidence. I enjoy the challenge of things like mortise and tenon joints, and being treated more like an adult prepares you for the real world.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In carpentry, hands-on experience is key. From exploring the roots of craftsmanship to discovering the latest power tools and techniques. Real-world activities help students strengthen their skills and understand the trade in action. Highlights of this practical learning include:

- Exploring ancient tools and traditional techniques at The Museum of Somerset
- Workwear and tool demonstrations with Makita Tools
- Nail gun innovations and safety insights from Paslode
- Industry exposure and project walkthroughs with CSC Builders
- Confidence-building through internal skills competitions.

WHERE COULD CARPENTRY TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to build successful careers in construction, joinery, and bespoke woodworking. From working on major building projects to running their own businesses, they’re applying their skills in hands-on roles across the UK. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Director of Southwest Joinery
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with Durston Construction
- Self-employed Joiner
- Working on-site with local councils
- Semi-skilled and skilled Site Carpenter and/or Joiner.

Timber construction can reduce carbon emissions by up to 60%



CAREERS IN CARPENTRY: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Site Carpenter, Bench Joiner, Cabinet Maker, Shopfitter, Construction Site Manager, Stage/Set Carpenter, Timber Frame Erector, Heritage/ Restoration Carpenter, Carpentry Site Supervisor, CAD Technician (Joinery Design), Self-Employed Carpenter/Joiner, and more...

AVERAGE SALARY for a Carpenter is £39,400 (Glassdoor)

LEO

formerly of **Pyrland School**

“I’ve studied both electrical and carpentry to build my skills and trade knowledge. College even helped me write my CV and apply for jobs.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET & RESILIENCE



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the carpentry industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Carpentry & Joinery ●●

Level 2 in Carpentry & Joinery ●●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in CARPENTRY starts here.

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Civil engineers **built the** world's tallest building, **the Burj Khalifa at 828m high**



CIVIL ENGINEERING is all about shaping the world around us. From bridges and roads to stadiums and skyscrapers; civil engineers design, build, and maintain the infrastructure we rely on every day. It's a high-demand industry with strong career prospects, hands-on work, and the chance to make a real impact. With routes into apprenticeships, degrees, and global opportunities, it's perfect for problem-solvers, team players, and creative thinkers. If you want a career that builds the future start here.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN CIVIL ENGINEERING?

Civil engineering is practical, ambitious, and all about shaping the world we live in. One day you could be helping build a bridge; the next, planning a flood defence system or working on a high-speed rail project. You'll thrive if you're...

A PROBLEM-SOLVER – You enjoy figuring out how things work and fixing real-world issues.

PRACTICAL – You enjoy hands-on work, whether outdoors or in the workshop.

DETAIL-FOCUSED – Precision matters in planning, measuring, and building.

ORGANISED – You can plan ahead, stay on track, and manage time effectively.

A TEAM PLAYER – You work well with others to get the job done safely.

SAFETY-CONSCIOUS – You understand the importance of rules, risk assessments, and site awareness.

STRONG IN MATHS AND SCIENCE – You like applying numbers to real situations.

PASSIONATE ABOUT THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT – You take pride in creating structures that last.

NATASHA

formerly of Bishop Fox's School

"I'm passionate about sustainability management, and my work placement has been invaluable in supporting and enhancing my learning."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

CIVIL ENGINEERING



RADEK
formerly of Whitstone School

“Our classroom lessons come to life through hands-on sessions and industry placements. Spending a day at the Construction Skills and Innovation Centre, operating telehandlers and driving dumper trucks, was both inspiring and motivating, offering a new perspective on the construction industry.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In civil engineering, real-world experience is key. Working on live sites and learning from professionals helps students build skills, confidence, and problem-solving abilities, preparing them for careers that shape the world. Highlights of this hands-on learning include:

- Site visit to Hinkley Point C – the UK’s largest construction project
- Industry guest speakers from Stantec, Centre Great, and Montel Civil Engineering
- Talks from local authority building control teams
- Inspiring alumni session with former student working for Winvic.
- Site visits to major housebuilders including Taylor Woodrow and Persimmon Homes
- Engineering-focused visit to Clifton Suspension Bridge and its activity and learning centre.

WHERE COULD CIVIL ENGINEERING TAKE YOU?

Our students build careers across construction and infrastructure, from housing and highways to transport and sustainability projects. They’re applying their skills in real-world roles, helping to design and maintain the built environment in the UK and beyond. Recent destinations include:

- Studying a Level 4 HNC in Construction and the Built Environment at University Centre Somerset
- Starting a Degree Apprenticeship with Croft Surveying
- Working as a qualified Quantity Surveyor on a major infrastructure project
- Beginning a Civil Engineering Apprenticeship with Stantec
- Employed full-time by Winvic after completing a T Level industry placement.

**Civil engineering jobs
are expected to grow by 6%
each year through 2033**

CAREERS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer, Site Manager, Quantity Surveyor, Construction Manager, Transport Planner, Logistics Manager, Urban Planner, Site Engineer, Surveying Technician, Project Planner, Sustainability Consultant, Flood Risk Engineer and more...

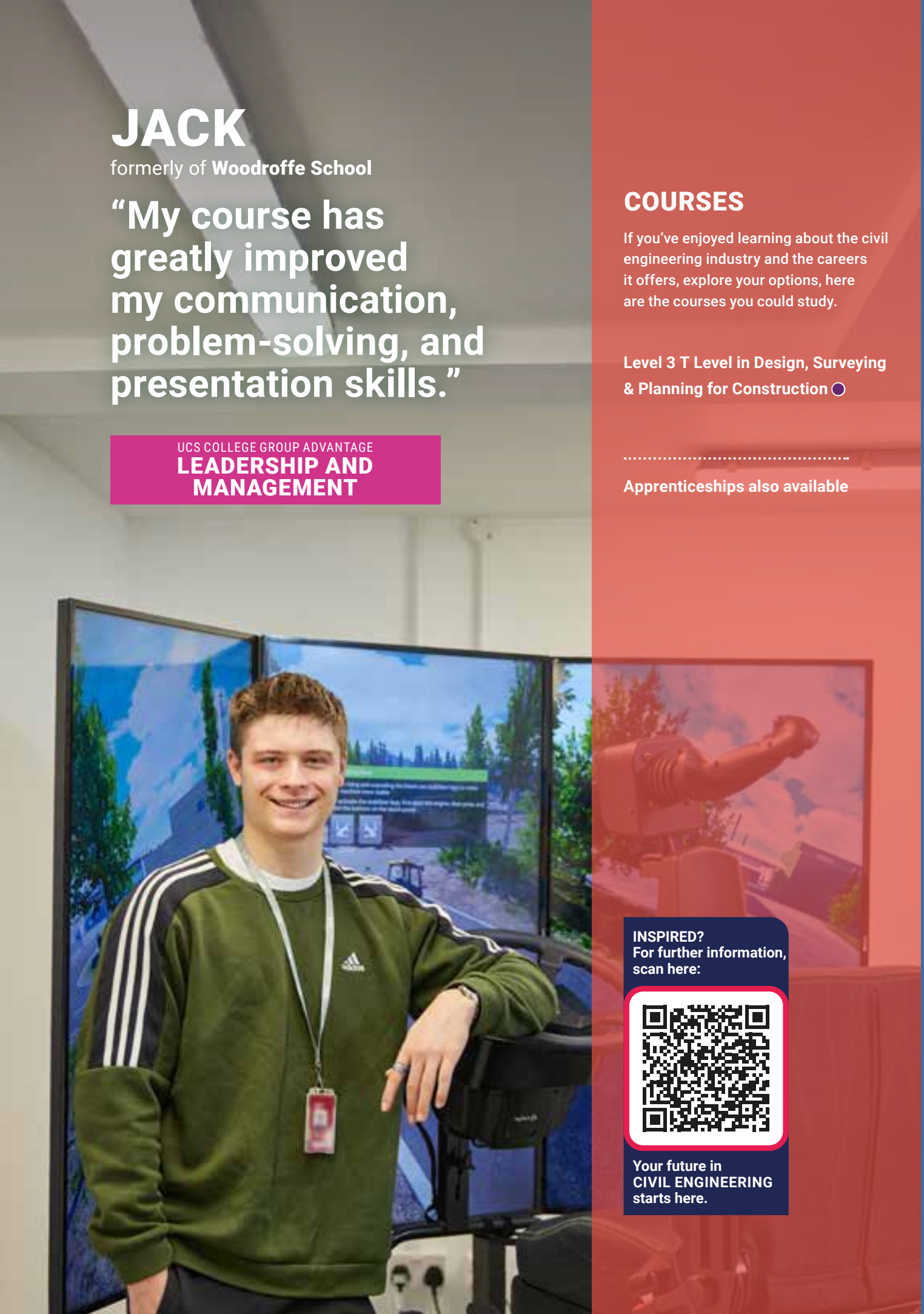
**AVERAGE SALARY
for a Structural
Engineer is £44,600
(Jobted)**

JACK

formerly of **Woodroffe School**

“My course has greatly improved my communication, problem-solving, and presentation skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**LEADERSHIP AND
MANAGEMENT**



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the civil engineering industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 3 T Level in Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
CIVIL ENGINEERING
starts here.

COMPUTING & DIGITAL

TOM

“Discussing projects and troubleshooting hardware together has definitely improved how I interact and share ideas.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
AND RESILIENCE**

Ethical hackers are being hired to break systems... legally!



The **COMPUTING AND DIGITAL** industry is a powerful force, shaping how we live, work, and connect in the modern world. From AI and cybersecurity to coding and app development, this industry is fast-moving, future-focused, and packed with opportunity. Studying computing leads to global careers, excellent salaries, and the chance to be part of the next big breakthrough. Whether you're creative, analytical, or a natural problem-solver, there's a place for you. If you love challenges and evolving tech, now's the time to turn passion into profession.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN COMPUTING & DIGITAL INDUSTRY?

The digital world is constantly evolving, and computing sits at the heart of it. One day you could be writing code for a new app; the next, analysing data, designing a website, or defending a network from cyber threats. You'll thrive if you are...

CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THINGS WORK

– You love exploring, testing, and improving digital systems.

TECH-SAVVY (OR KEEN TO LEARN)

– You embrace new tools, updates, and digital trends.

A PROBLEM SOLVER

– You enjoy tackling bugs, building solutions, and thinking creatively under pressure.

A TEAM PLAYER

– You collaborate well with developers, designers, and non-technical teams.

A LOGICAL THINKER

– You can follow steps, spot patterns, and plan digital projects with precision.

A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

– You can explain complex things simply, especially to people outside of tech.

DETAIL-FOCUSED

– One error in a line of code can break everything – you like getting things right.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE

– When the code crashes or a system fails, you keep your cool and fix the issue.



HOLLIE
formerly of Monkton
Wood Academy

“My T Level has led to a work placement at Sedgemoor FM, our local radio station. I write articles for them, learning about SEO and how to create content people will see. It’s great to contribute to a local service, using the practical coding and problem-solving skills I’m developing in college.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Real-world experience is key in computing and digital. Industry talks, tech conferences, and expert insights help students connect classroom learning to real careers. These opportunities build confidence, spark ambition, and reveal the exciting possibilities of the ever-evolving digital world. Previous learning includes:

- Behind-the-scenes insights from the Royal Signals
- Guest lecture by a Senior Software Engineer from the UK Hydrographic Office
- Visiting the Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park
- Talks from the NHS on careers in digital healthcare
- Sessions with the British Army on tech in defence and operations
- Insights from the Bank of England on digital innovation in finance.

WHERE COULD COMPUTING TAKE YOU?

Our students have launched careers with some of the most influential names in tech. From cybersecurity to software development, they’re applying their skills in real-world roles, progressing to university, apprenticeships, and digital employment across the UK. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Employed by Leonardo UK Ltd and studying a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship in Cybersecurity
- Working for MK Test Systems while completing a Level 6 Higher Apprenticeship in Digital and Technology Solutions
- Studying BSc (Hons) in Computing and Digital Technologies at University Centre Somerset
- Studying Computer Science at Liverpool, Manchester, and Plymouth universities
- Secured employment with Bristol Web Design.

Amazon, Google, Meta, and TikTok are constantly hiring UK-based tech talent

CAREERS IN COMPUTING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Cybersecurity Analyst, Software Developer, App Developer, Game Developer, Web Developer, Ethical Hacker, Information Security Analyst, Cybercrime Investigator, Business Intelligence Analyst, Data Analyst, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Specialist, Systems Administrator, Cloud Engineer, Infrastructure Engineer, Digital Transformation Consultant, Web Designer, Accessibility Specialist, SEO Specialist, Freelance Coder and more...

AVERAGE SALARY
for a Software
Developer in the UK is
£55k
(Glassdoor)

JOE

formerly of Castle School

“I’ve secured an apprenticeship at Leonardo! I am grateful for the support given to me by tutors.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the computing & digital industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Digital Business Technologies ●

Level 2 in Digital & Computing ●

Level 2 T Level Foundation in Digital Business ●

Level 3 T Level in Digital: Software Development ●

Level 3 T Level in Digital Support & Security ●●

Level 3 T Level in Digital: Production Design ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in COMPUTING & DIGITAL starts here.

