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HELLO

Thank you for taking the time to explore Exeter College through this guide. Whether you're a prospective student, parent or guardian, I hope it helps you discover the opportunities available and feel excited about what comes next. As a parent myself, I know that deciding on the next step can feel overwhelming at times. My advice is to focus on what interests and inspires you. Consider the subjects you enjoy, where your talents lie and the areas you want to explore further.

Our students continue to achieve exceptional outcomes across an extraordinary range of subjects, securing excellent results, progressing to top universities and earning success in national competitions. We're proud to have been the first college in England to be awarded the two highest grades by Ofsted, Outstanding and Strong, and this success is a testament to the ambition of our students, the dedication of our staff and the strength of the partnerships that help our learners excel.

This is my eighteenth year at Exeter College, and I can honestly say the breadth and depth of student achievement has never been greater. Exeter College is about much more than qualifications. Every student joins a tutor group, has a personal tutor and is encouraged to get involved in EXtra, our programme of enrichment opportunities outside the classroom. From trips and guest speakers to sports, clubs, academies, and societies, there's something here for everyone.

We're very proud of the support we offer. Whether it's subsidised travel, bursaries, additional learning help or access to EXtra across all our campuses, we work hard to remove any barriers to learning so that every student can reach their full potential.

This is an exciting time to join us after what has been an incredible period for Exeter College. In January 2026 we merged with the now North Devon College (formerly Petroc) to create the Exeter and North Devon Colleges Group.

We continue to invest in new spaces for our students. In 2026 we opened our £12.5 million Centre for Law and Social Sciences and a world-class hospital training ward. We also opened the Centre for Progression in Tiverton, a specialist provision for young people with additional educational needs.

Work to improve all our learning spaces continues, including upgrades to the Maths and Science Centre and the opening of The RISE Centre, a new space for our Foundation Learning and Inclusion Faculty. In 2027 we will open a new and extended Construction Campus, and we have exciting plans for additional student social and learning spaces in the city centre, which we aim to complete for September 2027.

One of the highlights of my year is meeting with tutor group representatives through our Learner Voice programme, which I personally lead. These conversations give me invaluable insights and help us shape the future of the College, and is just one of the ways our students help drive innovation and improvement at Exeter College.

With an amazing team of dedicated staff who are committed to making Exeter College exceptional for every single learner, I can assure you that your young person will find their place here and thrive. Each year I'm inspired by what our students achieve, and I have no doubt that this year will be no exception.

John Laramy CBE DL
Group Principal and CEO

WE'RE AMBITIOUS FOR YOU

Our students achieve exceptional results and progress to ambitious futures. Whether their next step is a leading university, a higher apprenticeship or employment, Exeter College gives learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to succeed.

Our results consistently exceed national averages, reflecting the expertise of our teaching staff, the commitment of our students and the supportive environment that helps every learner reach their potential.

Exceeding expectations

99.67%
A Level pass rate – above the national average of 97.89%

89%
A Level grades were awarded at A*-C - more than 10% above the national average of 78% and above the grammar school national average

98.3%
T Level pass rate

98.5%
Vocational learners passed their full qualification

OVER A THIRD International Baccalaureate learners scored above the world average of 30.8

Results that stand out

63%
A Level learners achieved the top high grades of A*, A or B – above the national average of 56%

100%
Pass rate for many vocational and T Level courses

26
A Level courses had 100% of learners pass

Three IB students achieved an impressive 40 or more points out of a possible 45
(A score of 39 points is equivalent to achieving A*, A*, A* at A Level)

69%
of Applied Science learners achieved high grades (Distinction* or Distinction)

89%
of Business learners gained high grades

A record **98%**
of Sport and Exercise learners secured the highest grades

Nearly a fifth
of all Law learners achieved an A*

YOUR GUIDE

We know deciding what to do after school can be difficult, but this guide includes everything you need to know about making the right choices and finding out about all things Exeter College.

01
YOUR CHOICE

Find out more about the courses we offer, how to choose the right one for you and which level to study on page 10-11. A full list of our courses can be found in the indexes in the back of this guide.

02
YOUR COLLEGE

Discover where you'll be studying on pages 168-171, including a map showing our buildings, specialist facilities and key transport links. You'll also find details on travelling to College on page 172.

For everything you need to know about College life, including timetables, EXtra (the wide range of activities you can get involved in outside your courses), student support and more, turn to pages 168-185.

03
YOUR APPLICATION

There are five simple steps from school to College and you can find out more about the application process on page 191.

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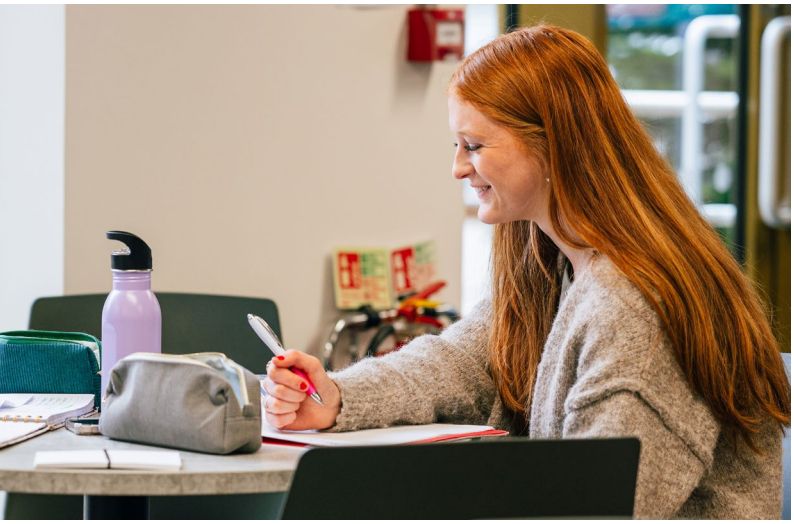
STILL NOT SURE?

If you need any help deciding which course might be best for you, please contact our College Advice Team on **cat@exe-coll.ac.uk**, call **01392 400600**.



I decided I wanted to go to university in Year 10, and the College's amazing advice team helped me every step of the way. They talked me through my next steps, explained how to apply, and helped me choose the best courses to achieve my goals.

William, studying A Level Physics, Maths and Computer Science. Previously studied at Cranbrook Education Campus.

OUR OFFER

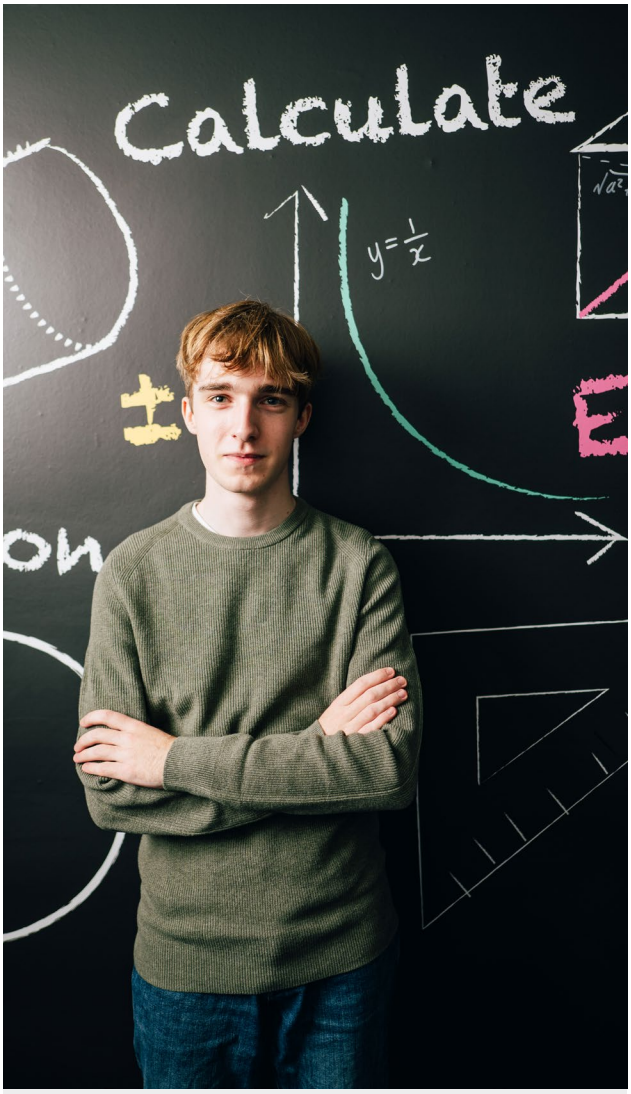
You can study at Entry Level, Level 1, 2 or 3 after school. The level you start at depends on your current abilities and school results. You can move your way up through the levels until you have completed Level 3, then you can progress on to university level at College or university or find employment. See page 184 for information on your next steps after Level 3.

The information on page 10-11 gives you an overview of entry requirements and is a guide to what you may need for your chosen level. See pages 186-189 for the full listing of courses we offer at each level and see pages 18-21 for apprenticeships.

Important information:

In some circumstances, or where you have extra experience, the course entry requirements may be different. Please ask us. We consider every application on an individual basis and discuss your qualifications at your interview to find the most appropriate course for you. We may have to change our entry requirements through the year and all courses are subject to review.

If you need any help making your choice, contact our College Advice Team on **cat@exe-coll.ac.uk**, call **01392 400600**.



CONTINUING TO STUDY MATHS AND ENGLISH AT EXETER COLLEGE

If you have not already achieved a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and/or Maths, you will need to continue to work towards achieving these core qualifications alongside your other courses when you come to college. If you are still in school and you aren't sure if you will achieve grade 4s or higher in GCSE Maths and English by the time you come to college, please don't worry! Many of our full time courses have timetables designed to provide an opportunity for you to resit GCSE Maths and English with us, and our apprenticeship courses also offer Maths and English sessions when you join us in College. We will talk to you about this during your interview, or during enrolment, and we will make sure you are on the right course to ensure you can progress and succeed in your chosen area of study.

If you do need to continue with Maths and English when you come to college, you will have a fresh and exciting experience with us that will help you progress towards your future goals and ambitions. Our Maths and English classes are very different to school, with a focus on engagement and building your confidence in these subjects. We know that these subjects can be challenging at times, so our approach is based on supporting you to strengthen your skills to help you to build your confidence. Our focus on engaging lessons, with a wealth of exam expertise within the team, means you will have a positive experience working towards your Maths and English with us.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY LEVEL

LEVEL 3

A Levels

GCSE grades: Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. Some courses require subject specific entry criteria. Please see individual course listings for further information.

Types of course: Three A Levels or two A Levels and a BTEC Certificate, plus Extend (see page 12-13).

What next? You can progress to university, a university level course or apprenticeship at College or to employment.

LEVEL 3

Vocational and Technical full-time programmes

GCSE grades: Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths or a good pass with a full Level 2 qualification. Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Diploma, along with GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above (or equivalent).

Types of course: Vocational and Level 3 Diploma courses or an Advanced Apprenticeship, UAL Diploma, NVQ and VRQ.

What next? You can progress to university, a university level course or apprenticeship at College or to employment.

LEVEL 3

T Levels

GCSE grades: Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths. Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need to have successfully completed an appropriate Level 2 course, along with GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above (or equivalent).

Types of course: See pages 14-15 for further information.

What next? You can progress to university, a university level course or apprenticeship at College or to employment.

LEVEL 3

International Baccalaureate (IB)

GCSE grades: Eight GCSEs at grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths. Some courses require subject specific entry criteria. Please see pages 122-125 for further information.

What next? You can progress to university in the UK or abroad once you complete the International Baccalaureate. You can also move to a university level course, an apprenticeship here at Exeter College or on to employment.

LEVEL 2

Level 2 (Vocational)

GCSE grades: Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths or a Level 1 qualification at merit grade.

Types of course: BTEC Level 2, T Level Foundation course, Apprenticeship, GCSE, UAL Diploma, NVQ, VRQ, GCSE Fast Track.

What next? You can move on to a full-time Vocational or Technical Level 3 course or an Advanced Apprenticeship. From GCSE Fast Track you can progress on to A Levels.

LEVEL 1

Level 1 (Vocational)

GCSE grades: Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, normally including English Language and Maths.

Types of course: BTEC Level 1 Diploma, NVQ.

What next? You can move on to a Vocational or Technical Level 2 course or an apprenticeship.

Entry Level

Entry Level

GCSE grades: No formal qualifications.

Types of course: Independence Gateway, Progression Gateway.

What next? You can move on to a Level 1 course, traineeship or internship.

Isobelle, studying A Level English Literature, Sociology and Psychology. Previously studied at Honiton Community College.

Find out more

A LEVELS AND ACADEMIC STUDY

A Levels, AS Levels, BTEC Extended Certificates

A Levels are ideal if you enjoyed your GCSEs and are ready to move up to the next level of academic study. Most students apply for three subjects and an Extend option and we will offer advice and guidance at interview to ensure that you have chosen the best programme of study for you. Any A Level subject can be combined with other A Levels or a BTEC Certificate plus Extend to form a four-part programme. After a year at Exeter College, in the majority of A Level subjects, you will receive a standalone AS Level qualification. See the full course information for details of which subjects offer an AS Level in the first year.

BTEC Certificates, Extended Certificates/AAQs

BTEC courses and AAQs (alternative academic qualification) are accepted by universities (they have equivalent UCAS points) and students can choose to combine one with two A Levels.

Picking a good combination

We have included information on each course entry about what other options that course combines well with. Common combinations include ones which have similar topics such as Geography and Environmental Science or Physical Education with Biology. Other courses which work well together are ones which complement each other in terms of their approach and skills required. For example, a mix of Maths and Science courses with a Modern Language, or with a Humanities course, such as Sociology or History.

It is important that you choose subjects you feel you really enjoy and will provide you with a basis for your future career. We will support you to find the best combination of subjects for you.

Some degrees and universities can be highly specific about A Level combinations and grade requirements, so when deciding what to pick, it is a good idea to check out what sort of combination might work well for your potential next steps. You can also enhance your progression options with a suitable Extend course, for example, Medical Technologies to support Veterinary and Medical Science applications. You are welcome to chat to our College Advice Team for guidance prior to your College interview or you can explore options online, for example with the UCAS website: **UCAS.com** or **informedchoices.ac.uk**

International Baccalaureate (IB)

This is an internationally recognised qualification made up of six subjects. See page 122 for further information.

You will choose:

A Level

+

A Level

+

A Level or BTEC Certificate/AAQ

+

Extend option

Look out for this icon in the course information

You can combine that course with other courses with this icon to create a full time programme of study.

EXTEND

Extend is a unique, exciting and stretching academic study programme for A Level students, aimed at helping you to maximise your potential. If you are planning to study an A Level programme at Exeter College you will need to enrol on a four-element programme.

This will commonly consist of three core A Levels (or a combination of two A Levels and a BTEC Extended Certificate) and an Extend option, which can be selected from a wide range of courses, depending on individual interests and potential progression plans beyond college. If you're a high achiever who will thrive on the academic challenges of studying A Levels, then you may choose an additional A Level as the fourth element (subject to GCSE grades). Some students will also be involved in a Sports Academy instead of an Extend option, because of the extra commitment with training and fixtures.

Our aim is to provide you with an enriched academic experience, while helping to develop a curious and questioning mind. Extend will help to prepare you for your next steps beyond college and develop the types of skills that universities and employers are looking for. There are lots of different opportunities available, for example, you could study subject areas that you are unable to do at A Level but may wish to study at degree level, such as International Relations or Meteorology. You could further enhance your skills to support with university applications such as Medical Technologies or Sports Therapy. Or perhaps you might like to develop your interest in a particular area such as dance or improving your language skills in French or Spanish. This is just a taster of what is available. For a full list of activities please visit our website by scanning this QR code.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The EPQ is a research project that can be taken alongside an A Level study programme in your second year, with the preparation for this starting in the summer term of year one.

Students can take inspiration for their project from a topic they may want to study at university, a career to which they aspire, or a subject that they wish to explore further. Research will culminate in a dissertation or, in the case of practical projects, creation of an artefact, such as a production or a performance, alongside a portfolio of evidence documenting your project journey to include evidence of planning, target setting and reflections.

The qualification is worth 50% of a full A Level (up to 28 UCAS points) and is valued by universities as excellent preparation for higher education study. For further information, visit our website by scanning the QR code.

T LEVELS

What are they?

T Levels are technical qualifications equivalent to three A Levels. They are designed to give learners a route to university or industry that combines academic study with an industry placement so that you can relate what you study to the profession you hope to work in. Your T Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship, or higher education and degree level study.

Who are T Levels for?

T Levels are ideal for post-GCSE students who want to get into a skilled job. T Levels have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, therefore you will get the knowledge, skills and experience that employers are looking for in your chosen career sector.

From 2027/28, T Levels will be the primary full-time qualification available in many subjects, offering the same level of study as three A Levels.

What is different about T Levels?

All T Levels include an industry placement with an employer so that students can apply their learning in a real workplace environment. Your industry placement is an invaluable opportunity to develop the skills and behaviours required in the profession. Around 80% of time will be spent in the classroom and at College, with the remaining 20% being spent on placement. This differs to an apprenticeship, which is typically 80% on the job and 20% in the classroom and is more suited to those who feel ready to enter the workforce at 16. T Levels are a technical and academic alternative to A Levels.

Can T Levels take you to university?

Yes, they can. T Levels will primarily prepare students to move into a skilled job but can also lead to further technical training, higher apprenticeships or degree study at university if you don't want to move straight into work. A T Level can be used for UCAS points, with a starred distinction worth the equivalent of 168 UCAS points (the same as three A Levels at A*, A*, A*).

I chose a T Level so I could really focus and reach my full potential, as I work better through assignments than exams. I decided on this T Level after completing work experience with a construction firm in Year 10, where I explored different areas, including building surveying and project management. I especially enjoyed getting out on site.

Charli, studied T Level in Design Surveying and Planning for Construction. Previously studied at St Peter's.

How do I apply?

Applications for Exeter College open in October for entry in September 2027 and we encourage Year 11 students to apply early in the academic year. This will ensure that students have their interview prior to GCSE exam time. The entry requirements for all our courses are on the relevant pages in the guide and will be available on our website. Visit us at the next Open Event to find out more or contact our College Advice Team on **01392 400600** or email **cat@exe-coll.ac.uk**

Exeter College currently delivers the following T Levels:

- Automotive: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Light and Electric Vehicles
- Business Management
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning
- IT - Digital Software Development
- IT - Digital Support and Security
- IT - Digital Data Analytics
- Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
- Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies
- Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies (Hepco Academy)
- Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Mechanical Engineering
- Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Electrical and Electronics
- Foundation Science
- Health and Social Care (Health or Childcare Pathways)
- Health (Nursing and Midwifery)
- Education and Early Years
- Media, Broadcast and Production

Don't yet have the GCSE qualifications to apply?

We also offer T Level Foundation courses. These include a range of topics that will develop your skills and knowledge at Level 2 in order for you to progress to a T Level (Level 3) course or enter the workplace. You will have classroom lessons, including theory and practical elements. You will also continue to study GCSE Maths and English, if you do not have a grade 4 or above. Your work will be assessed through examination, coursework and an employer-based project. You will also undertake a 30-hour work placement in a related field. Find out more in the course sections of the guide.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

Vocational courses can be studied at Level 1, 2 or 3 depending on your GCSE results. They combine practical learning with academic subject and theory content. These are career focused qualifications which give students the skills, subject knowledge and experience to pursue a variety of careers within their chosen sector, whilst also providing a clear route to university or an apprenticeship, depending on their chosen path.

Most subjects will include some form of external assessment and assessment through coursework. Level 3 vocational and technical programmes may have built-in work experience placements and/or work-related learning so that students get first-hand experience of working within their sector. T Levels contain an industry placement as part of the programme of study.

Vocational courses are standalone courses which usually cannot be combined alongside other subjects/courses.

Students will be taught by subject and industry experts in dedicated facilities with industry-standard resources. Courses at Exeter College also have fantastic links to employers.

From 2027/28, T Levels will be the primary full-time qualification available in many subjects, offering the same level of study as three A Levels.

Level 1 and Level 2 courses are studied in one year and students can usually progress from these to the next level. Level 3 qualifications are typically studied over two years and they are equivalent to three A Levels and will allow entry to university level study. We offer T Levels (see pages 14-15), Level 3 qualifications, UAL qualifications and other vocational courses called NVQ or VRQ. NVQs and VRQs are practical courses that prepare students for the workplace. Students can progress from a Level 2 NVQ on to a Level 3 NVQ.

We offer a large range of qualifications. See the indexes at the back of this guide for the full listing. Full information about different levels of study can be found on pages 10-11. If you would like help and guidance to make the right choice please contact our College Advice Team on **cat@exe-coll.ac.uk** or call **01392 400600**.

> I really enjoyed College because it promotes independence and gives you the freedom to take ownership of your studies, while also providing plenty of opportunities to socialise and meet new people.
>
> **Goldwynn, studying A Level English Language, Law and Philosophy. Previously studied at Isca Academy.**

APPRENTICESHIPS

Start your career, earn a salary and gain a qualification with an outstanding apprenticeship.

Thinking about your next steps? At Exeter College, our apprenticeships are all about setting you up for success in the real-world. We're proud to be recognised as an Expert Provider by the Department for Education, supporting over 2,000 Apprentices each year across a huge range of industries. With over 90 programmes to choose from, hands-on training and connections to more than 1,150 employers, we offer an exciting alternative to full-time study.

Apprenticeships are available for anyone over 16 who wants to kick-start a career that suits their skills and interests, facilitate a career change, or progress in their current role.

With apprenticeships across various sectors and levels, there is a programme at Exeter College for you.

How does an apprenticeship work?

Apprenticeships are great if you're ready to enter the workforce and earn a salary but still want to gain a qualification.

Apprenticeships are made up of two parts:

Roughly 80% of your time will be spent working with your employer, putting your knowledge into practice. You'll work alongside experienced staff and learn from your workplace mentor, who supports your career development.

You'll develop work-based skills and behaviours such as communication, and you'll also become a member of the team.

20% of your time is spent learning the knowledge needed to excel in your role. This includes training at Exeter College, through day release or in one week blocks, but could also include company e-learning, shadowing colleagues, and attending meetings, conferences and toolbox talks.

You'll earn a salary while you learn, making apprenticeships a great alternative to higher education if this style of learning suits you.

Harmony, studying a Diploma in Women's Hairdressing. Previously studied at Axe Valley Academy.

Foundation Apprenticeship

Level 2

Level 3

Level 4

Level 5

Higher Technical / Degree-Level Study

Everyone's journey is different. You'll start at the level that's right for your qualifications and experience.

Many apprentices continue progressing throughout their careers, gaining higher-level qualifications and moving into supervisory, management and specialist roles.

How to apply for an apprenticeship

Apply online

It's easy, just complete our online application form at exe-coll.ac.uk. You'll get a confirmation email straight away. Tick the box to let us know whether you've already found an apprenticeship employer or if you need support in finding one.

Once you've applied, we can:

- Keep you updated with useful info
- Match you with a sector expert to support your job search
- Offer you a backup course in case your plans change
- Utilise our job seeking sessions and resources

Attend an interview

Once you have completed the online application form, you will be invited to a student interview evening. You will receive a text alert and an email with the time and date. This will be an informal meeting with a member of our team to provide you with an offer* and important information on your next steps.

*If you do not have an apprenticeship employer at this point, you will receive a conditional offer. Don't let this stop you from applying.

Get help finding a job

Our Apprenticeship Recruitment Team helped over 700 young people find jobs last year. We'll support you every step of the way, from identifying opportunities to polishing your CV.

You'll be assigned a sector-specific adviser who can guide your search for jobs, offer one-to-one advice, and even help prepare you for interviews.

Search our latest vacancies at:
exeapprentices.co.uk

Start your apprenticeship at Exeter College

Once you've secured a job and we have confirmed your place on the apprenticeship programme, we'll contact you to complete your enrolment. Your start date and course info will be confirmed, and you'll officially become an Exeter College Apprentice. You will receive ongoing support and will have access to our fantastic range of student benefits.

Need some more guidance?

If you're interested in apprenticeships but not sure where to begin, come and talk to us. We can help you:

- Discover careers that match your skills
- Explore local and national employers
- Find a job through our employer network
- Build a standout CV
- Practice for interviews
- Get answers to all your questions

To book an advice session or get help finding an employer:

Call: **01392 400800**

Email: **apprentices@exe-coll.ac.uk**

Pop in: **The Apprenticeship and Employment Hub, 37 Queen Street, Exeter, EX4 3SR**

Apprenticeship Expo

Thursday 11 February 2027, 1-5pm

Exeter College Sports Hall

Using our apprenticeship job site

Head to our dedicated apprenticeship vacancies site: exeapprentices.co.uk

Click 'SIGN IN/REGISTER' in the top right-hand corner and follow the sign-up instructions to:

- Build your profile
- View current vacancies
- Apply quickly and easily

I progressed from the Level 2 Autocare Apprenticeship to the Level 3 Heavy Goods Vehicle Apprenticeship. My employer, Avon Fire and Rescue Service, offers a unique range of opportunities, combining my interests in the emergency services, motorsport and the automotive industry. I really enjoy the variety of training at College, from the different groups you work with to the range of challenges you can come across. My apprenticeship has given me so much, and I'm making the most of every opportunity.

Joe, studying Level 3 Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship.

OUR COURSES

Joseph, studying T Level in Engineering Manufacturing and Process Control. Previously studied at Tiverton High School.

Issy, studying A Level Law, History and Sociology. Previously studied at Torquay Girls' Grammar School.

Discover your options

ART AND DESIGN

> Fine Art completely changed how I think and work. I've learned how to independently research, analyse ideas deeply, and develop concepts over time rather than rushing to a final outcome. That way of thinking helped massively when writing university applications and personal statements, because I'm much more confident explaining why I do things, not just what I do.
>
> **Olivia, studying A Level Physics, Fine Art and Maths. Previously studied at Queen Elizabeth's School.**

Discover your creativity and become part of a supportive, ambitious community at the Centre for Creative Industries (CCI). This is a place where ideas are encouraged, individuality is valued, and young people are supported to grow in confidence as creative thinkers and makers.

You will explore a wide range of materials and techniques before developing your own specialism, working in inspiring studios and workshops, and making full use of our dedicated Learning Resource Centre. Along the way, you will have opportunities to exhibit your work, both within the College, across the local community, and through digital platforms, helping you build a portfolio you can be proud of.

You will be taught by an experienced team of practising artists and designers, including illustrators, painters, sculptors, set designers, ceramists, fashion and textile designers, filmmakers and photographers. They bring current industry knowledge into the classroom and are committed to helping each student find their direction and achieve their best.

The UK's creative industries are one of the fastest-growing parts of the economy, offering exciting career pathways across art, design, media and beyond. Our courses are designed to prepare you for this future, developing not only your technical skills, but also your independence, resilience and creative voice.

We work closely with local arts organisations including the Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter Phoenix and Positive Light Projects. Through these partnerships, students engage with visiting artists and take part in talks and workshops that connect their learning to the wider creative world. There are also opportunities to visit exhibitions and galleries in Bristol, London and overseas.

See pages 178-179 for further information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Kai, studying UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice Art, Design and Communication. Previously studied at St Luke's School.

Art and Design

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

This course offers you a broad introduction into Art and Design. If working in these fields appeals, this vocational course will be a good choice for you. It will help you develop the basic skills, knowledge and qualities you need to progress.

On this course you will:

- Learn different ways of using various 2D art materials
- Develop your practical and creative skills
- Develop your printmaking skills
- Be able to go on work experience
- Improve your ability in English and Maths
- Learn how to create your own mood boards
- Plan and market an exhibition of your coursework

Assessment: You will have assignments and coursework, with exams for Maths and English.

Choose this course if... you want to develop the skills to go on to a course that will lead you into the arts industry. This course is also a great choice if you want to develop your confidence and ability to work with others in a practical environment.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Examples of work need to be seen to ascertain skill level, and an interest in gaining a job in the arts is important

Art and Design

University of the Arts London (UAL) Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course is for you if you are interested in, good at, and perhaps considering a career in Art and Design. This course will help you to develop your art and design skills, as well as building your study skills in preparation for progression to Level 3.

On this course you will:

- Work on a variety of practical projects, investigating a wide range of materials and techniques in both 2D and 3D disciplines
- Study the work of other artists and designers, supported by written and practical work
- Enhance your research skills through trips to galleries, museums and specialist workshops
- Develop a personal portfolio, culminating in exhibiting your work at the Summer Show

Assessment: You will be required to meet deadlines, work independently and have enthusiasm for the arts. Your coursework will be assessed regularly. There are no exams for this course.

Choose this course if... you see yourself as a creative individual and enjoy making art. This course works as excellent preparation for our Level 3 Creative Practice Diploma.

Future steps: When you complete this course, you could progress to a Level 3 course or a Level 3 apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- This subject requires GCSE Art and Design at grade 3 or above. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project
- You should have an interest in, and be committed to, studying art and design
- You will have to present a portfolio at your interview

Loui, studying UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Practice Art, Design and Communication.

Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication

University of the Arts London (UAL) Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

We offer four Extended Diplomas in Creative Practice: **Fashion and Textiles, Fine Art, Graphic Design and Illustration** or **Photography**.

Each Extended Diploma (detailed on these next two pages) is equivalent to three A Levels, full-time and two-years in length. The Extended Diploma is intended for those students who are committed to visual arts in whatever form and want to make a career in it. It will help you to build a portfolio for a university place or apply directly for a job in the industry.

Fashion and Textiles

Fashion and Textiles is a vibrant area of the visual arts where a keen eye for detail, colour, texture and pattern are a must alongside very good planning and craft skills. You will also need to be driven by a sharp sense of what is currently going on out there in the real-world.

On this course you will:

- Be introduced, in the first term, to various art and design practices, alongside other students on different Extended Diploma programmes
- Be taught a range of techniques and processes in our fully equipped Fashion and Textile studios
- Have a focus on sustainable fashion which you will explore through practical/studio work alongside developing an understanding of design theories and commercial practices
- Visit galleries, including an optional residential visit abroad to locations such as Florence, Venice or Berlin
- Define your individual style and build up a strong portfolio of work

Assessment: Your work will be assessed at the end of each year. You will take part in a final exhibition to celebrate your work.

Choose this course if... you enjoy the process of designing and making garments or textiles work, and are passionate about fashion and textiles.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest.

Future job roles might include fashion designer, tailor, surface designer, retail buyer, upholsterer, fashion illustrator, embroiderer or fashion merchandiser.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- This subject requires Art GCSE (or a related subject such as DT) at grade 6 or above and an interest in, and commitment to, art and design. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project
- You will have to present a portfolio of artwork at your interview

Fine Art

Fine Art is the course where you make images, paintings, sculptures, installations, drawings, and photographs because you want to explore an idea for yourself, rather than work to someone else's vision. Good drawing skills are demanded. An inquisitive mind and a willingness to explore the visual world are a must.

On this course you will:

- Be introduced, in the first term, to various art and design practices alongside other students on different Extended Diploma programmes
- Be taught a range of techniques and processes in our fully equipped Fine Art studios
- Enjoy a balance of practical/studio work alongside developing an understanding of design theories and commercial practices
- Visit galleries, including an optional residential visit abroad to locations such as Florence, Venice or Berlin
- Define your individual style and build up a strong portfolio of work

Assessment: Your work will be assessed at the end of each year. You will take part in a final exhibition to celebrate your work.

Choose this course if... you are passionate about the arts and see yourself working in the creative industries, including graphic design, animation, illustration, teaching, architecture or interior design.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest.

This is the preferred progression route for top arts universities. Future job roles might include freelance artist, printmaker, museum/gallery curator, illustrator, designer, merchandising, jeweller or concept artist/game designer.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- You should have Art GCSE (or a related subject such as DT) at grade 6 or above and an interest in, and commitment to, art and design. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project
- You will have to present a portfolio of artwork at your interview

Graphic Design and Illustration

Graphic Design is everywhere, from posters, websites and packaging to books, branding and digital media. Designers and illustrators use images, typography and visual storytelling to communicate ideas, solve problems and engage audiences. As varied as the work is, there are fundamentals that need to be learned in terms of colour, shape, layout, typography, drawing, computer software and working to briefs.

On this course you will:

- Be part of a thriving Art and Design faculty, based in our own creative building
- Develop your practical skills in digital and traditional graphic design and illustration techniques, including typography, layout, branding, image making and image manipulation
- Learn how to investigate and explore themes and ideas through the work of past and contemporary designers, illustrators and creative practitioners
- Learn how to communicate your ideas visually, verbally and in writing, producing creative outcomes for a range of audiences and purposes

Assessment: Your work will be assessed at the end of each year. You will take part in a final exhibition to celebrate your work.

Choose this course if... you are creative, enjoy problem-solving, like drawing or making images, and are curious about the visual world we live in.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career in graphics or illustration. Future job roles might include graphic designer, illustrator, web designer, advertising creative, art director, typographer, branding designer or copywriter.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- You should have Art GCSE (or a related subject such as DT) at grade 6 or above and an interest in, and commitment to, art and design. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project
- You will have to present a portfolio of artwork at your interview

Photography

If you are serious about a career in photography, this specialist course is perfect for you. The emphasis of the course is your personal development as a photographer, but we'll also teach you about analogue and digital photography, cameraless and lensless processes, editing, picture layout, photojournalism, commercial, fashion, portrait and other photographic genres and the commercial aspects of a career in the creative industries.

On this course you will:

- Be making photographs from the day you start to the day you finish
- Be taught a range of techniques and processes in our fully equipped darkrooms and photographic studios
- Enjoy a balance of practical/studio work alongside developing an understanding of photographic theories and commercial practices
- Visit local, national and international galleries, including an optional residential visit to a European city such as Florence, Venice, Paris or Berlin
- Define your individual style and build up a strong portfolio of work
- This course relies on your independence as you will be completing many off-site photo shoots. Your work will be assessed throughout and at the end of each year. You will take part in exhibitions to celebrate and share your work.

Choose this course if... you enjoy ordering the visual world through a lens and want to develop your own creative voice as a photographer.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

Alternatively you may want to pursue a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career path in photography. Future job roles might include camera operator, picture editor, archivist, researcher, photo editor or photographer (fashion, wedding, events, aerial, portrait, marine, wildlife, fine art).

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Three GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- You should have Art GCSE (or a related subject such as DT) at grade 6 or above and an interest in, and a passion for art and design and photography. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project
- You will be expected to share a portfolio of artwork at your interview

3-Dimensional Design (Product Design) - Art and Design

AS/A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

This course will grow your understanding of 3-Dimensional (3D) Art and Design. You will develop your capacity to design and make products, produce outcomes and appreciate the complex relationship between design and materials. The focus of the course is on aesthetics of design that include sculpture, architecture and product design.

On this course you will:

- Develop a personal artistic/ design vision
- Improve both your hand and digital drawing skills
- Develop creative solutions to design problems through independent thinking and practical exploration of process and materials
- Understand the key characteristics of materials and processes and how to utilise these through hands-on experience
- Develop knowledge and understanding of the broader issues for artists and designers, such as environmental sustainability of products and their manufacture
- Learn to work with materials including ceramics, plastics, plaster, metal, wood and use 3D printers and a laser cutter

Assessment: Your work will be assessed informally throughout the course. Your final grade is determined by an external moderator, end of course assessment of the portfolio unit and an externally set assignment unit.

Choose this course if... you enjoy problem-solving, drawing, working with a variety of materials and exploring the wider arts.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career path in design.

Career possibilities include product design, architecture, interior design. 3D design also feeds into careers around ecology and sustainability through developing an understanding of consumer and lifestyle awareness. Future job roles might also include sculptor, prop designer, architect, model maker, jeweller, furniture designer, goldsmith and fashion accessory designer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 4 or above in GCSE Art or Design Technology. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and would be a good choice with one other creative subject or to complement academic A Level subjects.

Fashion and Textiles - Art and Design

A LEVEL

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

This hands-on course will enhance your creativity and introduce you to a huge range of skills. The course explores current themes and debates, such as sustainability and the impact of fast fashion, alongside building on your knowledge of the fashion industry through history. You will be encouraged to develop your own individual creative interests.

On this course you will:

- Study a range of techniques and skills, including pattern cutting, printing and hand and machine embroidery
- Develop practical textile skills and independent, creative thinking through theme-based projects and research
- Take part in annual fashion shows, including working with external partners such as Princesshay Fashion Shows and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum
- Visit exhibitions in London to experience the work of others, both contemporary and historical

Assessment: Your work will be assessed informally throughout the course. Your final grade is determined by an external moderator, end of course assessment of the portfolio unit and an externally set assignment unit.

Choose this course if... you enjoy exploring new processes, designing garments and are passionate about fashion and textiles.

Future steps: You could progress to study a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design at Exeter College and then go on to university courses such as fashion and costume design, textile and surface pattern, fashion photography and promotion.