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

The UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries globally



COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT is the ideal path for those who care about protecting wildlife, landscapes, and rural heritage. With growing focus on biodiversity, rewilding, and climate change, the demand for skilled conservationists has never been greater. You'll gain hands-on experience managing habitats, supporting wildlife, and working outdoors in beautiful, natural environments. This is a career rooted in purpose, perfect for individuals who want to make a real impact, shaping a more sustainable, nature-rich future.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT?

Countryside management is practical, hands-on, and focused on protecting the environment. One day you could be restoring habitats or surveying wildlife, the next leading volunteers. It's a varied, outdoor career that helps shape a more sustainable future. You'll thrive if you are...

PASSIONATE ABOUT NATURE – You care deeply about conservation and protecting the countryside.

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR
Explaining plans, leading teams, and engaging the public is key.

ENERGISED BY THE OUTDOORS – You're happy working in all weathers and on varied terrain.

DETAIL-FOCUSED – Wildlife surveys and conservation work require accuracy.

PHYSICALLY FIT AND PRACTICAL – Tasks like tree planting, fencing, and habitat restoration suit you.

ADAPTABLE AND RESILIENT – Nature is unpredictable, so flexibility matters.

A PROBLEM SOLVER – Every project brings new environmental challenges

EAGER TO KEEP LEARNING
From GIS tools to sustainability strategies, the field is always evolving.

ERIN
formerly of Wadham Community School

“I would love to work for a charity like the Wildlife Trust, and this course is perfect preparation.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT



SUNNY

“I care deeply about the environment and believe it is vital to protect nature and wildlife. This course has given me valuable insight into how we can make a positive impact. I hope to use what I’ve learned to make a real difference in the future.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our students don’t just study countryside management, they restore habitats, survey wildlife, and lead conservation projects. With hands-on experience and expert guidance, they gain the skills and confidence to protect and enhance our natural environment. We have relationships with:

- Wildfowl and Wetland Trust
- Somerset Wildlife Trust
- Quantocks / Mendips AONB
- National Trust
- RSPB – Grey Lake
- Carymoor Environmental Trust.

WHERE COULD COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT TAKE YOU?

Our students build careers protecting, managing, and improving natural spaces. From conservation roles to higher education and apprenticeships, their journeys span local landscapes and international opportunities. Here are destinations of former students:

- Senior Reserves Manager for Natural England
- Assistant Manager at J & F Conservation Trust
- Apprentice for Wessex Water
- Studying a BSc (Hons) in Wildlife and Countryside Management at the Royal Agricultural University
- Community Ranger for Weston-super-Mare Town Council
- Project Officer at the Forest of Avon Trust.

Nearly one in six wildlife species in the UK are threatened with extinction

CAREERS IN COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Ecologist, Biodiversity Officer, Countryside Ranger, Reserve Assistant, Gamekeeper, Field Studies Officer, Wildlife Manager, Project Officer, Forestry Worker/Manager, Conservation Officer, Environmental Consultant, National Park Warden, Heritage Site Manager, Environmental Educator, Community Engagement Officer, Self-Employment and Contracting and more...

AVERAGE SALARY of an Ecologist is £35,624 (Indeed)



RUBEN

formerly of Court Fields School

“It’s great the course includes extra qualifications. Learning to use equipment like strimmers and chainsaws safely is key for the industry.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT & WELLBEING

COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about countryside management and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Countryside Studies ●●

Level 3 Countryside Management ●●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:

Your future in COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT starts here.

EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

MAX

formerly of **Court Fields School**

“We run ‘Stay and Play’ sessions with local nurseries, it’s a great way to build real-world early years skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

90% of a child’s brain develops by the age of 5



EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS is one of the most rewarding, life-changing career paths. Educators shape young minds, build confidence, and inspire future generations. If you’re patient, creative, and passionate about helping others, this field is for you. Every day brings powerful moments, from first words to growing confidence. With high demand for skilled professionals, job security and progression are strong. Studying this field equips you with skills to make a real difference globally.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS?

Working in education and early years means being a guide, a problem-solver, and a positive force in a child’s life. One day you might be leading story time or teaching phonics; the next, supporting a child through big emotions or planning a messy play activity. You’ll thrive if you...

LOVE HELPING OTHERS

You’re motivated by seeing children learn, grow, and succeed.

LEAD WITH CONFIDENCE

Children look to you for guidance, structure, and support.

COMMUNICATE WITH CLARITY AND KINDNESS

You’re a great listener and a confident speaker.

ADAPT QUICKLY – Every day brings new challenges and opportunities.

STAY PATIENT AND CALM

Even when things don’t go to plan!

WORK WELL WITH OTHERS

Collaboration is key across classrooms, nurseries, and families.

THINK CREATIVELY – You bring energy, imagination, and fun into learning.

USE DIGITAL TOOLS – Tech is transforming how children learn, and how you teach.

EDUCATION
& EARLY
YEARS



EMILY
formerly Bishop Fox's School

“My T Level is the first step towards my goal of becoming a primary school teacher. The course gives me the UCAS points I need for university, but more importantly, the placement experience has made me sure it's what I want to do. It's a valuable head start into the career I've wanted since I was younger.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**

**LEARNING GOES BEYOND
THE CLASSROOM**

In education and early years, practical experience plays a vital role. Whether it's leading activities in nurseries, exploring outdoor learning, or volunteering internationally, these opportunities help students build confidence, empathy, and real-world understanding. Highlights of this former learning include:

- Volunteering in Vietnam at Friendship Village and local Kindergartens
- Early years insight at Atelier Nursery, Bath
- Outdoor learning experience at Exmouth Beach School
- Educational storytelling sessions at Taunton Museum
- Montessori methods explored at Lemon Tree Montessori Nursery
- Animal-assisted learning visit to Wildwood Devon.

**WHERE COULD EARLY
YEARS & EDUCATION
TAKE YOU?**

Our students progress into rewarding careers and further study, supporting children in schools, nurseries, and beyond. With strong practical experience and specialist training, they're shaping futures in classrooms and continuing their journey into teaching, psychology, and early childhood education. Destinations of former students include:

- Studying BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care at the University Centre Somerset
- Early Years Educator, Orchard Grove
- Studying BA (Hons) Primary Education (with QTS) at Plymouth University
- Teaching Assistant at Thurlbear Primary School
- Studying BSc (Hons) in Educational Psychology at Bath Spa University.

**Education is more
than teaching—
it's leadership,
psychology, and impact.**

**CAREERS IN EARLY YEARS & EDUCATION:
WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?**

Primary School Teacher, Early Years Teacher, Early Years Educator, Educational Psychologist, Childminder, Teaching Assistant, Professional Nanny, Educational Researcher, Special Educational Needs (Sen) Teacher, Education Policy Advisor, Higher-Level Teaching Assistant, Speech & Language Therapist, Forest School Leader, Headteacher/Principal, University Lecturer and more...

**AVERAGE STARTING
SALARY**
of an Early Career
Teacher is **£31,650**
(zeneducate.com)

ELISE

formerly of Haygrove School

“Working with children for whom English is not their first language, has been a highlight. It's helped me develop patience and empathy.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
& RESILIENCE**

COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the education & early years industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 Introduction to Health, Social Care & Early Years ●●

Level 2 T Level Foundation in Children's Care, Learning and Development ●

Level 2 Working with Children in Early Years and Primary Schools ●●

Level 3 T Level in Education & Early Years ●●●

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in **EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS** starts here.

ELECTRICAL

DMITRIJS

formerly of Bridgwater College Academy

“Once qualified, I plan to get my CSCS card, build on-site experience, and eventually become self-employed in the trade.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

Electricians are among the top 5 most in-demand trades in the UK



ELECTRICAL installation is a high-demand, high-reward career with real momentum. From powering homes and hospitals to installing smart tech and solar systems, electricians work at the heart of modern life. If you enjoy problem-solving, precision, and working with technology, this trade offers variety and long-term security. As the UK invests in green energy and smart infrastructure, skilled electricians are more essential than ever. With clear routes to specialise, lead, or go self-employed, it’s a future-proof career full of opportunity.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY?

The electrical industry is precise, technical, and constantly evolving. Whether wiring homes, fixing faults, or installing smart tech, every job requires skill and focus. You’ll be working with energy systems that power everything from lighting to life-saving equipment, using your expertise to make sure it’s all safe, legal, and future-ready. You’ll thrive if you are...

FOCUSED – You know there’s no room for error when it comes to safety.

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR – You can explain things to teammates or clients.

LOGICAL – Service can get busy, but you keep your cool.

TRUSTWORTHY – People count on you to do the job right.

TECHNICALLY MINDED – Circuits, wiring, and regulations make sense to you.

SELF-DISCIPLINED – You follow rules, work neatly, and aim for high standards.

GOOD AT MATHS – You’re confident with volts, currents, and resistance.

ADAPTABLE – No two days are the same, so flexibility is essential.



THEO
formerly of Huish Episcopi Academy

“The lecturers are great, and the practicals good fun. I enjoy learning new things, like metal conduits, which give a nice variation to wiring. Staff are willing to help on a one to-one level, and you can have a laugh with them too. You get all the tools and equipment you need to succeed.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In electrical, hands-on learning is essential. From exploring industry-grade tools to understanding the latest in renewables and safety standards, real-world experiences help students build confidence and career-ready skills. Highlights of this practical learning include:

- Technical insights from Megger Instruments on test equipment and installation
- Product innovation talks with Scolmore
- Renewable energy discussions led by Roger Rogers
- Safety and certification sessions with NICEIC
- First-hand exposure to a major construction project at HPC
- National competitions entered including Sparks and UK Skill Electrics.

WHERE COULD ELECTRICAL TAKE YOU?

Our students have progressed into careers with a range of respected employers across the electrical industry. From national infrastructure projects to local specialists, they're applying their skills through apprenticeships and full-time roles that power homes, businesses, and entire communities. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Linesman at National Grid
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with Mike Morgan Electrical
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with MEH Alliance
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with Kings Electrical Group
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with John Marchant
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with Alan Manchip.



The UK needs an additional 100,000 electricians by 2032

CAREERS IN ELECTRICAL: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Domestic Electrician, Commercial Electrician, Industrial Electrician, Solar Panel Installer, EV Charging Point Installer, Smart Home Technician, Electrical Tester & Inspector, Electrical Engineer, Electrical Supervisor / Project Manager, Self-Employed Electrician and more...

AVERAGE SALARY
for an Electrician is
£45,000
(Glassdoor)



CARLO

formerly of **Bridgwater College Academy**

“College has helped me mature and grow as a person. It’s a supportive, positive environment where I’ve really developed.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET & RESILIENCE

COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the electrical industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 1 in Electrical Installation ●●
- Level 2 in Electrical Installation ●
- Level 3 in Electrical Installation ●

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in ELECTRICAL starts here.

ENGINEERING



AMY

formerly of The King Alfred School

“I’m completing my work experience with Historic Helicopters, another step towards achieving my dreams of going to university or studying an apprenticeship.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... Thatchers, Agratas, Refresco, Yeo Valley, Hovis, Muller UK, MoD DE&S, EDF, National Grid, Cavendish Nuclear – Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems, Autodesk, RS Components (IAAPS) and more...

The UK government is investing in renewable energy, AI, robotics, and transport infrastructure



ENGINEERING powers progress. It’s a bold, high-impact industry where innovation meets real-world problem-solving, shaping everything from smart tech and robotics to infrastructure and green energy. If you thrive on challenge, think analytically, and enjoy working with cutting-edge technology, this is your world. With excellent salaries, job security, and opportunities across sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and electronics, engineering offers a future full of potential. Whether you’re into inventing, improving, or fixing things, it could be the perfect fit for your skills and curiosity.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN ENGINEERING?

Engineering is creative, technical, and packed with possibilities. One day you could be designing a bridge; the next, programming a robot or testing a renewable energy system. Engineers solve real-world problems and build the future - one innovation at a time. You’ll thrive if you are...

A PROBLEM SOLVER – You enjoy figuring things out and finding smart, practical solutions.

PRECISE AND DETAIL-FOCUSED – In engineering, even small mistakes can have big consequences.

GOOD WITH NUMBERS – You’re confident with maths, physics, and analysing data.

CONFIDENT WITH TECH – You enjoy using CAD, simulations, and digital tools.

NATURALLY CURIOUS – You like understanding how things work and asking “what if...?”

A TEAM PLAYER – You work well with others and can explain your ideas clearly.

A CREATIVE THINKER – You enjoy coming up with new ideas or improving existing ones.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE Projects, deadlines, and challenges don’t throw you off.



DAN
formerly Bishop Fox's School

“My work experience helped develop my practical and machinery skills as well as CAD skills, that I didn’t have to start with. I definitely see an improvement in my communication skills, I’m more comfortable presenting in class and presenting projects to clients.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In engineering, real-world experience is essential. From visiting cutting-edge facilities to exploring advanced manufacturing and clean energy technologies, industry visits help bring theory to life. Students develop confidence, gain practical insight, and build valuable connections for their future careers. Highlights of this hands-on learning include:

- Visits to Autosport International
- Industry exploration at the PPMA – Processing and Packaging Machinery Expo
- Engineering and production insights at Thatchers Cider
- Innovation and materials research at the National Composites Centre
- Clean mobility technology at IAAPS (Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems)
- Energy storage and tech at the Battery Cells & Systems Expo.

WHERE COULD ENGINEERING TAKE YOU?

Our students have progressed into industry roles with leading employers across a range of engineering disciplines. From high-performance technology and manufacturing to utilities and infrastructure, they’re putting their skills into practice across the UK and beyond. Here are just a few companies they are working for:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Babcock International | • Thales Group |
| • Ministry of Defence | • South West Water |
| • Alstom | • Amalgam Modelmaking. |

**Women make up 15.7%
of the engineering and
technology workforce in the UK**

CAREERS IN ENGINEERING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Mechatronics Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, Manufacturing Engineer, Electronics Engineer, Marine Engineer, Engineering Technician, CAD Designer, CNC Machinist, Engineering Journalist, STEM Educator, Aerospace Technician, Defence Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Fire Engineer and more...

**AVERAGE SALARY
for an Electronics
Engineer in the UK is
£49,100
(Check-a-Salary)**



TOM

formerly of Huish Episcopi Academy

“I want to be an Engineer in the Royal Navy. The experience and confidence I have built is a result of the amazing facilities here.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
DIGITALLY CONFIDENT



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about engineering and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Engineering ●●

Level 3 in Engineering ●

Level 3 T Level in Mechanical Engineering ●

Level 3 T Level in Electrical and Electronic Engineering ●

Level 3 T Level in Design and Development ●

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Apprenticeships also available

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Your future in
ENGINEERING
starts here.

EQUINE

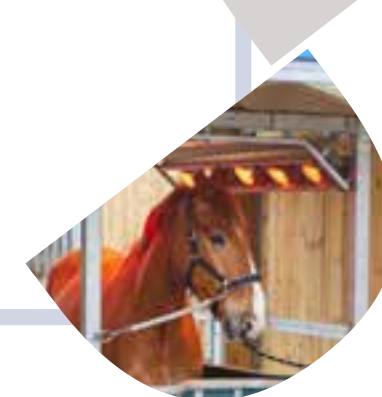
CHARLOTTE

formerly of Kings College

“I love jumping and classroom learning, especially nutrition and first aid. Everything I learn is developing my skills and knowledge to work with horses.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

The equine industry supports around 85,000 jobs in the UK



The **EQUINE** industry is a powerful, fast-evolving sector driven by passion, expertise, and a deep connection to horses. Whether you're managing stables, creating unforgettable experiences, running your own equine business, or supporting vets behind the scenes; this global industry offers variety, purpose, and real impact. With the UK equestrian sector generating over £8 billion annually and supporting more than 85,000 jobs, demand for skilled professionals is rising. If you're hardworking, resilient, and passionate, equine study can lead to an extraordinary future.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN EQUINE?

Equine is a physically demanding, rewarding industry, centred around the care, training, and management of horses. One day you might be mucking out stables or grooming; the next, exercising horses or supporting at a competition. You'll thrive if you are...

AN ANIMAL LOVER – A passion for horses is essential to succeed in this industry.

A TEAM PLAYER – Working with vets, riders, and yard staff is part of daily life.

ACTIVE AND HANDS-ON – You enjoy physical work and don't mind getting muddy.

ORGANISED – Feeding, exercise, and stable routines require excellent time management.

CALM AND CONFIDENT – Horses respond best to people who are steady and self-assured.

RESILIENT – The hours are long, the work is tough, and the weather isn't always kind.

OBSERVANT – Spotting changes in a horse's behaviour or health is vital.

EAGER TO LEARN – There's always more to master, from riding skills to equine care.



ROSIE
formerly Kings Academy

“Taking part in drill rides for open events has really helped my confidence in riding in front of new people. Working with lots of different horses and supportive staff means you gain so much experience. I prefer College to school; there’s more freedom, you’re treated like an adult, and you’re respected, which helps you grow.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our students don’t just study equine, they live it. With daily yard duties, competitions, and employer visits, they gain the practical skills, industry insight, and confidence needed for a successful future in the equine world. Whether it’s learning from elite riders or exploring careers behind the scenes, every experience adds real value. Recent highlights include:

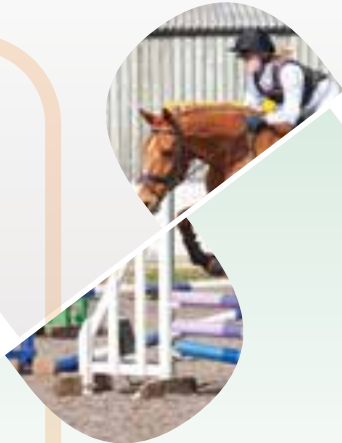
- Guest lecture from Olympic gold medallist Laura Collett
- Tour of Philip Hobbs Racing Stables
- A visit to Hartpury Equine Therapy Centre
- World Horse Welfare
- Attending Badminton Horse Trials
- Guest speaker Julie Garbutt from the British Horse Society.

WHERE COULD EQUINE TAKE YOU?

Our students turn their passion into real careers. From top-level riding and therapy to police support and business management, they progress into university, apprenticeships, and specialist roles across the thriving equine industry. Here are examples of what former students are doing now:

- Event Groom for international rider Alex Bragg
- BSc (Hons) International Equine and Agricultural Business Management – Royal Agricultural University
- BSc (Hons) Equine Therapy and Rehabilitation – Warwickshire College
- Qualified Barefoot Trimmer
- Groom – Avon and Somerset Mounted Police.

Approximately
1.82 million
people in
the UK are
regular riders



CAREERS IN EQUINE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Mounted Police Officer, Massage Therapist, Physiotherapist, Farrier, Jockey, Veterinary Nurse, Nutritionist, Groom, Equine Chiropractor, Equine Dentist, Saddler, Equestrian Centre Manager, Equine Journalist, Horse Breeder, Equestrian Retail Specialist, Lecturer, Coach, Equine Assisted Therapy Facilitator, Event organiser, Self-employed groom/ instructor, Equine Behaviourist, Bloodstock and more...

AVERAGE SALARY
of an Equine Centre
Manager is **£25,356**
(fejobs.com)

KAIYA

formerly Home Schooled

“The facilities are excellent, not only is it a college, but also a commercial yard.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about equine and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Horse Care ●

Level 3 in Horse Management ●

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
EQUINE
starts here.



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) courses are designed to help non-native English speakers improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Whether you're new to the UK or looking to boost your confidence, ESOL supports you in everyday communication, further study, and employment. You'll learn in a friendly, inclusive environment with others at a similar level. With personalised support and practical learning, ESOL helps you settle, succeed, and build a brighter future.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO LEARN ENGLISH AND SUCCEED?

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) isn't just about learning grammar—it's about building confidence, finding your voice, and opening up new opportunities. Whether you're writing a job application, supporting your family, or starting a new chapter, you'll thrive if you're...

EAGER TO COMMUNICATE

Ready to improve your speaking, listening, reading, and writing in English.

CURIOUS AND WILLING TO ASK QUESTIONS

– Not afraid to make mistakes and try new things.

OPEN TO NEW CULTURES

Interested in learning about different people, traditions, and ways of life.

DETERMINED AND RESILIENT

– Able to keep going, even when something feels challenging.

MOTIVATED BY YOUR GOALS

– Whether it's finding work, continuing your studies, or helping your family succeed.

PROUD OF YOUR PROGRESS

Celebrating each new word, sentence, and step forward.

A TEAM PLAYER

– happy to learn alongside others in a supportive, friendly environment.

READY TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Whether through work, volunteering, or daily life in the UK.

OLEKSANDR

formerly of Huish Episcopi Academy

“As someone with dyslexia, this course helped me grow, be creative, and build confidence and resilience.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
& RESILIENCE**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

For ESOL learners, real-world, on-site activities help develop language skills, cultural understanding, and employability. Confidence grows through meaningful experiences that connect students with their community and prepare them for life beyond the classroom. Highlights include::

- Workshops in CV writing and interview preparation
- Exploring AI strategies to enhance job applications
- Researching local and national employers and job sectors
- Employer panel discussions to explore career pathways
- Attending a literary event with a local author
- Celebrating Eid-al-Fitr and participating in Refugee Week activities

WHERE COULD ESOL TAKE YOU?

ESOL is just the beginning. Many learners progress onto further ESOL levels or move into new subjects at College. With improved confidence and communication, they're ready to take the next step toward education, employment, or training. Popular pathways include:

- Health & Social Care
- Education & Early Years
- Construction trades
- Business and Computing
- Hospitality and Catering.

90% of ESOL learners say their confidence improves after completing a course

CAREERS: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Call Centre Operative, Care Assistant, Construction Labourer, Retail Assistant, Business Owner, Hospitality Worker, Sports Coach and more...

WAJDI

“The college offered a supportive, flexible environment that helped prepare me for my next step into the healthcare industry.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

COURSES

Available at;
Bridgwater ●
Strode ●
Taunton ●
Call 01278 441234 to find out more information.

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in ESOL starts here.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

SAM

formerly Home Schooled

“My time at college has been the best opportunity I’ve ever done in my life. It’s a really good place to learn and grow.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
AND RESILIENCE**

68% of students* who studied a Supported Internship progressed into paid employment

* UCS College Group



FOUNDATION LEARNING supports young people to build confidence, independence, and essential life skills. Delivered in inclusive, supportive settings, it focuses on communication, emotional regulation, and teamwork through practical, hands-on learning. Courses are flexible and person-centred, tailored to individual needs and ambitions. Foundation Learning acts as a stepping stone to further education, supported internships, or employment; equipping learners to thrive in adult life and progress at their own pace with the right guidance, structure, and support around them.

SKILLS AND QUALITIES EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR

Every workplace needs people who are dependable, positive, and ready to learn. Whether you’re working in a café, helping customers, or supporting a team behind the scenes, the right personal qualities can make all the difference. Through real-life experiences and tailored support, we’ll help you grow in confidence and learn how to:

BE RELIABLE – Turning up on time, following instructions, and being someone others can count on.

SHOW INITIATIVE – Spotting what needs doing and being confident to take action.

STAY POSITIVE – Approaching tasks with a good attitude and a willingness to improve.

SHOW EMPATHY – Understanding others and being kind, especially in customer-facing roles.

BUILD RESILIENCE – Whether speaking with guests or your team.

PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL
Taking care in your work and making sure things are done properly.

WORK AS PART OF A TEAM – Collaborating, listening, and respecting other people’s roles.

KEEP LEARNING – Being open to feedback and always looking to build new skills.

FOUNDATION LEARNING



IMOGEN
formerly of Bishop Fox's School

"As part of my course, I've completed lots of volunteering and achieved my Duke of Edinburgh Award. I helped with gardening at West Somerset Railway and supported the team at the Conquest Centre. It's been great to get out, learn new skills, and help the community."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**EXCELLENCE
IN ACTION**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Foundation Learning builds confidence and independence through real-world experiences. From zoos and farms to food fairs and train stations, every trip is a chance to try something new, develop practical skills, and explore life beyond the classroom in fun, supportive ways. Highlights of this hands-on learning include:

- Adventurous Duke of Edinburgh and Cadet expeditions
- Animal encounters at Tropiquaria Zoo and Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
- Farming and outdoor skills at Wedmore Community Farm and Fyne Court National Trust
- Culinary exploration at the West Point Food Fair
- Customer service experience through GWR platform training at local railway stations
- Pizza-making and hospitality skills at Dough Brothers masterclasses.

WHERE COULD FOUNDATION LEARNING TAKE YOU?

Our learners progress into a wide range of real-world roles, using the skills, confidence, and independence developed through foundation learning. From hospitals to hospitality, public services to education, they're making meaningful contributions across Somerset and beyond. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) with Avon and Somerset Police
- Warehouse and logistics work with Wincanton
- Replenishment, ward admin, and porter roles at Musgrove Park Hospital
- Catering positions with Somerset Larder
- Learning Support Assistant at Strode.

**We are, 1 of 8 organisations
to be awarded the Avon
and Somerset Police
Commissioners Coin**

CAREERS IN FOUNDATION LEARNING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Health Care Assistant, Hospital Porter, Ward Receptionist, Pharmaceutical Assistant, Kitchen Porter, Chef, Waiter/Waitress, Customer Service Assistant, Administration Assistant, Land-based Maintenance, PCSO, Warehouse Operative, Receptionist, Construction Operative, Data Input Officer, IT Assistant, Domestic Services, Retail Assistant, Learning Support Assistant and more...