Future job roles might include fashion designer, tailor, surface designer, retail buyer, upholsterer, fashion illustrator, embroiderer or fashion merchandiser.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 4 or above in GCSE Art or a related subject, such as Textiles. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to show a portfolio of work and/or undertake a creative attribution project

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme.

Film and Video - Art, Craft and Design

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Are you a budding creative filmmaker? If so, then this course offers an excellent career start. This course is designed to build your creative film making and editing skills. Under the Art, Craft and Design specification, there is an emphasis on individual creativity.

On this course you will:

- Experiment with different film styles with our industry-standard equipment
- Learn how to analyse films in Hollywood and art-cinema forms, and apply these ideas to your own work
- Work with musicians, actors, artists and local arts organisations such as the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Exeter Phoenix
- Visit centres of excellence such as the Bill Douglas Centre, Harry Potter World and We The Curious

Assessment: Your work will be assessed informally throughout the course. Your final grade is determined by an external moderator, end of course assessment of the portfolio unit and an externally set assignment unit.

Choose this course if... you want to find your own style as a creative film maker. Many film and digital art students have gone on to win or be shortlisted for regional, national and international short film competitions, which you will be encouraged to take part in throughout the course.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career path in film or animation.

There is a strong progression rate to film and digital art degree courses from this programme. Future job roles might include animator, music video maker, game designer, film editor, audio visual designer, videographer, cinematographer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art is preferable
- Some experience of film, video or artwork would be useful, but is not essential

See pages 134-139 for other film related courses.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme, however it cannot be taken alongside AS Fine Art.

Fine Art - Art and Design

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

The A Level Fine Art course is designed to foster a deep appreciation and understanding of art, providing students with the opportunity to explore a range of artistic mediums and techniques. Students will engage in both practical and theoretical studies, developing their own creative style while learning about the historical and cultural significance of art. The curriculum encourages experimentation and innovation, allowing for personal expression and the development of a unique artistic voice.

On this course you will:

- Be part of a thriving art faculty, in our own creative building
- Develop your practical drawing skills together with painting, printmaking, 3D and more experimental work
- Learn how to investigate and explore themes and ideas through the work of past and contemporary artists
- Learn how to express your ideas visually, verbally and in writing

Assessment: In the first year, you will undertake three projects, all linked, but becoming progressively more individual and student-led as the year goes on. In the second year, there are two major projects, both self-directed, and encouraging mature and independent study visually, conceptually and in written form.

Choose this course if... you are passionate about the arts and want to develop your own practice and understanding of the arts.

Future steps: You could progress on to a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design here at Exeter College. This qualification is well respected by leading universities. It provides an excellent grounding for further study in art and design and supports degree level entry for many other subject areas. Future job roles might include artist, printmaker, museum/gallery curator, illustrator, designer, merchandising, jeweller or concept artist/game designer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 6 or above in GCSE Art or a related subject. If you are not taking Art GCSE, you will be required to demonstrate a significant passion for drawing and the arts through the presentation of a portfolio of work

This course can be combined and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme, see page 188.

Graphic Communication - Art and Design

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This is a dynamic and engaging course that empowers students to harness their creativity for visual communication. It offers a comprehensive exploration of design principles, digital media, and visual problem-solving techniques. Through hands-on projects and critical studies, students will cultivate a strong design portfolio, learn the impact of graphic design in society, and develop a distinctive design approach. This course is an excellent foundation for those aspiring to shape the future of visual culture.

On this course you will:

- Be part of a thriving art faculty, in our own creative building
- Develop your practical drawing skills together with painting, printmaking, 3D and more experimental work
- Learn how to investigate and explore themes and ideas through the work of past and contemporary artists
- Learn how to express your ideas visually, verbally and in writing

Assessment: In the first year, you will undertake three projects, all linked, but becoming progressively more individual and student-led as the year goes on. In the second year, there are two major projects, both self-directed, and encouraging mature and independent study visually, conceptually and in written form.

Choose this course if... you are passionate about the arts and want to develop your own practice and understanding of the arts.

Future steps: You could progress on to a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design here at Exeter College. This qualification is well respected by leading universities, it provides an excellent grounding for further study in art and design and supports degree level entry for many other subject areas.

Future job roles might include web designer, advertising creative, art director, typographer, app designer, infographics designer, architectural visualiser or copywriter.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 4 or above in GCSE Art or a related subject. If this has not been achieved, then a project can be undertaken to demonstrate your suitability for the course. Alternatively, you can present a portfolio of relevant work.

This course can be combined and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme, see page 188.

Photography - Art and Design

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course blends artistic creativity with the mastering of technical camera skills to realise your ideas, exploring visual language and current artist themes. From exploring darkroom photography, to understanding the role of the image in society. This creative A Level is for those who want to tell a story about the world we live in today.

On this course you will:

- Be taught a range of techniques combining traditional and digital photography, images without lenses, and electronic and traditional sketchbook compilation
- Have access to full studio facilities, black and white and colour darkrooms and Photoshop suites
- Experience individual tutorial support to help develop your personal style
- Visit galleries and exhibitions and benefit from visiting speakers

Assessment: You will be required to produce a portfolio of coursework, and complete an externally set assignment, for each level of the qualification.

Choose this course if... you love taking photographs and getting out and observing the world.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career path in photography. You can progress to study professional or fine art photography at university or begin your photographic career. Future job roles might include camera operator, picture editor, archivist, researcher, photo editor or photographer (fashion, wedding, events, aerial, portrait, marine, wildlife, fine art).

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 4 or above in GCSE Art or a related subject. If this has not been achieved, then a project can be undertaken to demonstrate your suitability for the course. Alternatively, you can present a portfolio of relevant work.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with most other courses, especially Film Studies, Media Studies and Graphics.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

University of the Arts London (UAL) Foundation Diploma in Art and Design

LEVEL 3+

Level 3+ | Duration: 1 year

This intense and exciting year-long course gives you the opportunity to explore various art and design approaches, experiment with a range of materials and processes and build a portfolio of work to support progression to Higher Education or the workplace.

You will gain an insight into a wide range of disciplines, such as painting, printmaking, 3D making, fashion, textiles, architecture, photography, film, illustration, graphic design and drawing.

On this course you will:

- Explore new ways of working in your studio practice, supported by critical and contextual academic study
- Have the opportunity to visit regional, national and international galleries
- Build a portfolio of work to take you to the next stage of your career
- Show off your talents and exhibit your work in the Summer Show

Assessment: Your coursework will be assessed throughout the year.

Choose this course if... you have enjoyed your A Levels/Extended Diploma/IB and want to refine your skills and establish your own artistic style.

Future steps: Many of our students go on to study at some of the UK's leading arts universities.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Also, you should normally have a minimum of five subjects at GCSE or above and will have completed an A Level/IB programme or Extended Diploma in Art and Design
- You may be interviewed for this course and have to present a portfolio of work that demonstrates an interest in, and a curiosity about, the visual world and a desire to communicate this to a wider audience

This is a progression course and you must have successfully completed a Level 3 course.

AUTOMOTIVE

I chose to do a T Level because it's helping me learn while working at the same time. I tend to learn well academically in the classroom, but whilst also getting the work experience. My placement is a good environment to work in. It's one of the best manufacturers of cars in the world and just to be here learning about them is great experience for the future.

Ethan, studying a T Level in Maintenance Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing. Previously studied at Axe Valley Academy.

Are you a problem solver and interested in technology? Do you have attention to fine detail and a passion for motor vehicles? In the past 16 years alone, the industry has undergone significant change, particularly in electrification and autonomous technologies. The car is one of the most technologically advanced in an ever-changing industry.

Studying industry-led automotive courses at our purpose built Technology Centre (see pages 168-171 for a map) you will gain all the practical and technical skills for a career in the automotive industry. Our staff come with a wealth of experience from all aspects of the automotive industry, from manufacturer to independent workshops.

Students get the opportunity to take part in guest lectures from industry specialists, alongside this, we also run a robot wars experience. See pages 178-179 for further information about EXtra.

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Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Light Vehicle Mechanical

LEVEL 1

IMIAL Level 1 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course gives you the basic skills and knowledge to work on vehicles.

On this course you will:

- Learn theory and practical skills including identification of vehicle components
- Use the latest equipment and vehicles in a realistic, industry-standard environment
- Visit garages and shows
- Take optional, additional courses in body repair and refinishing, hybrid and electric vehicle technology and welding
- Develop soft skills, such as communication and employer expectations, to prepare you for the industry
- Have opportunities for work experience alongside your studies
- Gain the practical skills needed to complete your Functional Skills and GCSE English Language and Maths

Assessment: You must achieve all the learning outcomes for each study unit. You will be assessed by practical assessments, centre devised assessment methods and external testing.

Choose this course if... you have an interest in repairing vehicle components and learning how vehicles work.

Future steps: You could go on to further study, such as the Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - Light Vehicle IMIAL Level 2 Diploma or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- We will also consider your existing academic or vocational qualifications and experience and interest in working in the industry

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - Light Vehicle Mechanical

LEVEL 2

IMIAL Level 2 Subsidiary Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course is designed for those who would like to find a job in the light vehicle automotive industry.

On this course you will:

- Study health and safety, tools and materials, automotive job roles, engines and related systems, vehicle transmission, vehicle electrics and chassis and associated systems
- Use the latest equipment and vehicles in a realistic, industry-standard environment
- Take optional, additional courses in body repair and refinishing, hybrid and electric vehicle technology
- Develop soft skills, such as communication and employer expectations, to prepare you for the industry
- Have opportunities for work experience alongside your studies
- Gain the practical skills needed to complete your GCSE English Language and Maths

Assessment: You must achieve all learning outcomes for all units. You will be assessed by practical assessments, online multiple choice exams, centre devised assessment methods and external testing.

Choose this course if... you are looking to progress into an apprenticeship, you have a passion for repairing, servicing and diagnosing vehicle faults and you want to gain an insight into the automotive environment.

Future steps: After studying the Subsidiary Diploma in the first year, you could progress either to the T Level in Maintenance, Installation and Repair (Level 3) for a further two years or to a Light Vehicle Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above in relevant subjects, including English Language and Maths*
- We will also consider your existing academic or vocational qualifications and experience and interest in working in the industry

Automotive: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Light and Electric Vehicles

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at those academic learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on 'real' industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels. In Year 1 you will study engineering principles that include Health and Safety, Maths, Science, Electronics, Business, Professionalism and Project Management. In Year 2 we focus on automotive technologies, including internal combustion and electric vehicle working practices.

On this course you will:

- Study a core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, theories and core skills relevant to automotive light and electric vehicles
- Learn about objectives and constraints, health and safety, apply maintenance and repair processes, carry out suitable testing and recording and reporting practices
- Study specialist occupationally specific content, for example, mechanical principles and systems, primary and auxiliary systems, energy storage and transfer, drive devices and their purpose and electronic and mechanical measurement techniques and diagnostics
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation

Assessment: Year 1 you will be assessed through external assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project. Year 2 you will prepare for internal practical exam, the occupational specialism where you plan, perform and review tasks on two vehicles and one fabrication activity.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of Maths and Science and a keen interest in the automotive sector, especially around the diagnostics of mechanical and electrical systems. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification at Exeter College. Potential careers include automotive diagnostic technician or master technician and management.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above in relevant subjects, including English Language and Maths (Sciences, Design and Technology, Business and Engineering will be beneficial)
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Charlotte, studying a Level 3 Service and Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship. Previously studied at West Exe School.

Autocare Technician

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Technology Centre

This course will give you the skills to carry out a range of services and repairs to cars, car-derived vans, light goods vehicles and heavy goods vehicles.

You will:

- Learn to use a range of tools, measuring and diagnostic equipment to identify and repair simple system faults
- Learn how to perform routine vehicle servicing
- Learn how to remove and refit engine, electrical, and chassis components
- Learn how to carry out vehicle safety inspections and routine maintenance
- Learn how to replace/repair and balance a range of light vehicle tyres
- Work on a modern fleet of vehicles using the latest equipment
- Develop skills in handling customers, communication and problem-solving
- Obtain Level 2 Electric Vehicle qualification as part of the apprenticeship
- Obtain Level 3 Refrigerant Handling qualification as part of the apprenticeship

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have an interest in motor vehicles, a desire to learn and understand electrical systems, enjoy problem-solving skills and have a commercial awareness.

Future steps: On completion of the Level 2 apprenticeship you could progress to the Level 3 Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle or Heavy Vehicle) Apprenticeship. When you are fully qualified, you could become an MOT tester, electric vehicle technician, IRTEC inspector Heavy Vehicle (HV), service manager or master technician.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Technology Centre

Combine technical, retail and customer service skills, in a unique, skill-packed apprenticeship. Work on all the systems found within the vehicle, from replacing simple parts through to solving complex faults with the use of diagnostic methods and equipment.

You will:

- Carry out a range of services on cars, car-derived vans and other light vehicles
- Learn to deal with customer complaints in the best way and increase company communication
- Learn to carry out vehicle safety checks and routine maintenance on light vehicles
- Study new topics, such as four wheel geometry principles and general sales principles
- Learn the fundamentals of specific vehicle systems, including steering and suspension, braking systems, battery and charging systems, exhaust systems and air-conditioning systems
- Work on a modern fleet of vehicles using the latest equipment
- Follow recognised diagnostic procedures, logical diagnostic sequence and apply advanced diagnostic principles and problem-solving techniques to establish faults
- Obtain Level 3 Refrigerant Handling qualification as part of the apprenticeship (if not previously completed)

Choose this apprenticeship if... you're able to work independently but also operate as an effective team member and have good customer handling skills.

You must have an interest and desire to learn and understand electrical systems and have commercial awareness.

Future steps: On completion of the Level 3 apprenticeship, you could move into industry to become an MOT tester, electric vehicle technician, service manager or master technician. The course is also recognised by relevant Professional Engineering Institutions and successful apprentices can apply for the appropriate level of professional registration with the IMI.

Entry requirements: As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. This apprenticeship is a progression from the Level 2 Autocare Technician Apprenticeship.

Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Technology Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Heavy Vehicle (HV) Maintenance and Repair Technician inspects and repairs a range of heavy vehicles and trailers for dealerships, independent garages and franchise and large fleet operators.

The nature of the work ranges from replacing simple parts through to solving complex faults with the use of diagnostic methods and equipment. On completion of this Apprenticeship, you will have developed the skills needed to become a lead heavy vehicle and maintenance repair technician.

You will:

- Learn about diagnosing and problem-solving techniques, as well as the fundamentals of HV technologies, HV chassis design, engine, fuels and transmissions
- Understand the requirements of providing roadside assistance
- Be able to do final quality checks before handover to the customer without supervision
- Learn about emerging new technologies within the HV industry

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have an interest in diesel systems and a desire to develop a career in the heavy vehicle automotive industry, working on trucks and lorries. You should have strong problem-solving and good customer handling skills.

Future steps: On completion and achievement of the standard, candidates will have the opportunity to progress to Master Technician, management, IRTEC or to develop in their current role.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. This apprenticeship is a progression from the Level 2 Autocare Technician Apprenticeship.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

BUSINESS

I enjoyed Business at GCSE so I knew I wanted to study it at A Level and potentially further. It's really applicable to the real-world. I didn't know anyone in my class to begin with but very quickly you make friends. College has been very enjoyable, there are endless opportunities in Exeter, endless spaces you can go to in the city. Tutors are really involved in your time at College, they are there to guide you through your journey here and into whatever is next.

Will, studying A Level Business, Economics and Geography. Previously studied at Sidmouth.

Are you ready to turn your ambition into a career? Whether you're taking your first steps into the world of business, building your knowledge and confidence, or preparing for a professional career, our Business courses provide a clear pathway to success.

We offer a range of study options, from Level 1 and Level 2 Business courses through to industry focused T Levels and apprenticeships, helping you develop the skills, knowledge and experience that employers value. Whatever your starting point, you'll benefit from a practical, career-focused learning environment that prepares you for your next step.

Our Business T Levels are a flagship part of our offer, combining rigorous academic study with substantial industry experience. Equivalent to three A Levels, T Levels are designed in partnership with employers and provide a high-quality technical route into careers in Accounting, Business Management, Marketing and other business-related professions. The extended industry placement gives you the opportunity to apply your learning in a real workplace, build professional networks and gain valuable experience before you complete your course.

Across all our Business programmes, you'll be taught by industry-experienced staff who bring real-world insight into the classroom. You'll explore current business practices, develop professional skills and gain an understanding of the opportunities available across a wide range of sectors. Through employer engagement activities, guest speakers, industry visits and practical projects, you'll develop the confidence and skills needed to thrive in the workplace.

Our students progress to a variety of exciting destinations, including apprenticeships, Higher Education and professional roles. Many secure opportunities directly through the employers they work with during their studies, while others continue their learning through higher-level qualifications.

Business courses are primarily based at Victoria House on Queen Street. Level 1 Business is based in The RISE building (off Queen Street), and A Level Business is based in the Tower Building on the Hele Road site. See pages 168-171 for a map.

Students studying Business benefit from a range of trips, visits and opportunities to engage with employers and local industry professionals. Activities may include guest speaker events, workshops and the opportunity to take part in residential visits to London or overseas.

See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Business

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

Your interest in gaining a job in business, retail or customer service will enable you to make the most of this vocational course, which provides an excellent introduction to the world of work.

On this course you will:

- Use practical, communication and team working skills to increase your business knowledge
- Learn about businesses in our local area, how to communicate with customers, how to brand a product and how to create effective business presentations
- Gain work experience
- Improve your transferable IT, English and Maths skills
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in these industries

Assessment: You will have assignments, coursework and will need to sit exams for your English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you want to develop a range of skills you can use in the retail, customer service or business sector, or progress to further study.

Future steps: On completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in retail, customer service or business industry is really important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map

Business

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course equips you with a wide range of knowledge, skills, and behaviours to prepare you for the Level 3 Business T Level in Business Management, Marketing or Accounting, or an apprenticeship.

On this course you will:

- Study topics such as entrepreneurship, business organisation, stakeholders and market research, market types and orientation, and marketing mix
- Learn about the sources of enterprise funding and business finance and growth
- Find out what it takes to build successful business teams and manage projects
- Take part in work experience and business visits, as well as initiatives such as interview preparation and practical project management

Assessment: Depending on the route taken and number of GCSEs alongside, your assessment will be one of the following:

- One externally examined assessment and one non-exam assessment sat as a written task over an assessment window.
- Two externally examined assessments and coursework-based assessments such as presentations or practical assignment tasks.

Choose this course if... you are looking to gain knowledge in different aspects of business, with a keen ambition to work in a business environment.

Future steps: You could go on to study a Level 3 course such as the T Level in Business Management, Marketing or Accounting. Or you could apply for an apprenticeship or go into employment in an administration/business-related role.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will also have an interest in a business-related career such as personal assistant or secretary, retail or finance

Business - Management

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This qualification will give you breadth of knowledge and understanding across the management and administration sector, but also equips you with the necessary occupational and core skills and behaviours to succeed in the industry. This course is aimed at learners who wish to progress into a career in Team Leadership/Management. First year assessments come in the form of two externally set exams and a project designed by a panel of top business firms and assessment experts. In Year 2, you will do a project in stages throughout the year.

You will work with one of our Industry Placement Liaison Officers and your tutor to find an industry placement that is right for you and your interests, and to set objectives with you.

On this course you will:

- Understand business contexts and the external environments they operate within
- Learn how to recognise drivers for organisational change and reasons to continuously improve
- Use a range of project methodologies and tools to initiate, plan, execute and close/evaluate business improvement projects when planning for or responding to the business environments and needs
- Undertake a substantial industry placement. You will complete a minimum of 315 hours of placement with an employer to develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours

Assessment: Will be assessed through external assessments and a substantial employer set project.

Choose this course if... you want to gain practical industry experience within business and want to develop your business acumen to lead you onto your next steps.

Future steps: You can progress directly into work in the management and administration sector or develop skills further by proceeding on to our Foundation Degree in Business, or university, or a Degree apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a T Level Foundation course will need a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Accounting

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This qualification will give you breadth of knowledge and understanding across a broad range of issues relevant to the accountancy sector, but also equips you with the necessary occupational and core skills and behaviours to succeed in the industry. This course is aimed at learners who wish to progress into a career in accounting.

On this course you will:

- Learn the fundamental principles of financial accounting
- Understand financial principles, concepts, and practices and how they link to relevant accounting, bookkeeping and business mathematics requirements
- Develop an understanding of professionalism and ethics. You will explore professional conduct and responsibilities in the workplace as well as ethical dilemmas for the individual and the organisation
- Develop an awareness of key requirements of a data governance framework and understand methods and tools used to support decision making
- Undertake a substantial industry placement. You will complete a minimum of 315 hours of placement with an employer to develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours

Assessment: Will be assessed in the form of externally set exams and a project designed by a panel of top business firms and assessment experts.

Choose this course if... you have a passion for numbers and want to gain practical industry experience within the accounting and finance industry.

Future steps: On successful completion of the course, career options might include working as an accounts clerk, assistant accountant, or corporate recovery analyst. You can also develop your knowledge and skills further by progressing on to an apprenticeship, university, or our Foundation Degree in Business.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a T Level Foundation course will need a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Harvey, studying T Level Management and Administration. Previously studied at Exmouth Community College.

Marketing

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is aimed at learners who wish to progress into a career within the marketing sector. The purpose of this course is to understand the key concept of marketing and how to add value to an organisation through leadership, culture and vision. You will work with one of our Industry Placement Liaison Officers and your tutor to find an industry placement that is right for you and your interests, and to set objectives with you.

On this course you will:

- Develop a comprehensive level of knowledge about business contexts and the external environments they operate within
- Understand the role of marketing including marketing as a management process, its importance, market type and reach
- Develop insight into customer personas and how they are used to determine marketing campaigns
- Undertake a substantial industry placement

Assessment: You will complete a minimum of 315 hours of placement with an employer to develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours. You will be assessed through external assessments and a substantial employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a passion for marketing and want to understand the deeper concepts of strategies used within the industry. You should also want to gain practical industry experience within business to understand the environment marketing operates within.

Future steps: On successful completion of the course, career options might include working as a marketing assistant, events manager/assistant or advertising and PR assistant. You can also develop skills further by proceeding on to our Foundation Degree in Business, or university, or a Degree apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a T Level Foundation course will need a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Business

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course is ideal if you enjoy finding out about how and why some businesses perform well or what the consequences are of certain strategic decisions. Lessons are suited to those who enjoy debating and developing arguments about business issues.

On this course you will:

- Develop ideas around the market, explore marketing and people functions and investigate entrepreneurs and business start-up
- Develop an understanding of how businesses identify opportunities and explore how businesses focus on developing a competitive advantage through interacting with customers
- Understand how businesses need to adapt their marketing to operate in a dynamic business environment
- Explore how businesses recruit, train, organise and motivate employees, as well as the role of enterprising individuals and leaders
- Look at how established businesses might improve their effectiveness by making tactical decisions
- Learn about finance and operations functions, and investigate external influences on business
- Build on the AS units by considering more complex business scenarios, developing your understanding of business strategy and decision-making
- Investigate businesses that trade on a global scale and develop an understanding of the globally competitive environment
- Consider ethical and moral dimensions of global business activities
- Have the opportunity to take part in visits from various business organisations

Assessment: Short tests, essays, and case studies. Final assessment is through external examinations.

Choose this course if... you enjoy debating business issues, such as leadership, corporate social responsibility and branding, using and interpreting data to analyse financial and management accountancy problems, discussing alternative courses of action and keeping up-to-date with national and international trends.

Future steps: Business is excellent preparation for a Business degree or a degree in subjects such as Economics, Accountancy, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Social Sciences. Possible career choices for A Level Business students include accountancy, stock broking, banking, retail, product management, general management, not-for-profit organisations.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Economics, Geography, Politics, Environmental Science, Sociology and Modern Foreign Languages.

Assistant Accountant

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3

The Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) programme offers a clear career pathway into the finance sector. This Level 3 apprenticeship includes an introduction to bookkeeping. You will learn advanced financial skills, providing support to customers and work within the finance function of an organisation or a dedicated accountancy firm.

You will:

- Develop your skills in finance administration, double entry bookkeeping, basic costing principles, and purchase, sales and general ledgers
- Master more complex financial processes, including final accounts for sole traders and partnerships, reports and returns, and professional ethics
- Have access to a team of qualified tutors and qualified accountants with practical accountancy experience

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are organised, strong with numbers, accuracy and attention to detail. Good communication is a plus, as you will need to work amongst a team of professionals and will be engaging with clients.

Future steps: On completion you could progress on to the Level 4 Professional Accountant Apprenticeship. You might move into a number of career paths in the accounting sector including audit, corporate recovery, credit control or tax.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. Due to the level and nature of this apprenticeship, you will also need relevant prior experience and/or knowledge of working within an accounting or finance environment. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Administration Assistant

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

Support the smooth running of a business by helping with everyday administrative tasks. You'll work with different teams and may speak with customers or suppliers. Help keep things organised, accurate, and running efficiently as part of a team.

You will:

- Learn essential skills needed in a business environment. These will include:
- Communication methods: emails, meetings, phone and video calls, document creation and presentation skills
- Organisation: keep track of tasks by using calendars and prioritisation methods
- Teamwork: work well with others and support your team
- IT skills: use common software to complete tasks including cloud services and understand appropriate security measures including data storage
- Professional development: create a personal development plan, understand self-reflection and awareness of own learning style and participate in performance reviews, one-to-ones and workplace training

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are looking to start a career in a professional business environment, but you have little to no experience in the workplace but have a passion to learn and grow.

Future steps: On completion you could choose to progress on to a variety of apprenticeships, such as Level 3 Business Administration, Level 3 Data Technician, Level 3 HR Support or Level 3 Multi-Channel Marketer.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Business Administrator

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

Manage the day-to-day operations of a company, supporting and engaging with all different parts of an organisation. The role is varied and can be found across all industries and types of business.

You will:

- Learn how to develop, implement, maintain and improve administrative services
- Practice problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Learn laws and regulations such as data protection and health and safety
- Develop coaching, leadership and management strategies

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a strong sense of responsibility, sound communication skills and good attention to detail. Motivated and organised personalities will thrive.

Future steps: On completion you could choose to progress on to a variety of apprenticeships, such as Level 4 Project Manager. Alternatively, you could find full-time employment and this role is a good gateway to further career opportunities, such as management or senior support roles. There's incredible room for growth in the field.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Multi-Channel Marketer

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Hele Road Site

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

As a Multi-Channel Marketer you will define, design, build and implement digital campaigns across a variety of online and social media platforms to reach, engage with and retain customers, promoting a product or service.

You will:

- Develop your knowledge of social media within a business
- Learn the principles of keywords and optimisation
- Learn about content management systems and website creation
- Learn how to analyse and create data reports
- Learn about imaging, video, website and spreadsheet software

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a creative mind, are interested in market trends and are confident using IT. You should also be business-minded and analytical.

Future steps: On completion you may consider developing your skills in a specialist area, including the Level 4 Apprenticeship in Data Analytics, Project Management, or Software Development.

Alternatively, you could go straight into full time employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Human Resources (HR) Support

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Work as part of the function of a business charged with recruiting, training and managing benefits and records. You will handle day-to-day queries, providing front line support to managers and employees.

You will:

- Learn how to handle enquiries and provide HR advice
- Develop your communication skills
- Learn a range of recruitment processes
- Learn about HR policies and law
- Be able to apply for Associate Membership of CIPD

Choose this apprenticeship if... you enjoy problem-solving, are a strong communicator, enjoy interacting with people, and care about their wellbeing.

Future steps: On completion you can progress on to the Level 5 People Professional Apprenticeship or into full time employment. You can remain as a HR generalist or could look to specialise in a particular area of HR, such as organisational design, talent management and payroll and reward.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

> The variety of work, you know, is a lot. It's not the same thing every day. It's something different, and it's just quite interesting. I've loved my first year, I really like the atmosphere here and enjoy the variety of work, it's not the same thing every day. It's supportive here, always asking how you are and if you're enjoying the course. I would recommend the College, it's been really enjoyable and accommodating. Next year I'm doing a Level 3 Plumbing Apprenticeship.
>
> **Jack, studying Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician. Previously studied at West Exe School.**

Ready to build your future? At Exeter College, our Construction training gives you the hands on experience, expert guidance, and real-world opportunities you need to kick-start an exciting career. You'll learn a wide range of practical hand skills, develop essential knowledge, and gain the right behaviours to progress onto higher-level courses, university, or a top apprenticeship. Rated Ofsted Outstanding, our College offers an inclusive yet professional environment that feels just like a real site, with all the support you need to succeed. You'll be taught by experienced industry professionals, and enjoy amazing opportunities like site visits, regional competitions, and inspiring talks from guest speakers. Whether you're passionate about Bricklaying, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical or Construction Management, Exeter College is where your journey starts.

We have a wide range of EXtra activities that we offer our learners, such as work experience opportunities, industry placements, guest speakers, building site visits, regional and national skills build competitions as well as providing industry leading technology, resources and staff to support your learning experience.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Construction Skills

LEVEL 1

Level 1 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course allows learners to study a variety of different trade areas to develop hand skills, knowledge and confidence to prepare you for progression to the Level 2 Maintenance Operations, a Level 2 trade specific qualification or apprenticeship of your choice.

On this course you will:

- Learn basic carpentry, plastering, bricklaying and decorating principles and develop hands on skills and techniques
- Work in our well-equipped, modern workshops and resource centre
- Benefit from strong industry links, guest speakers, site visits and the potential for work experience
- Have weekly themed tutorials about relevant topics in mental health, national topics, construction news, progression and support and wellbeing

Assessment: You will have a combination of written and practical assessments.

Choose this course if... you want to learn new skills, gain an understanding of the wider construction industry and study both Maths and English Language GCSEs.

Future steps: Progression can either be on to another full time programme at Level 2 or gain employment as an apprentice in a chosen field of your choice within the construction industry.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*

Maintenance Operations

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

Working in construction also includes the maintenance and repair of buildings. This qualification teaches you how to build and maintain projects in a variety of trade areas.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety in a construction environment
- Principles of welfare, health and safety in construction environments
- Principles of working in the construction industry
- Tiling repairs and maintenance
- Plastering and rendering repairs and maintenance
- Remedial painting and decorating works
- Maintenance of plumbing and drainage systems
- Preventative and corrective maintenance of building systems
- Using carpentry and joinery skills for repairs and refurbishment
- Corrective maintenance of external property areas

Assessment: You will be assessed through a combination of online and paper based exams with a practical assessment for each trade area.

Choose this course if... you want to work within the construction industry. This course gives a good overview of many areas which could be suited to maintenance and general building.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress to either an apprenticeship in Property Maintenance Operative or your chosen field in construction or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*

Architectural Joinery

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course will equip you with the necessary theory and practical skills to achieve a construction industry recognised qualification.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety in a construction environment
- Principles of welfare, health and safety in construction environments
- Principles of working in the construction industry
- Timber technology
- Planning and preparation for setting out and marking out architectural joinery
- Use of woodworking machinery
- Architectural joinery component production
- Assembly and finishing of architectural joinery products

Assessment: You will be assessed through a combination of online and paper based exams with a practical assessment for each topic area.

Choose this course if... you enjoy working with wood, working as part of a team and are self-motivated. Also, this course is a great choice if you want to develop your skills and to progress into the carpentry and joinery trade.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress to either an apprenticeship in Architectural Joinery/Site Carpentry or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language, Maths and Science*

Marley, studying T Level Design Surveying and Planning for Construction. Previously studied at West Exe School.

Bricklaying

LEVEL 2

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course gives you the basic knowledge and skills you need for a career in brickwork.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety in a construction environment
- Principles of welfare, health and safety in construction environments
- Principles of working in the construction industry
- Setting out buildings
- Building solid walls and piers
- Building cavity walls

Assessment: You will be assessed through a combination of online and paper based exams with a practical assessment for each topic area.

Choose this course if... you enjoy being outdoors, working as part of a team and are self-motivated. Also, it is a great choice if you want to develop your skills and to progress into the brickwork trade.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress on to either an apprenticeship in Bricklaying or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language, Maths and Science*

Electrical Installation

LEVEL 2

Level 2 Technical Certificate | Duration: 1 year

This real-world course prepares you to work effectively and safely in an electrotechnical environment and is ideal for anyone who wants to become a fully qualified electrician.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety and industry practices
- Electrical science
- Electrical installation
- Electrical technology
- Communication within the building services industry

Assessment: You will have a combination of online exams and practical exercises.

Choose this course if... you would like to learn about the installation and maintenance of electrical wiring systems in our homes, businesses, and factories and enjoy solving mathematical and scientific construction problems.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress on to either the Level 3 Apprenticeship in Electrical Installations or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in both GCSE English Language and Maths*

Plumbing

Level 2 Technical Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

You can be sure of meeting industry-standards for basic plumbing if you study this course. It covers all the essential foundation skills as you work towards becoming a fully qualified plumber.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety and industry practices
- Plumbing processes
- Electrical and scientific principles
- Cold water
- Hot water
- Central heating
- Sanitation and drainage

Assessment: You will be assessed through an online exam and practical assignment at the end of the course. There is a requirement to undertake some work experience and employer involvement that is met throughout the year with industry experts.

Choose this course if... you would like to learn about the installation and maintenance of plumbing systems and to develop skills such as installing hot and cold-water systems, heating systems, drainage, and fitting bathrooms.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress on to either the Level 3 Plumbing and Heating Technician Apprenticeship or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in both GCSE English Language and Maths*

Site Carpentry

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course will equip you with the necessary theory and practical skills to achieve a construction industry recognised qualification.

On this course you will cover:

- Health and safety in a construction environment
- Principles of welfare, health and safety in construction environments
- Principles of working in the construction industry
- Timber technology
- Structural carpentry
- First fix carpentry
- Second fix carpentry
- Circular saw

Assessment: You will be assessed through a combination of online and paper based exams with a practical assessment for each topic area.

Choose this course if... you enjoy working with wood, working as part of a team and are self-motivated. Also, this course is a great choice if you want to develop your skills and to progress into the carpentry and joinery trade.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress to either an apprenticeship in Architectural Joinery/Site Carpentry or another full time course.

For an apprenticeship you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve the requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You could also progress to a T Level. You will be required to demonstrate that you are enthusiastic and committed to succeeding.

Entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in either GCSE English Language or Maths and a grade 2 in either GCSE English Language or Maths*

Joshua, studying Level 2 Plumbing. Previously studied at Cullompton Community College.

Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

Our T Level programme has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so the content will meet the needs of industry and prepare learners for their career in the construction industry. The T Level course provides the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to highly skilled employment, an apprenticeship or higher-level study at Exeter College or degree level apprenticeship.

On this course you will:

- Study design, health and safety, sustainability, building technology, law and relationship/ stakeholder management
- Study specialist occupationally specific content, for example, in surveying and design including civil engineering
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours (45 days)
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills /CAD

Assessment: Two externally set exams, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of Maths and Science and a keen interest in the construction, surveying, design and civil engineering sectors, especially around design, surveying and planning. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements in the construction industry.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification (HNC/ HND) at Exeter College. Potential careers include architecture, building management and surveying, quantity surveying, estates management, civil engineering and building services engineering.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Property Maintenance Operative

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2

Property maintenance operatives conduct routine maintenance tasks, and minor planned and responsive repair works, using a broad range of fundamental trade skills including carpentry, joinery, plumbing, plastering, brick and block work, external works and associated finishing trades including tiling, painting, and decorating.

You will:

- Support the planning, preparation and delivery of property maintenance tasks in accordance with building safety regulations and legislation
- Create a safe working environment by implementing the necessary control measures, through the identification, mitigation and reporting of risks and hazards, and in line with health and safety legislation, policies and procedures
- Communicate effectively verbally and in writing, using digital technologies to access, identify, record and report information, liaise and coordinate with other team members, and provide customer service to internal and external customers, and respecting others

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want a practical career in the building trade and enjoy the idea of learning a variety of skills.

Future steps: After the Level 2 programme, you may choose to progress to another trade-based apprenticeship. This could lead you to full time work, or on to a role in a supervisory position.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. An interest in the industry is essential.

Site Carpentry

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Construction Innovation Centre

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2

A site carpenter will prepare and install basic building components, for example, doors, straight staircases, wall and floor units and erecting structural carpentry and roof structures on a building site or in domestic and commercial premises.

You will:

- Install building components including door and window frames, door and hatch linings, floor joists and coverings, straight partitions and straight staircases
- Install doors, mouldings, ironmongery, service encasements, wall and floor units and fitments, cladding and staircase components
- Erect inclined roofs with gables, joists, roof coverings and roof components

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want a practical career in the building trade and enjoy the idea of working with wood to create a product.