**AVERAGE SALARY
for a Police
Community Support
Officer is £24,000
(National Careers Service)**

ANNA

formerly of **West Somerset College**

**"Cooking has helped
me feel more confident.
I can work on my own,
talk to people, and enjoy
serving customers too."**

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT
AND WELLBEING**



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about foundation learning and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Avon and Somerset Police - Pathway to Employment ●
- Choices for Independence ●
- Digital Futures Supported Internship ●
- Exploring Work and Life Skills ●
- Health and Social Care Supported Internship ●
- HPC Supported Traineeship ●
- Introduction to Construction ●
- Introduction to Culinary ● ● ● ●
- Introduction to Land-based ●
- Introduction to Small Animal Care ●
- Pathways to Independence ● ●
- Project Search Supported Internship - Musgrove Hospital ●
- SASP - Supported Internship ●
- Steps into Further Education ● ●
- Step into Learning Entry Level ●
- Supported Internship ● ●
- Supported Internship Entry Level to Level 3 ●
- Technical Skills Pathway ● ●
- Transition Pathways ● ●
- Transition to Further Education ● ●

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
**FOUNDATION
LEARNING**
starts here.

HAIRDRESSING



EVELYN

formerly of Court Fields School

“My course has helped build my self-belief through hands-on practice and strengthened my social and communication skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT
AND WELLBEING**

The average person has between 100,000 to 150,000 strands of head hair



The **HAIRDRESSING** industry is fast-paced, creative, and full of opportunity. Whether you're aiming to work in top salons, backstage at fashion shows, or launch your own business, it's a hands-on career with real flexibility and growth. Perfect for people who love style, trends, and making others feel confident; hairdressing offers variety, personal connection, and endless chances to upskill. If you're passionate about style and confidence, this is where creativity becomes a career.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN HAIRDRESSING?

The hairdressing industry is creative, hands-on, and full of flexibility and growth. One day you could be transforming someone's style with a bold cut; the next, mastering balayage or prepping hair for a photoshoot. You'll thrive if you're...

CREATIVE – You love experimenting with styles, colours, and staying ahead of trends.

CONFIDENT AND PROFESSIONAL – Clients trust you with their look, so belief in your skills is essential.

GREAT WITH PEOPLE – You enjoy chatting, listening, and making clients feel amazing.

FULL OF STAMINA – You're happy to be on your feet, working long hours and back-to-back appointments.

DETAIL-FOCUSED – Precision in cutting, colouring, and styling makes all the difference.

BUSINESS-MINDED – Whether recommending products or building your personal brand, you understand what it takes to grow.

STEADY WITH YOUR HANDS – You bounce back from setbacks, deal with pressure, and stay focused even when things get tough.

ADAPTABLE AND EAGER TO LEARN – Trends, techniques, and client needs change quickly, so you need to stay flexible and open to new ideas.

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In hairdressing, real-world experience is key to developing creativity, confidence, and industry-ready skills. From national shows to global inspiration, students step beyond the salon to experience the fast-paced, ever-evolving world of professional styling. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- Creative inspiration at Salon International
- Industry trends explored at the Hair and Beauty Show at the NEC
- Confidence-building through national and regional skills competitions
- Global insight and cultural learning on international trips, including Japan.

WHERE COULD HAIRDRESSING TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to build exciting careers in salons, on cruise liners, and even as business owners. Whether staying local or travelling the world, they're applying their creativity and skills in real-world roles. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Stylist on a Caribbean cruise line
- Stylist in Vanity
- Stylist in Studio B
- Running their own salons
- Expanding their expertise by studying barbering to enhance their skill set.

In a warm
climate hair
grows faster
than in a cold one

CAREERS IN HAIRDRESSING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Hairdresser / Stylist, Extension Specialist, Trichologist, Bridal & Event Stylist, Salon Owner, Wig & Hairpiece Specialist, Session Stylist, Mobile Hairdresser, Film & TV Hairdresser, Hair Influencer / Content Creator, Brand Representative, Salon Receptionist, Hair Product Developer, Product Educator and College Lecturer/assessor and more...

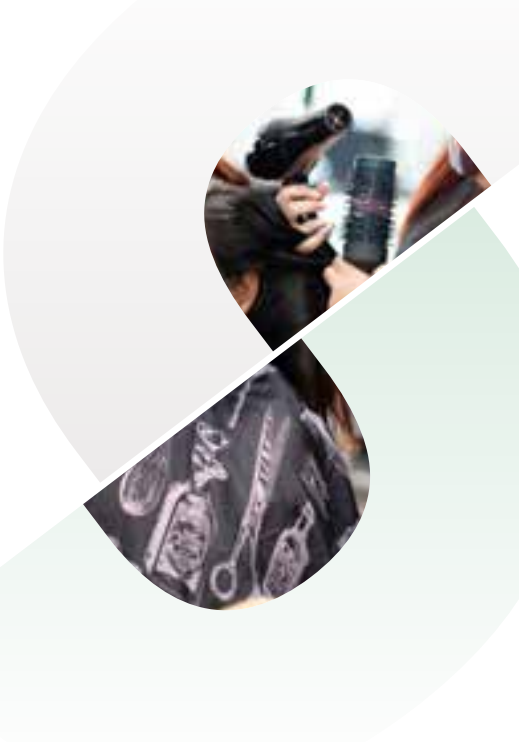
AVERAGE SALARY
of a Salon Owner is
£33,462
(Glassdoor)



KEIRA
formerly of Court Fields School

"I want to go into theatre hair and make-up, and this course allows for so much creativity, like my project where I created a full fantasy-themed look. The progression opportunities are amazing too; at Level 3, we have the chance to go to Tokyo to experience a different hairdressing culture and learn new skills."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



SARA

formerly of Eudoxiu Hurmuzachi, Romania

"I'm learning new skills every day and growing in confidence. Talks from industry professionals also inspire me to work towards opening my own salon."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the hairdressing industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 1 Introduction to the Hairdressing and Beauty Sector ●●●
- Level 1 in Hairdressing / Barbering ●●●
- Level 2 in Hairdressing ●●●
- Level 2 in Hairdressing and Barbering ●●●
- Level 2 in Hair and Media Make-up ●●●
- Level 3 in Hairdressing ●●●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:

Your future in
HAIRDRESSING
starts here.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

AIMEE

formerly of Haygrove School

“At Musgrove Park Hospital, I learned how essential effective communication is with patients, staff, friends, and for my nursing future.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT
AND WELLBEING**

The NHS is the UK's biggest employer, employing over 1.3 million staff



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE is a vital, rewarding industry where you can make a real difference every day. Whether supporting mental health, working in hospitals, or helping people live independently, it's all about care, compassion, and commitment. With rising demand for skilled professionals, it offers strong job security, career growth, and personal fulfilment. If you're driven to support others and want a career that truly matters, this could be the path for you.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE?

Health and social care is one of the most rewarding and vital industries in society. One day you could be supporting someone through recovery; the next, helping a patient manage a lifelong condition or comforting a family in crisis. You'll thrive if you're...

A GREAT COMMUNICATOR

You can talk and listen with empathy, helping people feel heard, supported, and understood.

RESILIENT – You stay strong and focused, even during tough or emotional situations.

COMPASSIONATE – You care deeply about others and want to make a real difference in their lives.

ORGANISED – You can manage appointments, medication, and care plans efficiently, knowing every detail matters.

A PROBLEM SOLVER – You stay calm under pressure and make smart decisions to help those in your care.

RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE – You treat everyone with dignity and understand the importance of cultural awareness.

A TEAM PLAYER – Whether in a hospital, care home, or community setting, you work closely with others to provide the best support.

PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE – You genuinely want to improve lives, offering care, encouragement, and hope every day.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



MEGAN
formerly of Chilton Trinity School

“What’s unique about the T Level is the first-hand experience you get with patients at Musgrove Park Hospital. It’s not just learning in a classroom; you’re out on the ward, understanding patients and putting personal care into practice.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Getting out into the real world makes all the difference. Whether it’s planning activities with service users or learning how care works in other countries, these experiences help students grow in confidence and gain the skills that truly matter. Recent highlights include:

- Funded trips to Norway, Vietnam, Italy, and the USA through the Turing Scheme
- Visits to local care homes and residential services to work directly with those in need
- Attending the UCAS Fair to explore future careers and university options
- Talks from professionals across the sector, including children’s and adult social workers, charities, and occupational therapists
- Inspiring visits from former students who shared their career and education journeys.

WHERE COULD HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TAKE YOU?

Our students are making a real difference in people’s lives, whether they’re training to become nurses, midwives, or paramedics. With hands-on experience and expert teaching, they’ve secured places at top universities and progressed into high-impact healthcare careers. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Studying Midwifery degrees at Swansea University and the University of Worcester
- Studying Paramedic Science at St George’s, University of London
- Studying BSc (Hons) degrees in Nursing (Adult) and Nursing (Mental Health) at University Centre Somerset
- Degree Apprenticeship in Nursing at University Centre Somerset
- Offers at King’s College London for a pre-registration nursing degree.

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

94% of healthcare workers say their job is rewarding!

CAREERS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Adult Nurse, Paediatric Nurse, Midwife, Mental Health Nurse, Emergency Care Assistant, Paramedic Sonographer, Occupational Therapist, Speech & Language Therapist, Radiographer, Family support worker, Foster Care, Dementia Care Specialist, Support Worker, Care Home Manager, Social Worker, Youth Worker and more...

AVERAGE SALARY for a Radiographer is £38,670 (CareerCoach)

ELLA-MAE

formerly of The King Alfred School

“Inspired by my mum, I hope to become a social worker and my next step is university.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the health & social care industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 Introduction to Health, Social Care & Early Years ●○

Level 2 in Health & Social Care ●●

Level 2 T Level Foundation in Health ●○

Level 3 in Social Care ●

Level 3 in Health and Social Care ●○

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE starts here.

HOSPITALITY



IZ

formerly of Bishop Fox's School

“Working front-of-house has really improved my communication skills, confidence and use of technology.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
DIGITALLY CONFIDENT

The **hospitality sector** is the **third-largest employer** in the **UK**



The **HOSPITALITY** industry is vibrant, people-focused, and full of energy, ideal for those who thrive in social settings and love making others feel welcome. From luxury hotels and fine dining to global events and international catering, it offers exciting career paths for both creative and practical minds. You'll build real-world skills in teamwork, customer service, communication, and organisation. If you're friendly, adaptable, and driven by variety, travel, and creating memorable experiences, hospitality could lead to a dynamic and rewarding future.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN HOSPITALITY?

Working in hospitality is fast-paced, hands-on, and all about people. One day you might be serving guests at a busy event, the next, preparing food in a high-pressure kitchen or managing bookings for a luxury hotel. It's a vibrant, rewarding career where every day is different and creating memorable experiences is the goal. You'll thrive if you are...

A PEOPLE PERSON – Friendly, welcoming, and happy to help others.

TEAM PLAYER – Great hospitality relies on collaboration.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE
Service can get busy, but you keep your cool.

ORGANISED AND RELIABLE – Juggling tasks and managing time is key.

A STRONG COMMUNICATOR
Whether speaking with guests or your team.

EAGER TO LEARN – The industry constantly evolves with new trends and skills.

DETAIL-FOCUSED – Detail matters in food, service, and presentation.

ADAPTABLE – No two days are the same, so flexibility is essential.



GRACE
formerly of Lister Community School

“I have had the opportunity to volunteer at a local homeless shelter and would love to open my own one day. My passion for helping others has driven me towards a career in hospitality. The skills I have acquired particularly large-scale cooking have made my goal more attainable. The gratification derived from this work is truly fulfilling.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our students don't just study hospitality, they live it. With hands-on experience in professional kitchens, hotels, and live events, they build confidence, industry insight, and real connections. From guest chefs to competitions and employer partnerships, their learning goes far beyond the classroom. Recent highlights include:

- Restaurant Takeover at the Castle Hotel, Taunton
- Working alongside employers at the Homewood House Party in Bath
- Partnerships with Edge Hotel School and the Institute of Hospitality (IOH)
- Guest Chef Evenings with industry professionals
- Entering competitions including Student Pastry Chef of the Year and South West Student Chef of the Year

Hospitality creates memorable experiences

WHERE COULD HOSPITALITY TAKE YOU?

Our students turn their passion into real careers. With hands-on training and real industry experience, they've taken on roles across restaurants, hotels, bakeries, and even the forces. Many go on to train, travel, and thrive in this global industry. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Management Trainee – Brend Collection, Sidmouth
- Chef – Royal Navy, 40 Commando, Norton Fitzwarren
- Chef – Augustus, Taunton
- Baker – The Newt, Somerset
- Commis Chef – The Castle Hotel, Taunton.



AVERAGE SALARY of an Executive Chef is £46,240 (Indeed)

CAREERS IN HOSPITALITY: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Chef, Restaurant Manager, Bartender / Mixologist, Barista, Waiter / Waitress, Front of House, Commis / Sous Chef, Head / Executive Chef, Pastry Chef, Private / Catering Chef, Hospitality Marketing Executive, Food & Beverage Operations Manager, Cruise Ship Hospitality Staff, Concierge, Hotel Manager and more....

CAM

formerly of Court Fields School

“Guest chef nights allow you to work with expert chefs from some incredible restaurants, further developing your skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the hospitality industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 1 Introduction to the Hospitality Industry ●
- Level 2 in Hospitality ●
- Level 2 in Professional Cookery ●
- Level 3 in Professional Cookery ●
- Level 3 in Hospitality, Travel & Tourism ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED? For further information, scan here:

Your future in HOSPITALITY starts here.