Future steps: After the Level 2 programme, you may choose to progress to the Level 3 Advanced Site Carpentry Apprenticeship. This could lead you to full time work, university level study, or on to a role as a site supervisor.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. An interest in the industry is essential. You will need to complete the Level 2 Site Carpentry Apprenticeship before progressing to the Level 3 Advanced Site Carpentry Apprenticeship.

Architectural Joinery

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House

An Architectural Joiner will produce building components by setting out, marking out and manufacturing basic architectural products, including doors, windows, straight staircases and associated ironmongery.

You will:

- Produce setting out details for the manufacture of doors, windows and opening lights, units and stairs
- Mark out timber from setting out details for the manufacture of doors, windows and opening lights, units and/or fitments and staircases
- Create, fit and assemble components to manufacture doors, windows with opening lights, units and/or fitments and staircases
- Operate fixed workshop machinery to create joinery components

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want a practical career in the building trade and enjoy the idea of working with wood to create a product.

Future steps: After the Level 2 programme, you may choose to progress to the Level 3 Advanced Architectural Joinery Apprenticeship. This could lead you to full time work, university level study, or on to a role as a site supervisor.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. An interest in the industry is essential. You will need to complete the Level 2 Architectural Joinery Apprenticeship before progressing to the Level 3 Advanced Architectural Joinery Apprenticeship.

Craft Architectural Joinery or Craft Site Carpentry

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House and Future Skills Centre

This includes two pathways and you will either work on a construction site as an Advanced Site Carpenter or in a workshop as an Advanced Architectural Joiner. Advanced Site Carpenters work on building sites in the construction of domestic and commercial properties, preparing and installing complex and bespoke building components. They prepare, construct and erect complex roof structures. Advanced Architectural Joiners are employed in a workshop producing complex building components by setting out, marking out and producing components requiring advanced skilled work including the full range of woodworking machines.

Advanced Site Carpentry, you will:

- Install complex and non-standard doors and window frames, shaped door and hatch linings, partitions with openings and changes of direction and staircases with turns
- Erect inclined roofs with gables, roof verges and eaves, including finishings, joists and roof coverings, dormers, and features
- Install bespoke wall/ floor units and fitments, panelling and stair components (to staircases with turns)

Craft Architectural Joinery, you will:

- Set out and mark out and manufacture a range of complex work tasks for non-standard architectural joinery products, including complex door sets, doors, windows, units and fitments, staircases (straight and with turns) and products with single/double curvature features and veneering
- Set up and use fixed machinery such as circular saws, planers, thicknessers, bandsaws, morticers, tenoners, spindle moulders, grinders (including tool sharpening), CNC routers and sanders

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want a practical career in the building trade and enjoy the idea of working with wood to create complex products.

Future steps: Apprentices can progress on to a Level 3 Team Leader Supervisor Construction Site Manager Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements during delivery of your programme. This apprenticeship is a progression from the Level 2 Apprenticeship in Carpentry or Joinery.

Bricklayer

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Learn how to lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar, working on either large commercial developments or smaller building projects, through to restoration or bespoke work, within the booming construction industry.

You will:

- Gain a range of practical skills and knowledge, such as cavity walling, building basic masonry structures and masonry cladding
- Access our fantastic facilities in a purpose-built construction centre
- Benefit from our extensive links with both large construction companies and smaller traders
- Develop an in-depth understanding of health and safety, construction technology and building methods

Choose this apprenticeship if... working in a practical and outdoor environment appeals to you, and you are keen to master a skilled trade.

Future steps: You can progress to the Level 3 Craft Bricklayer Apprenticeship. You may go on to work for a contractor or as a self-employed bricklayer.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. An interest in the industry is essential.

Craft Bricklayer

Duration: 18 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Craft Bricklayers plan and organise the work site, both for themselves and others and verify the quality of the work of others within their team. They are technical experts in their team, providing direction and advice to others and advise on work approach and problem-solving. They are responsible for ensuring the masonry element of the construction programme is delivered to specification, time and in a safe and sustainable manner.

You will:

- Learn safe systems of work, control measure implementation and monitoring techniques including dealing with incidents, accidents and near misses. The mitigation methods and incident management techniques
- Understand the principles of building construction which include: fire safety, fire stopping, water ingress, masonry defects, concrete defects, timber defects and repair. Structural stability including brick ties, gas barriers, retaining walls, mortar additives and brick specials
- Discover the methods of interpreting information from drawings, specifications, the production plan and producing work instructions, utilising traditional and digital methods
- Learn about material stock and considerations including: availability, stock lead times, correct handling to prevent damage, stock value, faulty stock and returns process and stock rotation and quality control

Choose this apprenticeship if... working in a practical and outdoor environment appeals to you.

Future steps: You may go on to work for a contractor or as a self-employed bricklayer. You could also progress to further study that could lead to a career in construction management.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. Entry to this apprenticeship is usually via the Level 2 Bricklayer Apprenticeship. An interest in the industry is essential.

Tyler, studying Level 3 Installation and Maintenance Electrician Apprenticeship. Previously studied at West Exe School.

Installation and Maintenance Electrician

Duration: 48 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House and Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Install, maintain and repair electrical systems in industrial, commercial and domestic environments. You will contribute to the design, development, manufacture, construction, commissioning, operation or maintenance of products, equipment, processes, systems or services.

You will:

- Plan, prepare and install wiring systems and associated equipment in buildings
- Terminate and connect conductors, cables and flexible cords in electrical systems
- Inspect, test, commission and certify electro-technical systems and equipment
- Learn how to oversee and organise the work environment, ensuring compliance with health and safety requirements

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are practically minded and good at problem-solving. You will have attention to detail and a mechanical aptitude. As you will often work in people's homes, you will need to be tidy, respectful and a good communicator.

Future steps: Once you have qualified you could become a team manager or supervisor and earn a higher salary. You could also run your own business.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician

Duration: 48 months | Training Location: Construction Centre, Falcon House

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

This qualification offers a practical approach, teaching how to plan, select, install, service, commission and maintain all aspects of plumbing and heating systems.

You will:

- Be trained to meet industry-standards
- Cover all the required foundation skills, including domestic piping, the domestic water system, soldering and health and safety
- Work in the excellent facilities at our Construction Centre
- Consider more advanced and complex areas, such as gas safety, air source heat pumps, pressurised hot water and water regulations

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have practical and problem-solving skills. You will need manual dexterity and be able to work precisely. Good communication is a plus, as you will work in customers' homes and on building sites.

Future steps: On completion of the Level 3 apprenticeship you will be a fully qualified plumber able to work on the installation and maintenance. You may look to diversify into a specialist area of the trade, such as eco-systems or air-conditioning.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Roofer

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Construction Innovation Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

This apprenticeship involves installing a range of roofing materials and products, at height. It includes interpreting drawings, measuring and calculating the required amount of materials. Roofing work can involve anything from repairing a single tile or slate on a domestic property, to re-roofing public buildings such as schools, working on new build housing projects, or installing the roof on large commercial buildings.

You will:

- Learn the principles of health, safety and welfare, employment law, and how these are applied in the workplace including how to work safely at height and use access equipment
- Understand how to calculate quantity, length, area and wastage of resources, including basic drawings and how to calculate material quantities from given information
- Be taught the principles relating to common defects, and the repair and maintenance of roofs
- Learn the characteristics, quality, uses, sustainability, limitations and defects associated with standard roofing products and components used in their own specialism and the general roofing industry

Choose this apprenticeship if...
you are practical, enjoy working outside and are happy to work at height.

Future steps: On completion of the Level 2 apprenticeship, you will be a fully qualified roofer and can continue into employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Civil Engineering Technician

Duration: 30 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

A Civil Engineering apprentice will provide technical support to engineers and other construction professionals. You will be required to have a broad skills base to work in areas which include sustainable construction, structural integrity, geotechnics, materials, tunnelling, marine and coastal engineering, water, waste management, flood management, transportation and power.

You will:

- Learn different techniques and methods used to design, build and maintain civil engineering projects
- Understand the appropriate scientific, technical and engineering principles relating to the design, delivery and maintenance of infrastructure and buildings
- Develop your communication skills using a range of techniques
- Understand all the safe working practices and how to ensure them

Choose this apprenticeship if...
you are skilled in maths and physics and have an interest in how our modern world is engineered. Water, roads, railways, bridges are all areas involved in the complex work of Civil Engineering.

Future steps: On completion of the Level 3 apprenticeship you could specialise in particular areas of the job, such as working in the rail or energy sector, or progress into a team leading or project management role. You could also progress on to the Level 4 Civil Engineering Senior Technician Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Building Services Engineering Technician

Duration: 30 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Assist engineers and other construction professionals in the development of cost effective technical and sustainable design solutions involving the production of three-dimensional models, calculations, specifications, reports and drawings taking into account, where appropriate, pre-fabrication techniques. Their work typically includes systems such as renewable technologies, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, drainage, lighting, power, controls and lifts. Buildings and infrastructure take on many forms from newly built facilities to the refurbishment of premises for every sector of industry.

You will:

- Use software and simulation systems to solve technical problems
- Contribute to planning, managing work schedules, budgets and deadlines
- Operate quality systems and health, safety and risk management procedures, progress monitoring, see that installations generally comply with the design intent, responding to site queries, commissioning and post occupancy evaluations

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have good analytical and problem-solving skills, an eye for detail and good design and strong IT skills.

Future steps: Some apprentices go into full-time employment as a technician within a design consultancy, with a contractor or in a manufacturing company, or progress on to a Level 4 Building Services Engineering Technician Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Construction Support Technician

Duration: 24 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Technicians within this specific career area are engaged to interpret, analyse, contribute and directly assist construction contracting professionals working with a wide range of project resources and documentation regularly interacting with internal and external customers. A technician will be responsible for supporting construction contracting teams with the inputting and progression of digital project information linked to resources using industry-standard and specialist software in office and site environments.

You will:

- Support the coordination of construction site-based projects alongside supervisory and technical teams on an individual site, a range of sites or in an office environment
- Identify the suitability of health and safety documentation, including risk assessments and method statements, to assist in ensuring sufficient planning has been carried out for tasks to be completed safely
- Use surveying information to contribute to the measurement, evaluation and review of project performance

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have good analytical and problem-solving skills, an eye for detail and good design and strong IT skills.

Future steps: Some apprentices go into full time employment as a technician within a design consultancy, with a contractor or a consultancy.

Or progress on to a Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship, including:

- Design and Build Technician
- Construction Supervisor
- Quantity Surveying Technician

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

CYBER AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Computer Science has always been a big interest for me. The equipment here is really good quality. In the Esports rooms, they have got the best hardware I've seen. Our placements are a great opportunity, we learn how it feels to be in a work environment. To be able to use what we're learning on the course to contribute with that work experience, I just think that's really interesting.

AJ, studying a T Level in Digital Software Development. Previously studied at South Dartmoor Community College.

The Faculty of Cyber and Digital Technologies offers a wide range of exciting courses designed to prepare you for a rewarding career in the fast-moving world of technology. Whether your interests are technical, analytical or creative, you can explore areas such as web development, computer graphics, animation, 3D modelling, cyber security, games design, programming, software engineering, systems engineering, data analytics, technical support and networking.

Our students progress to university, HNC/HND courses at College, higher apprenticeships and careers with local, national and international employers across the digital sector. Students can also progress onto a range of apprenticeships in areas such as Data, Artificial Intelligence, Multi-Channel Marketing and Digital Support Services.

From fighting cyber crime to developing software solutions, you could become someone who helps solve the challenges of the future through technology and innovation. You do not need to have studied IT or Computing at school to join our courses, but you do need a strong interest in technology and a willingness to learn.

We offer an exciting range of T Level qualifications in Software Development, Digital Infrastructure and Support, and Data Analytics. Students studying T Levels will complete substantial industry placements with local employers, helping you develop the skills, knowledge and experience needed for your future career.

You will study in our state-of-the-art Digital and Data Centre, with access to specialist classrooms, custom labs and industry-standard technology designed to enhance your learning experience.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of EXtra activities. These include guest speakers from industries such as Cyber Security, Data Analytics and Digital Support Services, alongside social activities and trips with your peers. Previous visits have included Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre, Thorpe Park, EGX (European Gaming Expo) and Hinkley Point C nuclear power station.

You can also join our Esports Academy or take part in our Social Gaming Clubs.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Media and IT

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

If you are looking for a career that uses creative IT in the workplace, this course will give you an excellent foundation.

On this course you will:
- Take part in work experience
- Use digital communication technologies
- Shoot a short film
- Create an animation
- Design a website
- Work in a team
- Learn basic code and make your own computer game

Assessment: You will have assignments, coursework and presentations, with exams for your English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you have an aptitude for computers and are looking to pursue a career in Creative IT or Media.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in Creative IT or Media is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Digital

Digital Systems and Data Foundation Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

The Foundation Certificate in Digital Systems and Data is designed to prepare you for progression to Level 3 study or employment within the digital sector. You will develop practical and technical skills across a range of digital disciplines, building confidence in using technology, solving problems and working collaboratively. The course combines theory with practical activities in specialist computer labs and industry-focused environments.

On this course you will:

- Learn about digital systems, including hardware, software, networking and how digital technologies are used within organisations
- Develop practical skills in areas such as cyber security, data analysis, coding and digital problem-solving
- Build knowledge of data handling, digital communication and emerging technologies
- Develop employability, teamwork and communication skills through project-based learning and practical activities
- Prepare for progression to Level 3 study, apprenticeships or employment within the digital and technology sector
- Have opportunities to engage with industry-related activities, guest speakers and educational visits
- Develop your wider skills through enrichment opportunities such as coding clubs, esports and digital competitions
- Continue to study GCSE English and Maths if you do not yet have a grade 4 or above

Assessment: Your work will be assessed through a mixture of coursework, practical activities, projects and externally assessed tasks.

Choose this course if... you are interested in technology, digital systems and data, and want to develop the skills needed for further study or employment in the digital sector.

Future steps: This course can lead to progression onto Level 3 programmes such as T Levels, V Levels or apprenticeships within areas such as cyber security, software development, networking, data analytics and digital support.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths
- A positive interest in digital technology and computing-related subjects
- Internal applicants will also require a reference from their former tutor

Production, Enterprise and Esports

BTEC Level 3 Foundation/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This dynamic and challenging course equips you with the skills needed to thrive in the Esports industry and related sectors. Throughout the programme, you will build on your existing strengths and develop new, transferable skills, all of which will be showcased through comprehensive assignment-based coursework. Alongside you will develop a portfolio of work which will highlight your ability to adapt to a range of industries, while also demonstrating the digital capabilities that are especially valuable in today's digital world.

On this course you will:

- Work as a member of a mixed skill set group managing and producing content
- Develop and run events to promote the Esport industry
- Stream, shoutcast, edit, promote and publish content
- Have day-to-day lessons that cover a variety of modules which are relevant to producing and managing Esports teams and events. We draw from a wide range of sectors, including business, sport, creative media, and IT.
- The course is designed for learners who want to develop a range of skills such as gameplay performance analysis and improvement, business skills for launching Esports teams and organisations, managing health and fitness for players, Esports events management, streaming, brand design, video editing, games design, shoutcasting, coaching, psychology and nutrition. By the end of the course, you'll have all the skills you need to succeed in this exciting and rapidly growing industry! There are no exams.

Assessment: You will be assessed entirely through coursework.

Choose this course if... you are a self-motivated dedicated learner. You wish to extend and apply skills in audio production, video production, social media marketing, event management, coaching, game analysis and entrepreneurism. You are interested in the media, Esport and games industry.

Future steps: The Esport and games industry is larger than the UK TV and film industry combined and offers new opportunities in a wide range of production and management roles that this course will help prepare you for. Alternatively, the range of skills developed is suitable for many degrees, including the rapidly expanding Esport and Games degrees, as well as event management, video production, social media management and marketing. You can also progress on to the Higher Technical Education programme at the College.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Internal applicants will need a strong reference from their former tutor and excellent attendance

IT - Digital Software Development

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This T Level is designed for learners who are passionate about solving real-world problems through software and want to develop the technical and professional skills needed to thrive in the modern software development industry. With a strong emphasis on hands-on coding experience and an extended industry placement, you'll gain a deep understanding of how software is developed and maintained in real business environments.

On this course you will:

- Learn to code collaboratively in team environments, developing your skills in a variety of professional programming contexts such as full stack, mobile, and cloud-based application development
- Build industry-level technical skills including software design, development, testing, and deployment using industry-standard tools and languages
- Gain knowledge of the business, legal and cultural context of digital development, including cybersecurity, data management, project planning, and ethical considerations
- Complete an industry placement of 315 hours with a local or national employer, where you'll gain experience on real software development projects
- Explore a broad core curriculum covering digital fundamentals in Year 1, with a focus on the software development specialism in Year 2
- Participate in enrichment opportunities such as industry visits (e.g. EGX, Thorpe Park) and interactive guest speaker sessions with professionals from software, games, app development, and enterprise IT sectors
- Continue to develop English, Maths, and digital skills in line with the requirements of the digital sector

Assessment:

Year 1

- Two externally marked core exams
- An externally assessed employer-set project (ESP)

Year 2:

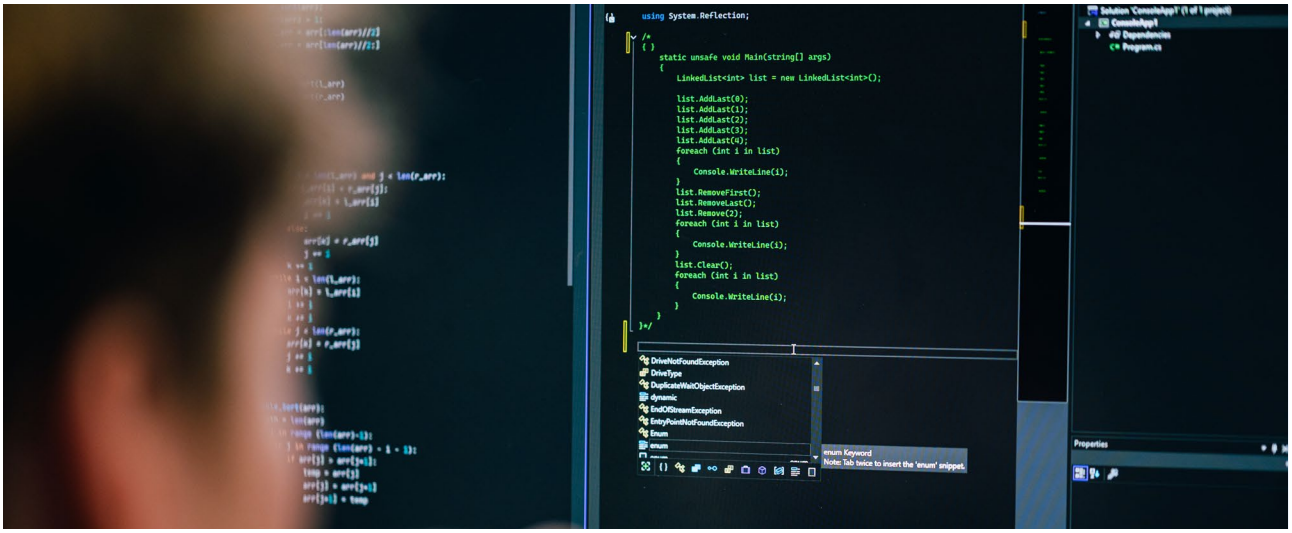
- A substantial Occupational Specialism Project, in which you research, design, develop, test, and evaluate a software solution
- Completion of the 315-hour industry placement is essential to achieve the qualification

Choose this course if... you enjoy the idea of being involved in the development of software which will solve problems for the businesses you are working with.

Future steps: This T Level will equip you for progression on to our fantastic Higher Technical Education offering, the Higher National Diploma in Computing, with its separate specialist pathways in cyber, software and networking, but could also lead into apprenticeship opportunities at Level 3 or Level 4 such as a software developer in programming. You could also progress on to university where you could continue your studies in programming, in a variety of languages. Employment opportunities from this T Level could lead into jobs such as a software developer.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a Level 2 Diploma or T Level Foundation course with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above
- Learners are expected to have an interest in computers and programming, with a career aim in a computing-related field



IT - Digital Support and Security

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is ideal if you are really enthusiastic and knowledgeable about computer systems and hardware and want to learn more about digital infrastructure and support in organisations such as businesses, hospitals and many others. You will work with one of our Industry Placement Liaison Officers to find an extended industry placement that is right for you and your interests, and to set objectives with you.

On this course you will:

- Make use of our Computer Network Lab. Disassemble, build, and upgrade computers. Virtualise computers, and create networks simulating small home setups, to vast setups found in business
- Create and test network cables, and discover how to splice and fuse fibre optics
- Look at the digital environment and the impact of technology on our modern world, including networked and cloud systems, the evolution of artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and the internet of things. You will also consider the business context and uses of this technology, thinking about legislation, security, and cultural issues
- Look at the types of digital devices available to businesses and users, how these devices function, and how best to support both the user and their hardware. This includes the bespoke setup of devices for users and organisations and considering how this can be supported on a large scale
- Explore, learn about and develop cybersecurity skills in modern networks. Previous students have gone onto medal places in national competitions
- Have a long term work placement which you will attend one day per week, and access to other exciting opportunities. In previous years we have attended the European Games Expo (EGX), Thorpe Park, EDF Hinkley Point C and participating guest speaker activities from a range of industry specific speakers.

Assessment: You will be assessed on the course with an external employer-set project and two core unit exams at the end of Year 1. In Year 2 you will be assessed via a substantial external occupational specialism. The majority of final year assessment is practical and carried out on custom networks, designed to reflect the reality of modern businesses. Your qualification is also dependent on the completion of the industry placement hours.

Choose this course if... you enjoy using computers and have a career aspiration that might involve cyber security, networking and hardware.

Future steps: This T Level will equip you for progression on to our fantastic Higher Technical Education offering, the Higher National Diploma in Computing, with its separate specialist pathways in cyber, software and networking, but could also lead into apprenticeship opportunities at Level 3 or Level 4 such as an IT infrastructure technician. You could also progress on to university where you could continue your studies in support services or move on to a cyber security focus as a cyber intrusion analyst, or cyber security technologist. Employment opportunities from this T Level could lead into jobs such as a digital support technician, hardware or software solutions expert, network engineer, or computer systems analyst.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a Level 2 Diploma or T Level Foundation course with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above
- Learners are expected to have an interest in computers and/or IT, with a career aim in a computing-related field

IT - Digital Data Analytics

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is ideal if you are interested in understanding data and using it to solve real-world problems. You will develop the technical and analytical skills needed to collect, process and interpret data, alongside the professional behaviours expected in the fast-growing digital and data sectors. You will work with one of our Industry Placement Liaison Officers to find an extended industry placement that is right for you and your interests, helping you gain valuable experience in a real business environment.

On this course you will:

- Develop practical skills in collecting, manipulating and analysing data using industry-standard tools and technologies, including spreadsheets, databases and data visualisation software
- Explore how organisations use data to support decision-making, improve services and solve business challenges across sectors such as healthcare, finance, retail and technology
- Learn how to create dashboards, reports and visualisations to communicate insights clearly to different audiences
- Study database design and data structures, understanding how large datasets are stored, organised and managed securely
- Examine the importance of cyber security, data protection, legislation and ethical considerations when working with digital information and data systems
- Develop an understanding of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, automation and cloud computing, and how these technologies are shaping the future of business and society
- Work on realistic employer-set projects and scenarios that reflect the challenges faced by modern organisations using data-driven technologies
- Complete a substantial industry placement, typically one day per week, where you will apply your skills in a professional environment and gain valuable industry experience
- Previous students have also benefited from employer talks, industry visits and enrichment opportunities linked to the wider digital and technology sector

Assessment: You will be assessed through an external employer-set project and core examinations during Year 1. In Year 2 you will complete a substantial external occupational specialism assessment focused on practical data analytics tasks and problem-solving. Your qualification is also dependent on the successful completion of the industry placement hours.

Choose this course if... you enjoy working with technology, solving problems and interpreting information, and are interested in a future career involving data, digital technologies, artificial intelligence or business intelligence.

Future steps: This T Level will equip you for progression on to our Higher Technical Education offering, including the Higher National Diploma in Computing with specialist pathways in software, networking and cyber security. It could also lead to higher or degree apprenticeships in areas such as data analysis, data technician, business intelligence, software development or artificial intelligence. You could also progress to university to study subjects such as data science, computing, cyber security, business analytics or artificial intelligence. Employment opportunities linked to this T Level could include roles such as data analyst, junior data engineer, business intelligence analyst, digital insights analyst or data technician.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a Level 2 Diploma or T Level Foundation course with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above
- Learners are expected to have an interest in technology, data and problem-solving, with a career aim in a digital or computing-related field

Cyber, Digital and Technology

LEVEL 3

Digital Systems and Data V Level | Duration: 2 years

This V Level is ideal if you're interested in developing a broad understanding of digital technologies and how they are used in real-world contexts. You'll build core technical knowledge alongside practical skills, preparing you for further study, higher education, or entry into the fast-growing digital sector. This subject is designed to be taken alongside two other A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Learn about digital systems, including hardware, software, networking, and how technologies work together within organisations
- Develop practical skills using industry-standard software, platforms, and digital technologies
- Build an understanding of cyber security, data, digital business systems, and how organisations use technology to solve problems
- Apply your knowledge to realistic projects, scenarios, and employer-informed tasks
- Develop problem-solving, communication, project management, and teamwork skills valued by industry
- Explore emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, automation, and digital innovation

Assessment:

- Mainly internally assessed through coursework, projects, and practical tasks
- Some external assessment
- Strong focus on applying knowledge and skills in context

Choose this course if... you are interested in technology and want to develop broad digital skills alongside other subjects, while keeping your progression and career options open.

Future steps: This V Level can lead to progression onto Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs), HNCs and HNDs at College, university study, or apprenticeships in areas such as data, artificial intelligence, software development, cyber security, or multi-channel marketing. It also supports progression into a range of entry-level digital and technology roles.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- An interest in digital technology and developing practical skills

Data Technician

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Digital and Data Centre

A Data Technician Apprentice will source, format and present data securely in a relevant way. They will communicate outcomes appropriate to the audience, analyse numerical and text data to support business outcomes, gather data from multiple sources as directed and apply legal and ethical principles when manipulating data. You will interact with a wide range of stakeholders including colleagues, managers, customers and suppliers, working as part of a team.

You will:

- Source data from a collection of trusted sources in a secure manner
- Collate and format data to facilitate processing and presentation for review and further advanced analysis by others
- Present data for review and analysis by others, using tables, charts, graphs, utilising data software programmes
- Collaborate with people both internally and externally at all levels to get the best value from data

Choose this apprenticeship if... you enjoy mathematics, have an interest in data patterns, possibly already work with spreadsheets or data regularly, and want to advance your career with data analytics.

Future steps: After completing this apprenticeship, you could move into a managerial position within your workplace. You could also progress on to the Level 4 Data Analyst and Level 6 Data Science Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Multi-Channel Marketer

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Hele Road Site

As a Multi-Channel Marketer you will define, design, build and implement digital campaigns across a variety of online and social media platforms to reach, engage with and retain customers, promoting a product or service.

You will:

- Develop your knowledge of social media within a business
- Learn the principles of keywords and optimisation
- Learn about content management systems and website creation
- Learn how to analyse and create data reports
- Learn about imaging, video, website and spreadsheet software

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a creative mind, are interested in market trends and are confident using IT. You should also be business-minded and analytical.

Future steps: On completion you may consider developing your skills in a specialist area, including the Level 4 Apprenticeship in Data Analytics, Project Management or Software Development.

Alternatively, you could go straight into full-time employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Information Communications Technician

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

An Information Communications Technician (ICT) provides support to internal and external customers, helping them to be productive when using IT in the workplace. The role of a Technician involves undertaking a vast array of specialist roles supporting business critical requirements and focus on customer solutions. Networking, server, IT essentials, secure communications, programming, and databases are just an example of typical tasks and projects undertaken within the likely areas of employment.

You will:

- Learn how to use tools to problem solve, troubleshoot, and resolve IT issues as well as monitor and maintain systems and/or platforms to maximise productivity and user experience
- Find out how to install and configure computer systems, diagnose hardware and/or software faults and solve technical and application problems, either remotely or in person
- Learn about the role of a Technician, which involves undertaking a vast array of specialist roles supporting business critical requirements and focus on customer solutions
- Be taught a range of topics, including how to set up IT systems for new users, customer support, maintenance processes, basic elements and architecture of computer systems, recording, analysing and communicating data, cabling and connectivity and effectively operating a range of mobile devices

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are interested in working with computer hardware, network systems with industry-standard programmes, and enjoy problem-solving.

Future steps: From this Level 3 ICT Apprenticeship, you can progress to a Level 4 Apprenticeship in Network Engineering or alternatively work full time in an IT role.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Digital Support Technician

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

A Digital Support Technician will maximise the effective use of digital office technologies, productivity software and digital communications. These include collaborative technologies, and digital information systems.

You will:

- Learn the principles of network configuration and maintenance along with troubleshooting and fault diagnostics across a range of platforms and architectures
- Understand the concepts and fundamentals of data: searching, storing, integrating, and organising data, how organisations use various types of data, the key features and functions of information systems, data formats and their importance for analysis
- Discover current and emerging digital technologies and the possible implications for work on a support desk including the impacts of digital technologies for climate change, sustainability and moving to net carbon zero
- Learn the fundamentals of PowerShell scripting
- Understand types of digital architecture and how it relates to the organisation; physical storage versus cloud and the role of operating systems and servers

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are interested in working with digital systems, strive for continual improvement and enjoy problem-solving.

Future steps: From this Level 3 Apprenticeship, you can progress to a Level 4 Apprenticeship in Network Engineering or alternatively work full time in an IT/digital role.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Software Development Technician

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Duration: 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

Software Development Technicians are the supportive entry level team members helping to create computer programmes. Some assist in developing the applications that allow people to do specific tasks on a computer or another device. Others assist in developing the underlying systems that run the devices or that control networks.

You will:

- Learn the fundamentals of all stages of the software development life cycle including development, quality assurance, user acceptance testing and release
- Learn software development in C# and Python
- Understand web development
- Discover organisational policies and procedures relating to the tasks being undertaken, and when to follow them. For example, the storage and treatment of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) sensitive data.

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are interested in working with computer software, coding and enjoy problem-solving.

Future steps: From this Level 3 ICT Apprenticeship, you can progress to a Level 4 Apprenticeship in Software Development or alternatively work full time in a software role.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

DANCE, DRAMA, PERFORMING ARTS AND PRODUCTION

Drama and Theatre studies aims to make us experts in taking scripts, stimuli, and devising ideas from page to stage. A lot of our time is spent exploring different practitioners, rehearsing collaboratively, and studying our set plays. We also create work in devising groups, which allows us to use the skills we've developed and build something entirely from scratch. Drama also offers a range of affordable and convenient trips to watch live theatre, which is a key aspect of the written exam; we've visited theatres locally and across the UK, experiencing a variety of genres, styles and companies.

Rhi, studying A Level Drama and Theatre, English Literature and English Language. Previously studied at St Peter's School.

Whether you are a passionate dancer, actor, theatre maker or musical theatre performer, our wide range of vocational and academic courses offers an ideal pathway into the performing arts. Working collaboratively with our experienced and committed staff, you will be introduced to the breadth, creativity and professional practice of the wider creative industries.

We foster a culture of proactive, inclusive and collaborative participation. Our aim is to champion creativity, curiosity and confident risk-taking, developing ambitious and resilient learners who are passionate about understanding how high-quality performance is crafted and communicated to an audience. We value kindness, commitment and a willingness to explore new ideas, preparing you for both further study and the professional world.

Throughout your course, you will train in specialist studios, a professional-standard theatre and our industry-equipped dance studio. You will also have the opportunity to perform and work in established city-centre venues such as Exeter Barnfield Theatre, Cygnet Theatre and Exeter Phoenix. All Performing Arts, Drama and Dance programmes are based in the Centre for Creative Industries (CCI), a vibrant hub of creative learning.

Each year, the Performing Arts Department offers a range of trips to professional theatre, dance and musical theatre productions across the South West. Recent visits have included Bristol Old Vic, Bath Theatre Royal and Plymouth Theatre Royal to see work by Matthew Bourne, Emma Rice, National Theatre and Frantic Assembly. Our strong industry links also mean workshops are embedded across the curriculum. Recent visiting companies and practitioners include Gecko, Scratchworks, Map Dance and National Youth Dance.

To support your progression, we welcome representatives from universities, drama schools, dance and musical theatre conservatoires, offering tailored insight into higher-level training and career pathways.

Beyond the core programmes, we provide extensive enrichment opportunities. Learners can participate in our in-house student company Ignite Collective, which creates original performance work, and BluePrint Productions, our dedicated student-led production company offering hands-on experience across all aspects of staging, designing and managing productions. For those wishing to stretch their skills even further, we offer a Performing Arts Academy and a Dance Academy, providing additional workshops, performance opportunities and, for Dance Academy members, the chance to take assessed Rambert grades.

Together, these opportunities help you build a rich portfolio of experience and grow as a confident, creative and industry-ready performing artist.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Performing and Production Arts

UAL Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 Year

LEVEL 2

This qualification provides an introduction to performance, production and design for the performing arts, enabling you to acquire the essential skills, techniques and methods to progress in further education or employment within the performing arts.

On this course you will:

- Develop the skills required to communicate through acting, movement and voice
- Stage performing arts events to live audiences
- Undertake introductory workshops in lighting, sound, set and costume design
- Build a digital portfolio and track your learning
- Explore a range of progression opportunities and pathways
- Acquire organisational and communication skills such as time management, collaborating as part of a team, creative problem-solving and meeting deadlines. These sustainable skills are transferable across all subject areas, are highly valued in the job market and will boost the desirability of your CV and application to a Level 3 qualification

Assessment: All assessments are carried out as coursework, both practical and written. There is a continuous assignment assessment process, involving practical and written work. Grades awarded for each assignment go towards a final grade for each unit.

Choose this course if... you want to start your professional practice and gain real-world experience as part of a performing arts company.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course you can progress to a Level 3 course or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- GCSE English Language is desirable, however both English Language and Maths GCSE can be achieved as part of this programme of study

Performing and Production Arts (Acting)

UAL Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This full-time vocational acting course focuses specifically on developing your acting technique to become a diverse, curious and industry aware actor.

On this course you will:

- Explore a range of acting styles, practitioners, writers, directors and live performances
- Improve acting technique for stage
- Improve acting technique for camera
- Participate in vocal, movement and textual analysis sessions
- Develop a practical understanding of acting industry work expectations, through developing professional etiquette within technique classes, workshops, rehearsal and performance/location settings
- Develop practical and creative experiences with visiting specialist lecturers, professional actors, organisations and companies
- Build a digital portfolio and track your learning
- Develop audition technique and repertoire
- Develop interpersonal and transferable skills to enhance your employability

Assessment: All assessment is carried out as coursework, both practical and written. There is a continuous assignment assessment process involving practical and written work. All units are assessed through practical and written work, grades awarded for each assignment go towards a final grade for each unit. The course is designed to enhance and expand upon your knowledge and understanding of acting, enabling you to access a range of creative possibilities within the acting industry.

Choose this course if... you aspire to a career in the industry, are able to work collaboratively, have an open mind and are willing to take risks.

Future steps: You could progress to university or drama school. Previous students have progressed on to courses at Fourth Monkey, Bristol School of Acting, Rose Bruford, GSA, Arts Ed, Italia Conti, East 15, New York Conservatory, Mountview, Leeds Conservatoire, Chichester, Falmouth and Bournemouth Universities. Future job roles might include actor, director, playwright, teacher, community facilitator, youth worker, film maker, screenwriter, designer, stage manager, dramaturg, performance artist, agent or casting director.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will be invited to audition for a place on the course

There is also an option to focus on a Production Arts Pathway, exploring a range of backstage and theatre disciplines and develop practical skills in planning and delivering technical support for live performances.

Performing and Production Arts (Musical Theatre)

UAL Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This full-time vocational musical theatre course focuses specifically on developing your acting, singing and dance technique to become a diverse, resilient and industry aware musical theatre performer.

On this course you will:

- Explore a range of Musical Theatre styles, practitioners, composers, lyricists, choreographers, directors and live performances
- Improve acting, singing and dance technique
- Develop a practical understanding of musical theatre industry work expectations, through developing professional etiquette within technique classes, rehearsal and performance settings
- Develop practical and creative experiences with visiting specialist lecturers, professional musical theatre performers, organisations and companies
- Build a digital portfolio and track your learning
- Develop audition technique and repertoire
- Develop interpersonal and transferable skills to enhance your employability

Assessment: All assessment is carried out as coursework, both practical and written. There is a continuous assignment assessment process involving practical and written work. All units are assessed through practical and written work, grades awarded for each assignment go towards a final grade for each unit. The course is designed to enhance and expand upon your knowledge and understanding of musical theatre, enabling you to access a range of creative possibilities within the musical theatre industry.