MEDIA, BROADCAST & PRODUCTION

CHARLOTTE

formerly of Castle School

“Learning photography, filmmaking and podcasting, while getting hands-on with cameras and flash kits has been the best experience.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
DIGITALLY CONFIDENT

The UK's entertainment and media market is projected to grow to **£121 billion by 2028**, becoming the biggest in Europe



MEDIA is one of the most exciting, fast-moving industries out there, bursting with creativity, innovation, and influence. From film and TV to social media, journalism, and digital marketing, it shapes how we see and share the world. Studying media develops hands-on skills in content creation, editing, production, and strategy, while building confidence, collaboration, and critical thinking. If you're curious, expressive, and thrive on variety, media offers a future-focused career with endless opportunities to shape stories and connect with audiences.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN MEDIA?

The media industry is creative, fast-paced, and constantly evolving. Whether you're writing scripts, producing content, or managing social platforms, no two days are the same. You'll thrive if you are...

A STORYTELLER – You love crafting messages that inform, entertain, or inspire.

A STRONG COMMUNICATOR
You present clearly, listen well, and collaborate easily.

TECH-SAVVY – From editing software to social media tools, you're confident with digital platforms.

HANDS-ON – You enjoy filming, designing, or editing content that grabs attention.

CREATIVE – You think outside the box and bring fresh ideas to every project.

ADAPTABLE – Media moves fast, and so do you.

CURIOUS – You're always asking questions and staying on top of trends.

RESILIENT – You listen to feedback, bounce back from setbacks, and keep improving.

MEDIA, BROADCAST & PRODUCTION



SASKIA
formerly Uffculme School

“A highlight of my T Level was working with the Police and Ambulance Service on their bleed kit project. We filmed videos showing how to use the kits, which are now helping people across the country. I’m quite proud to have contributed to something so important; it’s amazing to use media skills to benefit the community.”

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Through real-world projects, industry visits, and expert-led sessions, our students build confidence and develop practical that prepare them for the world of media. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- Talks from former BBC TV Presenter and Journalist Clinton Rogers
- Final Major Projects submitted to the Short Film Circuit
- Editorial insights from the Editor of the Sunday Express
- Gaining industry knowledge working alongside employers in The Realm
- Residential opportunities in Los Angeles, USA with a partner college.

WHERE COULD MEDIA TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to work in film, television, journalism, and digital media, while others have secured university places or won competitive apprenticeships. Below are a few examples of where they are now and what they’re doing:

- Founder of Scribe Lounge & Professional Screenwriter
- Creative team at Hamilton-Brown Design Agency, London
- Storybox Films - Wedding Videography and Photography
- Producer and Production Manager
- Studying BA (Hons) Film & TV at Falmouth University
- Studying BA (Hons) Advertising and Marketing Communication at Bournemouth University.

Digital advertising now accounts for 81% of all ad revenue in the UK



AVERAGE SALARY
of an Film Director is approximately **£41,875** (Glassdoor)

CAREERS IN MEDIA: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Film/TV Producer, Camera Operator, Director, Video Editor, Scriptwriter / Screenwriter, Content Creator / Influencer, Sound Engineer / Designer, Broadcast Journalist, Presenter (TV, Radio, Digital), Content Strategist, Digital Marketing Executive, Radio Producer, Sound Mixer / Technician, Lighting Technician, Studio Engineer, Media Analyst / Researcher, Production Manager, Media Sales Executive and more...

WILL

formerly of **Wadham School**

“We use new, industry-standard kit to produce weekly TV shows and run sound and lighting for music events.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the media industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 2 in Creative Media, Production and Technology ●
- Level 2 T Level Foundation in Media and Production Arts ●
- Level 2 T Level Foundation in Creative & Digital Industries ●
- Level 3 T Level in Media: Content Creation ●●
- Level 3 in Creative Media and Production ●

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in MEDIA starts here.

MEDIA MAKE-UP



NATALIA

formerly of **Monkton Wood Academy**

“Wig making shows how changing someone’s appearance can rebuild their confidence, using creative skills to make a real, positive difference.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**80% of sci-fi films require
prosthetic make-up
technicians**



MEDIA make-up is a versatile and creative industry where artistry meets transformation. You’ll explore a wide range of techniques including prosthetics, special effects, make-up for film and fashion, and wig making. Whether you’re designing characters for stage and screen or styling for editorial shoots, this course gives you the skills to thrive in a fast-paced, visual world. It’s ideal for imaginative individuals who love storytelling through style, detail, and hands-on craft.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN MEDIA MAKE-UP?

The media make-up industry is imaginative, hands-on, and all about transformation. One day you could be creating realistic wounds for a film set; the next, styling a high-fashion look or crafting a period wig. You’ll thrive if you’re...

CREATIVE – You love turning ideas into visual designs.

CURIOUS ABOUT TRENDS
You follow fashion, film, and make-up innovations.

DETAIL-ORIENTATED
Precision matters in every brushstroke.

HANDS-ON – You enjoy working with materials such as wigs, prosthetics, and tools.

GOOD UNDER PRESSURE – Fast turnarounds and quick changes don’t phase you.

PROFESSIONAL AND RELIABLE – Timings, hygiene, and teamwork really matter.

A GREAT COMMUNICATOR
You listen, take feedback, and work well with others.

PASSIONATE – You take pride in every look you create.

MEDIA MAKE-UP



BRENDA
formerly Robert Blake School

“I love that we have the freedom to be as creative as we like with hair and the mannequin heads, it’s a great way to experiment and try out new styles. College has also helped me develop my communication skills, which are essential for success in the industry.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GROWTH MINDSET
AND RESILIENCE**

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In media make-up, real-world experience is everything. From working behind the scenes on live productions to learning directly from industry professionals, hands-on opportunities bring creative skills to life. Students build confidence, refine their technique, and prepare for fast-paced careers across film, fashion, and theatre. Highlights of this real-world learning have included:

- Exploring the different wigs and prosthetics used in film during a visit to Harry Potter Studios
- Visiting Ben Nye headquarters in Los Angeles to see how pigments are developed, observe the lab in action, and watch products being made
- Traveling to New York to explore cultural differences and visited the Museum of Broadway to study wigs, make-up, and prosthetics used in theatre
- Collaborating with the Ambulance Service and Avon & Somerset Police to provide make-up and prosthetics for a bleed kit awareness film
- Attended a demonstration by Pete Tindall from Bentley Materials, who showcased cutting-edge products and techniques used in the industry
- Took part in The Prosthetic Event, a major European trade show that supports networking and showcases the latest innovations in make-up artistry
- Achieving national recognition, with students winning Make-up Artist of the Year and the Glow Up Award.

WHERE COULD MEDIA MAKE-UP TAKE YOU?

Former students who studied a BA (Hons) Degree or a Foundation Degree in Makeup Artistry, Prosthetic FX and Wig Making at University Centre Somerset have gone on to build exciting careers across the creative industries, from film and TV sets to fashion shoots and theatre productions. They’re using their skills in real-world roles, transforming faces, creating characters, and helping to tell stories across the UK and beyond. Here are just a few of their career destinations:

- Prosthetics Technician at The Silicone Centre
- Wig and Make-up Artist for the English National Opera
- Prosthetic Workshop Technician at KM Effects
- Wig Maker for The Little Princess Trust
- Art Finisher at Madame Tussauds
- Bridal Make-up Artist and Business Owner.

CAREERS IN MEDIA MAKE-UP: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Make-Up Artist, Prosthetic Technician, Wig Maker, Special Effects Artist, Hair Stylist, Fashion Make-Up Artist, Theatrical Make-Up Designer, TV/Film Make-Up Artist, Body Painter, and Cosmetic Brand Consultant and more...

**AVERAGE SALARY
for a Wig Maker is
£31,162
(Salary Expert)**



LEIGHA

formerly of Robert Blake School

“Working with real clients helps me learn about different skin types, face shapes, and how to use colours that complement their features.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the media make-up industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Hair and Media Make-up ●

Level 3 in Make-up Artistry ●

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
MEDIA MAKE-UP
starts here.

MUSIC

Over 616 million people pay for music streaming



The **MUSIC & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY** industry is a creative, evolving world where talent, innovation, and technology come together. Whether you're passionate about performing, producing, sound engineering, or live events, it offers endless ways to turn your passion into a profession. With streaming, digital platforms, and global collaboration booming, there's never been a better time to step in. Studying music and music tech builds confidence, sharpens practical skills, and provides hands-on experience with industry-standard software, ideal for imaginative minds ready to shape the future of sound.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY?

The music industry is creative, technical, and always evolving. One day you could be producing a track in Logic Pro; the next, mixing live sound at a gig or editing audio for a podcast. You'll thrive if you are...

MUSICALLY MINDED – You understand rhythm, harmony, and how songs are structured.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE
Live shows, tech issues, and tight deadlines don't throw you off.

CREATIVE – You love experimenting with sounds, writing songs, or designing unique audio experiences.

A STRONG COMMUNICATOR
You work well with artists, engineers, and creative teams.

CONFIDENT WITH TECH
DAWs, mics, mixing desks, you enjoy working with the tools of the trade.

SELF-MOTIVATED – You're organised, reliable, and ready to put in the hours.

DETAIL ORIENTATED
Tiny tweaks in a mix or arrangement matter to you.

ALWAYS LEARNING – New gear, genres, and tools excite you and you're hungry to grow.

LUKE

formerly of Haygrove School

“Landing a drumming gig through my lecturer was amazing, performing live has massively boosted my confidence and real-world experience.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



TY DAY
formerly of Bridgwater College Academy

“I’m pursuing a career in the music industry and currently release my own tracks. College has strengthened my song writing and production skills. Collaborating with other students has been invaluable, sharing ideas, pushing creativity, and growing together. I’m aiming to secure industry opportunities during my time here.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In music and music technology, real-world experience is everything. From working in professional studios to attending major industry events, hands-on learning helps students sharpen their skills, build confidence, and understand how the music industry works behind the scenes. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

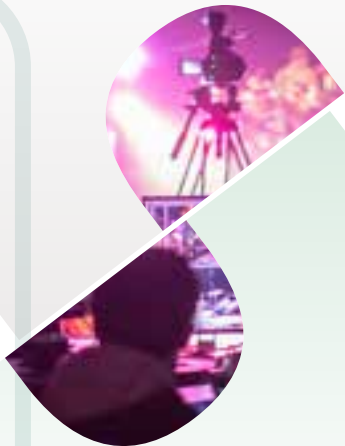
- Studio sessions at Muddy Road Studios
- Mastering and production experience at Dub Studio
- Industry networking and insight at the Brighton Music Conference.

WHERE COULD MUSIC & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to build careers in one of the most creative and competitive industries out there. From touring the world with artists to producing, mixing, and mastering in professional studios, they’re turning passion into real-world success. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Freelance Tour Manager
- DJ / Producer
- Mastering Engineer at Height Mastering
- Mix Engineer at Strongroom Studios.

The UK’s music industry contributed £7.6 billion to the economy in 2023



CAREERS IN MUSIC: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Singer/Vocalist, Instrumentalist, Composer/Songwriter, Lyricist, DJ, Music Producer, Beatmaker, Electronic Music Artist, Sound Engineer, Mixing Engineer, Recording Engineer, Live Sound Technician, Sound Designer, Audio Software Developer, Music Therapist, Music Teacher, Artist Manager, Booking Agent, Music Events Promoter, Music Data Analyst, Record Label Executive and more...

AVERAGE SALARY for a for a Recording Engineer in the UK is £41,321 (Glassdoor)

GEORGEA
formerly of Bucklers Mead Academy

“Studying here confirmed my dream of teaching or performing, we compose, analyse, and explore how the music industry really works.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the music industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

- Level 2 in Commercial Music
- Level 2 Music Industry Skills
- Level 2 in Performance and Production Skills
- Level 3 Music Performance and Production
- Level 3 Level 3 in Music Technology and Performance

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:

Your future in MUSIC starts here.

MUSICAL THEATRE

KORBEN

formerly of Chilton Trinity School

“Learning in the McMillan Theatre and training with industry experts has been a transformative experience, building my confidence, skills, and ambition.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

**The theatre sector
generates a turnover of
£4.4 billion annually**



MUSICAL THEATRE is a world where storytelling, movement, and music come together. It's your opportunity to develop industry-level skills while building resilience, stage presence, and creative freedom. Whether you're drawn to the spotlight or the work behind the scenes, you'll explore theatre, dance, and vocal performance in ways that challenge and excite. It's a pathway for bold thinkers and expressive minds ready to make their mark in a fast-moving, inspiring industry.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN MUSICAL THEATRE?

Musical theatre is bold, expressive, and full of energy. One day you could be centre stage; the next, rehearsing choreography, learning lines, or developing a new character. It's a fast-paced industry that demands passion, discipline, and creativity. You'll thrive if you are...

CONFIDENT ON STAGE – You can command attention and connect with an audience through performance.