Choose this course if... you aspire to a career in the industry, are able to work collaboratively, have an open mind, are willing to take risks and have a passion and curiosity about Musical Theatre performance.

Future steps: You could progress to university or drama school. Previous students have progressed on to courses at Urdang, Italia Conti, GSA, Laines, Performers College, Bird College, Hammond, Emil Dale, Trinity Laban, Chichester, Falmouth and Bath Spa Universities. Future job roles might include musical theatre performer, cruise ship entertainer, cabaret artist, dance captain, choreographer, musical director, vocal coach, dance teacher, performance artist, personal trainer, agent or casting director.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- This course is highly competitive. Entry is via audition only Applicants will be required to demonstrate a high level of competency and experience in all three disciplines

Dance

UAL Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This full-time vocational dance course focuses specifically on developing your dance technique, performance and choreographic skills to become a diverse, industry aware dancer.

On this course you will:

- Broaden your knowledge and understanding of a range of dance styles through technique and choreography classes, theory and analysis sessions, as well as opportunities to see and discuss live performance
- Develop choreographic skills and create your own work for live performance and dance film. Share your work with live audiences, in both the College theatre and other venues
- Develop practical and creative experiences with specialist lecturers and visiting professional dancers and companies
- Build a digital portfolio and track your learning
- Develop audition technique and repertoire
- Develop interpersonal and other transferable skills to enhance your employability
- Develop a practical understanding of dance industry work expectations, through developing professional etiquette within technique classes, rehearsal and performance settings
- Gain real insight and experience of the dance industry through regional arts projects, visiting artists and local dance organisations

Assessment: All assessment is carried out as coursework, both practical and written. There is a continuous assignment assessment process involving practical and written work. All units are assessed through practical and written work, grades awarded for each assignment go towards a final grade for each unit. The course is designed to enhance and expand upon your knowledge and understanding of dance, enabling you to access a range of creative possibilities within the dance industry.

Choose this course if... you are passionate about dance and are interested in a career in the industry, and you are ready to embrace new ways of working creatively in dance.

Future steps: You can progress on to a university dance related degree or study dance at a specialist conservatoire or musical theatre school. Previous students have progressed on to dance courses at: MAPPA, Middlesex, Chichester, Falmouth, De Montfort, UEL, London Contemporary Dance School, Trinity Laban, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, Performers College, Tiffanys, Rambert, Urdang, Barcelona Institute of Performing Arts, Bird College, Addict, Stella Mann and Cambridge Bodyworks. Future job roles might include performer, choreographer, company manager, dance producer, tour booker or community and dance educator.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths (if you don't have a grade 4 in Maths you will be required to study for this alongside your course)
- You will be invited to audition for a place on the course

Grace, studying A Level Drama and Theatre, Physics and Classical Civilisation. Previously studied at St Peter's School.

Drama and Theatre

Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This A Level is ideal for creative students who want to study and make theatre for a contemporary audience but don't want to study a vocational course. It combines theoretical and practical work on plays and practitioners, and balances analysis of text with a practical creative process.

On this course you will:

- Be assessed in both scripted and devised performance mediums
- Study five plays over the two-year course
- Explore the techniques and practices of theatre
- Learn to write about theatre, whether in response to reading plays or seeing performances
- Attend a wide variety of performances and workshops
- Rehearse, develop and perform extracts of published plays and your own devised material
- Develop transferable skills such as communication, public speaking, teamwork, negotiation, creativity and leadership skills

Assessment: Practical performance and written coursework (60%) and written examination (40%).

Choose this course if... you want to use theatre to say something about the world, you enjoy debating issues and ideas and you enjoy reading plays, writing about them and performing them.

Future steps: You could progress to university, drama school or an apprenticeship. There are many transferable skills gained through studying drama that are suitable to a wide range of careers. This could include jobs in marketing, education, project management, the caring professions and the social sciences, as well as work within the theatre and creative industries.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- GCSE Drama is helpful, but not essential
- You must be able to write an essay and work effectively in a group. Seeing live theatre should be something that you enjoy doing

This course can be combined with others (see page 188), but particularly works well with Art or Media based subjects and English and Humanities courses, particularly English Literature.

ENGINEERING AND AEROSPACE

I decided to come onto this course to expand my knowledge of the engineering industry, and I would like to be a part of it one day. Everyone in my T Level group is so inclusive and supportive, we have fun while we are learning. I do my placement at Hepco; the people, the work environment, everyone is so friendly. They're eager to teach you and show you how things work. When I finish, I'd like to do an apprenticeship in mechanical engineering.

Joshua, studying T Level in Engineering Manufacturing and Process Control. Previously studied overseas.

Our engineering students benefit from the latest industry-standard equipment in workshops, developing all the skills they need to work in an exciting and dynamic industry. These courses take place at our fantastic purpose-built Technology Centre and our Future Skills Centre, based near Exeter Airport. The realistic aerospace workshop environment holds one aircraft plus maintenance units including a Nimrod landing gear and Rolls-Royce jet engines. See pages 168-171 for maps and for more details about our fantastic buildings.

Students have the opportunity to take part in guest lectures from industry specialists and site visits. Second year Aeronautical and Engineering students may also have the opportunity to visit Embry-Riddle University in Florida. This two week experience enables students to visit the largest Aeronautical Engineering University in the world and take part in lectures.

See pages 178-179 for further information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Engineering

Level 2 BTEC First Extended Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

If you intend to pursue a career in engineering, this course provides the theory and practical skills you will need at the start of your journey.

On this course you will:

- Study mechanical and electronic engineering
- Learn how to work safely and how to use and interpret engineering information, for example using technical data and applying it to a task
- Develop your Maths, Computer Aided Design (CAD) and design skills, reinforced through practical application
- Carry out controlled practical work in our fully equipped workshops and laboratories
- Attend masterclasses from industry experts and visit manufacturing sites

Assessment: Assignments, external examinations, observation and written work.

Choose this course if... you have a passion for engineering but are undecided on your career pathway.

Future steps: You could progress to the BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Engineering, an apprenticeship, a T Level or employment in a related subject.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language, Maths* and Science

Aeronautical Engineering

Level 3 BTEC National Extended Diploma Aeronautical | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is for students with a passion to go into the aeronautical engineering maintenance sector and further enhance their skills.

On this course you will:

- Further develop your skills by studying Micro Controllers, Mechanical Systems, a special engineering project and Calculus to solve engineering problems
- Develop your specialist skills, knowledge and understanding of engineering problems and solutions
- Study in your second year at our Future Skills Centre (near Exeter Airport)
- Experience practical skills in aviation, such as working in the hangar and working on a Learjet and Jetstream aircraft
- Complete aviation specific units such as Theories of Flight and Avionics
- Attain the skills and knowledge to prepare you for a career that has great potential to earn a very competitive salary
- Study core progression units such as engineering principles

Assessment: Internally or externally set assessments and examinations.

Choose this course if...
you have a passion for aeronautical engineering and are looking to progress on to an Aeronautical Apprenticeship.

Future steps: Progression is on to the Level 5 Foundation Degree in Aeronautical Engineering or on to an Apprenticeship in Aeronautical Maintenance. Future job roles might include aeronautical technician, B licence engineer or junior mechanic. Alternatively, you may choose to progress on to university.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs grade 4 to include English and the sciences, plus Maths at grade 5
- A BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Engineering - all units successfully completed

Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Study core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, maths and science, business concepts, electronics
- Learn about design, health and safety, sustainability, interpreting engineering drawings, developing, modelling and revising concepts
- Study specialist content that includes mechanical and manufacturing engineering
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours
- Students have completed placements with employers such as HepcoMotion

Assessment: External assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of Maths and Science and a keen interest in the engineering sectors, especially around design and manufacturing, mechanical and electrical systems. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification HNC/HND at Exeter College. Potential careers include design engineer or manufacturing operative which map directly into the new apprenticeship Standards.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Study core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, maths and science, business concepts, electronics
- Learn about design, health and safety, sustainability, interpreting engineering drawings, developing, modelling and revising concepts
- Study specialist content related to manufacturing, such as Computer Numerical Control (CNC) programming, mechanical and manufacturing engineering
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours
- Students have completed placements with employers such as HepcoMotion

Assessment: External assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of Maths and Science and a keen interest in the engineering sectors, especially around manufacturing. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification HNC/HND at Exeter College. Potential careers include design engineer or manufacturing operative which map directly into the new apprenticeship standards.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies

LEVEL 3

Hepco Academy

T Level | Duration: 2 years

Work in partnership with HepcoMotion in Tiverton to access two years of specific and advanced training that could potentially lead to an apprenticeship with the company.

This course is aimed at those learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Study core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, maths and science, business concepts, electronics
- Learn about design, health and safety, sustainability, interpreting engineering drawings, developing, modelling and revising concepts
- Study specialist content related to manufacturing, such as Computer Numerical Control (CNC) programming
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours

Assessment: External assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of maths and science and a keen interest in the engineering sectors, especially around manufacturing. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification HNC/HND at Exeter College. Potential careers include design engineer or manufacturing operative which map directly into the new apprenticeship Standards.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above
- Students will be invited to visit HepcoMotion where they will have a discussion around their career plans as part of this selection process

Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair – Mechanical Engineering

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of mechanical engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Study core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, maths and science, business concepts, electronics
- Learn about design, health and safety, sustainability, interpreting engineering drawings, developing, modelling and revising concepts
- Study specialist content related to manufacturing, such as Computer Numerical Control (CNC) programming, CMM, mechanical and manufacturing engineering
- Investigate and work on mechanical systems and mechanisms
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours. Students have completed placements with employers such as HepcoMotion

Assessment: External assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of maths and science and a keen interest in the engineering sectors, especially around manufacturing. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification HNC/HND at Exeter College. Potential careers include design engineer or manufacturing operative which map directly into the new apprenticeship standards.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair – Electrical and Electronics

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at learners who wish to develop their knowledge and understanding of engineering. The T Level has an emphasis on industry experience and is equivalent to three A Levels.

On this course you will:

- Study core content that will develop your knowledge of concepts, maths and science, business concepts, electronics
- Learn about design, health and safety, sustainability, interpreting engineering drawings, developing, modelling and revising concepts
- Study specialist content related to electrical and electronics that include PLCs, systems and circuits
- Study about power systems to include AC and DC
- Learn how to test and measure the effectiveness of electronic systems
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills as appropriate for the occupation
- Undertake an industry placement with an employer to develop skills and behaviours. Your placement will last for a minimum of 315 hours. Students have completed placements with employers such as HepcoMotion

Assessment: External assessments, practical assignments and an employer set project.

Choose this course if... you have a good understanding of Maths and Science and a keen interest in the engineering sectors, especially around manufacturing. It is also a good opportunity to undertake industry placements with our industry partners.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment, university, an apprenticeship or a Higher National Qualification HNC/HND at Exeter College. Potential careers include design engineer or manufacturing operative which map directly into the new apprenticeship Standards.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC Level 2 Certificate or equivalent with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Engineering Operative

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 15 months | Training Location: Technology Centre

This apprenticeship will teach you fundamental principles of engineering, including the technical knowledge within your chosen pathway which include manufacturing, maintenance (electrical/mechanical), electrical and electronic, technical support or fabrication or material finishing. This one-year course is the ideal starting point for an engineering apprentice.

You will:

- Understand the necessary job instructions, engineering drawings, specifications and how to interpret them
- Cover relevant statutory, quality, environmental compliance procedures/systems, organisational and health and safety regulations relating to engineering operations
- Cover individual roles and responsibilities within the organisation and the flexibility required to support the achievement of company targets
- Learn about engineering operational practices, processes and procedures
- Identify potential problems that can occur within engineering operations and how they can be avoided

Choose this apprenticeship if... you would like to work in a practical role, can pay attention to detail, and have an interest in the engineering maintenance industry.

Future steps: After the Level 2 apprenticeship, you could move on to a Level 3 apprenticeship. You could also move straight into the industry in your chosen engineering field.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Engineering Technician

Duration: Up to 30 months | Training Location: Technology Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Apprenticeship courses available at Level 3 include: Engineering and Manufacturing Support Technician, Machinist Technician, Engineering Fitter, Plate Welder, Metal Fabricator and Mechatronics Maintenance Technician. Apprenticeship pathways include Product Design and Development Technician and Toolmaker and Tool and Dye Maintenance Technician.

Gain practical experience in a wide range of engineering processes. You may be working in a range of disciplines, such as engineering maintenance, mechanical manufacturing, fabrication and welding, quality control or technical support.

You will:

- Develop your practical workplace skills relevant to your job role
- Understand the theory behind these skills and learn how to translate engineering terms on to paper
- Learn how to work safely and efficiently in an engineering environment
- Use industry leading equipment in areas such as automation or Computer Aided Design/ Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAD/ CAM)
- Develop numeracy, literacy and IT skills

Choose this apprenticeship if... you would like to develop your skills and knowledge having successfully completed the Engineering Operative Apprenticeship. You will work effectively and efficiently, have a high attention to detail and be practically minded.

Future steps: On completion, progress on to the Level 4 Higher apprenticeship or part time HNC and full-time employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. Students will need to have achieved Engineering Operative Level 2 to progress on to this course.

NEW COURSE

Aircraft Maintenance Technician

Duration: Up to 48 months | Training Location: Future Skills Centre

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Gain practical experience in a wide range of engineering processes. You may be working in a range of disciplines, such as engineering maintenance, mechanical manufacturing, fabrication and welding, quality control or technical support.

You will:

- Understand mathematical techniques, formula and calculation applied in an aircraft maintenance environment
- Understand the structure, properties and characteristics of materials used in the construction of aircraft
- Read and interpret relevant data and documentation used to maintain aircraft
- Apply human factors in aviation - attitudes and behaviours to ensure safety
- Develop numeracy, literacy and IT skills

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want to start a career in aircraft maintenance. You will work effectively and efficiently, have a high attention to detail and be practically minded.

Future steps: On completion, progress on to the Level 4 Higher apprenticeship or part time HNC and employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You will need to have completed the Level 3 in Aircraft Engineering as a full-time course or have equivalent industry experience before you can undertake this Apprenticeship.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

It's really interesting, it's really fun, it's different to other subjects I'm studying. The resources are really good, anything you need on any topic, the staff are here to help.

I would definitely recommend Exeter College, I think there's so many options, it's easy to make friends and it's a really nice learning environment.

Mahdeen, studying A Level Sociology, Law and English Literature. Previously studied at Torquay Girls Grammar School.

Are you fascinated by the power of language and the human imagination? Do you love exploring how ideas are communicated and searching for deeper meaning? If you're looking to enhance your skills in understanding and using the written word, we have a course for you. These courses are held at our Hele Road site. See pages 168-171 for the map.

EXtra activities are available as part of the English Language course. For example, guest speakers have included eminent linguists David Crystal and Urszula Clark. Previous visits include Lancaster University to experience a course in Forensic Linguistics. We also offer an opportunity to participate in the United Kingdom Linguistic Olympiad; a national language analysis competition featuring puzzles in world languages. Opportunities for English Literature include various bespoke lectures from academics working at the University of West England, Plymouth College of Arts, Cardiff University, and further afield. Each year we also run theatre trips, drama workshops, writing competitions and host a poet for our National Poetry Day event.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

English Language

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course focuses on sociolinguistics, which means that we study and analyse the ways in which society and language influence one another. This involves exploring issues such as personal and social identity, as well as looking at how children learn to talk, read and write.

On this course you will:

- Gain an in-depth understanding of how language is constructed to achieve meaning
- Develop creative skills and expertise as a writer, experimenting with different styles
- Explore how language varies and changes over time
- Develop transferable skills relating to the interpretation and analysis of different types of communication
- Study how language develops from childhood
- Explore language related issues, such as global English, gender identity, power, journalism and regional language variation

Assessment: External examination and a small component of non-exam assessment in the second year (coursework – worth 20%).

Choose this course if... you are interested in popular culture, the world around you, and the development of the English language in society. It is also appropriate if you are interested in discussion, debate and creative writing.

Future steps: English Language will develop your analytical writing skills to progress on to a broad range of university courses, as well as most forms of professional employment. Essentially, any work that involves written and spoken communication will be enhanced by studying the subject further.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with most other courses (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities, Social Science and creative subjects.

Liv, studying A Level Sociology, English Literature and Classical Civilisation. Previously studied at Newton Abbot College.

English Literature

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Develop your analytical and critical thinking skills through the study of poetry, drama and prose across different historical periods and cultural contexts. You will explore literature through philosophical, historical, postcolonial and psychoanalytic perspectives, examining how writers shape meaning and reflect, or challenge, the societies in which they write. Through close textual analysis, independent research, and critical debate, you will learn to construct sophisticated arguments and engage with a range of interpretations.

What can fiction reveal about identity, power and what it means to be human? Who decides what texts are considered 'literary'? And why does literature still matter in a rapidly changing, technological world? Join us to explore these questions, and more!

On this course you will:

- Study a wide variety of texts, covering the major literary genres of poetry, prose and drama
- Read a range of literature by a variety of authors in different historical periods, considering how the political, social and literary context can illuminate writers' ideas
- Consider how structure, form and language in texts creates meaning
- Enhance your analysis of different narrative techniques, evaluation of literary criticism, and draw comparisons between different texts
- Develop your ability to research and cultivate a reasoned argument
- Have the opportunity to attend theatre trips, author talks, events and take part in creative and academic writing competitions

Assessment:

Year 1 - AS English Literature is 100% external examination:

Paper 1: Poetry and Drama (40%)

Paper 2: Prose (60%)

Year 2 - A Level English Literature is 80% external examination, and 20% coursework.

Paper 1: Drama (30%)

Paper 2: Prose (20%)

Paper 3: Poetry (30%)

Coursework - A 2,500 - 3,000 word essay (20%)

Choose this course if... you enjoy the thrill of a great book and are prepared to share your ideas, as well as have them challenged by others.

Future steps: You could go on to university level education, and/or a range of careers. English Literature is highly regarded by universities, and particularly sought after due to the academic writing skills you will develop on the course.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with other Humanities and Arts subjects.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

FOUNDATION LEARNING AND INCLUSION

At first, I thought I wouldn't fit in but now I feel really settled at College. The support is amazing, they understand me a lot. They understand me if I'm struggling with something or if I found something quite hard, they understand.

Exeter College is a fun place, you get to do things you haven't done before.

In the future I want to be a teaching assistant.

Emilia, studying Gateway to Independence. Previously studied at Ellen Tinkham School.

We pride ourselves on our excellent support and a range of specialist programmes, from pre-entry to Level 2, allowing us to cater for all learners needs. We can help you progress academically as well as build your confidence, self-esteem, social skills and Maths and English skills, which will enable you to achieve qualifications suitable for your individual ability.

We are really proud of how well our students progress either within the College, to apprenticeships or employment. Depending on the individual you may have support in or out of the classroom or you might access support between lessons, for example during breaktimes or lunchtimes.

We operate from a number of purpose-built sites and buildings which are specially designed to suit a range of needs.

The HILL – Our Hub for Independent Living and Learning (see pages 168-171 for a map) is a purpose-built space which offers a quieter environment with separate intervention spaces and a wellbeing room. It also has a private garden with direct access from all classrooms – perfect for re-regulation and general wellbeing. We are able to ensure all aspects of our independent living curriculum are delivered in a safe and accessible location. This central site also enables us to be closer to the wider resources and opportunities available across the College.

The RISE is a brand new building which houses our Foundation Learning curriculum, which sits alongside The HILL. With a brand new teaching kitchen, intervention spaces and a therapy room and care suite, it's fully equipped to support a range of student needs.

The Centre for Progression (Tiverton Campus) is an exciting addition to the Faculty of Foundation Learning and Inclusion and provides the region with extra specialist provision for young people with additional educational needs or for those who may have struggled to engage in a mainstream school environment. The Centre will deliver programmes for EHCP learners who need a higher-level of support, providing them with the right environment and right location for their needs.

All courses within the faculty have an emphasis on developing the practical and work-based skills that you need for life and work. We will support you to develop the skills employers want and improve your self-confidence and communication skills along the way.

Our Entry and Level 1 courses are designed to help you to progress towards:

- Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications and further study
- A job or an apprenticeship
- Independent living or supported employment

Scan the QR code to discover more.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

GCSE Fast Track

LEVEL 2

Level 2/GCSE | Duration: 1 year

This course enables you to gain three key GCSE subjects in one year.

On this course you will:

- Study GCSE English, Maths and Biology
- Have a personal tutor and attend weekly personal development and study skills sessions
- Receive preparation for progression on to A Levels or a Level 3 vocational programme

Assessment: You will complete a combination of presentations, practical work and final examinations in May and June.

Choose this course if... you have been home-schooled or have missed out on taking your GCSEs. You will want to progress on to A Levels or a Level 3 course with the intention of continuing to university. This is a fast-paced course, so students need to be prepared to also work independently outside of College hours to support their studies.

Future steps: Most students progress on to A Levels, a Level 3 vocational programme or an Access to HE programme within Exeter College.

Entry requirements: Entry is by personal interview with a member of the GCSE Fast Track Team. You need to be working at grade 3 or 4 in English Language and Maths. There will be pre-course assessments to check your current level.

This course takes place at the Hele Road site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Independence Gateway

ENTRY LEVEL

Entry Level | Duration: 1-3 years

This course will help you to become more independent through developing your personal, social, communication and life skills.

On this course you will:

- Have your own personal tutor and weekly personal development sessions, and with the support of your tutor you will work towards bespoke personal and social targets
- Improve your life skills in College, the workplace and within the community
- Participate in employer encounters
- Develop your English and Maths skills at a level that's suitable to you
- Have the opportunity to take part in wider community projects

Choose this course if... you want the opportunity to try out new activities which will help you build your skills in small, supportive groups. Through classroom, community and work-based activities the Independence Gateway gives you the opportunity to develop both life and work skills.

Future steps: After the course you could move on within Exeter College to the Progression Gateway, a Level 1 programme or join the Supported Internship or Community Gateway Programme.

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry requirements. This programme is designed for students with additional learning needs who have attended specialist or mainstream schools. There will be an initial interview with a member of staff and a phased induction process

This course takes place at both The HILL, our Hub for Independent Living and Learning in Exeter and our Centre for Progression in Tiverton see pages 168-171 for an Exeter map.

Progression Gateway

BTEC Entry 3 Certificate in Vocational Studies | Duration: 1 year

ENTRY LEVEL

This course aims to provide you with excellent grounding for further study and will prepare you to progress on to a Level 1 course or employment. It covers key skills such as teamworking, organising yourself for study, personal development as well as offering a number of vocational tasters.

On this course you will:

- Have a personal tutor who will help you with personal, social, emotional, developmental and educational requirements
- Have weekly personal development sessions and personal target setting which will contribute to achievement and progress
- Participate in meaningful and specific work placements and vocational tasters in your chosen area
- Improve your English and Maths skills
- Gain skills in personal study, working with others, assignment writing and meeting deadlines

Choose this course if... you need a little support with your learning or need to improve your Maths and English skills to enable progression.

Future steps: You could progress to one of our Level 1 courses available including Care, Active Industries, Art and Design, Creative Tech, Retail and Customer Service or Skills Gateway. You could also progress onto another Level 1 course within another faculty. You may also seek employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry requirements for the Progression Gateway. You just need a positive attitude towards learning and want to develop your skills to enable progression. If you have just missed out on the entry requirements for a Level 1 course, and a year improving your grades and focusing on learning skills would be beneficial, then this is the course for you. Students need enthusiasm, commitment and a desire to succeed. All applicants are interviewed by a course tutor.

This course takes place at both The RISE on our Queen Street site and The Centre for Progression at Tiverton, see pages 168-171 for an Exeter map.

Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

City & Guilds Entry 3 Certificate I Duration: 1 year

ENTRY LEVEL

This hands on, practical qualification is perfect for students who are interested in a career in the hospitality sector but may need extra help with their learning. It will allow students to develop knowledge and skills towards independent living and learning, further study or employment.

On this course you will:

- Study topics which will include:
- Basic food preparation
- Basic cooking
- Meal planning and preparation
- Safe cleaning and storage
- Food hygiene

Choose this course if: this course is perfect for anyone who wishes to start a career in the hospitality industry but may need a little extra support to do so. It allows learners to develop knowledge and skills towards independent living and learning as well as supporting students to develop practical basic catering and food safety skills required for employment. It will be studied alongside Maths and English.

Future steps: You could potentially go onto the Level 1 Hospitality course at our Exeter Campus, Level 1 Skills Gateway or a Supported Internship within the hospitality industry.

Entry requirements: There are no specific entry requirements to join this course, just a passion for cooking and good customer service skills. Students also need to have an EHCP.

This course only takes place at The Centre for Progression, Tiverton.

Skills Gateway

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 in Work Skills I Duration: 1 year

This hands on, practical, 1 year course aims to help you identify what you want to do in the future. If you are unsure of the path you want to take, we will help you explore different options and develop the necessary skills and behaviours to progress into a job, an apprenticeship or a supported internship.

On this course you will:

- Consider your own work-related skills and behaviour
- Participate in work experience placements
- Explore the use of IT in the workplace
- Contributing to teamworking
- Prepare and participate in an interview
- Support health and safety at work

Assessment: You will have assignments and coursework, with exams for Maths and English.

Choose this course if... You want to develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours needed for progressing to the world of work or an apprenticeship or a supported internship.

Future steps: You could progress onto an apprenticeship or into employment. Some may choose a supported internship or continuing with full-time study.

Entry requirements: Students are expected to be working in the region of grade 2 at GCSE in English Language and Maths, but all students are assessed on an individual basis.

This course takes place at both The RISE on our Queen Street site as well as the Centre for Progression, Tiverton, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Art and Design

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course offers you a broad-based introduction into Art and Design. If working within these fields appeals, this vocational course will be a good choice for you. It will help you develop the basic skills, knowledge and qualities you need to progress.

On this course you will:

- Learn different ways of using various 2D art materials
- Develop your practical creative skills
- Develop your print making skills
- Be able to go on work experience
- Improve your ability in English and Maths
- Learn how to create your own mood boards
- Plan and market an exhibition of your coursework

Assessment: You will have assignments and coursework, with exams for Maths and English.

Choose this course if... you want to develop the skills to go on to a course that will lead you into the arts industry. This course is also a great choice if you want to develop your confidence and ability to work with others in a practical environment.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Examples of work needs to be seen to ascertain skill level and ability and an interest in gaining a job in the arts is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Business

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

Your interest in gaining a job in business, retail or customer service will enable you to make the most of this vocational course, which provides an excellent introduction to the world of work.

On this course you will:

- Use practical, communication and team working skills to increase your business knowledge
- Learn about businesses in our local area, how to communicate with customers, how to brand a product and how to create effective business presentations
- Gain work experience
- Improve your transferable IT, English and Maths skills
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in these industries

Assessment: You will have assignments, coursework and will need to sit exams for your English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you want to develop a range of skills you can use in the retail, customer service or business sector or progress to further study.

Future steps: On completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in retail, customer service or business industry is really important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Care

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course equips you with the basic skills and knowledge required for further study or employment in health and social care. This course covers all ages, from birth to care for the elderly.

On this course you will:
- Increase your knowledge and understanding of the needs of different people in care
- Find out about health and social care services in your local area
- Take part in work experience
- Learn to work independently, as well as in a group
- Develop your confidence and your ability in English and Maths
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in this industry

Assessment: Health and social care units are assessed by assignments and coursework, with exams for English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you enjoy caring for others and have a passion for working within the care industry. The course content covers people of all ages and looks at a range of different client needs.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in the health and social care industry is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Media and IT

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

If you are looking for a career that uses creative IT in the workplace, this course will give you an excellent foundation.

On this course you will:
- Take part in work experience
- Use digital communication technologies
- Shoot a short film
- Create an animation
- Design a website
- Work in a team
- Learn basic code and make your own computer game

Assessment: You will have assignments, coursework and presentations, with exams for your English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you have an aptitude for computers and are looking to pursue a career in Creative IT or Media.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in Creative IT or Media is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Outdoor Adventure

LEVEL 1

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course offers you a broad introduction to a career in sport, fitness or public services, and will help you develop the basic skills, knowledge and qualities you need to progress.

On this course you will:
- Take part in a variety of health and fitness activities. These may include kayaking, hill walking, running and gym work
- Improve your team working skills
- Improve your ability in English and Maths in preparation for progression
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in these industries
- Benefit from taking part in work experience
- Have guest speakers and visits to a range of leisure, sport and public service organisations

Assessment: You will have assignments and coursework, with exams for Maths and English.

Choose this course if... you are thinking of a future career in the leisure, sport or public sectors. You will be able to explore the wide range of services and job roles as you build up the essential skills needed such as, confidence, team building, leadership, organisation, problem-solving and fitness.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in sport, fitness or the public sector is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND MAKE-UP ARTISTRY

I picked Barbering because when I first walked in, the atmosphere was really nice and it drew me in straight away. It's an upbeat environment, everyone gets on, and I enjoy the practical side of cutting hair. The salon is our classroom, which is much better than sitting in a normal classroom.

The teachers treat us like adults and make you feel really welcome. They've all worked in the industry, so they tell you what it's really like and help prepare you for the future. I want to have my own salon one day, and the course has given me a good understanding of what to expect.

I'd recommend Barbering because it's practical, the vibe is good, and I liked how it made me feel from the moment I walked in.

Eva, studying Level 3 Barbering. Previously studied at St James School.

Are you creative, artistic and enjoy working with people? Do you want to help others look and feel good? Come and learn the skills to join this exciting, energy-filled industry, where no two days are the same!

Located in the Laurence Building on our Hele Road campus, we have purpose-built training salons and beauty clinics which are all open to the public five days per week, offering a range of hairdressing, barbering and beauty therapy treatments.

Students within the faculty have an outstanding record of success in both local and national competitions. Recent achievements include winning Future Barber of the year with the Great British Barber Bash, and numerous competing finalists in prestigious competitions, such as Concept Hair.

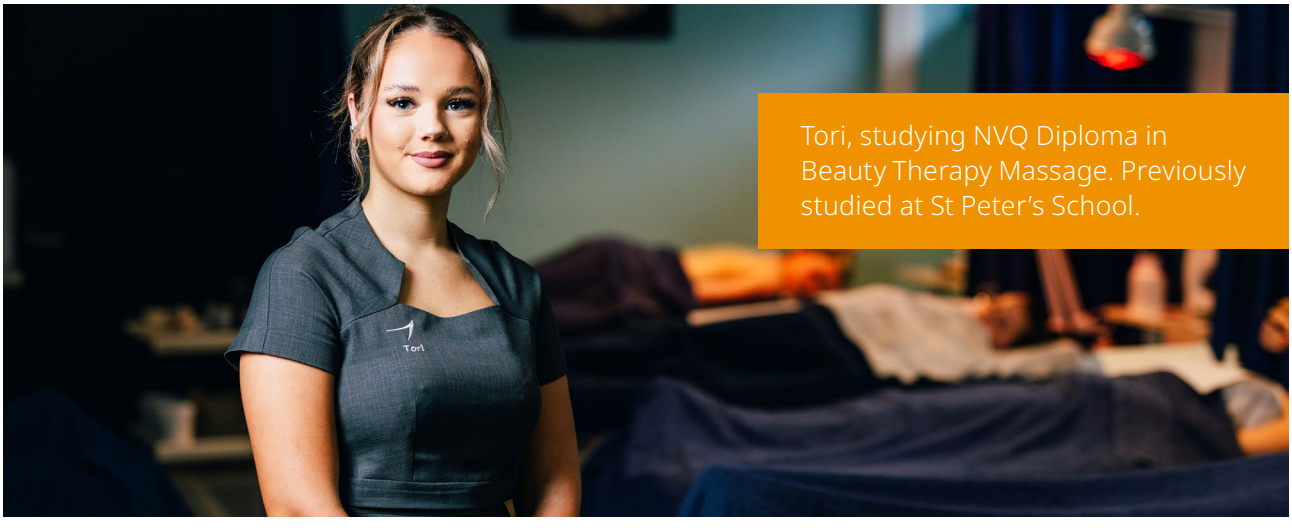
We have excellent links with a wide range of industry leaders and employers, providing students with valuable opportunities for networking, work experience, and career progression within the hair, barbering and beauty industry.

Our lecturing staff are specialists across beauty, media make-up, hairdressing, and barbering, bringing many years of industry experience directly into the classroom. The hair team has previously been awarded Concept Hair Team of the Year, and the beauty team has been recognised as finalists in the Exeter Living Awards.

We offer outstanding commercial hair and barbering salons, professional beauty clinics, nail and make-up studios, along with a fully equipped spa. As a student, you will train in our H2B industry relevant facilities, and have the opportunity to work with reputable brands such as L'Oreal, Dermalogica, Blue Beard, Osmo and Eve Taylor. Our H2B professional treatments and services will provide you with valuable real-world experience across a diverse customer base.

All courses require the purchase of a salon uniform and a professional practical kit to ensure you are industry-ready from day one. You will be able to participate in competitions, visit trade shows and attend talks from industry experts. You will also get the chance to gain more commercial industry relevant skills by attending extra workshops and training sessions throughout the year. See pages 178 -179 for more information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.



Tori, studying NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy Massage. Previously studied at St Peter's School.

Hairdressing and Barbering

LEVEL 1

Level 1 NVQ Certificate | Duration: 1 year

Are you an aspiring hairdresser or barber? If so, this could be the course for you. This Level 1 qualification will give you an in-depth introduction to the hair and barbering sector. It provides a fun and inspirational insight into the industry and will build on your skills to allow you to progress to the next level of your area of choice.

On this course you will:

- Learn to shampoo and condition hair
- Assist with colouring services
- Experience a busy, commercial environment and work with real clients
- Develop effective working relationships
- Discover the art of dressing hair
- Style women's and men's hair
- Plait and twist hair
- Prepare for hair services and maintain work areas
- Assist with shaving services

Assessment: Practical, theoretical and verbal skills with clients will be assessed, along with your portfolio of evidence. You will also be assessed on your written assignments.

Choose this course if... you are starting out in hair or barbering, enjoy making others look good and want to gain a basic understanding of the industry. This course is also ideal if you want to prepare for further learning or training within the hair and barbering sector.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment, or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*

Beauty and Make-up

LEVEL 1

Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

Are you an aspiring beauty therapist or make-up artist? This qualification provides a fun and inspirational insight into the industry and will build on your skills to allow you to progress to the next level of your area of choice.

On this course you will:

- Study about skin care
- Develop skills in plaiting and twisting hair techniques
- Learn photographic make-up application
- Practice themed face painting
- Understand basic manicure and pedicure treatments
- Create an image based on a theme

Assessment: You will be assessed through a range of practical tasks, observation of skills, online knowledge tests and written assignments. You will produce a portfolio of evidence that demonstrates you can follow basic procedures, understand the core theory and have developed the essential foundation skills needed for progression.

Choose this course if... you are starting out in beauty, enjoy making others look good and want to gain a basic understanding of the industry. This course is also ideal if you want to prepare for further learning or training within the beauty sector.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment, or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*

Barbering

Level 2 NVQ Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course is designed for learners who work in or wish to pursue a career in barbering. With the growth of male grooming and on trend styles this is the ideal time to learn the craft and gain fundamental skills in this area. This course is designed for beginners to the industry and will cover all the basic skills enabling you to become a junior barber in this sector.

On this course you will:

- Advise and consult with clients
- Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp
- Cut hair using basic techniques, create basic outlines and detailing
- Cut facial hair to shape using basic techniques and assist with shaving services
- Have the opportunity to attend industry exhibitions and industry workshops

Assessment: You will be assessed by creating a portfolio of evidence. Online examinations will also contribute to your coursework.

Choose this course if... you wish to pursue a career in the barbering industry and enjoy being creative, artistic and working within a thriving environment.

The Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Barbering provides the necessary skills and knowledge that prove occupational competence as a junior barber.

Future steps: Following successful completion of this qualification you may progress to employment or progress on to the NVQ3 Diploma in Barbering.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs (or equivalent, such as Level 1 Certificate in Hairdressing and Barbering) at grade 3 or above, including Maths and English*

Barbering

Level 3 NVQ Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 3

This course is designed for learners who wish to pursue a career in the barbering industry at an advanced level. This course aims to provide you with a range of specialist practical skills and technical knowledge which will equip you for this thriving industry. It is your chance to showcase your creativity while advancing on the skills you have learnt at Level 2. You will start off this academic year by continuing with your commercial sessions to build on your confidence, knowledge and skills learnt to date, alongside advanced cutting programme for Level 3, colouring skills, creative skills, leading up to promotional activities and learning how to manage resources and providing a traditional hot towel shave.

On this course you will:

- Learn how to creatively cut hair using a combination of barbering techniques
- Learn how to colour hair using a combination of colouring techniques
- Design and create a range of facial hair shapes
- Provide shaving services
- Provide consultation services
- Have the opportunity to work with local employers who will provide demonstrations and talks
- Have a great range of activities available, including competition work, promotional events, educational/industry trips. Plus, a range of industry experts to deliver master classes and workshops
- Build on your barbering skills and also develop organisational, planning and time management skills
- Have the opportunity to learn more about promoting skills and talent to build your client base and careers
- Plan and participate in creative competitions

Assessment: You will create a portfolio of evidence. Online examinations will also contribute to your coursework.

Choose this course if... you enjoy being creative, artistic and enjoy the challenge of carrying out advanced services within a busy salon environment. This qualification aims to provide you with specialist practical skills, which are ideal if you want to progress to an advanced level.

Future steps: Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to be employed as a senior barber in a barber's shop. Alternatively, you could gain employment on a cruise ship or abroad.

Entry requirements:

- You will need to have completed a Level 2 Barbering qualification.
- A grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths*

Women's Hairdressing

LEVEL 2

VRQ Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course is designed for learners who work in or wish to pursue a career within the hairdressing industry. This course will provide you with a range of essential practical skills and theory knowledge, which prepare you for employment or further training.

On this course you will:

- Learn a range of services, including client consultation, shampooing and conditioning, cutting women's hair using basic techniques, colouring hair, styling and dressing
- Develop an understanding of safe working practices within the hairdressing industry
- Learn professional communication skills and the techniques to actively promote products and services

Assessment: You will create a portfolio of evidence. Online examinations will also contribute to your coursework. You will be assessed continually throughout the academic year on your practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Choose this course if... you wish to pursue a career in the hairdressing industry and enjoy being creative, artistic and working within a thriving environment.

The Level 2 VRQ Diploma in Women's Hairdressing provides the necessary foundation skills and knowledge that will prepare you for the industry or progression on to the next level.

Future steps: Following successful completion of this qualification, you may progress to employment or on to the VRQ3 Diploma in Hairdressing.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs (or equivalent, such as Level 1 Certificate in Hairdressing) at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*

Hairdressing

LEVEL 3

Level 3 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course aims to provide you with a range of specialist practical skills and technical knowledge which will equip you to seek employment within the hairdressing industry.

On this course you will:

- Learn how to cut hair using a combination of techniques
- Creatively colour and lighten hair
- Carry out hairdressing consultation services
- Imaginatively style and dress hair
- Carry out hair colour correction services
- Have the opportunity to work with local employers who will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry
- Create a full look

Assessment: You will create a portfolio of evidence. Online examinations will also contribute to your coursework.

Choose this course if... you wish to develop your skills to an advanced level. It is ideal if you enjoy being creative, artistic and enjoy the challenge of carrying out advanced technical services within a busy salon environment.

Future steps: This qualification aims to provide you with a range of specialist practical skills and technical knowledge which will equip you to seek employment or further training within the hairdressing industry.

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the advanced skills and knowledge necessary to be employed as a senior stylist in a hair salon. Alternatively, you could gain employment on a cruise ship or abroad.

Entry requirements:

- You will need to have completed the Level 2 qualification in Hairdressing.
- A grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths*.

Hairdressing

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

Work with all hair types, carry out consultations and services for clients, ensuring a good customer experience, while following safe working practices.

You will:

- Develop a range of colouring techniques
- Learn a variety of hair cutting techniques, how to perm and neutralise hair, plus shampooing, conditioning and treatment of the hair and scalp
- Creatively style, dress and finish hair
- Advise and consult with clients
- Train in our welcoming centre with professional hairdressing salons, beauty salons and spa
- Demonstrate industry-standards of professionalism, values and team work

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for hairdressing and fashion, creative flair and enjoy meeting people and making them look and feel good about themselves. You will have good communication skills, be personable and have a good eye for detail.

Future steps: You can start a full-time career in the industry.

As well as working in a traditional salon setting, there are opportunities in more specialist sectors and settings, such as theatre, TV, or on cruise liners.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You should have a passion for hairdressing and be employed in the industry.

Beauty Therapy

LEVEL 2

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This Beauty Therapy course will provide you with a range of essential practical skills and theory knowledge, which prepare you for employment or further training within the beauty industry.

On this course you will:

- Learn to perform a range of treatments including manicures, pedicures, hair removal, facial treatments, application of make-up, lash and brow treatments
- Gain an understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the body and be able to apply this knowledge when carrying out a range of beauty therapy treatments
- Develop an understanding of safe working practices within the beauty industry including reception duties
- Learn professional communication skills and the techniques to actively promote products and services
- Attend professional workshops and have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications within the industry

Assessment: You will create a portfolio of practical and theoretical evidence. Online examinations and assignments will also contribute to your coursework. You will be assessed continually throughout the academic year on your practical skills and underpinning knowledge.

Choose this course if... you enjoy making people feel good about themselves and have a passion for the beauty and wellbeing industry.

Future steps: You could work within the industry for a cosmetic company or in a beauty salon or clinic. Alternatively, you may progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Massage.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs (or equivalent, such as progression from Level 1 Introductory Diploma in Beauty and Make-up) at grade 3 or above* (including English Language, Maths and Science).
- If you achieve a grade 4 or above in Maths and English, you will have the opportunity to study additional curriculum enhancements, to include reception duties and Indian head massage as part of your full-time studies.*

Beauty Therapy Massage

NVQ Level 3 Diploma (Massage pathway) | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 3

This qualification will provide you with the knowledge, skills and understanding to work competently as an advanced beauty therapist specialising in massage.

On this course you will:

- Provide body massage treatments
- Provide stone therapy treatments
- Provide Indian head massage treatments
- Apply semi-permanent classic lash extensions
- Provide pre-blended aromatherapy massage treatments
- Develop essential skills for promoting sales and products within a business
- Develop an in-depth understanding of anatomy and physiology of the body and be able to apply this knowledge within beauty and spa treatments
- Attend professional workshops and have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications within the industry

Assessment: This course is assessed throughout the academic year, by ongoing practical assessments alongside externally set theory exams.

Choose this course if... you are progressing within the beauty therapy industry and want to cover all of the body and spa therapy skills and knowledge needed to work as a beauty, massage or spa therapist.

Future steps: Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the skills and knowledge necessary to be employed as a beauty, massage or spa therapist in a beauty clinic, salon, spa, cruise ship or leisure centre.

Entry requirements:

- GCSE English Language at grade 4 or above*
- Plus, you must have successfully completed a Level 2 Beauty Therapy course

Beauty Therapy Massage

NVQ Level 3 Diploma (Electrotherapy Pathway) | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 3

This qualification will develop knowledge, skills and understanding to work competently as a beauty therapist specialising in advanced face and body treatments.

On this course you will:

- Provide body massage treatments
- Provide stone therapy treatments
- Provide Indian head massage treatments
- Provide body electrical treatments
- Provide facial electrical treatments
- Provide pre-blended aromatherapy massage treatments
- Develop essential skills for promoting sales and products within a business
- Develop an in-depth understanding of anatomy and physiology of the body and be able to apply this knowledge within beauty treatments

Assessment: This course is assessed throughout the academic year, by ongoing practical assessments alongside externally set theory exams.

Choose this course if... you are progressing within the beauty therapy industry and want to cover all of the advanced face, body and massage therapy skills to work as a therapist within the industry.

Future steps: Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the skills and knowledge necessary to be employed as a beauty, massage or spa therapist in a beauty clinic, salon, spa, cruise ship or leisure centre.

Entry requirements:

- GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 4 or above
- Plus, you must have successfully completed a Level 2 Beauty Therapy course

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Nail Technology

LEVEL 3

Level 3 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course will provide you with a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge which will equip you for employment within the nail industry.

On this course you will:

- Enhance and maintain nails using light cured gel, hard gels, liquid and powder nail enhancement systems, manicure and pedicure
- Enhance nails using electric file
- Study the chemistry of nail products
- Design and apply nail art
- Learn about the anatomy and physiology for hands and feet
- Attend professional workshops and have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications within the industry
- Maintaining personal health and wellbeing

Assessment: This course is assessed throughout the academic year, by ongoing pre observations and graded practical assessments alongside theory exams.

Choose this course if... you want to specialise as a nail technician within the industry.

Future steps: Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have advanced skills and knowledge necessary to be employed as a senior nail technician in a beauty clinic, nail bar, cruise ships, media, product or manufacturing company.

Entry requirements:

- GCSE English and/or Maths at grade 4 or above
- Plus, you must have successfully completed a Level 2 Beauty or Nail course

Hair and Media Make-Up

LEVEL 2

Level 2 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This course will provide you with a range of essential practical skills and knowledge, which will equip you to seek employment or further specialist training within the make-up industry.

On this course you will:

- Discover the art of applying make-up
- Develop skills in hair artistry and creative make-up artistry
- Research, develop and showcase make-up and hair artistry designs
- Learn about anatomy and physiology for make-up artists
- Study the principles of working in the make-up industry
- Learn relevant health and safety

Assessment: This course is assessed throughout the academic year, by ongoing pre observations and graded practical assessments alongside theory exams.

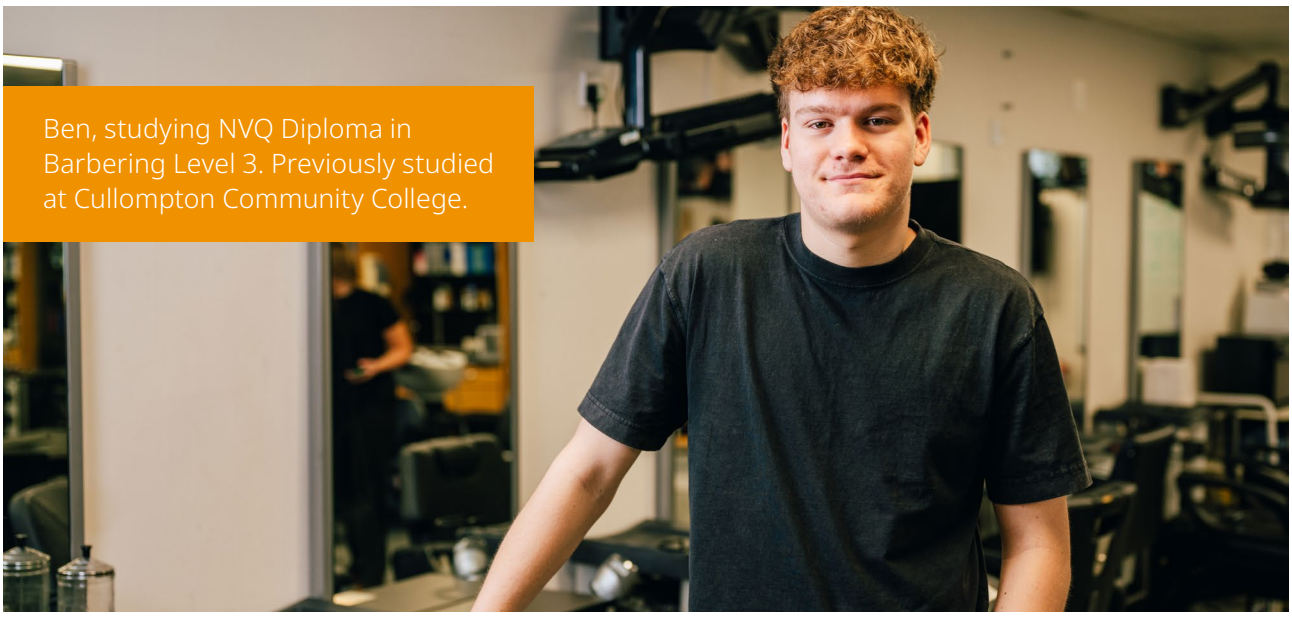
Choose this course if... you enjoy being creative and are passionate about using make-up and hair styling to achieve a variety of different looks. You will have opportunities to gain work-specific skills and knowledge, developing looks from day make-up to bridal and special occasion.

Future steps: You could progress on to the Level 3 in Beauty or Hairdressing, or the Level 3 Nail Technology course.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs (or equivalent, such as Level 1 Diploma in Introduction to the Hair and Beauty sector) at grade 3 or above, including Maths, English and Art*

*If GCSE Art is not taken, you will have to present a portfolio at your interview to ascertain artistic ability



Ben, studying NVQ Diploma in Barbering Level 3. Previously studied at Cullompton Community College.

HEALTH SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES

I saw in the course guide how many hours work experience you get with this T Level and compared that to the other courses and thought this would be the most beneficial for me. This style of study is quite hands on, you get to learn how to talk to patients properly. I prefer that its exam based rather than coursework. My placement was at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital on the emergency surgical assessment unit and I got to meet patients that come in with different surgical problems or skin issues, it was really cool to be a part of their care. I like being helpful and I have found that this is the best career path for me. I am going to join the ambulance service as a Level 3 community first responder and work my way up by doing top up courses and getting as much hands on experience as I can.

AJ, studying a T Level in Health. Previously studied at The Woodroffe School.

Are you committed to working with people to support their education, health, care needs, or interested in progressing into the uniformed protective services? Then these vocational and technical courses are just right for you. You will benefit from fantastic links with over 200 employers including the NHS, fire service, prison service, schools, nurseries, police, healthcare, uniformed protective services and the armed forces. These courses take place on our Hele Road site - see pages 168-171 for a map.

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NEW COURSE

Foundation Science

T Level Foundation

LEVEL 2

This course equips you with the basic skills and knowledge required for further study such as T level health or BTEC applied science or employment/apprenticeships in sectors such as health science or science.

On this course you will:
- Increase your knowledge and understanding in Chemistry, Biology and Physics
- Take part in work experience
- Develop your confidence and your ability in practical science skills
- Study the national outcomes for Health Science
- Develop sector specific employability skills by planning and delivering an employer set project (ESP)
- Complete two GCSEs either Maths, English Language or Biology

Assessment: You will produce a portfolio of evidence and complete internal examinations, as well as external exams in GCSE subjects

Choose this course if... if your GCSEs in science are not what you hoped or do not yet allow you to study at Level 3 and you want to pursue a career in science or health science this course is for you.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 3 course including T level Health and Level 3 Applied Science, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Either Maths or English Language at Grade 4 plus three GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language or Maths and science plus two GCSEs at Grade 2

Care

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

This course equips you with the basic skills and knowledge required for further study or employment in health and social care. This course covers all ages, from birth to care for the elderly.

On this course you will:
- Increase your knowledge and understanding of the needs of different people in care
- Find out about health and social care services in your local area
- Take part in work experience
- Learn to work independently, as well as in a group
- Develop your confidence and your ability in English and Maths
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in this industry

Assessment: Health and social care units are assessed by assignments and coursework, with exams for English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you enjoy caring for others and have a passion for working within the care industry. The course content covers people of all ages and looks at a range of different disabilities.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in the health and social care industry is important

Health and Social Care (Health or Childcare Pathways)

T Level Foundation Year | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course will develop the fundamental skills, knowledge and behaviours required to work in the health and social care sector. You will complete a range of modules that provide transferable skills as well as gaining valuable work experience. You will study a NCFE CACHE Level 2 Health and Social Care qualification. You will also choose a pathway in either Health and Social Care or in Childcare and will study the National Technical Outcomes for your chosen pathway.

On this course you will:

- Study human growth and development
- Understand concepts of safeguarding, and equality and diversity
- Enhancement of personal and professional development
- Study the national outcomes for Early Years or Health and Health Science
- Develop sector specific employability skills by planning and delivering an employer set project (ESP)
- Complete GCSE Maths, English Language and/or Biology
- As part of the course, learners are required to complete work experience in a sector specific placement. These may include placements such as residential and nursing care homes, day centres, schools, nurseries, specialist care and many more

Assessment: Internally assessed assignments and a portfolio.

Choose this course if... you wish to pursue a career in (amongst others) nursing, midwifery, primary teaching, working with children, social work, psychology and many more.

Future steps: On successful completion of the course, including achieving GCSE Maths and English Language, learners will be able to progress to T Level Education and Early Years, T Level Health, Level 3 Health and Social Care or an apprenticeship in Early Years, Support Teaching and Learning in Schools or Health and Social Care.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*, plus two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your work experience

Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course will develop the fundamental skills and knowledge required to work in the Early Years Sector, preparing you to work with children from birth to 5 years. You will complete a range of units that provide transferable skills as well as gaining valuable work experience. You will study a NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Occupational Entry for the Early Years Practitioner qualification.

On this course you will:

- Learn how to support the development of babies and young children, delivering activities and purposeful play opportunities, supporting the needs of those with special educational needs and disabilities
- Learn how to support the wellbeing of babies and young children, understanding health and safety and care routines
- Understand your responsibilities as an Early Years Practitioner, including safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Complete one of GCSE Maths, English Language, or Biology if needed
- Undertake at least 250 hours of work placement in an Early Years setting

Assessment: Internally assessed assignments and a portfolio and observations to assess competency in the work place. This course confers License to practice at Level 2. Students are required to complete a minimum of 250 hours of work placement in an Early Years setting and will be assessed for competence in the work.

Choose this course if... you wish to pursue a career working with children aged 5 and below.

Future steps: On successful completion of the course, including achieving GCSE Maths or English, learners will be able to progress to T Level Education and Early Years or to a Level 3 apprenticeship in Early Years or Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools. You will also be able to progress directly into employment in the Early Years sector and count in ratio at Level 2 as a qualified Early Years Practitioner. Future roles could include early years practitioner, classroom assistant or pre-school assistant.

Entry requirements:

- Either GCSE English Language or GCSE Maths at grade 4 or above, plus three GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths or English, plus two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

Health and Social Care

NCFE Cache Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is a two-year programme, and it is ideal if you are looking for an extensive, general preparation for a career in health or social care.

On this course you will:

- Study equality, diversity and rights in health and social care
- Look at infection prevention and control in social care or health science
- Find out about working in health and social care
- Undertake reflective practice
- Choose a pathway in second year: Social Care or Health Science
- Study units which cover Anatomy and Physiology, Research Skills, Human Growth and Development, Sociology, Psychology, Genetics and Biomedical Science
- Undertake work experience, totalling a minimum 175 hours in vocational settings across the two years, 75 hrs in Year 1 and 100 hrs in Year 2.

Assessment: Internally marked assignments and externally marked assessments.

Choose this course if... you wish to pursue a career in (amongst others) nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, social work, psychology and youth work.

Future steps: In addition to the careers mentioned in the previous paragraph, you could go on to university level study or an apprenticeship in a wide range of health and social care related subjects such as nursing, teaching and social work.

The Level 3 Extended Diploma study programme is eligible for UCAS points. Please check the UCAS website for more information.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths, plus two additional GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your work placements
- Science is recommended at grade 4 or above if you wish to become a nurse or work in a health-related field

Health (Nursing and Midwifery)

T Level | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course is a two-year programme aimed at learners who wish to develop their technical knowledge and skills to work in the healthcare sector. It is suitable for those who wish to pursue a career in Nursing or Midwifery or be employed in a support role capacity within the sector, e.g. healthcare assistant, assistant practitioner or maternity support worker.

The course is divided into core components (Year 1) and occupational specialism components (Year 2).

On this course you will:

- Look at working in the healthcare sector
- Find out about managing personal information and data in the healthcare sector
- Study health and safety in the healthcare sector
- Consider person-centred care in healthcare
- Study core science concepts and further science concepts
- Gain the core occupational knowledge and skills relevant to health as identified by employers
- Furthering this by specialising in either supporting the Adult Nursing Team or supporting the Midwifery Team
- Develop skills needed to support health care teams including communication and teamwork
- Have opportunities to manage and improve own performance
- Learn about working within the healthcare sector through substantial industry placement, classroom teaching and simulated learning in our industry-standard equipped rooms
- Gain knowledge about health and safety regulations applicable within the healthcare sector; managing personal information; providing person centred care; health and wellbeing; infection prevention and control; safeguarding

Assessment: External assessment, including an employer set project, exams and practical assessments of skills. As part of achieving the overall T Level programme, students are required to complete a minimum of 315 hours industry placement. These include placements within hospitals and nursing homes.

Choose this course if... you want to pursue a career in the healthcare sector in roles such as midwifery, adult nursing and mental health nursing and you enjoy studying science and technical knowledge.

Future steps: On successful completion of the T Level, learners will be able to progress on to high level qualifications such as higher-level apprenticeships, nursing and midwifery degrees plus alternative degree courses or employment within the sector. Future job roles might include nursing, midwifery, assistant practitioner or associate nursing. The T Level study programme is eligible for UCAS points. Please check the UCAS website for more information.

Entry requirements:

- Grade 55 or above in double science or Grade 5 or above in both GCSE Biology and GCSE Chemistry plus four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

Applied Science

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This scientific course will equip you with a range of scientific principles and skills, such as chemical analysis, microbiology and mathematical applications in science.

On this course you will:

- Look at the principles and applications of all three sciences
- Use practical scientific procedures and techniques, particularly in Biology and Chemistry
- Develop your science investigation skills, lab techniques and their uses across the sciences
- Enhance your research skills and learn how to reference your research for assignments
- Use dedicated science labs
- Enjoy visits to several universities and employers
- Develop your employability skills and engage in work experience

Assessment: A combination of external exams and coursework assignments.

Choose this course if... you are interested in a full-time rigorous Science course with a level of demand equivalent to A Level. You will be aspirational and wanting to develop a career in an area such as biomedical or laboratory sciences.

Future steps: Successful students can continue their studies with many different university degrees such as Biomedical Science courses, those supporting NHS-related careers or Forensic Science.

Similar proportions of students' progress to university from this BTEC course as from our A Level science routes and we have had progression into Medicine and Veterinary Science pathways. Alternatively, you may seek employment or an Apprenticeship in a variety of roles, including laboratory technician, crime scene investigator and the police or fire service.

Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and Combined Science or both Biology and Chemistry at Grade 4 or above.

Adult Care Worker

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Hele Road Site

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Work as a member of frontline staff who help adults with care and support needs to achieve their personal goals and live as independently and safely as possible, enabling them to have control and choice in their lives.

You will:

- Develop your skills in communication
- Learn to put people at the heart of all strategies
- Learn about wellbeing, health and safety and safeguarding of individuals
- Learn about safe moving and handling, infection control, supporting those with either mental health needs or a learning disability
- Learn to exercise judgment and accountability

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are caring, empathetic and enjoy making a difference to other people's lives and want to develop skills in a care setting.

Future steps: On completion, you could progress directly into the workplace as a care assistant in line with the National Minimum Care Standards. Alternatively, you may choose to go on to a Level 3 Lead Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary.

As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You need patience, understanding, a strong desire to work with people and good communication skills. You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your employer.

Dental Nursing

Duration: Up to 24 months | Training Location: Hele Road Site

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Provide chair-side support to dental professionals and deliver a high level of patient care. This apprenticeship provides you with the knowledge and good working practice needed to become a dental nurse and results in an ability to apply to the General Dental Council (GDC) for professional registration.

You will:

- Become fully competent in dental nursing by developing your skills in chair- side support, while providing assistance with a range of dental treatments
- Learn about various aspects of dental nursing, including first aid, dental procedures and contributing to the production of dental images

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for patient care and want to learn and understand the principles of a dental nurse. You need to be flexible and adaptable, and have patience, understanding, and great communication skills.

Future steps: On completion you could progress directly into the workplace as a dental nurse. Alternatively, you may choose to go on to university level education to study for a career in dental hygiene or therapy.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary.

As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You need patience, understanding, a strong desire to work with people and good communication skills. You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your employer. In line with the GDC requirements, your employer will ask you to have a course of Hep B Vaccinations.

Education and Early Years

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

This course is aimed at learners who wish to develop their knowledge and skills working with children and young people aged 0-19. The course is designed to ensure that learners have the knowledge and skills needed to progress into employment or further study in the education and early years sector.

The course is divided into core components (Year 1) and occupational specialism components (Year 2).

On this course you will:

- Study a core set of knowledge, concepts and skills. You will learn about early years and educational contexts including how a young person develops and how children with special educational needs interact with education
- Look at supporting education and learning. You will choose an Early Years or an Assisting Teaching pathway
- Study behaviour, parents, families and carers; working with others, child development
- Find out about observation and assessment
- Undertake reflective practice
- Plan, provide and review educational opportunities in collaboration with teachers and other adults
- Find out how to safeguard and promote the health, safety and wellbeing of children and young people
- Recognise, adapt and respond to individual children's needs, including those with special educational needs and disability (SEND), to support development and access to the curriculum
- Develop your English, Maths and digital skills to industry-standard and study specialist knowledge in specific areas
- Undertake industry placements with employers in different settings, in Year 1 and 2
- Develop your knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage and National Curriculum

Assessment: External assessments, including exams, and a substantial employer set project via practical assessments of skills and the ability to apply your knowledge.

Choose this course if... you enjoy the idea of being involved in the care, development and education of children and young people.

Future steps: You can progress directly into skilled employment in the education or youth work sector. The Early Years pathway has a mandatory 750 hours of placement over two years and confers license to practice at Level 3 in early years settings. Future job roles might include early years educator, nursery manager, assistant teacher, early years teacher or primary teacher. You can also progress into Higher Education. The T Level study programme is eligible for UCAS points. Please check the UCAS website for more information.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

Early Years Practitioner/Educator

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2/3

Duration: Level 2 - Up to 15 months, Level 3 - Up to 21 months

Training Location: Hele Road Site

Early Years Educators play a key role in ensuring that young children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. They work in a range of settings, including full day care, children's centres, preschools, reception classes and as childminders.

You will:

- Use your own initiative to plan and organise your own work in the role of a nursery nurse
- Learn how to support children to develop numeracy and language skills
- Ensure each child is safe and feels secure in their environment
- Work in partnership with other colleagues, parents and/or carers or other professionals to meet the individual needs of each child

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want to be part of the physical, social and emotional development of young children by planning and delivering a range of activities. You need patience, understanding and good communication skills.

Future steps: On successful completion of the Level 2 apprenticeship, you could move on to the Level 3 Early Years Educator Apprenticeship.

Alternatively, you could progress directly into the workplace as an Early Years Educator/Nursery Nurse in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Standards.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your employer.

Teaching Assistant

Duration: Up to 21 months | Training Location: Hele Road Site

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Support the class teacher, working in either primary, special or secondary education, across all age ranges, ensuring pupils thrive in a positive, nurturing, safe environment.

You will:

- Understand how pupils learn and develop, as well as how your own development can benefit the children and young people you work with
- Understand the curriculum, assessment and technology
- Learn about safeguarding, support mechanisms, and equality and diversity
- Learn key skills, such as relationship building, communication and professionalism

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want to be part of a busy school or college atmosphere and have the desire to support young people with their learning, social and emotional development. You need patience, understanding and good communication skills.

Future steps: On completion, you can move into full-time employment or progress on to further study in specialist areas such as the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant apprenticeship.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You will be required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for your employer.

Public Services (Uniformed Services)

Level 3 Extended Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services

LEVEL 3

Interested in a career in the uniformed services but unsure which path is right for you? This course is designed to support you in making an informed decision about your future. If you are passionate about working with people and making a positive difference in society, this programme is an excellent starting point.

This Level 3 Extended Diploma prepares you for careers in the police, fire and rescue service, UK Border Force, prison service, and armed forces. It also provides a strong foundation for civilian roles within the uniformed services, the security sector, the civil service, or voluntary organisations.

Throughout the 2-year course, you will explore a wide range of topics through both practical and theoretical learning. This balanced approach will help you develop the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to progress either to university or directly into employment within the services.

This course offers you:

- An understanding of entry requirements for the Uniformed Services
- Development of leadership and teamwork skills
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system
- Opportunities to improve your physical fitness
- Development of effective communication skills
- A variety of land-based and water-based activities incorporating one day and multi day expeditions
- An introduction to crime scene investigation
- A residential trip
- Opportunities to interact with various uniformed services including Police, Fire, Tri-service, British Transport Police, Prison, Border Force and the Ministry of Justice

Assessment: You will be assessed through a variety of methods, including practical activities, written assignments, and presentations, ensuring you can demonstrate your skills in different ways.

Choose this course if... You have a passion for serving your community, enjoy working with people, and aspire to make a meaningful impact on society.

Future steps: Successful completion of this two-year programme can lead to university study in subjects such as criminology or emergency planning, or direct entry into a range of uniformed services careers.

Entry requirements:
To enrol on this course, you will need to have:

- Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including Maths and English Language
- Two additional GCSEs at Grade 3 or above

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

I love that we get to learn something new so regularly, you get to practice and practice until it's right. Dinner service is always something new. You literally learn something new every time you come in.

I think we're very lucky here. We have multiple kitchens. We have amazing chefs who have had really incredible careers and now share all their knowledge with us and it does make a difference. We get to do service, we get to do skill sessions and sometimes chefs like Michael Caines are here.

Kitty-Lee, studying a Diploma in Introduction to Professional Cookery - Level 2. Previously studied at Queen Elizabeth Community College.

Located in the Laurence Building by Hele Road, we have four purpose-built training kitchens, including a brand new state-of-the-art induction kitchen, Patisserie and the award-winning restaurant @thirty-four. The bar, restaurant and coffee shop are all open to the public five days per week. As well as being one of the top rated restaurants in Exeter on Trip Advisor, @thirty-four has been awarded the highest grade possible for a College restaurant and is the AA College Restaurant of the year for 2025/26.

Students in the Hospitality and Catering faculty have a very successful record in local and national hospitality competitions and events, such as National Seafood Chef of the Year, International Salon Culinaire, Young Risotto chef of the year, South West Chef of the Year and the Ray Kenny Bursary competition. We also have Peoples 1st Gold Accreditation and Centre of Excellence for food and beverage service, along with the Food Drink Devon gold award for our quality and promotion of local products.

Our lecturing staff are specialists in all areas of hospitality and have many years of experience in the industry. If you are passionate about catering and want to prepare, cook and serve great food, then come and train in our fantastic industry-standard professional kitchens. You will also develop your food service, beverage and barista skills in our award-winning commercial restaurant, @thirty-four. For all catering and hospitality courses, you will need to buy practical equipment and uniforms, a full list of these will be available at enrolment.

Within Hospitality you will have the opportunity to join in a range of activities such as our amazing HHB Dinner Club where we visit the best local restaurants at student friendly prices, we visit and participate in food festivals and trade shows around the region, compete in a host of competitions including the prestigious South West Chef of the Year. We also have talks from charities, industry leaders and employers. Every year we organise a foreign educational trip, such as our recent trips to New York, Italy, Germany and Sweden. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

City & Guilds Entry Level 3 Certificate I Duration: 1 year

ENTRY LEVEL

This hands on, practical qualification is perfect for students who are interested in a career in the hospitality sector but may need extra help with their learning. It will allow students to develop knowledge and skills towards independent living and learning, further study or employment.

On this course you will:
Study topics which will include:
- Basic food preparation
- Basic cooking
- Meal planning and preparation
- Safe cleaning and storage
- Food hygiene

Choose this course if: this course is perfect for anyone who wishes to start a career in the hospitality industry but may need a little extra support to do so. It allows learners to develop knowledge and skills towards independent living and learning as well as supporting students to develop practical basic catering and food safety skills required for employment. It will be studied alongside Maths and English.

Future steps: You could potentially go onto the Level 1 Hospitality course at our Exeter Campus, Level 1 Skills Gateway or a Supported Internship within the hospitality industry.

Entry requirements: There are no specific entry requirements to join this course, just a passion for cooking and good customer service skills. Students also need to have an EHCP.

This course only takes place at The Centre for Progression, Tiverton.

Catering Craft (and Food Service)

Level 1 NVQ Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

This vocational programme will provide you with a superb foundation for a career in the hospitality industry, and applicants will require no prior knowledge of hospitality. The course will give you all the foundation knowledge in theory and practice to allow you to progress on to Level 2 NVQ.

On this course you will:

- Gain valuable, hands-on experience in a real working environment
- Practice skills in food preparation and cookery
- Practice skills in food and drink service
- Work as part of a team in our fully equipped @thirty-four kitchens and outlets
- Learn about employment in the hospitality industry
- Develop transferable skills through studying a Personal Social Development programme, as well as Maths and English

Assessment: You will be continually assessed within the working environment. All theory tests are multiple choice and there are no written assignments.

Choose this course if... you would like to gain more confidence in your abilities of food handling, and professional aptitude within the hospitality industry.

Future steps: You could progress to a full-time NVQ Level 2 or a Diploma in Professional Cookery to gain further skills and knowledge or seek work in the industry while continuing your studies on an apprenticeship scheme.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You must be keen and interested in hospitality and catering

Professional Cookery (and food service)

VRQ1 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

This course will allow you to develop your passion and skills for cookery, while developing your ability to work under pressure and as part of a team in the hospitality industry.

On this course you will:

- Develop a variety of catering craft skills to a high standard
- Work towards a VRQ1 Certificate in Food and Beverage Service and a Diploma in Professional Cookery
- Work within the superbly equipped @thirty-four restaurant and kitchens
- Study different ways to prepare hot and cold food
- Gain an understanding of health and safety and food safety issues
- Learn skills in areas such as dealing with customers, bar service and menu planning

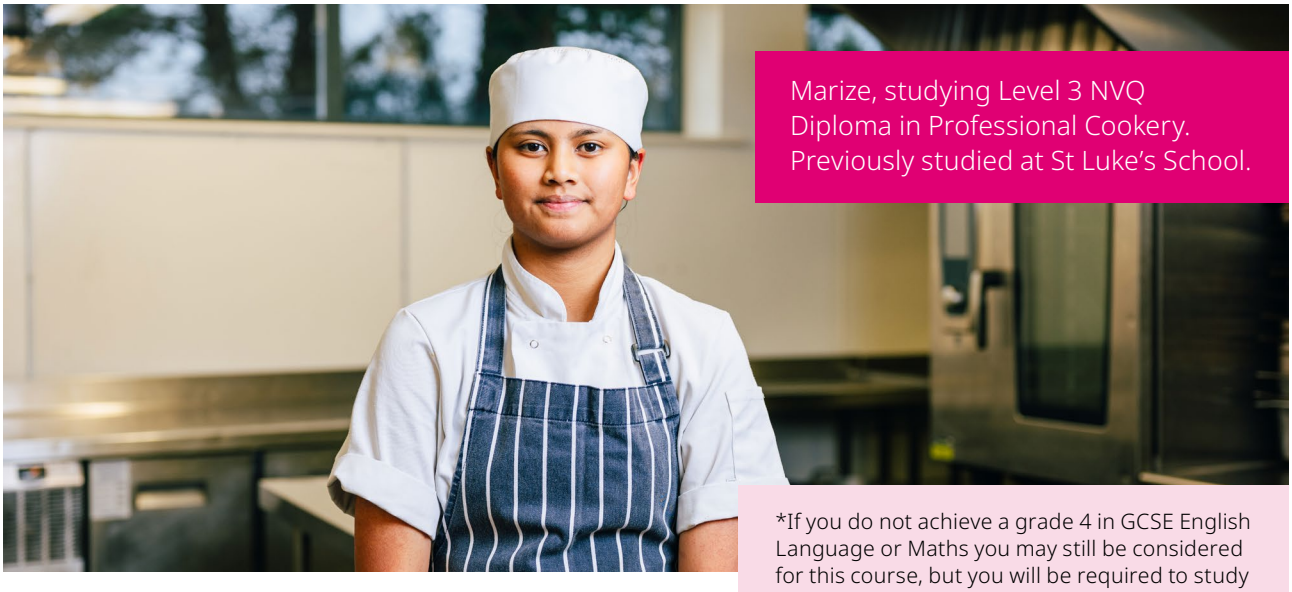
Assessment: Assignments and practical examinations.

Choose this course if... you would like to be introduced to professional cookery, food service and customer care skills and help develop your work and organisational practices within the catering industry.

Future steps: You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery to further your career opportunities.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You must be keen and interested in hospitality and catering and have an aptitude for hospitality skills



Marize, studying Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery. Previously studied at St Luke's School.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Michael Caines Academy Professional Cookery (and food service)

LEVEL 1

VRQ1 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

The Michael Caines Academy combines practical, professional catering and hospitality qualifications, with a range of visits, experiences, work placements and demonstrations involving the region's most renowned food experts in fine dining. It is designed to nurture the region's future generation of talented restaurateurs, chefs, restaurant managers, waiters and front of house staff.

On this course you will:

- Develop your catering craft skills to an exceptional standard
- Experience visits, placements, 'farm to fork' and 'vine to glass' sessions
- Enjoy challenging practical and theoretical workshops
- Attend masterclasses from industry leaders such as Michael Caines
- Study for a Certificate in Food and Beverage Service and a Diploma in Professional Cookery
- Work within the superbly equipped @thirty-four restaurant and kitchens
- Attend a period of work placement with Michael Caines and his teams

Assessment: Assignments and practical examinations.