DISCIPLINED AND FOCUSED
You commit to rehearsals, learn lines and choreography efficiently, and take direction well.

STRONG IN PERFORMANCE
You've got talent in acting, singing, dance, or all three!

A TEAM PLAYER – You work well with artists, engineers, and creative teams.

QUICK-THINKING – You stay calm, adapt fast, and respond naturally when things change on stage.

RESILIENT AND SELF-MOTIVATED – You can take feedback, handle rejection, and keep pushing to improve your skills.

CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE
You love bringing characters to life and exploring new ideas or interpretations.

TRULY PASSIONATE – You perform because you love it, and that energy shows every time you step on stage.

MUSICAL THEATRE



FLO
formerly of Crispin School

“Every day is different, from learning new techniques to collaborating with others. College has helped grow my confidence, while the Dance Academy and Somerstage Associates Programme have developed my performance skills further. Through hard work and experience, I’ve earned a place at the renowned Italia Conti in London.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

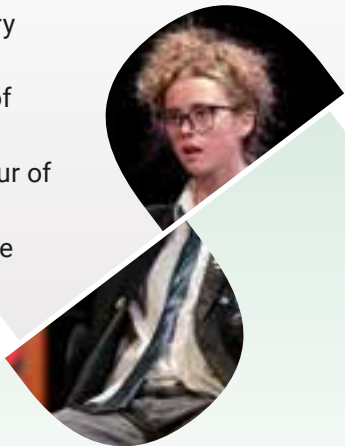
In musical theatre, real-world experience is key. From live performances to industry workshops, every opportunity helps students develop technique, originality, and self-assurance. They gain insight into professional practice while building the skills needed for a successful future in the performing arts. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- New York and London residencies packed with shows and backstage experiences
- Live performances at the Bristol Hippodrome, including Dear Evan Hansen, Pretty Woman, and Mary Poppins
- Attending MOVE IT at ExCeL London – the UK’s biggest dance and performing arts expo
- Annual workshops and university preparation sessions with Bath Spa University
- Professional training and insights from Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts
- Working in partnership with Somerstage to enhance training, audition preparation, and access to industry workshops.

WHERE COULD MUSICAL THEATRE TAKE YOU?

Our students go on to perform, choreograph, and direct at the highest levels. From international tours to professional companies, they’re building successful careers on stage and beyond. Many also gain places at top theatre schools across the UK and Europe. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Director and dancer at Chhaya Collective Dance Company and Youth Company
- Performer in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Mike TV) and The History Boys
- Performer in the international tour of School of Rock and original cast of Shucked
- Understudy Christine Daaé in the European tour of Phantom of the Opera
- Movement director for Vogue Portugal and Elle Magazine; performer in The Irrepressibles music video
- Professional model and yoga instructor
- Dance teacher at Hannah’s Hoofers.



CAREERS IN MUSICAL THEATRE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Actor, Dancer, Singer/Vocalist, Musical Theatre Performer, Comedian, Spoken Word, Artist, Stunt Performer, Circus Artist, Director, Choreographer, Musical Director, Movement Director, Scriptwriter, Playwright, Producer, Talent Agent, Casting Director, Production Manager, Tour Manager, Youth Theatre Director, Theatre-in-Education Performer, Arts Therapist and more...

AVERAGE SALARY
for an experienced
Actor is £47,979
(Talent.com)

HARRIET

formerly of West Somerset College

“Through the Somerstage Associates Programme and D14 Dance Academy, we’ve engaged with agents and built the skills needed for university.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the musical theatre industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Performing Arts ●

Level 3 in Musical Theatre, Dance or Acting ●

Level 3 in Performing Arts ●

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in MUSICAL THEATRE starts here.



NUCLEAR

ELLA
formerly of Ormesby School

“Nuclear offers a strong career path, producing efficient, low-carbon energy without the environmental damage caused by other energy sources.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... EDF, Nuclear Restoration Service (NRS), Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA), Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE), Atkins Realist, Pennon Group, Cavendish Nuclear, Assystem, Amentom, National Grid, Scottish & Southern Electricity, MEH Alliance, Ministry of Defence, Altrad and more...

Nuclear is a vital part of reaching Net Zero by 2050



The **NUCLEAR** industry is a highly advanced, strategically vital sector operating at the intersection of science, engineering, and technological innovation. From generating low-carbon energy in power stations to supporting medical breakthroughs and powering the naval fleet through nuclear submarine technology, it offers intellectually challenging and impactful career pathways. Studying nuclear disciplines opens progression into roles in engineering, safety, and environmental stewardship, ideal for analytical, responsible individuals seeking to contribute to a cleaner, more resilient, and future-ready world.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN NUCLEAR?

The nuclear industry is high-tech, highly regulated, and at the cutting edge of science and engineering. One day you could be running diagnostics on a reactor system; the next, contributing to clean energy production or working on a nuclear submarine. You'll thrive if you're...

A CRITICAL THINKER Someone who enjoys solving complex problems, thinking logically, and improving how things work.	A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR Confident explaining complex ideas and listening carefully to others.
CONFIDENT IN SCIENCE AND MATHS – Especially in physics and technical principles, with a strong grasp of formulas and data.	A COLLABORATIVE TEAM PLAYER – Ready to work closely with engineers, scientists, and safety professionals.
DETAIL-FOCUSED AND PRECISE – Where accuracy matters, and even the smallest measurements count.	COMMITTED TO SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY – Always respecting rules, procedures, and the impact of your actions.
CALM AND RELIABLE UNDER PRESSURE – Able to stay composed, follow through, and deliver in high-stakes situations.	CURIOUS AND EAGER TO KEEP LEARNING – Motivated to explore how things work and stay up to date with innovation and regulation.

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In the nuclear sector, real-world experience is everything. From clean energy to defence, students gain hands-on insights that build technical skills, confidence, and ambition, preparing them for careers in one of the world’s most advanced and impactful industries. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- On-site talks from EDF, giving students an introduction to reactor technology
- Expert-led workshops on Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) with Holtec
- Discussions on nuclear decommissioning delivered by Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS)
- Industry insights into the UK’s nuclear submarine fleet from the Submarine Delivery Agency (SDA)
- Career pathway talks from professionals at EDF and NRS
- A site visit to Hinkley Point C and the EDF Visitor Centre.

WHERE COULD NUCLEAR TAKE YOU?

Our students are building exciting careers in one of the world’s most advanced and in-demand industries. From clean energy generation to national defence and cutting-edge decommissioning work, they’re applying their skills in real-world roles across the UK. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Control Room Engineer at EDF Energy
- Instrumentation and Control Engineer at Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS)
- Commissioning and Maintenance Technician at Hinkley Point C
- Project Control Technician at AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment)
- Health Physics Monitor at Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS).

The nuclear industry contributes £6.1 billion annually to the UK economy

CAREERS IN NUCLEAR: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Reactor Operator, Nuclear Engineer, Nuclear Technician, Radiation Protection Technician, Decommissioning Operative, Mechanical / Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer, Project Manager, Nuclear Physicist, Control & Instrumentation Engineer, Safety Case Author, Cybersecurity Specialist, Nuclear Chemist, Environmental Specialist, Health Physicist, Quality Assurance Inspector, Nuclear Supply Chain Coordinator and more...

AVERAGE SALARY for a Nuclear Engineer is £55,000 (Talent.com)

PIOTR

formerly of Monkton Wood Academy

“We’re held to high standards, especially when it comes to safety and responsibility, which is essential in the nuclear industry. The environment feels professional yet supportive. I feel well-prepared to handle high-pressure situations, and knowing I’m learning to work safely gives me real peace of mind about my future.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

KAIQUE

formerly of Robert Blake School

“My course has taught me to communicate, lead, and problem-solve, essential skills I’ll carry into my engineering career.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE

COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the nuclear industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 3 T Level in Mechatronics (Nuclear Clean Energy) ●

Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED? For further information, scan here:



Your future in NUCLEAR starts here.

PAINING & DECORATING



RUBY

formerly of Castle School

“Working in my own booth builds independence and confidence. I learn to solve problems and take ownership of my work.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Sustainable paints and eco-friendly decorating products are rapidly growing.”



PAINTING AND DECORATING is perfect for those with a creative eye who love transforming spaces and take pride in a flawless finish. You'll bring colour, style, and personality to everything from homes and offices, to retail spaces and film sets. It's hands-on, detail-driven, and incredibly rewarding when you see the final result. You'll master techniques like surface prep, wallpapering, and spray painting, while also developing transferable skills in teamwork, communication, time management, and problem-solving. It's a skilled, creative trade full of independence and variety.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN THE PAINTING & DECORATING INDUSTRY?

Painting and decorating is about precision, transformation, and creativity. You take blank walls and turn them into finished spaces that look incredible. From colour matching to final coats, you'll be the one who adds the polish, personality, and professional finish to every room, helping bring bold ideas and beautiful interiors to life. You'll thrive in this industry if you are...

DETAIL-FOCUSED – You care about straight edges, smooth finishes, and leaving no mess behind.

PATIENT – You take the time needed to achieve a high-quality finish.

CREATIVE – You're interested in colour, texture, design, and how they work in a space.

FRIENDLY AND PROFESSIONAL – You enjoy working with clients in homes, shops, and businesses.

TIDY AND ORGANISED – You like to keep your workspace clean, neat, and presentable.

SELF-MOTIVATED – You stay focused, even during repetitive or detailed tasks.

GOOD WITH YOUR HANDS
Tools like brushes, rollers, and tape feel natural to you.

PROUD OF YOUR WORK
You love seeing the transformation you've helped create.

PAINTING & DECORATING



KACEY
formerly of Pyrland School

“I’ve been really lucky to secure a job with the local council, which is another step forward in my goal of becoming an interior designer. My time at college has set me up to succeed in my new role and I’m looking forward to putting the skills I have learned into the workplace.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

In painting and decorating, real-world experience is essential. From preparing surfaces on live sites to working directly with clients, hands-on learning brings your skills to life. Students build confidence, sharpen attention to detail, and develop the practical techniques needed for a successful career in the industry. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- Industry insight visit to The National Self Build and Renovation Centre, Swindon
- Exploring the latest tools and trends at The Decorators Show, Cheltenham
- Career and industry pathway talks with Montel Civil Engineering
- Guest speakers from leading construction firms Persimmon Homes and Taylor Woodrow.

WHERE COULD PAINTING & DECORATING TAKE YOU?

Our students have built successful careers in both residential and commercial decorating, transforming spaces in homes, on construction sites, and in creative settings across the UK. From restoring heritage buildings to adding the final touches on modern new builds, their skills bring every project to life. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Decorating teams with local councils and housing associations
- Apprenticeships with established construction and decorating firms
- Self-employed painter and decorator
- Set design for the BBC Theatre and backstage design support roles
- Heritage restoration operative.



AVERAGE SALARY
for a Painter and Decorator is £31,200
(Checkatrade)

CAREERS IN PAINTING & DECORATING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Domestic Painter & Decorator, Commercial Decorator, Wallpaper Specialist, Spray Painter, Mural Artist / Decorative Painter, Surface Preparation Technician, Heritage Decorator, Painting Supervisor / Foreperson, Colour Consultant, Self-Employed Painter & Decorator and more...

Painting and decorating brings vision to life



BAILEY
formerly of Pyrland School

“Wallpapering is my favourite part of the course, it’s a new skill I’ve really enjoyed learning. The facilities are excellent, and having my own space helps me enhance my skills.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE

COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the painting & decorating industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Painting & Decorating ●

Level 2 in Painting & Decorating ●

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in PAINTING & DECORATING starts here.

PLUMBING



DARCY
formerly of Hans Price Academy

“College workshops are realistic and mirror real working environments, helping me apply classroom learning to hands-on, real-world situations.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
GROWTH MINDSET AND RESILIENCE

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... Westford Mechanical Ticknells, Taunton Plumbing and Heating, MBH, Westcountry Heating, TOR Renewables, Neil Robertson Plumbing and Heating, Ross Cox, McAlpine and more...



Plumbers play a key role in sustainable energy

The **PLUMBING** industry offers versatility, high earning potential, and outstanding job security. Plumbers are essential, trusted professionals who keep homes, businesses, and entire communities running. From complex installations and emergency repairs to cutting-edge green tech like heat pumps, this is a hands-on, problem-solving role with real purpose. If you're practical, ambitious, and ready to build a future-proof skillset, plumbing delivers. With opportunities to specialise, lead, or run your own business, it's a powerful, future-ready career.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN PLUMBING INDUSTRY?

Plumbing is problem-solving, people-focused, and essential. One day you could be fitting a bathroom, the next responding to an emergency call-out. You'll work in homes, businesses, and on big sites, installing and maintaining systems that keep water flowing, buildings warm, and people safe and comfortable every single day. You'll thrive if you are...

A NATURAL FIXER – You enjoy finding and solving problems.

CALM UNDER PRESSURE
Emergencies don't make you panic.

PRACTICAL – Working with pipes, boilers, and systems doesn't phase you.

DETAIL ORIENTATED – Neat, tidy installations matter to you.

SAFETY-CONSCIOUS – You respect systems like gas, drainage, and hot water.

CURIOUS – New tech like heat pumps and smart heating interests you.

PROFESSIONAL – You know how to work in someone's home or business.

RELIABLE – You show up, do the job, and get it done properly.



FYNN
formerly of Crispin Academy

“I came in with no plumbing experience and was pretty quiet at first, but if you’re willing to learn, you’ll do well. The tutors are so supportive, I know I can message them for advice after qualifying. That ongoing support really means a lot.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Plumbing students gain hands-on experience that brings their training to life. From tool demonstrations to renewable technologies, industry visits and workshops help develop the skills, confidence, and knowledge needed for successful plumbing and heating careers. Highlights include:

- Behind-the-scenes tour of the Worcester Bosch factory to see how boilers are made
- Insight into commercial plumbing systems with HPC
- Tool demonstrations and training with Monument
- Hands-on testing using flue analysers from Testo
- Industry knowledge from Omega Flex on natural gas pipework
- Renewable heat pump talks from experts at Vaillant
- Real-world installation experience with MBH
- Workshop improvements thanks to McAlpine’s sponsorship.

WHERE COULD PLUMBING TAKE YOU?

Our students have progressed into a wide range of exciting roles within the plumbing and heating industry. From global opportunities to specialist apprenticeships and renewable energy roles, they’re putting their skills into practice across the sector. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Self-employed plumber in Australia
- Engineer at Octopus Energy
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with West Country Heating
- Level 3 Apprenticeship with Westford Mechanical
- Commercial Engineer
- Heat Pump Engineer.



Every new home, hospital, school, and office needs plumbing

CAREERS IN PLUMBING: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Domestic Plumber, Gas Engineer, Pipefitter, Heating Engineer, Bathroom Installer, Drainage Engineer, Renewable Heating Installer, Commercial Heating Technician, Lecturer, Plumbing Estimator, Plumbing Inspector / Surveyor and more...

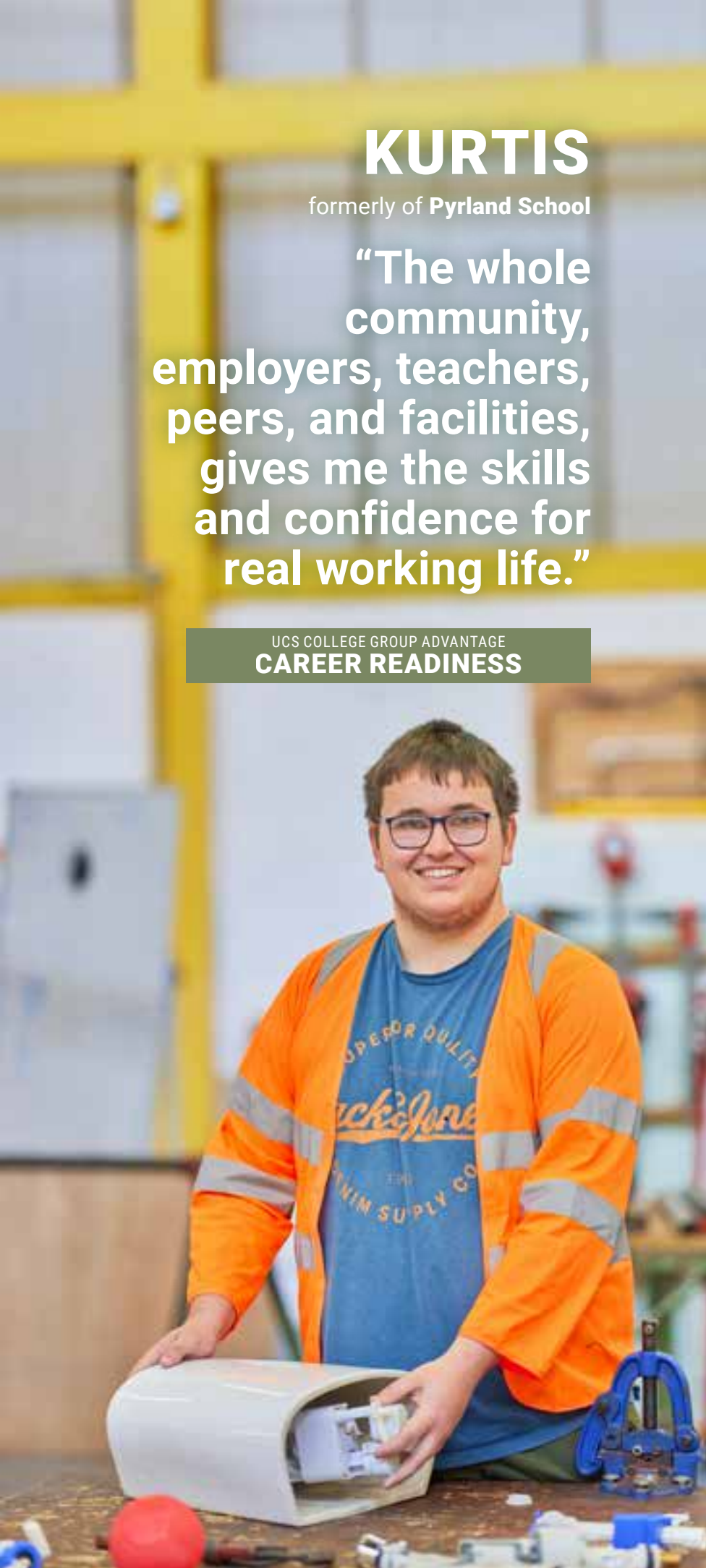
AVERAGE SALARY
for a Plumber is
£42,000
(Checktrade, 2024)

KURTIS

formerly of Pyrland School

“The whole community, employers, teachers, peers, and facilities, gives me the skills and confidence for real working life.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the plumbing industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 1 in Plumbing ●●

Level 2 in Plumbing ●●

Level 3 in Plumbing ●

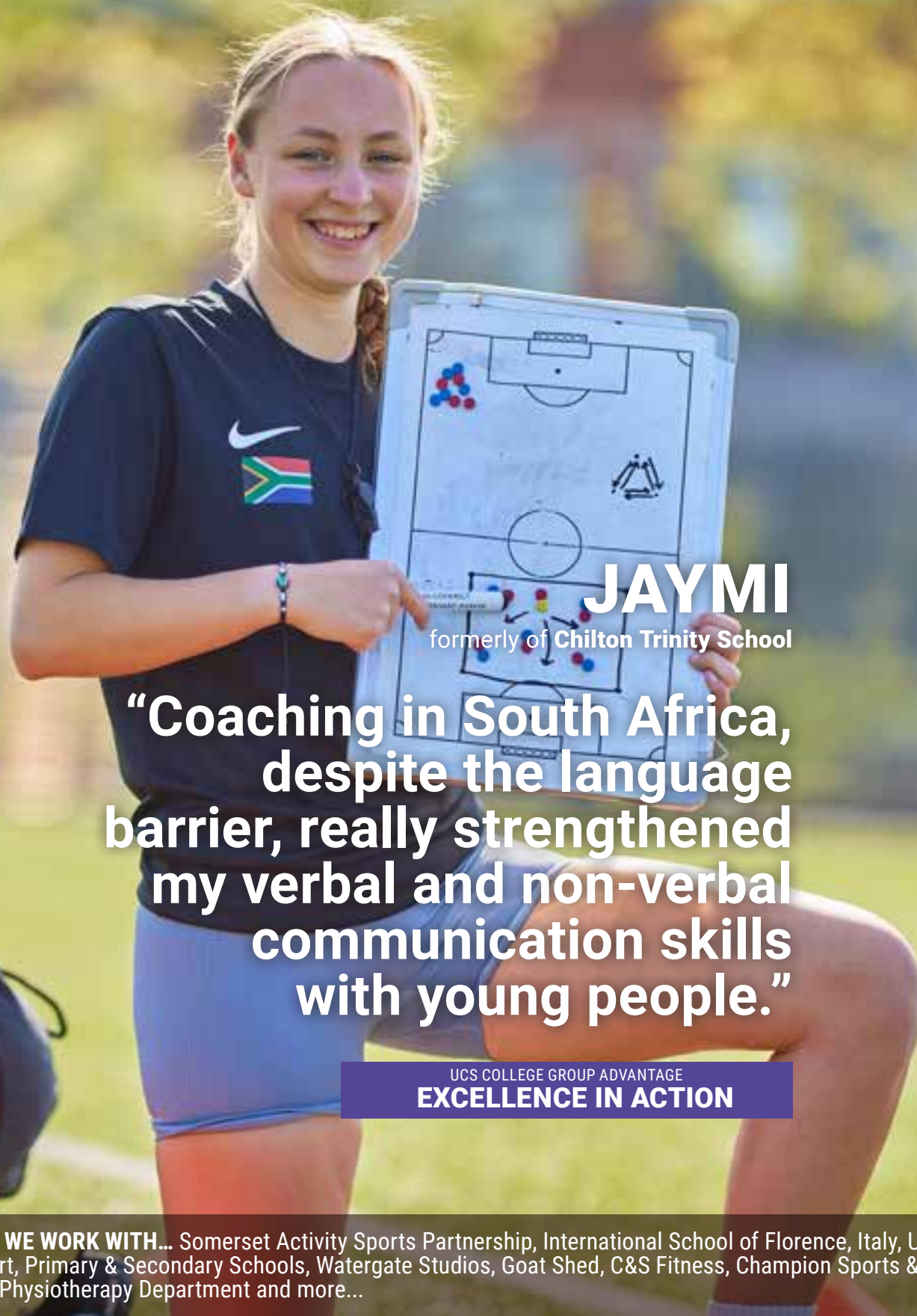
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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information,
scan here:



Your future in
PLUMBING
starts here.

SPORT, COACHING AND EXERCISE HEALTH



JAYMI

formerly of Chilton Trinity School

“Coaching in South Africa, despite the language barrier, really strengthened my verbal and non-verbal communication skills with young people.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

£85 million is spent annually by Sport England to support grassroots talent development



The **SPORTS** industry is one of the most influential, wide-reaching sectors worldwide. Whether you're interested in coaching, performance, fitness, media, or health, sport brings purpose, passion, and energy together. It's a powerful environment for building leadership, teamwork, resilience, analysis, and communication skills, all while doing what you love. For active, driven individuals who want to inspire, support, and create change, sport offers a meaningful and exciting career that makes a genuine difference.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN SPORT?

The sports industry is full of variety, purpose, and real-world opportunity. One day you could be coaching a team or planning a major event; the next, creating fitness content, analysing performance data, or leading community sessions. Whether you're on the pitch or behind the scenes, sport is about passion, people, and progress. You'll thrive if you are...

A CLEAR COMMUNICATOR

Whether you're motivating teammates, coaching clients, or presenting ideas, you know how to get your message across.

A STRATEGIC THINKER – You love analysing performance, spotting patterns, and using data to solve problems and improve outcomes.

A TEAM PLAYER – From the gym to the boardroom, sport is all about working together and supporting those around you.

GOAL-DRIVEN – Whether it's hitting a PB or growing a club, you stay focused and keep pushing forward.

ORGANISED – Training sessions, events, schedules, deadlines - you can juggle them all and still stay on track.

A LEADER – On or off the field, you step up, take responsibility, and bring out the best in others.

MENTALLY STRONG – You bounce back from setbacks, deal with pressure, and stay focused - even when things get tough.

INCLUSIVE – Respectful, open-minded, and thrive in diverse teams with people from all backgrounds.

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... Somerset Activity Sports Partnership, International School of Florence, Italy, United Through Sport, Primary & Secondary Schools, Watergate Studios, Goat Shed, C&S Fitness, Champion Sports & Events, NHS Physiotherapy Department and more...

SPORT, COACHING AND EXERCISE HEALTH



KEIRA
formerly Strood Academy

"When I started my course, I was extremely nervous, and really struggled with my mental health. But the support the College has given me has been incredible. It has totally changed who I am; I'm now confident and have been given amazing opportunities. It's turned me into a different person."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

From international coaching to high-energy fitness expos, real-world opportunities give students the confidence, skills, and motivation to succeed. Whether leading a team, training outdoors, or exploring new sports trends, these experiences bring learning to. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- International coaching experience in South Africa with United Through Sport
- Leadership and teamwork development at Bideford Activity Centre
- Outdoor sports and adventure training at Mendip Activity Centre
- On-site team-building and instruction at Cannington Outdoor Activity Centre
- Strength and conditioning insights with the team at Goat Shed
- The latest in fitness, performance, and nutrition explored at FitXPO.

WHERE COULD SPORT TAKE YOU?

Our students have gone on to build exciting careers across the sport and fitness industry. From coaching in schools to playing professionally, and from national development roles to higher education, they're turning their passion into lifelong careers. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Netball Development Officer at England Netball
- Professional footballers at Bristol City FC and Aberdeen FC
- Studying Sport & Exercise Science HND at University Centre Somerset
- Sports Coach at Polden Bower and Avalon School Federation
- Senior Coach at Inspired Schools.