Choose this course if... you are looking to undertake high quality, industry-standard training and have a real passion for cooking and the industry. It is ideal if you have the goal of becoming a professional chef and perhaps owning your own restaurant in the future.

Future steps: You could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery to further your career opportunities. For future job roles see below.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- You must be keen and interested in hospitality and catering and have an aptitude for hospitality skills
- A two day selection process after your GCSE results day will form part of the entry requirements to the academy.

Michael Caines Academy

Progression routes

Our Level 1 courses have progression routes into Level 2 full-time courses or apprenticeships. All qualifications also have Level 3 options for progression once you have successfully completed Level 2. Future job roles may include Commis chef or Chef de Partie. Some of our learners travel the world with ski seasons or cruise ships. Some enter the local hospitality industry in pubs, restaurants and hotels while others seek jobs further afield. With our vast range of industry partners, we can support our learners with their first full-time roles and can also enable incredible work experiences.

For those with prior hospitality qualifications

If you have existing professional hospitality qualifications, please contact the team to discuss the most appropriate qualifications for you to join us on should you have already completed studies elsewhere. We can discuss your needs and find the course that is most suitable for you to join us on, which may be a Level 2 or 3 qualification.

Butcher

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

Butchery is a highly skilled profession steeped in tradition and Butcher Apprentices will display understanding about a range of meat species and the various techniques needed to process and/or produce products. In addition, Butcher Apprentices will be able to cut, prepare, package and present meat products to the standards required of the business and specialist needs of commercial and/or consumers.

You will:

- Understand the development of the meat sector leading up to the modern day, including its values, culture, traditions and connection to membership bodies and professional institutions
- Explore the meat and poultry marketplace including the supply chain/traceability functions and key legislative and enforcement agencies that regulate the retail and/or process environments
- Learn various craft and knife skills used for cutting, boning, trimming and mincing of meat including the use of relevant mechanical equipment as required
- Be taught health and food safety including hygiene both in personal terms and as part of the wider food sales/production environment

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for food - especially meat. You must be dexterous and have an interest in understanding the farm to fork process.

Future steps: Progression from this apprenticeship is into full-time employment in the industry. You may want to go onto study at a higher-level and take on more responsibility.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Commis Chef/Professional Chef

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 15 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

Prepare food and carry out cooking tasks in every section of a kitchen, under supervision of a senior chef. Work as part of a team in timebound kitchen environments.

You will:

- Learn the principles of food preparation and cooking, adapting dishes to meet special dietary, religious and allergenic requirements
- Develop techniques as a chef
- Recognise the impact of seasonality on the availability, quality, and price of ingredients
- Learn how technology can support food production organisations

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for food, cooking and working on recipes and menu ideas. You will work well as a part of a team in a fast-paced kitchen environment.

Future steps: Progression from this apprenticeship is expected to be onto the Senior Professional Chef programme.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Food and Beverage Team Member

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 12 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

Train in all areas of the food and beverage service industry.

You will:

- Study food and beverage service
- Learn monitoring and managing customers
- Develop professional communication skills
- Learn about maintaining a safe, hygienic and secure working environment Benefit from our working links with a range of hospitality employers in Devon
- Create a positive impression of yourself and your organisation

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for working in the hospitality sector, offering fantastic customer service. You should be adaptable, able to use your own initiative, and be a good communicator.

Future steps: On completion, you can progress to the Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor Apprenticeship and go on to further management training.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Accommodation Team Member

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 2

Duration: Up to 12 months

Train in a range of guest focused services, where you will move between departments to gain a broad knowledge along with skills and experience.

You will:

- Study general housekeeping skills
- Reception duties
- Dining and bar service
- Learn about maintaining a safe, hygienic and secure working environment
- Benefit from our working links with a range of hospitality employers in Devon
- Create a positive impression of yourself and your organisation

Choose this apprenticeship if... you have a passion for working in the accommodation sector, offering fantastic customer service. You should be adaptable, able to use your own initiative, and be a good communicator.

Future steps: On completion, you can progress to the Level 3 Hospitality Supervisor Apprenticeship and go on to further management training.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Senior Professional Chef

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Learn advanced cooking techniques and take responsibility for running a specific section of the kitchen. Work in a variety of kitchen environments, such as a pub, school, hospital, care home, 5* hotel, restaurant and Michelin starred restaurant.

You will:

- Focus on developing more advanced techniques as a chef, including the use of specialist equipment
- Execute standardised menus and help to develop menus and dishes
- Adapt and produce dishes to meet special dietary, religious and allergenic requirements
- Consider hygiene, health and safety, compliance and budgeting
- Supervise and oversee team members, ensuring quality

Choose this apprenticeship if... you want to learn more advanced chefing skills and wish to develop your management skills.

Future steps: On completion, you can move on to the Level 4 Apprenticeship in Hospitality Management, as a kitchen manager or head chef, or progress into full-time employment.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme.

Hospitality Supervisor

Duration: Up to 15 months | Training Location: Laurence Building

APPRENTICESHIP | LEVEL 3

Work across a wide variety of businesses, including bars, restaurants, cafes, conference centres, banqueting venues, hotels or contract caterers, providing support to management. Supervise and motivate the team and enhance the customer experience.

You will:

- Learn how to maintain the health, hygiene, safety and security of the working environment
- Choose from options relating to your role, such as units in supervising food and drink service, leading and managing meetings and managing the environmental impact of work activities
- Learn the principles of leading a team in the hospitality industry

Choose this apprenticeship if... you are working towards or are already in a supervisory role and are capable of independently supervising services and running shifts. You will work well under pressure, delivering fantastic customer service and motivating a team.

Future steps: This may lead to a Level 4 apprenticeship in Hospitality Management or progression into full-time employment. On completion, you should be working in a Team Leader role and will have the knowledge to climb the career ladder within hospitality management.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. You will need to complete a Level 2 qualification before progressing to the Level 3 apprenticeship and complete an initial assessment at College as part of the application process.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

I think all of my courses are very collaborative, very discussion-based, which I really like because you get to hear other people and people get to hear you. I really enjoyed College because it just really promotes independence and freedom of what you do with your studies while socialising with other people at the same time. I would recommend Exeter College; it's very inclusive and friendly. You won't be left behind because there are teachers and people around you that will be willing to help you and get to know you.

Goldwynn, studying A Level English Language, Law and Philosophy. Previously studied at Isca Academy.

Humanities and Social Sciences courses give you the chance to analyse and understand the world around you. Whether you choose to study physical features of the landscape, the impact of globalisation on our culture and economy or how events of the past have shaped our present, you will leave College with high level skills of enquiry and analysis that are prized by universities and employers. The Faculty for Culture, Languages and Economics and the Faculty for Human, Social and Political Sciences offer an exciting and diverse range of subjects, with passionate and experienced staff delivering them. Many staff are also examiners and know how to support aspirational students in achieving their best in exams. We are committed to providing the best learning experience for our learners and provide the best possible guidance for their progression. Humanities and Social Sciences courses are studied at our Hele Road site in Tower Building and in the new Centre for Law and Social Sciences, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Humanities and Social Sciences students will have opportunities to take part in trips and visits, including the chance for Psychology learners to visit London and for Geography students to attend a Geohazards conference at Plymouth University. We offer a variety of opportunities to hear from guest speakers, previous talks have included Professor Lee Major on Cultural Capital, students can engage with local law firms through talks and the Michelmores Masterclass Momentum Programme and take part in mock trials. Students can question local MPs, attend a Meet the Lord's session in Politics and take part in Brain Day and work on our student led magazine Psychological Digest in Psychology. Students are also encouraged to get involved with a wide range of competitions and debates, including the Historical Association's annual public speaking competition 'The Great Debate', the Philosothon competition and the Ethics Cup. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Max, studying A Level Business Studies, History (Later Modern) and Sociology. Previously studied at St James School.

Business

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course is ideal if you enjoy finding out about how and why some businesses perform well or what the consequences are of certain strategic decisions. Lessons are suited to those who enjoy debating and developing arguments about business issues.

On this course you will:

- Develop ideas around the market, explore marketing and people functions and investigate entrepreneurs and business start-up
- Develop an understanding of how businesses identify opportunities and explore how they focus on developing a competitive advantage through interacting with customers
- Understand how businesses need to adapt their marketing to operate in a dynamic business environment
- Explore how businesses recruit, train, organise and motivate employees, as well as the role of enterprising individuals and leaders
- Look at how established businesses might improve their effectiveness by making tactical decisions
- Learn about finance and operations functions, and investigate external influences on business
- Build on the AS units by considering more complex business scenarios, developing your understanding of business strategy and decision-making
- Investigate businesses that trade on a global scale and develop an understanding of the globally competitive environment
- Consider ethical and moral dimensions of global business activities
- Have the opportunity to take part in visits from various business organisations

Assessment: Short tests, essays, and case studies. Final assessment is through external examinations.

Choose this course if... you enjoy debating business issues, such as leadership, corporate social responsibility and branding, using and interpreting data to analyse financial and management accountancy problems, discussing alternative courses of action and keeping up-to-date with national and international trends.

Future steps: Business is excellent preparation for a Business degree or a degree in subjects such as Economics, Accountancy, Human Resource Management, Marketing and Social Sciences. Possible career choices for A Level Business students include accountancy, stock broking, banking, retail, product management, general management, not for profit organisations.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Economics, Geography, Politics, Environmental Science, Sociology and Modern Foreign Languages.

Classical Civilisation

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This wide-ranging course is for you if you are interested in the ancient Greek and Roman world and how it continues to impact us today. The study of Classical Civilisation encompasses all the humanities through the study of ancient literature, art, philosophy, politics, history, society, religion and culture.

On this course you will:

- Explore ancient attitudes towards love, gender and sexuality in the ancient world in our Love and Relationships unit through philosophers and poets such as Sappho, Seneca, Ovid and Plato
- Go deeper into ancient Greek and Roman mythology and society through studying Homer's Greek epic poem, The Odyssey, and Virgil's Roman epic, The Aeneid
- Analyse ancient attitudes to propaganda and power through the study of Rome's first emperor, Augustus
- Be taught by research active specialists with links to the University of Exeter and to the wider academic community

Assessment: You will be examined by written examination through essays and textual analysis. There are two external examinations for AS and three for A Level.

Choose this course if... you like reading, history, discussion/ debating, analysing and studying art and architecture, written sources and poetry.

Future steps: This course will enhance your knowledge and understanding of the classics. This subject is highly regarded by both universities and employers. Future job roles might include museum gallery curator, teacher, archaeologist, editorial assistant, academic researcher, journalist, civil servant, archivist, chartered accountant, higher education lecturer, marketing officer, solicitor, barrister, writer or politician.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with English Literature, History, Philosophy and Politics.

Economics

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Economics relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions individuals make to the policies of governments.

On this course you will:

- Develop a deep knowledge of economic forces and an understanding of how they shape the world around us
- Gain an understanding of the economics that lie behind front page news stories, such as changes to the Bank of England base rate, the cost of living crisis or the effects of international conflict
- Look at the UK economy - its performance, key challenges and policy responses. Consider subjects such as inflation, growth, unemployment, foreign trade
- Study business behaviour and the labour market
- Develop strong analytical and evaluation skills, including interpreting data, using diagrams and applying theory to real-world contexts
- Have the opportunity to take part in study trips, attend conferences and visit organisations

Assessment: Course assessment is through short tests, essays, and case studies. Final assessment is through external examinations.

Choose this course if... you enjoy debating economic issues, such as inequality, immigration and how we should pay for healthcare, using and interpreting data to analyse economic problems, discussing alternative courses of action and keeping up-to-date with national and international trends.

Future steps: Studying Economics opens up a wide range of opportunities. It is a strong foundation for degrees in Economics and related subjects such as business, finance, politics, social sciences, history or engineering.

You will also develop valuable skills in critical thinking, problem-solving and data analysis that are highly regarded by universities and employers.

Many students go on to careers in areas such as banking, finance, accountancy, consulting and government, as well as higher and degree apprenticeships.

Note: To study Economics at a top university, A Level Mathematics is usually required.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- This subject requires GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 5 or above

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Mathematics, Business, Geography, Social Sciences and History.

Geography

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course will give you an understanding of the environmental challenges caused by our impact on the natural world, through climate change and hazards and also provide an insight into the effect of globalisation on human rights and trade.

On this course you will:

- Study both Human and Physical Geography
- Gain excellent numeracy, literacy, ICT, analytical, teamwork and problem-solving skills
- Carry out coastal and urban fieldwork, and have the option to travel abroad
- Develop specialist skills including cartography and statistical analysis
- Attend Royal Geographical Society and University of Exeter lectures

Assessment: Examination and a piece of independent fieldwork.

Choose this course if... you are fascinated by the world around you and how physical processes affect the vulnerability of people. Also, if you have an interest in the future of our planet due to the possible impacts of factors such as climate change. It is also ideal if you would like to pursue a career working on environmental issues, hazard management, cartography, development, town planning or teaching.

Future steps: This course is excellent preparation for Geography, other Humanities or Science related degrees.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- It is desirable, but not essential, to have studied GCSE Geography

See page 152 for Geology.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Geology and Environmental Science and also goes well with Business, English Language, Economics, Politics, Sociology, History or Law.

Early Modern History (1485-1799)

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course is for you if you are a keen historian and avid reader. It goes slightly further back in time to satisfy your thirst for knowledge. If you feel that you need a wider historical experience after having studied a lot of twentieth century history in school, then this could be the course that you are looking for.

On this course you will:

- Cover units on topics such as Britain (1625-1701) conflict, revolution and settlement, France in revolution (1774-1799), rebellion and disorder under the Tudors (1485-1603)
- Develop skills of research and show evidence of written arguments through independent research
- Attend guest lectures delivered by university professors from places such as the University of Exeter and University of Southampton
- Read widely and learn through research and discussion, as well as in lectures

Assessment: Written examination and by submission of a piece of coursework.

Choose this course if... you enjoy finding out about how and why historical events happen and what the consequences of these events are. Lessons are suited to those who enjoy debating and developing arguments about historical issues.

Future steps: This course is excellent preparation for a History degree. It is also ideal if you would like to pursue a career in the civil service, journalism, law and teaching, as well as specific history careers such as museum work and archaeology.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Politics, Classics, English Literature, Sociology and Law. Note you cannot take both Early and Later Modern History together.

Later Modern History (1780-1991)

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course is for you if you are keen to understand major events in the recent past and their ongoing impact today. You should be curious and willing to read widely to gain a depth of knowledge. This course will allow you to develop many of the themes that you will have enjoyed during GCSE History.

On this course you will:

- Cover units on topics such as Russia (1917-1991) from Lenin to Yeltsin, Mao's China (1949-1976), protest, agitation and parliamentary reform in Britain (1780-1928)
- Develop skills of research and show evidence of written arguments through independent research
- Attend field trips in the UK and overseas (we currently run a trip to Berlin every other year)
- Attend guest lectures delivered by university professors from places such as the University of Exeter and University of Southampton
- Read widely and learn through research and discussion, as well as in lectures

Assessment: Written examination and by submission of a piece of coursework.

Choose this course if... you enjoy finding out about how and why historical events happen and what the consequences of these events are. Lessons are suited to those who enjoy debating and developing arguments about historical issues.

Future steps: This course is excellent preparation for a History degree. It is also ideal for those wishing to pursue a career in the civil service, journalism, law and teaching.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Politics, Classics, English Literature, Sociology and Law. Note you cannot take both Early and Later Modern History together.

Law

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Law is a fascinating and challenging A Level that provides a fantastic insight into what it would be like to study Law at undergraduate level or undertaking a legal career such as an apprenticeship. It also provides a general introduction to the legal system and law making.

On this course you will:

- Consider key legal values such as human rights and equality before the law
- Study the foundations of the English legal system
- Study and apply criminal, tort and human rights law
- Hear from guest speakers such as local magistrates and have the opportunity to visit a law firm
- Be taught by Law specialists with excellent contacts in local law firms
- Learn through group discussion and practical problem-solving as well as in lectures and studying written materials

Assessment: Examination (two papers at the end of Year 1 and three papers at the end of Year 2).

Choose this course if... you are interested in pursuing further study in Law or a career in the legal sector. It is also a fascinating course if you are interested in current affairs and want to develop your understanding of them and why the law deals with things in certain ways. As with all A Levels, there is a lot of content and reading, and you will need a good memory for remembering case names!

Future steps: This course is excellent preparation for a Law degree or other humanities-related degrees. It also provides an excellent insight for those who wish to undertake a legal apprenticeship. Further professional training can lead to qualification as a barrister, solicitor or legal executive.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This course can be combined with any others subject (see page 188) and goes particularly well with subjects such as English and History which share similar skills. The course content also links well with Politics and Sociology.

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Philosophy

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

You will be introduced to studying philosophy as an academic subject, including current philosophical issues and philosophical methods. You will explore approaches to ethical decision making, whether the existence of God can be proven, whether we can really know anything and whether the mind and body are separate.

On this course you will:

- Develop your skills of critical analysis and learn how to construct persuasive, philosophical arguments
- Study modules in epistemology and moral philosophy, considering what we can really know as human beings and how we make moral decisions
- Study modules in the metaphysics of the mind and God, considering issues such as are the mind and body separate, and can we prove God exists?
- Have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers, as well as visits to universities and conferences. There is also a student-led Philosophy Society
- Have the chance to enter competitions such as the inter-schools Philosothon, the Ethics Cup or Ethics Olympiad

Assessment: There will be an internal examination at the end of Year 1 and external examinations at the end of Year 2. There is no AS Level qualification available for this subject.

Choose this course if... you enjoy questioning the world around you and are reticent to take what you are told at face value, also considering the big questions about what exists, morality and knowledge. If you are an avid reader and enjoy formulating arguments in written form (i.e. essay writing), this is the subject for you!

Future steps: This course supports applications to courses in the Humanities, Arts and Sciences. Philosophy students have gone on to journalism, the civil service, city firms, teaching, management consultancy, social work, and the law.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above
- This subject requires GCSE English Language and Maths at grade 5 or above

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any Humanities, Maths or Science based subjects - although it can fit very well with English Literature and the arts too.

Politics

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Politics is a diverse and challenging A Level. It will give you a clear understanding of the British political system in terms of who holds power, how we engage with everyday politics and how power is dispersed globally. It also comprises a comprehensive introduction to the major ideologies that have dominated political philosophy in the western world. In addition, you will examine international relations and its impact on global affairs.

On this course you will:

- Study the UK political system, focusing on democracy, party politics, voting behaviour and elections in the UK
- Learn about the UK constitution, parliament, powers of prime ministers, the role of the Supreme Court and its relationship with the European Union
- Study a range of political ideologies, including conservatism, liberalism and socialism
- Examine global politics and the relationship between states and non-state actors
- Encourage young people to meet with local politicians and have their voices heard

Assessment: There are three examinations at the end of the two-year course. However, all learners are given the opportunity to also gain an AS Level at the end of their first year.

Choose this course if... you have a curiosity about the world around you and have an interest in political ideas and global affairs.

Future steps: Politics A Level is a well-respected academic course that can lead to degrees such as Politics, International Relations, History and Law. Politics students have gone on to a wide variety of occupations, including journalism, the civil service, teaching, social work, think tanks and the law.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with many subjects including History, Law, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Economics, English and Business.

Psychology

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Psychology is a fascinating and unique subject introducing students to how the discipline can be applied to everyday life and the academic domain. The study of psychology is research led and demands scientific exploration and rigour.

On this course you will:

- Develop your scientific skills in research, analysis and the use of theory to develop explanations
- Study a range of topics, such as forensic psychology, schizophrenia, the psychology of gender and anxiety disorders, including obsessive compulsive disorder and phobias
- Debate topics, such as nature versus nurture
- Learn about the importance of attachment in child development
- Have the opportunity to discuss sensitive topic areas, for example, depression, schizophrenia, phobias and obsessive compulsive disorder

Assessment: There are two 90 minute exams in AS and three 120 minute exams at A Level.

Choose this course if... you have an inquisitive mind and enjoy evaluating and discussing concepts and research. This subject is considered a science, so a good level of scientific skills is essential.

Future steps: You could study Psychology or other Humanities subjects at university. Further academic study and professional training can lead to a career in education (teaching, educational psychology), business, the health service (example: nursing, physiotherapy, sports science, clinical psychology, occupational therapy, counselling), law, police force, forensic psychology, criminology or the prison service.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths
- This subject requires GCSE English Language at grade 5 or above and GCSE Biology or Science at grade 6 or above

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with Sociology, Business, Sport, Biology, Law, English and Drama.

Religious Studies

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course aims to introduce you to some of the key aspects of religion and ethical issues in contemporary society. It will also cover one major Eastern religion in some depth.

On this course you will:

- Explore the beliefs and practices of Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism
- Examine the role of Buddhism in the 21st century, such as whether it aligns with feminism and science
- Examine arguments for and against the existence of the Abrahamic God
- Consider the nature and genuineness of mystical experience
- Investigate religious language and the various ways it can be argued to be either meaningless or meaningful
- Explore the nature and historical impact of ethical theories, such as Natural Moral Law and Utilitarianism
- Investigate religious and secular concepts of Free Will and Determinism
- Improve your verbal and written skills while gaining confidence in public speaking
- Be expected to read widely and regularly on and around the subject and verbally participate in all aspects of the lessons

Assessment: Examination is essay based; these will take the form of either 'explain' or 'evaluate' questions.

Choose this course if... you enjoy academic debate, having your thinking seriously challenged and your vision of the world widened.

Future steps: The critical rigour of Religious Studies is excellent preparation for university level study in the Arts and Sciences and in professions that value problem-solving, independent thinking and creativity. Past students have gone on to study a range of academic subjects both in the Arts and Sciences.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with other Humanities subjects or sciences.

Sociology

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Sociology is the study of society and human social behaviour - the range of things that govern our interactions with one another. This course gives you knowledge about contemporary society, social processes and change.

On this course you will:

- Study units such as identity and culture, education, beliefs in society and crime and deviance
- Learn about different sociological perspectives, research methods and develop a sociological imagination
- Develop your own sociological awareness through wide reading and research and active engagement in the subject
- Operate in an environment of no right answers and learn to evaluate the usefulness of different theories and types of evidence
- Have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and there will be visits to universities and conferences

Assessment: There are two 90 minute exams at AS and three 120 minute exams at A Level.

Choose this course if... you enjoy questioning the world around you and your place within it, analysing everyday issues and institutions, debating and discussing current affairs, nationally and globally.

Future steps: The analytical and interpretative skills you acquire are excellent preparation for university. Your high social awareness will be useful in a range of occupations.

Further academic study and professional training can lead to a career in education (teaching), business (marketing/advertising), the caring professions (nursing, social care, social work), public services (police, probation, prison services, local council), or problem-solving careers (data analysts).

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with History, Business, Politics, Law, Geography, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Psychology, Economics, Media Studies, and English Literature and Language

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

I feel like the International Baccalaureate (IB) gave me the opportunity to continue a lot of my interests a bit longer, and not narrow down as quickly. And also, I felt that being in small groups and having the same group for each class, which is what you have in IB, would be better from a social perspective. The wider breadth of subjects that you look at for IB is best suited to me because I never feel like I want to focus on just one or two things. I like looking at the world from a lot of different perspectives.

Abel, studying the International Baccalaureate. Previously studied at Sands School.

This is an excellent, internationally recognised qualification, ideal for those interested in pursuing an exciting and wide-ranging programme of study in six academic subjects, including Maths, English, Science, a Humanity and a Modern Foreign Language. In today's world, an interdisciplinary course like the International Baccalaureate (IB) offers a brilliant platform into university level, be that in the UK or overseas, and/or into employment, where employers are looking for a diverse skill set. Its core elements, which include Theory of Knowledge, a 4,000-word Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) portfolio - ensure that IB students graduate from a holistic programme which will act as a strong foundation for the rest of their lives. The course is equivalent to a full A Level programme and involves exams and coursework.

We are a supportive community, and you will be taught in small classes with experienced and inspiring teachers and a whole range of materials to help you learn. You will be a member of a tutor group and will be expected to learn in a multitude of ways, from group presentations and individual research to class discussion, field trips, language residentials, cultural visits, guest speakers, and much more. Our students go on to study at a wide range of university level providers, with many going on to Russell Group Universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, as well as studying overseas. Many will take a gap year, often using their language skills to work or volunteer. Some take an Art Foundation course; others go on to apprenticeship degrees. The IB is a highly regarded qualification, and recent research indicates that most UK universities view it particularly favourably, citing high success rates for their IB graduates. This programme of study takes place at the Hele Road site and the Maths and Science Centre. See pages 168-171 for the map.

As part of the IB's team building exercises we organise trips to Haven Banks Outdoor Centre to take part in activities such as raft building, climbing and kayaking. From Summer 2026 we have also introduced a residential trip in the South West to further enable students to take part in activities that will contribute to their CAS portfolio. In addition to this many of our students participate in the trips and activities laid on by being members of the Reach Academy and our language teachers endeavour to hold residentials to France, Italy, Spain and Germany so that Language IB students can practice their speaking skills. Academically, fieldwork is carried out in Geography and Environmental Sciences in the local area as well as a visit to RAMM for Theory of Knowledge.

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International Baccalaureate

Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This qualification allows you to study six subjects, three at Higher Level (HL) and three at Standard Level (SL), across a wide range of disciplines spanning languages, humanities, maths and sciences as outlined below. As well as the core comprising of Theory of Knowledge, a 4000-word Extended Essay and a portfolio of Creativity, Activity, Service/Voluntary activities, known as CAS.

IB students take ONE subject from each of the six groups below:

Group 1 Language
- English Literature (HL and SL)
- English Language and Literature (HL and SL)

Group 2 Second Language
- French B (HL and SL)
- German ab initio (SL only)
- German B (SL only)
- Spanish B (HL and SL)

Group 3 Individuals and Societies (Humanities)
- Geography (HL and SL)
- History (HL and SL)

Group 4 Sciences
- Biology (HL and SL)
- Physics (HL and SL)
- Environmental Systems and Societies (SL only)

Group 5 Mathematics *
- Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation (HL and SL)

Group 6 Electives
- Chemistry (HL and SL)
- Global Politics (HL and SL)
- Psychology (HL and SL)

On this course you will:
- Study six subjects, along with a Theory of Knowledge course
- Research a topic of special interest and complete an Extended Essay, with one-to-one supervision
- Have residential opportunities
- Take part in field trips, theatre visits, conferences and other excursions
- Collate and submit a portfolio of Creativity, Activity, Service/ Voluntary activities which you have undertaken inside and out of College (known as CAS)

Please note: While we expect to run most if not all of the subjects listed, a minimum number of applicants per subject is required to ensure viability.

Assessment: You will be assessed through a combination of exams and internal assessment of your oral, written and practical coursework.

Choose the International Baccalaureate if...
- You enjoy learning about new subjects in an open, exploratory environment
- You want to keep your options open post-College
- You like to learn in small groups with experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic teachers
- You would like to join a College programme which goes beyond academic study and includes plenty of enrichment opportunities, as well as weekly critical thinking lessons (Theory of Knowledge) and a supervised Research Essay, giving the opportunity to study a subject of personal interest with one-to-one specialist supervision
- You would like to belong to a close-knit, internationally-minded community with students and staff from around the world
- You are interested in progressing to a top university, either in the UK or overseas
- You want to make new, often like-minded friends
- You are interested in learning how to learn better

Future steps: The course is recognised and welcomed by all universities in Britain and most universities across the world and prepares you for nearly all courses, depending on your choice of subjects. Our current average point score (35), which is above the world average, matches and even surpasses the entry requirements for several Russell Group universities, including Birmingham and Manchester.

Recent destinations of IB students include the University of Oxford to study Psychology, the University of Warwick to study History and Politics, the University of Liverpool to study Medicine, the UCL to study Arts and Science and the University of Exeter to study English.

Entry requirements:
- Eight GCSEs at grade 6 or above, including English Language and Maths
- For certain subjects (especially higher level) you will need higher grades, for instance, a minimum GCSE grade of 7 for higher level Languages or Sciences. If you want to study a language that you have not studied before, you can follow the language for beginners (ab initio) course without a GCSE in that language

***What does the Maths course involve/What kind of Maths is it?**

Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation focuses on statistics and technology and is best suited to social scientists. This course would also be suitable for Medicine applicants.

How can I pursue an engineering pathway in the IB?

When Maths is taken in combination with Physics, this will open an Engineering pathway to some universities. It is recommended that for Engineering both Maths and Physics are taken at HL. It is also recommended that you check that the Engineering course you wish to apply for at university will accept Maths Applications and Interpretations.

Xanthe, studying the International Baccalaureate. Previously studied at Colyton Grammar School.

Scan the QR code to watch a video about the IB.

LANGUAGES

I love the challenge of learning another language and expanding my knowledge of different cultures around the world. I enjoy the variety of topics that we cover, from cyberspace, gastronomy, protests, and racism - the curriculum is great at making us learn about every aspect of the country and culture. Additionally, I enjoy our Independent Research Project where we can research anything related to the Spanish speaking world. My highlight of this course would definitely be our Seville trip in November when we got to stay with a Spanish family. We also attended a language school to practice our speaking skills and cultural knowledge.

Dylan, studying A Level Art and Design (Photography), Spanish and Maths. Previously studied at The Spires College.

Our exceptional language courses will expand your horizons by developing new or existing language skills and providing insight into the cultures and traditions of other countries. These courses are held at our Hele Road site; refer to pages 168-171 for a map.

Languages students have the chance to go on a trip abroad during their programme. Spanish students spend a week in Seville, French students visit Nice and German students travel to Berlin, subject to numbers. As well as this, we have a strong relationship with the Languages department of the University of Exeter. As a result, students have benefitted from a wide variety of events organised by the University, such as trying out food and languages from different cultures, attending talks given by notable former students, and participating in the biannual translation festival. University lecturers have also visited the College to speak about careers for language students, and we are always keen to respond to any opportunity for wider cultural engagement. For example, in recent years, Spanish students have travelled to London to watch the performance in Spanish of the A Level set text La Casa De Bernarda Alba, and students of A Level French have taken part in both physical and email exchanges with students from a school in Brest.

The Languages Club aims to raise awareness of the multilingual nature of our community, and to foster a love of learning languages. Students who join the club can play an active role in campaigns around the College and share their language skills in an informal setting. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

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French

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course constitutes an integrated study with a focus on language, culture and society. It fosters a range of transferable skills, including communication, critical thinking and creativity.

On this course you will:

- Learn about many aspects of life in contemporary France and the Francophonie
- Learn from a native speaker and may have the opportunity to travel to France
- Watch French films and read French literature
- Increase your range of vocabulary and improve your understanding of grammar
- Research an area of particular interest in your individual project
- Acquire a deeper cultural awareness of French speaking communities

Assessment: Includes an oral examination and two written tasks including listening, reading, writing and translation.

Choose this course if... you enjoy communicating with other people, have a good memory, and find problem-solving stimulating.

Future steps: You could go on to study at university, whether you specialise in French or combine the language with another subject. A Level languages are always attractive to university admissions tutors. Languages are also useful in many careers, such as leisure and tourism, teaching, journalism, business, politics and international law.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 6 or above in GCSE French. Other experience in French may be taken into account

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with another foreign language and with A Levels in English Language, English Literature, Film Studies, Geography, History, Sociology or any other subject which may lead to an international career.

German

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

You will develop your German language ability by practising listening, speaking, reading and writing. You will improve your knowledge of vocabulary and grammar and become more confident in using your German, while learning more about the German-speaking world.

On this course you will:

- Learn to discuss, debate and express your views on the themes to be explored
- Watch German films and read German literature
- Have access to a wide range of online materials to support your learning
- Possibly have the opportunity to travel to Germany
- Work with native speakers
- Research an area of particular interest in an independent project

Assessment: Externally assessed oral and written examinations, with listening, reading, grammar translation tasks and essays.

Choose this course if... you are interested in German culture, history, literature and politics and if you are passionate about communication (using vocabulary to express yourself) and learning how language works (finding out about and using grammar).

Future steps: You could progress to study at university or find a job where you can use your language skills, which are in great demand. Languages are valued in many careers such as business, tourism, teaching, banking, politics, translation and interpreting, broadcasting and journalism.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 6 or above in GCSE German. Other experience in German may be taken into account.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with English Language, Business, Music, Art and Design, Film and Video, English Literature, Maths and all Sciences, Economics, Geography, Geology and, if you are a linguist, another language A Level.

Spanish

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course builds on the knowledge and skills you have acquired at GCSE, to help you express yourself more spontaneously in the language, while learning more about the Spanish-speaking world.

On this course you will:

- Become more fluent in Spanish and gain the confidence to express your ideas
- Learn about many aspects of life in contemporary Spain and South America, such as gender equality or today's multicultural society
- Study highlights of Hispanic culture, such as the diverse food, fiestas and languages of Spain's regions or the cultural heritage of past civilisations
- Study a Spanish film and a play
- Work from original source documents, including online media, films and television programmes
- Explore an area of particular interest in the Spanish-speaking world in an individual research project
- Increase your range of vocabulary and improve your understanding of grammar
- Practice oral Spanish in small groups with our Language Assistant
- Have the opportunity to take part in a study visit to Seville in southern Spain

Assessment: Includes an oral examination and two written papers, including listening, reading, writing and translation.

Choose this course if... you enjoy learning about the cultures and societies of the Spanish-speaking world, if you like learning by doing and if you like to be active in class and don't mind giving things a go and taking risks.

Future steps: Some students go on to study a foreign language at university and may choose to specialise in an area of language such as translation, interpreting or language teaching. Many students combine a language with another area of interest such as law, engineering or business, among many other possibilities. This enables them to establish a career abroad or with international companies.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish. Other experience in Spanish may be taken into account

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with English Language, Business, English Literature, Film Studies, Politics, French, German, Geography and History, which all overlap in different ways. Languages are required alongside other skills in a wide range of workplaces so almost any combination is very useful. Scientists with a proficiency in another language are particularly in demand, and languages give the chance to pursue many careers abroad.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Mia, studying A Level Media Studies, French and Graphics. Previously studied at Chulmleigh College.

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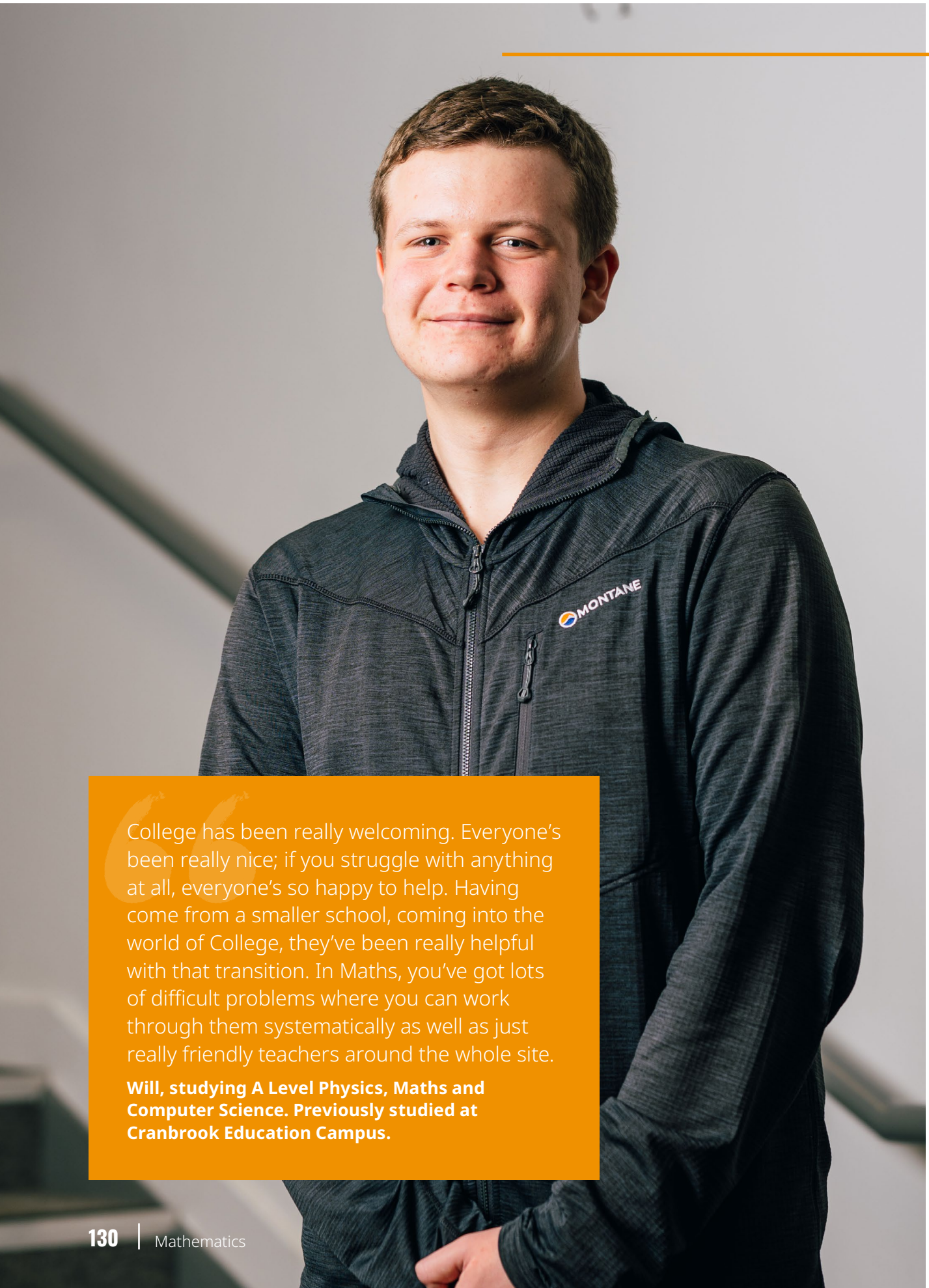
MATHEMATICS



College has been really welcoming. Everyone's been really nice; if you struggle with anything at all, everyone's so happy to help. Having come from a smaller school, coming into the world of College, they've been really helpful with that transition. In Maths, you've got lots of difficult problems where you can work through them systematically as well as just really friendly teachers around the whole site.