The global sports industry is projected to reach \$800+ billion by 2030

CAREERS IN SPORTS, COACHING & EXERCISE: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Sports Coach, Strength & Conditioning Coach, Personal Trainer, Performance Analyst, Sports Scientist, Physiotherapist (Sports Injury), Nutritionist / Sports Dietitian, Rehabilitation Specialist, Sports Psychologist, Sports Development Officer, Sports Agent, Event Manager, Facilities Manager (Leisure Centres / Gyms), Sports Journalist, Outdoor Activity Instructor and more...

AVERAGE SALARY of an Performance Analyst is £45,521 (Glassdoor)



JOSH

formerly of Haygrove School

"A Sports Masseur from England RFC gave a talk that inspired me to pursue a career as a Sports Therapist."

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you've enjoyed learning about the sports, coaching and exercise industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 Sports Industry Skills (Children's Sport Activities) ●

Level 2 Fitness Instructing (Health & Fitness) ●

Level 3 Personal Training ●

Level 3 Sports Coaching & Development ●●●

Level 3 Sport & Exercise Science ●

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Apprenticeships also available

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in SPORT, COACHING AND EXERCISE HEALTH starts here.

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES (UPS)

MADISON

formerly of Bridgwater College Academy

“My course has confirmed my passion for helping people, which is why I’m now applying to become a PCSO.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

The UK Government aims to recruit 13,000 neighbourhood police officers by 2029



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES is a diverse, challenging, high-pressure sector built on duty, discipline, and public service. From police and fire to the armed forces, prison service, or border security, all roles share a common goal: protecting people and upholding the law. It demands resilience, teamwork, and strength, both mental and physical. If you’re driven to make a difference, thrive under pressure, and want a career built on pride and purpose, this is a powerful path to pursue.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK IN UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES?

Uniformed Protective Services is a career path for those who want to protect the public, support communities, and make a difference. Whether you’re joining the police, fire and rescue, ambulance service, armed forces, or coastguard, this sector demands discipline, resilience, and a strong sense of responsibility. You’ll thrive if you are...

CALM UNDER PRESSURE

You think clearly, act quickly, and support others in high-stress situations.

A TEAM PLAYER – You

collaborate, support your colleagues, and build mutual trust.

PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY PREPARED – You

have the strength, stamina, and resilience to perform in demanding environments.

RESPONSIBLE – Dependable and

aware of how your actions impact others.

STRUCTURED – You understand

the importance of rules, procedures, and chain of command.

CONFIDENT – You step up, show

initiative, and make decisions when it counts.

A STRONG COMMUNICATOR

You deliver clear instructions and handle sensitive situations professionally.

EMOTIONALLY AWARE – You

show empathy, stay professional, and support people through difficult moments.

EMPLOYERS WE WORK WITH... British Army (Infantry, Royal Armoured Corps, Army Reserves), Royal Navy (Fleet Air Arm), Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, Avon & Somerset Police, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance, Border Force & Immigration Enforcement, Mendip Cave Rescue, Avon & Somerset Search & Rescue, RNLI and more...

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES



LUCIE
formerly of Kingsmead Academy

“College has been transformative in terms of building my confidence not only on my course but also everyday life. Daunting tasks now seem much more manageable. One example is attending job interviews, which I now approach with confidence. The teambuilding exercises have been critical in strengthening my self-confidence.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
PERSONAL EMPOWERMENT AND WELLBEING

LEARNING GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

From community outreach to multi-agency response drills, real-world experiences give students the confidence, resilience, and insight needed for the sector. Whether engaging with police professionals, stepping aboard naval vessels, or participating in live training exercises, these opportunities prepare students for the demands of uniformed service roles. Highlights of this real-world learning include:

- Community project experience in South Africa with United Through Sport
- Professional insights at Avon & Somerset Police Headquarters, Portishead
- Naval exploration and operations aboard HMS Queen Elizabeth
- Air force engagement and briefings at RNAS Yeovilton
- Military insight and field activities with the Royal Marines at Norton Manor Camp
- Emergency preparedness training at Burnham Lifeboat Centre.

WHERE COULD UPS TAKE YOU?

Our students have progressed into impactful roles across the protective services sector, from local policing to national defence. Whether serving in the military, supporting communities, or studying criminology at university level, they’ve turned their training into meaningful careers with purpose and pride. Here are just a few of their destinations:

- Electronic Warfare Specialist in the Royal Navy
- Police Community Support Officer for Avon & Somerset Police
- Firefighter for Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- Serving with the King’s Guards in the British Army
- Studying a BA (Hons) in Criminology at Bournemouth University,

Approximately 95% of the UK’s economic activity is dependent on the oceans

CAREERS IN UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES: WHAT DO YOU ASPIRE TO BE?

Police Officer, PCSO, Detective, Criminal Investigator, Dog Handler, Armed Response Officer, Firefighter, Paramedic, Emergency Call Handler, Ambulance Technician (ECA), British Army Soldier, Royal Navy Sailor, Royal Marines Commando, RAF Airman/Woman, Army Officer, Military Police Officer, Intelligence Officer, Customs Officer, HM Coastguard Officer, Prison Officer, Search and Rescue Operative, Immigration Enforcement Officer and more...

AVERAGE SALARY for an Intelligence Officer in MI5 is £37,281 (Prospects)

JAMES

formerly of Churchill Academy

“Trips to naval bases gave me real insight. My course has been great preparation for a future in the Navy.”

UCS COLLEGE GROUP ADVANTAGE
CAREER READINESS



COURSES

If you’ve enjoyed learning about the uniformed protective services industry and the careers it offers, explore your options, here are the courses you could study.

Level 2 in Preparation for Public Services ●●●

Level 3 in Uniformed Protective Services ●●●

INSPIRED?
For further information, scan here:



Your future in UPS starts here.

COURSE	BRIDGWATER	CANNINGTON	STRODE	TAUNTON
A Levels	●		●	
Agriculture		●		
Animal Management		●		
Arboriculture		●		
Art, Design & Fashion	●		●	●
Automotive	●			●
Barbering	●		●	
Beauty	●		●	●
Brickwork	●			
Business Management	●		●	●
Carpentry	●			●
Civil Engineering				●
Computing & Digital	●		●	●
Countryside Management		●	●	
Education & Early Years	●		●	●
Electrical	●			●
Engineering	●		●	
Equine		●		
ESOL	●		●	●
Foundation Learning	●	●	●	●

COURSE	BRIDGWATER	CANNINGTON	STRODE	TAUNTON
Hairdressing	●		●	●
Health & Social Care	●		●	●
Hospitality			●	●
Media, Broadcast & Production	●		●	●
Media Make-Up	●			●
Music	●		●	
Musical Theatre	●		●	
Nuclear		●		
Painting & Decorating				●
Plumbing	●			●
Sport, Coaching And Exercise Health	●		●	●
Uniformed Protective Services (UPS)	●		●	●

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

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

Who is UCS College Group? UCS College Group is a new partnership between five respected education providers: Bridgwater College, Cannington College, Strode College, Taunton College, and University Centre Somerset. For more information visit ucscollegroup.ac.uk or refer to page 2 of this course guide.

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.

Can I apply for more than one college in the UCS College Group? Of course! You're welcome to apply to more than one college within the UCS College Group. This way, you can explore all your options and choose the college, course, and environment that suits you best.



Is there someone who can help me choose what to study? Yes, we have a specialist Careers team who can help you. Open Events are also an excellent way to find out about different colleges and start exploring your options. Please also chat to our School Liaison Officers when they visit your school and don't forget your Careers Adviser!

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.

Will I have to have an interview? Yes, you will. Our tutors will want to get to know you and learn about your skills and passion for the subject/s you have chosen. They will also want to ensure the course you have selected is right for you. It's also your chance to find out more about the course you've chosen and ask questions.

When will my interview take place? Once we have received your application we will arrange for you to have an interview. Interviews are often conducted over the phone or via Microsoft Teams, we will advise which method in your invite. Some courses may wish to interview in person or request you to undertake a specific task.

What sorts of questions will I be asked during my interview? Your interview is an informal chat with a tutor about your time at school, your aspirations and future plans. It's also your opportunity to find out more about the course you've chosen and ask questions.

How do I find out if my interview was successful?

After your interview, you'll be sent a conditional offer via email which you can accept or decline. We recommend securing your place as soon as possible by accepting your offer.

What happens if I don't get the GCSEs required to get onto my course?

If things haven't gone as well as you hoped, it's important not to panic, we will have a course for you. We have a team of supportive staff who are happy to talk you through your options. Once you have your results, call our GCSE Helpline on 01278 441234 and our Information & Advice team will be able to help.

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

Finding an employer can be difficult, as there are a lot of individuals applying for the same positions. We recommend you apply for a full-time study programme as your second choice so you're guaranteed a college place.

What happens if I no longer want to study what I applied for? Give us a call or send us an email, we can withdraw your application and amend it to the course you do wish to study. You may be required to undertake another interview.



I have an EHCP, what happens when I go to college? The transition of an EHCP from a school to a college needs to go through a consultation process. The Local Authority should send an EHCP to the college so we can make sure we meet the needs written in your EHCP.

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.

When will I start College? September! Prior to starting you will receive confirmation of your official start date, where you will need to go and what you'll need to bring with you.

Will I have to wear a uniform, or can I wear anything I want? There are no uniforms, but some departments such as sport, hairdressing and automotive have branded clothing, and you must wear Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) in most workshops. You will be advised of this during your Welcome Day.

What is a lanyard and why do I have to wear one? Everyone has to wear a lanyard! You will be issued with one when you enrol and must wear it when on-site for security reasons, at all times. It also gives you access to certain areas and you can use it to pay at food outlets.





What will my timetable look like? You'll be given your timetable at your Welcome Day. 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 areas. Apprenticeships and T Levels work differently.

Apprentices 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). If you are on a T Level course, you will also spend part of your time at college and part of your time at a work placement.

I received free meals at school, will I at college?

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.



How many people will be in my class? Class sizes vary between 6-20, depending on the subject you are taking and also the capacity allowed in work areas due to health and safety requirements.

Where can I buy food at college? We have a range of catering outlets located at each college, so whether you want a nourishing home-cooked meal, a quick snack or slurp of coffee from Costa (at Bridgwater and Taunton Colleges), there are plenty of cafes and restaurants to satisfy your needs and dietary requirements.

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 college 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.

Are there any clubs I can join at college?

We have an extensive enrichment offer. Our Academies, Active and Lifestyle programmes, Student Union and more give you a chance to pursue your aspirations, make new friends, relax and enjoy time away from your studies.

Are there any bursaries or grants available for me to access?

You are able to apply for a Learning Support Fund with help from Student Support. This will support you with the costs of your course materials, trips and equipment. There is a specific set of criteria you will need to hit.

Will I have to study English or maths? We recognise the importance of every student having basic skills in English and maths. If you enter your vocational qualification of 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. If you come in with less than a grade 3, you will follow a programme that will enable you to progress towards a grade 4.

EVENTS

Attending our college events is one of the best ways to prepare for the exciting move from school to college. These events give you the chance to explore our colleges, meet your future tutors, and get a real feel for what college life

is like. You can ask questions, discover the courses and opportunities available, and start building the confidence you need for a smooth, successful transition into your next chapter.

OPEN EVENTS

Bridgwater College

Tuesday 7 October 2025, 6pm-8pm
Wednesday 14 January 2026, 6pm-8pm
Thursday 25 June 2026, 6pm-8pm

Strode College

Thursday 16 October 2025, 6-8pm
Tuesday 20 January 2026, 6-8pm
Wednesday 10 June 2026, 6-8pm

Cannington College

Saturday 8 November 2025, 10am-1pm
Saturday 24 January 2026, 10am-1pm
Wednesday 29 April 2026, 6pm-8pm

Taunton College

Wednesday 8 October 2025, 6pm-8pm
Thursday 15 January 2026, 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 23 June 2026, 6pm-8p

TASTER EVENTS

Bridgwater College

Thursday 19 February 2026, 9.30am-12.30pm

Strode College

Wednesday 18 February 2026, 9.30am-12.30pm

Cannington College

Thursday 19 February 2026, 9.30am-12.30pm

Taunton College

Wednesday 18 February 2026, 9.30am-12.30pm

PATHWAY EVENTS

Bridgwater College (McMillan Theatre)

Tuesday 16 September 2025, 6pm-8pm

Taunton College (Taunton Conference Centre)

Wednesday 24 September 2025, 6pm-8pm

CATERING AND HOSPITALITY TASTERS

These run on Wednesday and Thursday evenings throughout the year and are a great way to understand whether this is the course

for you. To book your place call 01823 366497 or email tomlinsonr@ucscollegegroup.ac.uk

SPORT DEVELOPMENT DAYS

These are held throughout the year, usually during the school holidays. Please keep an eye on our website to find out when these will be taking place.

Registration for all events is essential!
Please visit our website to register.





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Cannington College

Rodway, Cannington, Somerset, TA5 2LS

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Strode College

Church Road, Street, Somerset, BA16 0AB

01458 844400 | www.strode-college.ac.uk



Taunton College

Wellington Road, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 5AX

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University Centre Somerset

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