Will, studying A Level Physics, Maths and Computer Science. Previously studied at Cranbrook Education Campus.

Our Maths courses are fantastic, whether you wish to broaden your skills from GCSE to support your A levels, or to delve deeply into the world of mathematics, we have courses available to suit your needs.

You will mainly study in our specialist Maths classrooms in the Ted Wragg building on the main Hele Road site, with a wealth of study areas and other resources.

The Maths team offers additional opportunities such as guest speakers, competitions including the annual Maths Challenge, and a range of interesting Extend courses for A Level learners. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra and page 13 for information about Extend.

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Core Maths

Level 3 Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 3

This course will develop your mathematical skills beyond GCSE. Maths is vital in the modern world and is increasingly important in a wide range of careers. It sits well alongside almost any three A Levels that include any mathematical content. It is equivalent to an AS Level, but with a greater emphasis on applications rather than abstract mathematical techniques. It really makes you stand out from the crowd and gives you a sound understanding of how data and statistics is used to inform every area of our lives.

On this course you will:

- Learn to apply Maths to address problems and questions in the real-world
- Develop the skills to represent or model situations mathematically
- Use Maths and statistics to make logical and reasoned arguments in a variety of contexts

Assessment: Examination at the end of the year.

Choose this course if... you enjoy using Maths where you can see how it is applied, rather than doing abstract algebra, and if you want to strengthen your Maths for your other subjects.

Future steps: You can go on to further study, training or employment with stronger Maths skills. The transferable skills of numeracy, mathematical modelling and problem-solving skills are highly desirable. It is particularly valuable to prepare you for any degree course or career where data analysis, statistics (for example, in humanities and social science courses) or logical problem-solving is required.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any course with some mathematical content such as Environmental Science, Geology or other Sciences, Economics, Psychology, Geography, Business Studies or other Humanities or Social Science subjects.

This course cannot be taken alongside A Level Maths.

Note: This is a one year course only and not a full A Level. This is equivalent to a fourth subject. You can study it in Year 1 and it would count as your Extend option. Some students add it as an additional course in their second Year alongside their 3 A Levels.

Mathematics

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course is ideal if you enjoy Maths and wish to develop your skills. It will take your mathematical knowledge to the next stage, with the study of Pure and Applied Mathematics.

On this course you will:

- Focus on fundamental techniques, such as algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus (differentiation and integration)
- Develop excellent analytical skills through your study of statistics, including use of large data sets
- Learn how to use mechanics, including Newton's laws of motion, to solve physical problems involving motion and forces
- Access individual support at weekly drop in sessions

Assessment: Examination at the end of the year.

Choose this course if... you enjoy Maths and want to develop the skills gained at GCSE, particularly the more abstract elements of algebra. Definitely choose it if you want to go to university to study a mathematical course.

Future steps: Mathematics is an essential qualification for most Economics, Maths, Computer Science, Physics and Engineering degrees and strongly supports many other courses including Biology and Chemistry as well as working alongside subjects such as Business Studies, Geography, Geology, Environmental Science and Psychology.

Future job roles might include engineering, computer scientist, accountant, actuary, finance, data analyst. Maths is a very strong subject that supports progression in a wide range of diverse careers.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language
- This subject requires GCSE Maths at grade 6 or above and GCSE Physics at grade 6 or above (or Combined Science at grade 66)

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with mathematically based courses, such as Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Environmental Science. It is very highly recommended for computer science, economics or physics, and is essential to progress with those subjects at university.

Double Mathematics (Mathematics plus further Mathematics)

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

If you really love exploring mathematical relationships and are very strong at Mathematics, you are encouraged to take Further Mathematics in addition to Mathematics A Level. This is taken as Double Mathematics, where you will study A Level Mathematics in your first year (and sit an AS Level in Maths) and study A Level Further Mathematics in your second year. You will have twice the number of Maths lessons per week and after 2 years gain A Levels in both Maths and Further Maths.

On this course you will:

- Build rapidly on the mathematics you learn at GCSE level particularly in abstract algebra
- Take units in pure and applied Mathematics, including statistics and mechanics
- Be able to attend drop-in Mathematics workshops with one-to-one support to supplement lectures
- Have the opportunity to take part in a Maths challenge

Assessment: Examination at the end of the year.

Choose this course if... you love Maths and want to do more of it! It is excellent preparation for a mathematically based degree at top universities, giving you an advantage in your understanding when you start your next steps. It will also help you stand out from the crowd when you apply.

Future steps: Mathematics is a valuable qualification for scientific and engineering degrees and has links with many other subjects including Computer Science, Geography, Economics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics and Psychology. Future job roles might include those similar to Maths A Level as above, but taking Further Maths will greatly strengthen your progression to top universities particularly in areas such as maths, physics, engineering and computer science related courses.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language
- This subject requires GCSE Maths at grade 7 or above and GCSE Physics at grade 7 or Combined Science at grade 77.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Economics, Geography, Politics, Environmental Science, Sociology and Modern Foreign Languages.

Freddie, studying A Level Maths, Further Maths and Physics. Previously studied at West Exe School.

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MEDIA AND FILM

When I was first picking my courses I was really stuck between doing Journalism and TV and Film, but the College was brilliant in helping me choose which course would best suit me and my interests. Day-to-day, you're researching your current project and story, planning interviews with experts, using equipment to record both in the studio and out on location, filling in planning documents, and using industry-standard software such as the Adobe Suite. The facilities are incredible, we have a fully equipped TV and radio studio with high-tech equipment. Support has been incredible. I think it's a nice combination of independent work on your side but support from your tutor and teachers when you need it. My tutor is always checking up on us and making sure we're on track.

Adam, studying the UAL Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production (Print Journalism and Social Media). Previously studied at Queen Elizabeth Community College.

If you are interested in film, radio, podcasting, TV, digital or print media or would like to explore the theoretical and practical issues of media, then our exciting Media and Film courses are ideal for you. Based in the Centre for Creative Industries, we have both A Levels and full-time vocational courses to choose from as well as the T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production. Our staff have backgrounds in media production, post-production, advertising or design. You will get the chance to use industry-standard equipment including our 'Blackmagic' TV studio, editing and foley suite and radio station.

You will get the chance to use the TV studios, use industry-standard software in our editing facilities and take part in many production projects throughout the year, as well as contributing to our annual shows, such as the Exeter College Oscars, final project screenings and much more. There is also an opportunity for you to be involved with productions in our audio suite or you could join the Digital Media Academy, see page 176.

Our Media and Film students have access to sector-leading industry speakers to support them to progress to industry, higher education and university. Students have opportunities to collaborate with industry practitioners on Live News Day events as well as visit studios such as the BBC Studios. BBC staff collaborate with our learners and staff to provide a line of sight experience for learners keen to engage with industry experts. Learners can take part in the Radio EXtra club working with industry professionals as well as the Scriptwriting Extend or TV and Film EXtra Club where they learn how to use our impressive TV Studios.

See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra and page 13 for information about Extend.

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Media and IT

Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 1

If you are looking for a career that uses creative IT in the workplace, this course will give you an excellent foundation.

On this course you will:

- Take part in work experience
- Use digital communication technologies
- Shoot a short film
- Create an animation
- Design a website
- Work in a team
- Learn basic code and make your own computer game

Assessment: You will have assignments, coursework and presentations, with tests for your English and Maths.

Choose this course if... you have an aptitude for computers and are looking to pursue a career in creative IT or Media.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in creative IT or Media is really important

Please note: this course takes place in The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

Creative Media Production and Technology

LEVEL 2

Level 2 Diploma (UAL) | Duration: 1 year

This practical course will develop your technical skills and experience in a variety of media products, professional equipment and creative activities.

On this course you will:

- Analyse media products and present research on media techniques
- Produce film trailers, advertising and music videos
- Take part in trips to local cinemas, media companies or TV studios
- Work in our purpose built CCI building using industry-standard production equipment, including our 4K TV studio
- Develop transferable skills in communication, writing, teamwork, problem-solving and creativity

Assessment: You will be assessed on a portfolio of evidence created during practical and written assignments.

Choose this course if... you enjoy film making, camera work, editing and being creative.

Future steps: You could progress to the Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology before seeking a role in the industry or continuing your studies at university.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs (or equivalent such as a Merit in a Level 1 qualification) at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will also need a strong interest in the media and an interest in getting hands on experience in making films as part of a team

Level 3 Journalism (UAL Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

LEVEL 3

Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma (UAL) | Duration: 2 year

This course is designed for those who want to develop a career in journalism and the publishing industry. It will focus on many aspects of both digital, multi-media and print journalism, including magazine design, podcasting and photography.

On this course you will:

- Develop practical and creative skills through a variety of assignments, such as news and feature writing, photojournalism, magazine/newspaper design and production, documentary and podcasts
- Find out how to conduct interviews for print and online outlets
- Create designs using industry-standard software such as InDesign
- Develop photography and audio recording and editing skills
- Work with professionals from the BBC and the Met Office, among others
- Research writing skills and journalism law

Assessment: The course has no exam and you are assessed continuously over the two years of the course.

Choose this course if... you enjoy writing, photography and investigative journalism.

This course is ideal if you have a keen interest in current affairs and would like a career in roles such as magazine editor, documentary maker, researcher, photo journalist, sports journalist, marketing and advertising.

Future steps: You could go on to university level to study a Journalism degree or a Communications, PR or Marketing degree. You could also get a job in the journalism and publishing industry or an apprenticeship through companies such as the BBC and Sky Academy.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will need a keen interest in journalism

Level 3 TV and Film (UAL Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

LEVEL 3

Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma (UAL) | Duration: 2 years

This course is designed to prepare you for work in the film and TV industry.

On this course you will:

- Develop your research, practical and creative skills in pre-production, production and post-production
- Use industry-standard equipment including our 'Blackmagic' TV studio, editing and Foley suites and a radio station
- Produce projects in film, advertising, TV drama (including scriptwriting), documentary, music video and experimental film
- Train in the use of HD DV, DSLR cameras and other specialist media equipment
- Learn from professional guest speakers and take part in trips to film festivals, screenings, conferences and exhibitions
- Have your final major project screened in a public cinema environment

Assessment: Coursework and productions. During the course you will collaborate as part of different production teams. Your final assessment will be an opportunity to plan, develop and create your own individual creative media production.

Choose this course if... you enjoy exploring moving image work in all its forms, taking ownership of your own creative ideas and working in a dynamic team environment.

Future steps: Students typically move on to further study in film and TV at university or employment in the creative industries. Some have gone on to start their own corporate film production companies or work as freelancers.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will need a keen interest in creative media
- You should choose this course if you are considering future work in the creative industries

Media, Broadcast and Production

LEVEL 3

T Level | Duration: 2 years

A T Level programme consists of expert training in practical skills as well as a substantial industry placement to practise those skills and gain valuable experience.

On this course you will:

- Gain valuable skills to support career progression into the sector ranging from TV technician, production assistant, director, producer, and camera operator to name a few
- Use industry-standard equipment including our 'Blackmagic' 4K TV studio, editing and Foley suites and a radio station
- Explore the creative economy and how individuals can succeed in the creative industries through a wide range of practical and theoretical sessions
- Benefit from a work experience placement in video production houses, animation studios and advertising agencies
- Engage with BBC professionals to develop industry skills and knowledge

Assessment: You will be assessed through your core knowledge and understanding, an employer-set project and occupational specialisms. These include to plan, prepare, source and generate media assets, assemble, edit and finalise media assets, and prepare, package and deliver edited media assets. Learners will sit a core exam in the first year as well as an employer-set project.

Choose this course if... you want practical, hands-on experience which will support you with a direct line of sight into industry and are interested in developing your technical skills and expertise.

Future steps: This is an excellent choice for learners who are looking to progress directly into industry. The T Level is also recognised by UCAS to support applications to study at university. Future job roles might include broadcast systems technical operator, production assistant, content creator and broadcast engineer.

Entry requirements:

- Six GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Learners progressing from a Level 2 course will need a BTEC/UAL Diploma with a good Merit profile, along with English Language and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above

Film and Video - Art, Craft and Design

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

Are you a budding creative filmmaker? If so, then this course offers an excellent career start. This course is designed to build your creative film making and editing skills. Under the Art, Craft and Design specification, there is an emphasis on individual creativity.

On this course you will:

- Experiment with different film styles with our industry-standard equipment
- Learn how to analyse films in Hollywood and art-cinema forms, and apply these ideas to your own work
- Work with musicians, actors, artists and local arts organisations such as Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Exeter Phoenix
- Visit centres of excellence such as the Bill Douglas Centre, Harry Potter World and We The Curious

Assessment: Your work will be assessed informally throughout the course. Your final grade is determined by an external moderator, end of course assessment of the portfolio unit and an externally set assignment unit.

Choose this course if... you want to find your own style as a creative filmmaker. Many film and digital art students have gone on to win or be shortlisted for regional, national and international short film competitions, which you will be encouraged to take part in throughout the course.

Future steps: You could progress to specialist courses at Exeter College, including a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Alternatively, a university degree in your chosen area of interest or pursue a career path in film or animation.

There is a strong progression rate to film and digital art degrees from this programme. Future job roles might include animator, music video maker, game designer, film editor, audio visual designer, videographer, cinematographer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Grade 4 or above in GCSE Art is preferable
- Some experience of film, video or artwork would be useful, but is not essential

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme, however it cannot be taken alongside AS Fine Art.

Film Studies

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

What do Scorsese, Coppola and Lucas have in common? They all studied films before they started making them. This course allows you to study different genres of film, while also producing your own material.

On this course you will:

- Deepen your appreciation of cinema and understanding of the historical, political and cultural context of films
- Study contemporary Hollywood and British film, world cinema and the classics
- Have the opportunity to go on the New York media trip
- Critically analyse film extracts
- Develop your own screenplays
- Use industry-standard equipment, including HD equipment and Adobe Premiere Pro

Assessment: Coursework and examination - 70% examination based on two exam papers and 30% coursework where learners create their own production.

Choose this course if... you enjoy studying, watching and writing about films from different time periods, alongside creating your own film-based productions.

Future steps: You could progress to university level study in a variety of film/media theoretical or practical courses, you could attempt to gain employment in the creative industries in a plethora of practical options ranging from screenwriting to all aspects of filmmaking.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- You will need a keen interest in different kinds of film

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with Media Studies, Humanities courses, Art and Design courses and Languages (including English).

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Media Studies

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

What do you think of Childish Gambino's view of America? How much does the media shape the way you think? This course allows you to study different forms of media while producing your own material.

On this course you will:

- Study a range of TV series, advertising, magazines, video games and radio texts, both old and new
- Learn production skills to make a music video, magazine or a TV extract
- Apply analytical and critical skills in discussion and essays
- Consider how different audiences interpret media texts in different ways
- Explore how different groups are represented in the media
- Consider how historical and social contexts impact on both texts and their audiences

Assessment: Coursework and examination. There are two full written examinations both worth 35% each of the overall mark. Coursework is worth 30% of the overall mark, and learners create a practical production.

Choose this course if... you enjoy exploring issues and current debates that impact on the media.

Future steps: You could progress on to university level study. Past students work in TV, comedy production, marketing, public relations and teaching.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- In addition, you should have a strong interest in one of the major forms of media

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with Film Studies, English, History, Sociology, Art, Photography and Graphics.

Jas, studying A Level Media Studies, Art and Design (Photography) and Graphics. Previously studied at St Johns International School Sidmouth.

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MUSIC

I love the amount of practical work we get to do. We research genres and music theory too, but all of that eventually relates back to what you're playing and how you express yourself on your instrument. We do a lot of groundwork and look at music history but we're given proper time to develop ourselves as instrumentalists and songwriters. The College put together performance opportunities for us, they give us a good chance to show everybody what we've been working on. This course definitely helped me get into the Paul McCartney School of Music in Liverpool. The main thing I have learned on this course is how to work with other people as a musician.

Charlie, studying the UAL Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production (Performance) - Level 3. Previously studied at Teign - Kingsteignton.

Our dedicated facilities in the Centre for Music and Performance provide a specialist space for you to explore, compose and perform music. In our studio production facilities, you will be able to use industry-standard equipment, both for multi-track recording and sequencing.

We recommend that all music performance students continue to support their studies with instrumental or vocal lessons - Exeter College offers competitively priced instrumental and vocal lessons with some of the county's leading professional musicians.

Find out about our fantastic Music Academy - see page 176 for more information.

There are five music pathways which cover both music performance and production including our full-time programmes, and those that can be studied alongside other A levels. We also offer a range of EXtra Music groups which are open to students from across the College. These are our Orchestra, Big Band, Jazz Project, Rock Project and Student Choir. Our newest offer, 'The Producers Toolkit' is an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in developing music technology and production skills. As part of these groups, you will have the opportunity to work alongside other musicians and perform at various events during the year including at Exeter Phoenix and Exeter Cathedral. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

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Music Performance and Production (Music Technology/Production Pathway)

UAL Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course offers you a broad range of study if you are hoping to pursue a career in music.

On this course you will:

- Learn music production skills using Logic Pro X and Ableton. You will develop your beat-making skills and recording studio production techniques
- Develop skills that will help you to explore opportunities for employment in the music industry, such as Live Sound Engineering and DJing, and further study
- Use an array of equipment, including two fully-equipped recording studios, Moog and Korg Synthesisers, Pioneer DDJ-400s, and Novation Launchpads
- Work with like-minded producers, singers, rappers, and musicians on music projects of your choice
- Create music across a wide range of genres that suit your style, including Hip Hop, Rock, DnB, House, Jazz and Techno Develop a large ambitious music project of your choice at venues, such as the Exeter Phoenix
- Benefit from our strong links with music industry professionals to gain work experience and plan your career by attending the many talks and workshops offered

Assessment: Coursework based and a combination of completing practical activities and written work. This might include the creation of an album of original material, putting on a music event, creating a blog to analyse music development or evaluate projects, etc. All assessment is tied into larger scale projects and made as industry relevant as possible.

Choose this course if... you have an interest in music production, recording processes, live performance and live sound engineering and have a strong motivation for studying music at university level or entering the music industry.

Future steps: You could progress to study Music Production, Recording Studio Techniques, DJing, Live Sound Engineering, Music Business, Songwriting, Composition or Film/TV/Game Music Composition at university or enter the music industry. Future job roles might include DJ, film composer, producer, sound technician or recording engineer.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- You should also evidence one or more of the following:
- Previous experience using a DAW such as Logic Pro X, FL Studio, Ableton, etc
- Practical experience of studio or Live Sound Engineering
- Experience of DJing
- An appreciation and understanding for the art of music production and its processes
- The ability to sing or play an instrument to a comfortable level is desirable, but not essential

Music Performance and Production (Performance Pathway)

UAL Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course offers you a broad range of study if you are hoping to pursue a career in music.

On this course you will:

- Work towards performances
- Create original music developing songwriting and composition skills
- Create recordings involving music production, recording and sequencing skills
- Learn about the wider music industry and the opportunities it offers
- Develop specialist skills such as music theory, advance performance/production skills such as solo performance/ audition repertoire, sound design, etc
- Work on large collaborative projects with others to launch yourself publicly or others as artists, bands or producers, etc
- Prepare to progress into the music industry or higher education
- Develop a large ambitious music project of your choice at venues such as the Exeter Phoenix
- Benefit from our strong links with music industry professionals to gain work experience and plan your career by attending the many talks and workshops offered
- Have access to our professional-standard equipment and facilities

Assessment: Coursework based and a combination of completing practical activities and written work. This might include the creation of an album of original material, putting on a showcase performance, creating a blog to analyse music development or evaluate projects, etc. All assessment is tied into larger scale projects and made as industry relevant as possible.

Choose this course if... you live and breathe music and have a strong motivation for studying music at university level or entering the music industry.

Future steps: You could progress to study Music Performance, Music Production, Commercial Music, Music Business, Songwriting, Composition or Film/TV/Game Music Composition at university, or enter the music industry. Future job roles might include performer, music journalist, session musician, songwriter, instrumental teacher, musicologist or film composer.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- You will also need to play an instrument with confidence and intermediate skill, assessed through an audition at interview. You should be approximately Grade 4 level, however, you do not need to have taken the exam. Speak to your instrument/ music teacher if you are unsure about this
- Vocalists are encouraged to learn either piano or guitar to support their studies
- You should also have a basic knowledge of music notation pitch and basic rhythm. More advanced knowledge is preferable

Emily, studying UAL Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production (Performance). Previously studied at West Exe School.

Emily, studying A Level Music, Media Studies and Sociology. Previously studied at Uffculme School.

Music

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

Studying this course will give you an understanding of the techniques of performance, harmony and composition, and a historical perspective on a wide variety of music styles and traditions. Some parts of the course focus on the Western Classical Tradition, but one of the most appealing aspects is the way it blends both breadth and depth. It supports learners to become well-rounded musicians who can take the next steps in this area or apply highly desirable and transferable skills to other disciplines and professional scenarios. With both coursework and a written exam, Year 1 culminates in the AS qualification and this content is developed further in Year 2.

On this course you will:

- Perform, compose and critically appraise music throughout the course
- Join orchestras, choirs, bands and other groups
- Take trips to professional concerts
- Practise in our purpose-built recording studios, rehearsal suites and performance areas

Assessment: You will be assessed by a combination of coursework (60%), including a performance recital and composition portfolio, and by an end of year written examination (40%).

Choose this course if... you are enthusiastic and curious about a wide range of musical styles and genres and want to explore these in much greater detail through performance, composition and musical analysis.

Future steps: You could go on to a university or music conservatoire or work in areas such as performance, composition, music teaching, music journalism or music therapy. Future job roles might include musician, musicologist, instrumental teacher, composer or music journalist.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires Music at grade 6 (if taken), and/or grade 5 theory, along with previous participation in music ensembles would be an advantage
- You must be able to read standard music notation confidently and be familiar with both treble and bass clefs
- You should be able to perform at a standard equivalent to grade 4/5. In the absence of exam certificates, evidence will be required of the standard of performance achieved

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with any other courses which make up a full-time programme.

Music (Performance)

BTEC Level 3 National Certificate/Extended Certificate | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

If you already have performing experience and would like to consolidate your musical skills in a practical, industry relevant way, then this course is ideal.

On this course you will:

- Take part in performances culminating in a final performance
- Learn about the music industry
- Study practical units which focus on developing musical and stylistic awareness, ensemble and solo performance skills as well as general musicianship and technical skills
- Study music theory to provide the underlying knowledge and skills required to work in the music industry
- Study composing and songwriting
- Undertake a recording project in the second year

Assessment: Coursework and external assessment. Coursework could include a range of submission types such as videoed performances, Viva Voce presentations and written work.

Choose this course if... you enjoy music and performance and want to expand your creative musicianship skills and theory knowledge.

Future steps: Many students who complete this course progress to university to study subjects such as popular music and songwriting. Future job roles might include songwriter, performer, session musician, composer or instrumental teacher.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- A good intermediate performance standard is required on an instrument or voice (at equivalent to grade 4/5)
- You will do a short solo performance in the first week in which you will demonstrate an appropriate level of technical skill and musicality
- Singers are strongly advised to learn the piano or guitar
- You must also have a good basic understanding of music theory and notation. You do not need to be able to read music fluently, however, you must know basic pitch (notes) and rhythm notation

This course can be combined with two other A Levels (see page 188) and goes well with A Level Music or any other A Level course.

Music Technology (Production)

BTEC Level 3 Certificate/Extended Certificate | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This course will take your experience of music and sound production to the next level. You must have a keen interest in sequencing, recording and performance.

On this course you will:

- Learn a range of production techniques and apply them to different music styles and genres
- Use music technology to support real media and performance projects
- Practise sound creation and manipulation
- Work in our industry-standard recording studios and Mac suites
- Carry out individual research and presentation alongside your practical work
- Develop your knowledge of the music industry

Assessment: Coursework and external assessment. Coursework will cover a range of DAW project work covering: Practical work e.g. designing sound effects, writing music to a brief, vlogs, written and verbal evaluations.

Choose this course if... you are interested in exploring sound design, creative recording and production techniques.

Future steps: In your second year, you can progress to the Level 3 Extended Certificate then you could go on to university level study in Music Technology or Production. Future job roles might include film composer, live sound technician, studio engineer, mixing and mastering engineer, music producer or sound designer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- The ability to sing or play an instrument to a comfortable standard is desirable
- Previous experience with some form of sequencing and recording software is advantageous, for example, Logic Pro, Cubase, Pro Tools, Garage Band and Fruity Loops

This course can be combined with two other A Levels (see page 188) and goes well with A Level Music or any other A Level course.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Vessy, studying UAL Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production (Performance). Previously studied overseas.

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

I love the practical aspect of my course. We go out every Monday to do activities like climbing, kayaking and mountain biking. It's just a lot of fun to connect with friends. The classroom atmosphere is nice, there aren't too many students so it's not overwhelming. My teachers are giving me a lot of help to get my assignments done. Next year I am going to do some traditional climbing around the world and we learn about that on this course.

Dylan, studying the BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Sport and Outdoor Activities - Level 3. Previously studied at Okehampton.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre at Exeter Quay offers a wide range of activities, including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, coasteering, climbing, abseiling, caving, orienteering, archery, raft building, team building and first aid, as well as a Powerfan freefall descent. Working in partnership with Devon County Council, this world-class centre is used by outdoor adventure students as well as the community.

You will have practical days each week which will include kayaking, climbing and more, plus opportunities to do National Governing Body Awards and Qualifications. There are a number of trips both in the UK and abroad and numerous guest speakers will present you with exciting career opportunities. See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

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Sport (Outdoor Adventure)

LEVEL 2

Level 2 First Extended Certificate | Duration: 1 year

This specialist course builds on your experience of outdoor adventurous activities and starts to develop your leadership and planning skills.

On this course you will:

- Participate in a range of activities from kayaking to caving, beginning to take on the role of an instructor and leader
- Combine practical work and theory, studying subjects like anatomy and physiology
- Develop your knowledge and ability in fitness testing and training
- Plan and lead a range of sports activities and gain valuable experience
- Have opportunities to achieve national governing body awards

Assessment: Assignments, external examinations, observation and written work.

Choose this course if... you enjoy both outdoor and adventurous activities, as well as learning about health and fitness.

Future steps: You could progress to the Level 3 qualification in Outdoor Adventure, an Outdoor Adventure Apprenticeship or work in the industry.

Future job roles might include Outdoor Activity Instructor at Haven Banks, PGL, Rockley Watersports or Mountain Bike Instructor.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- Two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- You will need the personal qualities for working in the outdoor adventure industry

Sport and Outdoor Activities

LEVEL 3

BTEC Level 3 Foundation Diploma/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

This course will take your knowledge, skills and experience of the outdoor adventurous activities industry to advanced level.

On this course you will:

- Continue the development of your outdoor activity skills within kayaking, canoeing, climbing, sailing, caving and hill walking and navigation skills
- Develop your leadership skills, practice and experience
- Become competent in assessing and managing equipment, facilities and risk
- Gain advanced skills in a range of water based and land based adventurous activities
- Participate in work experience, study trips and expeditions to places such as Cornwall, Eryri (Snowdonia), and an optional ski trip to the Alps
- Study topics such as nutrition and outdoor activity provision

Assessment: Mainly through coursework set by your lecturers, along with some externally assessed aspects.

Choose this course if... you enjoy and want to develop your skills and leadership in outdoor and adventurous activities. The course is suitable for those that are enthusiastic, hardworking and willing to push their comfort zone.

Future steps: On completion of this course, you may wish to progress to Higher Education or enter the outdoor activities industry directly through employment.

Future job roles might include Outdoor Activity Instructor at Haven Banks, PGL, Rockley Watersports or Mountain Bike Instructor or ski guiding in the Alps.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- You will also need a desire to participate and engage with a range of outdoor activities in a variety of environments and weather conditions
- The personal qualities required to work in the outdoor and adventurous activities industry are essential

SCIENCE

I really like being able to understand the way that things work. My brain is very much geared towards knowing why things happen. I love being able to ask questions, and what I love about these subjects is that the more you learn, the more questions you have. That makes it interesting - you never get bored with it.

Milly, studying A Level Chemistry, Biology and Psychology. Previously studied at Chulmleigh College.

Our wide range of separate Science courses are ideal if you are logical, analytical and interested in developing research and technical skills. You will be mostly taught in our purpose-built laboratories and lecture rooms at the Maths and Science Centre. The Maths and Science Centre is a dedicated building which has a study area and meeting rooms, as well as spacious science labs, classrooms and a computer science lab.

To find out about our excellent Maths and Science Centre, see page 168-171.

In Science you will benefit from a range of opportunities, such as Olympiads and Challenge competitions. There are a range of trips, visits and guest speakers, support for progression as well as fieldwork in some subject areas. Recent trips include to universities to see research in action and use cutting-edge equipment. We also run an annual STEMM Fair to promote a wide range of scientific careers and fields of research. There are also exciting Extend courses for A Level students.

See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

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Applied Science

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This scientific course will equip you with a range of scientific principles and skills, such as chemical analysis, microbiology and mathematical applications in science.

On this course you will:

- Look at the principles and applications of all three sciences
- Use practical scientific procedures and techniques, particularly in Biology and Chemistry
- Develop your science investigation skills, lab techniques and their uses across the sciences
- Consider contemporary issues in science
- Enhance your research skills and learn how to reference your research for assignments
- Use dedicated science labs
- Enjoy visits to several universities and employers
- Develop your employability skills and engage in work experience

Assessment: A combination of external exams and coursework assignments.

Choose this course if... you are interested in a full-time rigorous Science course with a level of demand equivalent to A Level. You will be aspirational and wanting to develop a career in an area such as biomedical or laboratory sciences.

Future steps: Successful students can continue their studies with many different university degrees such as Biomedical Science courses, those supporting NHS-related careers or Forensic Science.

Similar proportions of students progress to university from this BTEC course as from our A Level science routes and we have had progression into Medicine and Veterinary Science pathways. Alternatively, you may seek employment or an Apprenticeship in a variety of roles, including laboratory technician, crime scene investigator and the police or fire service.

Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and Combined Science or both Biology and Chemistry.

Biology

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course will give you the skills to make connections and associations between all living things around you. Being such a broad topic, you are bound to find a specific area of interest, plus it opens the door to a fantastic range of careers.

On this course you will:

- Study a range of topics relating to biology in Year 1, including: biological molecules, cells, exchanges (how oxygen, carbon dioxide, water and nutrients are transported through the different organisms) and biodiversity
- Study Year 2 topics including energy transfers, responses, genetics and evolution and control of gene expression looks at how cells become specialised by altering which genes are switched on and off
- Develop your scientific and critical thinking skills
- Gain an understanding of scientific methods
- Learn about scientific advances in technology relevant to Biology
- Take part in fieldwork
- Take part in a DNA technology workshop
- Improve your communication skills in science, including how to reference, writing a synoptic essay and lab reports
- Develop your practical and investigative skills through lab work in our modern laboratories
- Enhance your data analysis and evaluation skills

Assessment: Written examinations which will include the assessment of your knowledge of practical procedures. There is a heavily weighted essay question in the Year 2 assessment. In addition to the written papers, you will complete 12 required practicals throughout the course using a range of biological techniques. This will lead to a Practical Endorsement alongside your A Level.

Choose this course if... you enjoy learning about how processes in living organisms really happen and how all living organisms are interconnected. It is also ideal if you are interested in studying topics related to health and human effects on the environment.

Future steps: You could progress to university level for a career in pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, veterinary science and related health subjects. Progression routes include biological science, biochemistry, biomedical science, nursing, paramedic science, physiotherapy and radiography. Note that for the most competitive progression routes from A Level Biology, such as medicine or biology courses at top universities, A Level Chemistry is often required.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language
- This subject requires a grade 5 in GCSE Maths, grade 6 in Biology and Chemistry or grade 66 in Science

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Chemistry and Maths (A Level or Core Maths). Psychology, PE and Environmental Science are also popular combinations.

Chemistry

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/A LEVEL

This course offers you a structured foundation from GCSE Science and Chemistry courses and prepares you for the more in-depth scientific study of university level courses or the world of work in a scientific field.

On this course you will:

- Gain an appreciation of important chemical principles which are fundamental to our understanding of the world
- Learn how scientists investigate scientific phenomena in their attempts to explain the world
- Undertake practical work in modern, well-equipped laboratories
- Study physical, organic and inorganic chemistry, analytical chemistry techniques and chemistry in action
- Study topics including amount of substance, thermodynamics, redox equations, aromatic chemistry, organic synthesis and periodicity

Assessment: Written examinations, which will include the assessment of your knowledge of practical procedures. In the first year you will sit two 90 minute exams and in the second year you will sit three 120 minute exams. In addition to the written papers, you will complete 12 required practicals throughout the course using a range of chemical and analytical techniques. This will lead to a Practical Endorsement alongside your A Level.

Choose this course if... you enjoy problem-solving, building connections within subject knowledge and understanding the scientific principles behind processes.

Future steps: You could progress to university level and then on to careers in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, pharmaceuticals, forensic science, veterinary, dentistry and medicine and its related subjects. A scientific training stands you in good stead for careers in a whole range of occupations, including management, accounting, IT, finance and law.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language
- This subject requires a grade 6 in both GCSE Maths and Chemistry, as well as a grade 6 in either Biology or Physics (or grade 66 in Combined Science)

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes particularly well with Biology, Maths (A Level or Core Maths), Physics and Geology.

Computer Science

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

Are you keen to understand how computing could change the world? If so, Computer Science is for you. It is all about designing new sets of instructions (algorithms) to solve new problems.

On this course you will:

- Gain insight into computation in thinking: the vital reasoning process that powers both human thought and machine intelligence
- Explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping our world and gain the skills to develop ethical, intelligent systems that solve real-world challenges. Conduct experiments to learn more about the natural world through software simulations
- Step into the front lines of digital security while exploring the complex ethical implications of AI and privacy in a connected world
- Sharpen your competitive edge with high-level skills in abstract thinking, mathematical reasoning and logical problem-solving
- Dive deep into the essential pillars of technology including programming (C#, Assembly, SQL), computer architecture and operating systems

Assessment: Examination, with some coursework in the second year. 80% examination and 20% assessed coursework (non-exam assessment).

Choose this course if... you love programming and want to work in computer science, software engineering, games development, AI, cyber security, or with Big Data and the Data Scientists of the future. Or you enjoy solving logic problems and working through complex algorithms.

Future steps: Computer Science A Level students go on to university courses in Computer Science, Mathematics, and a range of other sciences or courses such as Law, Business and Politics. Future job roles might include: system programmer, software developer, web developer, cyber security specialist, network administrator, software tester, product manager, engineering manager, AI engineer, data scientist and games developer.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language
- This subject requires a grade 6 in GCSE Maths and a grade 6 in Physics (or grade 66 in Science)
- You are advised to study A Level Maths alongside this A Level, and this is essential to progress to Computer Science at a top university. Students who don't take Maths A Level and have a 6 at GCSE will take an additional compulsory course to support their studies

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with Mathematics (which is very highly recommended, we can't stress this enough) and Physics. Further Mathematics is an excellent option for strong mathematicians who have the grade profile for a four A Level programme to take alongside these courses to help prepare them for courses at the top universities.

Environmental Science

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

Students who enjoy a multidisciplinary approach to learning and have a keen interest in the science behind the sustainability of our planet will find this course engaging and thought provoking.

On this course you will:

- Gain a scientific understanding of Earth's systems to enable you to propose changes in society that would support sustainability
- Learn about why species are important, how they are threatened and methods to conserve them
- Have the opportunity to attend various trips, for example ecological sampling, Paignton Zoo and the National Marine Aquarium
- Study the science of climate change
- Learn about the impacts and management of unsustainable exploitation of water, mineral resources and soil
- Study how we manage pollution, energy and biological resources
- Develop your practical and investigative skills through lab work

Assessment: Examination which will include the assessment of your knowledge of practical procedures.

Choose this course if... you enjoy a multi-disciplinary approach to science and have a keen interest in the sustainability of our planet, from the conservation of wildlife to the development of technology to improve renewable energy resources.

Future steps: You could progress to a wide range of university courses, or to employment with organisations such as the Environment Agency, the National Trust and conservation agencies. Future job roles might include field scientist, lab scientist, habitat manager and/or park ranger, education outreach officer, sustainability manager and earth science surveyor.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and two Sciences

See page 117 for Geography.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and is most successful when combined with another science or Maths (A Level or Core Maths). It goes particularly well with Biology, Geography or Geology.

Geology

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/ A LEVEL

Geology is a subject that brings Science and Physical Geography together to help us understand one of the most interesting subjects imaginable - the Earth we live on - and how it formed and developed over billions of years.

On this course you will:

- Learn about the formation and structure of our Earth
- Study earthquakes and volcanoes and the hazards they can produce
- Consider the evolution of life and climate
- Understand how geology influences water supply, energy resources, construction materials and civil engineering
- Go on trips to experience geology in the field and to acquire essential practical skills

Assessment: Examination which will include the assessment of your knowledge of practical procedures. In addition to the written papers, you will need to demonstrate your practical competency throughout the course using a range of scientific and fieldwork techniques. This will lead to a Practical Endorsement alongside your A Level.

Choose this course if... you enjoy applying scientific knowledge to the study of our planet. Geology involves elements of Physics, Chemistry and Biology and appeals to students who like a practical and problem-solving approach to support rigorous learning.

Future steps: You could progress to a wide range of university courses in Geology and Earth Sciences. It also supports the physical aspects of a Geography degree. It can lead to employment in fields such as geology, seismology, geoengineering, volcanology, or palaeontology.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language, Maths and two Sciences

See page 117 for Geography.

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with A Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Environmental Science and Geography.

Physics

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

AS/ A LEVEL

If you choose to study Physics, you are opting for a subject that is stimulating, exciting and challenging in its own right, and an essential foundation for many careers.

On this course you will:

- Cover a wide range of topics, from elementary particle physics to Newton's laws of motion and gravity
- Gain great satisfaction and enjoyment from understanding the most recent developments in physics research
- Develop your logical thinking, problem-solving and mathematical skills
- Carry out practical work in fully equipped physics laboratories

Assessment: Written examinations which will include the assessment of your knowledge of practical procedures. In the first year you will sit two 90 minute exams and in the second year you will sit three 120 minute exams.

In addition to the written papers, you will complete 12 required practicals throughout the course using a range of physics skills and measurement techniques. This will lead to a Practical Endorsement alongside your A Level.

Choose this course if... you want to know how the natural world works in a mathematical way and what the fundamental forces and principles are which underlie the building blocks of the universe.

Future steps: You could progress to university, training or an apprenticeship in Physics or Engineering. Physics is a great A Level for a range of mathematical and scientific careers including Architecture, Medicine, Computer Science and Geology. It is also a well-respected qualification for a range of professions such as law or management.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language
- This subject requires a grade 6 in Maths, grade 6 in Physics or 66 in Combined Science. If you have a grade 6 in Maths, a compulsory supplementary Maths course is provided - this requires attendance at an extra support lesson per week

This course can be combined with others (see page 188) and goes well with A Level Biology, Chemistry or Computer Science.

Maths A Level is very highly recommended and essential for progression to university in Physics or Engineering. If you don't take Maths A Level, Core Maths is available as an Extend option to support the mathematical aspect of the subject (see page 13) - although we can't emphasise enough how recommended Maths A Level is with Physics.

Molly, studying BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Science. Previously studied at Chulmleigh College.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

SPORT AND FITNESS

> It's a brilliant College. It's got great facilities and it's a brilliant place to come, especially to balance playing sport at a really high level, along with your studies and getting a good education as well.
>
> **Harrison, studying A Level Biology, Psychology and Physical Education. Previously studied at Chulmleigh College.**

We have a diverse range of vibrant sport and fitness courses at all levels here at Exeter College. You will have the opportunity to learn about sport and fitness in a practical and applied environment. You could join our sports academies, allowing you to continue with your academic studies and improve your sporting performance.

These courses take place at Victoria House, the Sports Hall, the Centre for Rugby and at the Exwick Sports Hub.

Our Victoria House site boasts a double sports hall, gym and dance studio, all of which are utilised for academic and practical sessions. The Exwick Sports Hub offers a full-size, football-specific 3G pitch and tennis facilities. The Centre for Rugby includes a rugby-specific gym and a full-size 3G pitch dedicated to rugby. Additionally, Flowerpots Playing Fields feature a variety of grass sports pitches. See pages 168-171 for maps.

The Faculty of Sport and Physical Education provides significant EXtra opportunities including guest speakers from industry, trips to universities, Netball, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and Football clubs and Central Fitness; our industry-standard fitness centre. See pages 178-179 for more information.

We also offer Outdoor Adventure courses - see page 146-147.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Outdoor Adventure

BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 1

This course offers you a broad introduction to a career in sport, fitness or public services, and will help you develop the basic skills, knowledge and qualities you need to progress.

On this course you will:

- Take part in a variety of health and fitness activities. These may include kayaking, hill walking, running and gym work
- Improve your teamwork skills
- Improve your ability in English and Maths in preparation for progression
- Understand and develop the skills and qualities necessary to work in these industries
- Benefit from taking part in work experience
- Have guest speakers and visits to a range of leisure, sport and public service organisations

Assessment: You will have assignments and coursework, with exams for Maths and English.

Choose this course if... you are thinking of a future career in the leisure, sport or public sectors. You will be able to explore the wide range of services and job roles as you build up the essential skills needed such as: confidence, team building, leadership, organisation, problem-solving and fitness.

Future steps: On successful completion of this course, you may be able to progress to a Level 2 course, employment or an apprenticeship.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 2 or above, including English Language and Maths*
- An interest in gaining a job in sport, fitness or the public sector is important

This course takes place at The RISE on our Queen Street site, see pages 168-171 for a map.

*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Sport

BTEC First Level 2 Extended Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

On this examinable, written and practical course, you will gain an excellent introduction to the sport and active leisure industry.

On this course you will:
- Study subjects such as anatomy and physiology for sport and profiling sports performance
- Learn how to plan, lead and evaluate sports activities
- Engage in a range of sports to develop your own skills
- Understand how lifestyle affects performance
- Undertake fitness training and testing

Assessment: Two external online exams as well as internal assignments.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry or want to progress on to the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport.

Future steps: After completing the BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate, you may pursue employment or an apprenticeship within the sport and leisure industry. Alternatively, you may be able to continue your studies at Exeter College by progressing to a Level 3 course.

Entry requirements:
- Two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language*
- You will also need the personal qualities for working in the sports industry and enthusiasm for sport

Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching

Active IQ Level 2 Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This occupational entry qualification provides the knowledge and skills to pursue a career in fitness coaching including how to plan, deliver and supervise safe and effective exercise programmes as well as conducting small group sessions. It covers an understanding of anatomy, physiology and nutrition and how they relate to exercise and fitness. The qualification also provides an understanding of professionalism, personal development and how to deliver exceptional customer service.

On this course you will study:
- Anatomy and physiology for exercise
- Principles of fitness training
- Principles of nutrition and lifestyle
- Health and safety in a fitness environment
- Professionalism and customer care
- Conducting client consultations
- Planning and delivering fitness sessions
- Leisure team operations

Assessment methods:
- Knowledge assessments – a range of different types of questions in an exam
- Case studies – briefs to demonstrate application of knowledge and skills in a specific context
- Assignments – constructed briefs/tasks
- Observations and questionings – practical application to demonstrate knowledge, skills and behaviours with further questioning.

Extras:
- You will gain valuable experience through working in the Central Fitness gym, delivering inductions and a variety of fitness sessions
- You will gain qualifications in instructing studio cycling, circuits and kettlebells

Choose this course if... you have the aspiration of working in the fitness industry as a Fitness Instructor or wish to study to become a Personal Trainer.

Future steps: You will be able to progress to a more advanced course, such as the Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training or to an apprenticeship in the fitness industry. Future job roles might include working in the fitness industry as a fitness instructor and leading group exercise sessions such as kettlebells, studio cycling and circuits.

Entry requirements:
- Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either GCSE Maths or GCSE English. If you don't have a grade 4 in English or Maths, you will be required to study for this alongside your course
- You will need the personal qualities for working in the health and fitness industry and enthusiasm for sport

Sport - Exeter City Football Development Programme

LEVEL 2

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate | Duration: 1 year

This course will introduce you to the sport and leisure industry, combined with representing Exeter City in our Community Education Football Alliance (CEFA) Academy.

On this course you will:

- Study topics such as the sports performer in action, injury and the sports performer and profiling sports performance
- Earn qualifications that will support future employment in the sport and leisure industry
- Train in a professional environment and represent Exeter City in the Community Education Football Alliance (CEFA) leagues

Assessment: External examinations, assignments and observation.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry or want to progress on to the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Sport.

Future steps: After completing the BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate you may pursue employment or an apprenticeship within the sport and leisure industry. Alternatively, you can continue your studies at Exeter College by progressing to a Level 3 course.

Entry requirements:

- Two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English Language*
- Alongside your entry requirements, you will also need to be accepted by Exeter City Football Club to represent the CEFA Academy

This course takes place at Victoria House, the Sports Hall and Exwick Sports Hub.

Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training (Diploma) and Technical Specialist in Sports Massage Therapy (Diploma)

LEVEL 3

Active IQ Level 3 Diploma | Duration: 1 year

This occupational entry qualification covers the knowledge and skills identified in the industry as essential for the personal trainer role, covering the design of exercise programmes and instruction, nutritional advice and overall lifestyle management, comprehensive understanding of business, finances, sales and marketing to enable the personal trainer to build and retain a stable client base.

On this course you will study:

Personal Training units:

- Applied anatomy and physiology
- Nutrition for exercise and health
- Lifestyle, wellbeing, common medical conditions
- Encouraging positive health and fitness behaviours
- Programme design and delivery
- Professionalism and business acumen

Sports Massage Therapy units:

- Anatomy and physiology for sports massage therapy
- Professional practice in sports massage therapy
- Principles of soft tissue dysfunction, injury and repair
- Client consultation, assessment and treatment planning for sports massage therapy
- Sports massage therapy treatments and aftercare

Assessment methods:

- Knowledge assessments – a range of different types of questions in an exam
- Case studies – briefs to demonstrate application of knowledge and skills in a specific context
- Assignments – constructed briefs/tasks
- Observations and questionings – practical application to demonstrate knowledge, skills and behaviours with further questioning

Choose this course if... you have completed the Level 2 Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching or the Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Coaching and aspire to become a Personal Trainer or Sports Masseuse.

Future steps: You could progress on to a Coaching and Fitness Foundation Degree (FdSc) or Sports Therapy Degree (BSc) here at Exeter College. Once qualified you will be able to become self-employed or be employed as a personal trainer or sports masseuse. There are also optional courses to progress onto for example, Level 3 GP Referral and Level 4 Obesity and Diabetes specialisms.

Entry requirements:

- You will need to have completed the first year of the Level 2 Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching
- Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including either GCSE Maths or GCSE English. If you don't have a grade 4 in English or Maths, you will be required to study for this alongside your course
- You will need the personal qualities for working in the health and fitness industry and an enthusiasm for sport

Sport - Fitness and Coaching

BTEC Level 3 Foundation/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This two-year, full-time course combines the examinable, practical and theoretical elements of Sport, which meets the entry requirements for learners to progress to university level courses in Sport before entering employment. The course includes 14 units of study, four of which are externally assessed.

On this course you will study:

- Anatomy and physiology (externally assessed)
- Fitness training and programming (externally assessed)
- Development and provision of sport and physical activity (externally assessed)
- Investigating business in sport and the active leisure industry (externally assessed)
- Professional development in the sports industry
- Sport leadership
- Application of fitness testing
- Sport psychology
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Research methods in sport
- Skill acquisition in sport
- Work experience
- Sports performance analysis or sports massage

You may also have the opportunity to study an additional qualification alongside this course, for example, ActiveIQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Coaching.

Assessment: Examination, controlled assessment or coursework.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry, want to prepare yourself for a university level pathway in sport or are passionate about sport.

Future steps: After completing this course, you will be ideally suited to progression to university level, such as a Foundation Degree in Coaching and Fitness or BSc Sports Therapy at Exeter College or a relevant degree at another university. If you prefer, you can move straight on to a career in professional sport or any part of the Sport and Fitness Industry. Future job roles might include teaching, sport coaching, performance analysis or sport therapy and rehabilitation.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Two GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- A genuine interest in the theoretical side of sport, as well as practical participation, is strongly recommended
- A grade 4 in GCSE PE will also be an advantage

Honey, studying A Level English Literature, Physical Education and Art and Design (Product Design, 3D Design). Previously studied at West Buckland School.

Zack, studying A Level Physical Education, Business Studies and Economics. Previously studied at St Peter's School.

Sport - Exeter City Football Development Programme

BTEC Level 3 Foundation/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

This two-year, full-time course combines the examinable, practical and theoretical elements of sport which meets the entry requirements for learners to progress to university level courses in Sport before entering employment. The course includes 14 units of study, four of which are externally assessed. The course also involves you representing Exeter City in the Community Education Football Alliance (CEFA) leagues which will involve you competing against other professional football clubs and training three times a week, alongside your academical studies.

On this course you will study:

- Anatomy and physiology (externally assessed)
- Fitness training and programming (externally assessed)
- Development and provision of sport and physical activity (externally assessed)
- Investigating business in sport and the active leisure industry (externally assessed)
- Professional development in the sports industry Sport leadership
- Application of fitness testing
- Sport psychology
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Research methods in sport
- Skill acquisition in sport
- Sports injury management
- Sports performance analysis

You may also have the opportunity to study an additional qualification alongside this course, for example: Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Coaching.

Assessment: Examination, controlled assessment or coursework.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry, want to prepare yourself for a university level pathway in sport or are passionate about sport. You should also have a passion for playing 11-a-side football, be eager to develop your overall ability and compete at a high level.

Future steps: After completing this course, you will be ideally suited to progress on to university level such as a Foundation Degree in Football Coaching and Management, Coaching and Fitness or BSc Sports Therapy at Exeter College or a relevant degree at another university.

If you prefer, you can move straight on to a career in professional sport or any part of the Sport and Fitness Industry. Future job roles might include teaching, sport coaching, performance analysis or sport therapy and rehabilitation.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Two GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- A genuine interest in the theoretical side of sport, as well as practical participation, is strongly recommended
- A grade 4 in GCSE PE will also be an advantage
- Alongside your entry requirements, you will also need to be accepted by Exeter City Football Club to represent the CEFA Academy

This course takes place at Victoria House, the Sports Hall and Exwick Sports Hub.

Sport - Performance and Excellence

LEVEL 3

BTEC Level 3 Foundation/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

This two-year, full-time course combines the examinable, practical and theoretical elements of sport which meets the entry requirements for learners to progress to university level courses in sport before entering employment. The course includes 14 units of study, four of which are externally assessed. This qualification will be studied alongside your participation within one of our Sport Academies and is your main priority during your educational journey with us.

On this course you will study:

- Anatomy and physiology (externally assessed)
- Fitness training and programming (externally assessed)
- Development and provision of sport and physical activity (externally assessed)
- Investigating business in sport and the active leisure industry (externally assessed)
- Professional development in the sports industry
- Sport leadership
- Application of fitness testing
- Sport psychology
- Practical sports performance
- Coaching for performance
- Research methods in sport
- Skill acquisition in sport
- Sports performance analysis
- Sports massage

You may also have the opportunity to study an additional qualification alongside this course, for example: Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Coaching.

Assessment: Examination, controlled assessment or coursework.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry, want to prepare yourself for a university level pathway in sport or are passionate about sport.

Future steps: After completing this course, you will be ideally suited to progress on to university level such as a Foundation Degree in Coaching and Fitness or BSc Sports Therapy at Exeter College or a relevant degree at another university. If you prefer, you can move straight on to a career in professional sport or any part of the Sport and Fitness industry. Future job roles might include teaching, sport coaching, performance analysis or sport therapy and rehabilitation.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- Two GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- A grade 4 in GCSE PE will also be an advantage
- A genuine interest in the theoretical side of sport as well as practical participation is strongly recommended
- Following trials, you need to have achieved a place in our Sport Academy to study this particular programme

Sport and Exercise Science

LEVEL 3

BTEC Level 3 Foundation/Extended Diploma | Duration: 2 years

This course combines the examinable, written and practical elements of Sport and Exercise Sciences through the study of 13 elements over two years. This is equivalent to three A Levels. You will be given the opportunity to learn about Sport and Exercise sciences in a practical and applied environment, while potential selection into one of our Sports Academies will allow you to combine your academic studies with improving your sporting performance.

On this course you will:

- Study a variety of units including, Applied Sports and Exercise Psychology, Functional Anatomy, Coaching for Performance and Fitness and Sports Injury and assessment
- Be taught in many ways including realistic vocational situations and activities
- This course not only has exciting theoretical elements to it, but also some practical parts as well, including Specialised Fitness Training, Coaching for Performance and Fitness and Sports Massage

You may also have the opportunity to study additional options, for example, Active IQ Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Coaching.

Assessment: Over the course of the two years, there are four externally assessed units:

- Functional Anatomy (1.5 hours)
- Sport and Exercise Psychology (3 hours)
- Sport and Exercise Physiology (1.5 hours)
- Nutrition for Sport and Exercise (3 hours)

The rest of the course will be assessed internally through written assignments, presentations or practical assessments in the following units: Biomechanics in Sport and Exercise, Coaching for Performance and Fitness, Applied Research Methods, Sports Massage, Research Project, Fitness Testing, Fitness Training, Physical Activity for Individual and Group-Based Exercise and Sports Injury and Assessment.

Choose this course if... you have aspirations of learning more about a career in the sports industry, want to prepare yourself for a university level pathway in sport or are passionate about sport and exercise sciences.

Future steps: After completing this course, you will be ideally suited to progress on to university level such as a Foundation Degree in Coaching and Fitness or BSc Sports Therapy at Exeter College or a relevant degree at another university. If you prefer, you can move straight on to a career in professional sport or any part of the Sport and Fitness industry. Future job roles might include teaching, sport coaching, performance analysis or physiotherapy.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires GCSE Science at grade 5 or above (and, if taken, a grade 5 in GCSE PE)

Physical Education

Level 3 | Duration: 2 years

A LEVEL

On this course you will gain both a practical and theoretical introduction to the various disciplines involved in physical education, such as biomechanics, nutrition, anatomy and sport psychology. Potential selection into one of our Sports Academies will allow you to combine your academic studies with improving your sporting performance.

On this course you will:

- Study the anatomical, physiological, psychological and socio-cultural issues related to Physical Education. This will be assessed in three separate exams at the end of the second year of study
- Complete a practical component worth 15% of your final grade. You will choose one sport and have to provide video evidence of the core and advanced skills as required in the specification. This evidence will be acquired by yourselves in your chosen teams or events
- Complete a verbal assessment worth 15% of your final mark that involves analysing a sports performer in your chosen sport. You are then required to explain the strengths and weaknesses of the performance and create a development plan to improve a selected major weakness. You will also be required to include learnt theory into this assessment. The assessment is 30 minutes in length

Assessment: Exam at the end of the second year is 70% of final grade. Practical performance as a player or coach is 15% of final grade. Coursework - verbal assessment of your chosen sport is 15% of final grade.

Choose this course if... you love your sport, you play your sport regularly at a minimum of recreational level and you are comfortable with sitting exams.

Future steps: After completing this course, you will be ideally suited to progress on to university level such as a Foundation Degree in Coaching and Fitness or BSc Sports Therapy at Exeter College or a relevant degree at another university. If you prefer, you can move straight on to a career in professional sport or any part of the extensive sport and fitness industry. Future job roles might include teaching, sport coaching, performance analysis or physiotherapy.

Entry requirements:

- Eight GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English Language and Maths
- This subject requires a grade 6 or above in GCSE PE or a grade 6 in a Science

This course can be combined with others and goes well with A Levels in Biology or Psychology (do only choose these subjects if you are good at them or enjoy them as the cross over in content is about 5%). See page 188 for more.

Personal Training - Health and Fitness (Gym Based)

Duration: Up to 18 months | Training Location: Victoria House

APPRENTICESHIP LEVEL 3

Coach and motivate clients towards their health and fitness goals, through the design and provision of creative and personalised exercise programmes and instruction. Offer basic complementary nutritional advice and overall lifestyle management.

You will:

- Learn how to effectively communicate with a client to understand their current fitness level and desired outcome
- Gain hands-on experience in a gym with clients, developing and delivering more individual, tailored fitness programmes and classes
- Develop the knowledge needed to build bespoke programmes to help clients reach their fitness goals
- Instruct effectively through good leadership and clear speech

Choose this apprenticeship if... you enjoy motivating and encouraging people at various stages of fitness to achieve their physical goals, through fitness and healthy living.

Future steps: Gain employment or become a self-employed personal trainer in a gym/sports or leisure centre.

Entry requirements: Every employer is different and therefore the entry requirements can vary. As a guide, you will need GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths. However, we will work with you and provide additional support to help you achieve their requirements, either prior to your apprenticeship or during the delivery of your programme. Ideally you should have gained the Level 2 Certificate in Fitness Instructing (Gym Based) qualification and gained the required additional experience of working in a gym with different types of client groups. This can be discussed at interview.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

We're very fortunate to have the Future Skills Centre which is kitted out for cabin crew training. Our teachers are like an archive of knowledge and it's so brilliant to have that. The facilities that we've got are great and having access to things like Exeter Airport and Bristol Airport is really helpful for this course. When you find the right course, you just know. You meet these new people, and we're just part of this amazing community now. I just knew from day one that was going to happen and I just slotted right in. You know, you almost learn to dread weekends.

Luke, studying Level 2 Diploma Aviation and a certificate in Cabin Crew. Previously studied at Torlands Academy.

There has never been a better time to appreciate the value travel and tourism plays in our lives, the importance it has on our leisure time and on our wellbeing. At Exeter College you can develop your skills to be part of an industry which promises to grow and diversify, offering new experiences for travellers and organisations alike. Whether you want to work for an airline, be a resort representative, start a career in hospitality and events, or have a passion for other roles in industry, our range of travel and tourism courses are for you.

All our teaching staff have both teaching and travel and tourism experience across the industry, and bring expertise from tour operations, travel agents, hospitality and aviation. We also have links with major airlines, travel agents, tour operators and Exeter Airport. We can offer our experience to help you develop the skills and proficiency required to progress successfully into industry.

During the course, you will enhance your knowledge of different areas of travel and tourism, developing skills through residential trips, practical sessions, industry visits and guest speakers.

Our travel and tourism programmes are based within our city centre sites, with most courses having regular taught sessions at the Future Skills Centre near Exeter Airport one or two days a week. Here you will work in a professional environment and have the opportunity to benefit from the use of a mock aircraft and real airline equipment. We work hard on our relationships with industry, having collaborations, visits and work experience opportunities with both local and national travel and tourism organisations.

After studying with us, learners typically go on to university, studying degrees in Travel and Tourism, Aviation, Hospitality and Events to name but a few. Other learners go directly into industry and gain employment in hotels, travel agencies, visitor attractions, airports and airlines. These are all firm favourites for destinations on completion of study.

Alongside our courses there is the opportunity to go on residential visits. Previously we have visited Disneyland Paris, London, Barcelona, the British Airways Global Learning Academy and a Mini Cruise. We also do day visits to enhance the curriculum to attractions such as; The Eden Project and Thorpe Park and have industry guest speakers from TUI, GWR, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Crealy as well as many others.

See pages 178-179 for more information about EXtra.

Scan the QR code to discover more.

Travel and Tourism

NCFE Level 2 Extended Certificate | Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

If you are interested in a career in travel and tourism, this course will give you a broad introduction to the industry and will help you to build the confidence and skills that you need to succeed.

On this course you will:

- Study customer service to understand the importance of meeting customer needs in travel and tourism and the different types of facilities and services. You will demonstrate customer service skills and learn how to deal with challenging situations
- Investigate the UK travel and tourism industry to understand the structure and different types of organisations. You will understand the factors in the development of the UK travel and tourism industry and relevant job opportunities in the sector
- Research travel and tourism destinations to know about the location of the world's main geographical features and popular destinations for UK outbound tourists. You will understand the factors that attract tourists to destinations
- Visit and find out about airports and airlines and the difference between airside and landside
- Explore different types of events and the importance of events and conferences to the UK economy. You will also take part in organising an event and review your contribution
- Research the different career options and progression opportunities in travel and tourism, then create a plan for your chosen career and produce an application. You will also take part in an appropriate job interview. You will also take part in an appropriate job interview

Assessment: There are six internally assessed units and you will be taught and assessed in a variety of methods, including making presentations, role plays, case studies and producing leaflets.

Choose this course if... you are enthusiastic, dynamic and passionate about travel and tourism.

If you want to develop your self-confidence and organisational skills in order to meet challenges head-on, then get on board.

Future steps: After completing the NCFE Level 2 Extended Certificate, you may pursue employment within the travel and tourism industry, take up a relevant apprenticeship or continue your studies at Exeter College by progressing on to Level 3 Travel and Tourism or Level 2 Aviation with Airline Cabin Crew.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above
- Two GCSEs at grade 2 or above
- If you don't have a grade 4 in English and Maths, you will be required to study for this alongside your course
- Good communication and interpersonal skills are essential, along with the personal qualities needed for working in the travel and tourism industry

Roksana, studying Level 2 NCFE Diploma in Aviation. Previously studied at South Devon College.

Freya, studying Introductory Diploma in Travel, Tourism and Aviation. Previously studied at St Luke's School.

Aviation and Introduction to Airline Cabin Crew

Level 2 Diploma in Aviation and Level 2 Certificate in Introduction to Air Cabin Crew

Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2

This course will give you knowledge of the aviation industry, including airline cabin crew and aviation/ airport operations, with practical experience at the Future Skills Centre based at Exeter Airport.

On this course you will study the following units:

- Working as Cabin Crew
- Aviation health, safety and security
- Aircraft emergency situations
- Dealing with passengers on board and on the ground
- Sales skills
- Making passenger announcements
- Check-in procedures and baggage processing
- Aviation communication
- Customer service/ problem-solving in Aviation
- Aircraft turnaround and marshalling

Assessment: You will be assessed by practical assessments and observations, written assignments, group activities and presentations. You will take part in practical assessments where you must be confident in demonstrating your knowledge and skills.

During this course you may take part in a visit to an Airline Training Centre, previously this has been a visit to British Airways Global Learning Academy.

You will also visit Bristol Airport to experience the customer journey and go airside to follow in the footsteps of Easyjet cabin crew. As well as being assessed in our cabin trainer you will have the opportunity to be assessed on airport procedures in a real aviation setting at Exeter Airport and will fly to a destination so you can experience the role of cabin crew first hand.

Choose this course if... you enjoy working with members of the public and with other people as part of a team. As well as a passion for everything aviation, including airport, airlines and aircraft, you need to have a positive attitude, strong work ethic and outgoing personality. If you can see yourself working anti-social hours while travelling the world and experiencing different cultures, then this is the course for you.

Future steps: The course increases your chances of securing a job as a member of airline cabin crew and other careers within the aviation industry, such as airport check-in and ground staff - providing you meet minimum entry requirements. It is designed to provide a route directly into employment, rather than university.

Entry requirements:

- Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English*
- You must be 17 or 18 at the start of your course, possess good communication skills and enthusiasm, a willingness to complete practical assessments in front of your peers, the ability to swim 25 metres unaided, excellent personal presentation standards and be able to demonstrate the personal qualities needed for the aviation industry

This course takes place at both Victoria House and the Future Skills Centre where full industry-standard uniform will be worn. Our uniform is supplied locally and a fitting opportunity is given at the start of your course. The cost of the uniform ranges from £70 to £150 dependent on the items you choose to purchase. If you are entitled to Bursary the cost of the uniform may be covered.

Travel and Tourism/Aviation

Level 3 Introductory Diploma | Duration: 2 years

LEVEL 3

Our Level 3 course in Travel and Tourism is a two-year programme. In Year 1 you will study the Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Travel and Tourism and in Year 2 you will specialise in either the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism (below) OR the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aviation (see page 167).

Travel, Tourism and Aviation (Year 1)

In Year 1 of this course, you will study the NCFE Level 3 Introductory Diploma in Travel and Tourism and will complete the following units:

You will learn about:

- The UK travel and tourism industry
- Customer service in travel and tourism
- Preparation for a career in travel and tourism
- Travel and tourism destinations
- UK passenger transport
- Investigating airline cabin crew
- UK visitor attractions
- UK airports
- Storytelling in travel and tourism

To enhance the course, you will take part in visits to popular travel and tourism attractions and will be offered the opportunity to attend a residential. Previous visits in Year 1 have been to The Eden Project, Thorpe Park, London or Disneyland Paris.

Whilst on the course you will need to demonstrate the personal qualities required for working in the travel industry, such as high standards of personal presentation, good communication skills, enthusiasm and a willingness to complete practical assessments. During your time at the Future Skills Centre a full industry-standard uniform must be worn.

Assessment: You will be taught and assessed in a variety of ways, through written assignments, group work, presentations, as well as practical role plays.

Choose this course if... you have a love of travel, a passion for working with people and you want to gain knowledge and experience of the industry and to prepare for university or employment in various travel related roles.

After successful completion of Year 1 you will have an excellent grounding in many areas of the Travel and Tourism industry and will then specialise in an area of interest where you will choose to progress on to either our Aviation or Travel and Tourism Industries pathway.

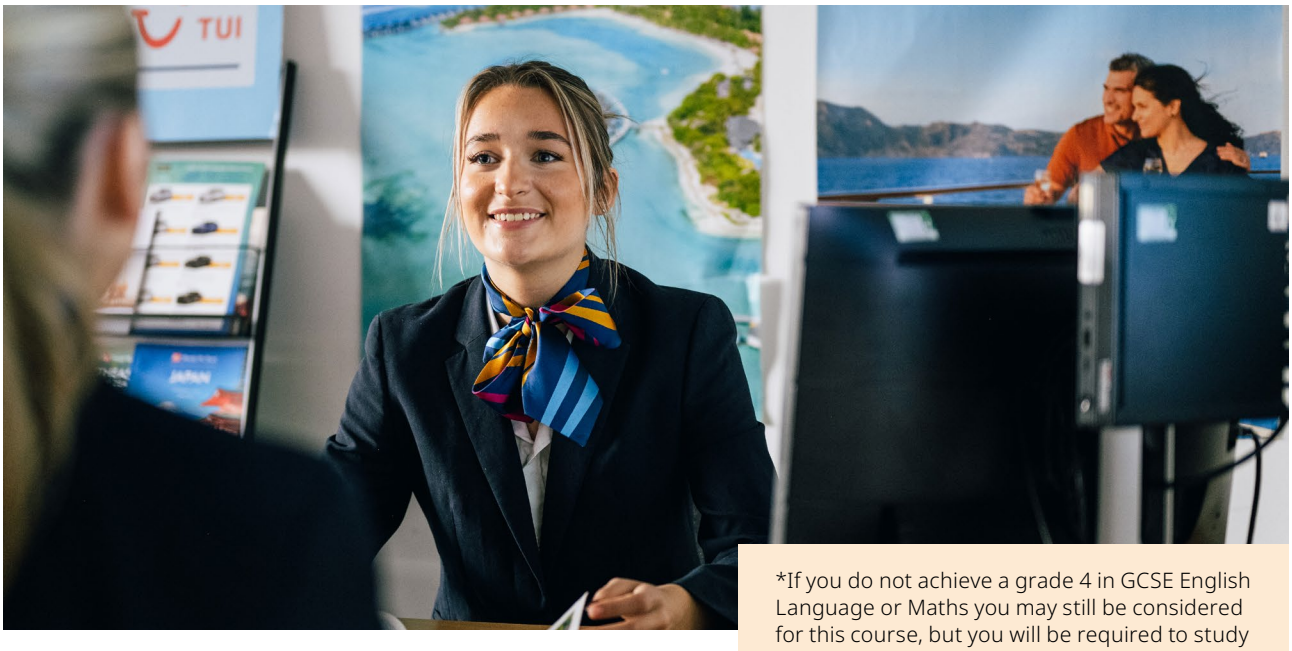
Future steps: This course is an excellent pathway into gaining employment in the travel and tourism industry. There is a very good success rate for students going straight into employment with companies such as tour operators, travel agencies, airlines, airports and hotels.

Entry requirements:

- Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including Maths and English*
- You also need the personal qualities required for working in the travel industry, such as high standards of personal presentation, good communication skills, enthusiasm and a willingness to complete practical assessments

During your time at the Future Skills Centre a full industry-standard uniform must be worn

Our uniform is supplied locally and a fitting opportunity is given at the start of your course. The cost of the uniform ranges from £70 to £150 dependent on the items you choose to purchase. If you are entitled to Bursary the cost of the uniform may be covered.



*If you do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Maths you may still be considered for this course, but you will be required to study this subject alongside your course.

Travel and Tourism Industries Pathway (Year 2)

Choose this route in Year 2 if you wish to gain a further in-depth understanding of a variety of career paths in a range of sectors within the travel and tourism industry.

In Year 2 you will study additional units to 'top up' those you have achieved in Year 1 and this will then allow you to achieve a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism.

On this course you will study the following units:

- The cruise industry
- Travel agency operations
- Resort representative roles and responsibilities
- Conferences and events
- Specialist tourism
- Tour guiding
- Hospitality in travel and tourism
- Worldwide passenger airlines
- Work experience

You will be taught and assessed in a variety of ways, through written assignments, presentations, as well as practical role plays.

During this course you will also take part in visits to popular travel and tourism attractions and will be offered the opportunity to attend a residential visit linked to the units you are studying. Our most recent residential on this pathway was a Mini Cruise to enhance the learning of the Cruise Industry unit. You will also undertake an industry placement to enhance your career prospects in a travel and tourism sector of your choice. This year our learners have taken part in a residential work experience at Devon Cliffs Holiday Park.

Choose this course if... you have a love of travel, a passion for working with people and you want to gain knowledge and experience of the industry to prepare for university or employment in various travel related roles.

Future steps: This course is an excellent pathway into gaining employment in the industry or you could decide to progress to university.

There is a very good success rate for students going straight into employment with companies such as tour operators, travel agencies, airlines, airports and hotels.

Entry requirements:

- To progress on to the second year of this course you will need to have completed Year 1 successfully
- A positive reference from your tutor for Year 1 is required which should confirm that you have had excellent attendance and displayed the personal qualities required for working in the travel and tourism industry throughout the year
- You should demonstrate consistently high standards of personal presentation and wear your uniform to standard when at the Future Skills Centre
- In lessons demonstrate good communication skills, enthusiasm and a willingness to complete practical assessments

Travel and Tourism Aviation Pathway (Year 2)

Choose this route in Year 2 if you have enjoyed the Aviation units in Year 1 and would like to pursue a career in Airports or Airlines.

In Year 2 you will study additional units to 'top up' those you have achieved in Year 1 and this will then allow you to achieve a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Aviation.

This course will allow you to gain a further in-depth understanding of the Aviation and Airline industry.

On this course you will study the following units:

- Worldwide passenger airlines
- Flight operations
- Marketing for travel and tourism
- Health, safety and security in Aviation
- Airport terminal operations
- Airport ground operations
- Aviation communications
- Commercial airport operations
- Work experience

You will be taught and assessed in a variety of ways, through written assignments, presentations, as well as practical role plays.

During this course you will also take part in visits to popular travel and tourism attractions and organisations and will be offered the opportunity to attend a residential visit linked to the units you are studying. Our most recent residential on this pathway was to Barcelona. You will also undertake an industry placement to enhance your career prospects in the aviation sector and conduct practical assessments at Exeter Airport and in the Jetsim flight simulator based at our Future Skills Centre.

Choose this course if... you have a love of travel, a passion for working with people and you want to gain knowledge and experience of the industry to prepare for university or employment in various aviation related roles.

Future steps: This course is an excellent pathway into gaining employment in the industry or you could decide to progress to university.

There is a very good success rate for students going straight into employment with companies such as tour operators, airlines and airports.

Entry requirements:

- To progress on to the second year of this course you will need to have completed Year 1 successfully
- A positive reference from your tutor for Year 1 is required which should confirm that you have had excellent attendance and displayed the personal qualities required for working in the Aviation industry throughout the year
- You should demonstrate consistently high standards of personal presentation and wear your uniform to standard when at the Future Skills Centre
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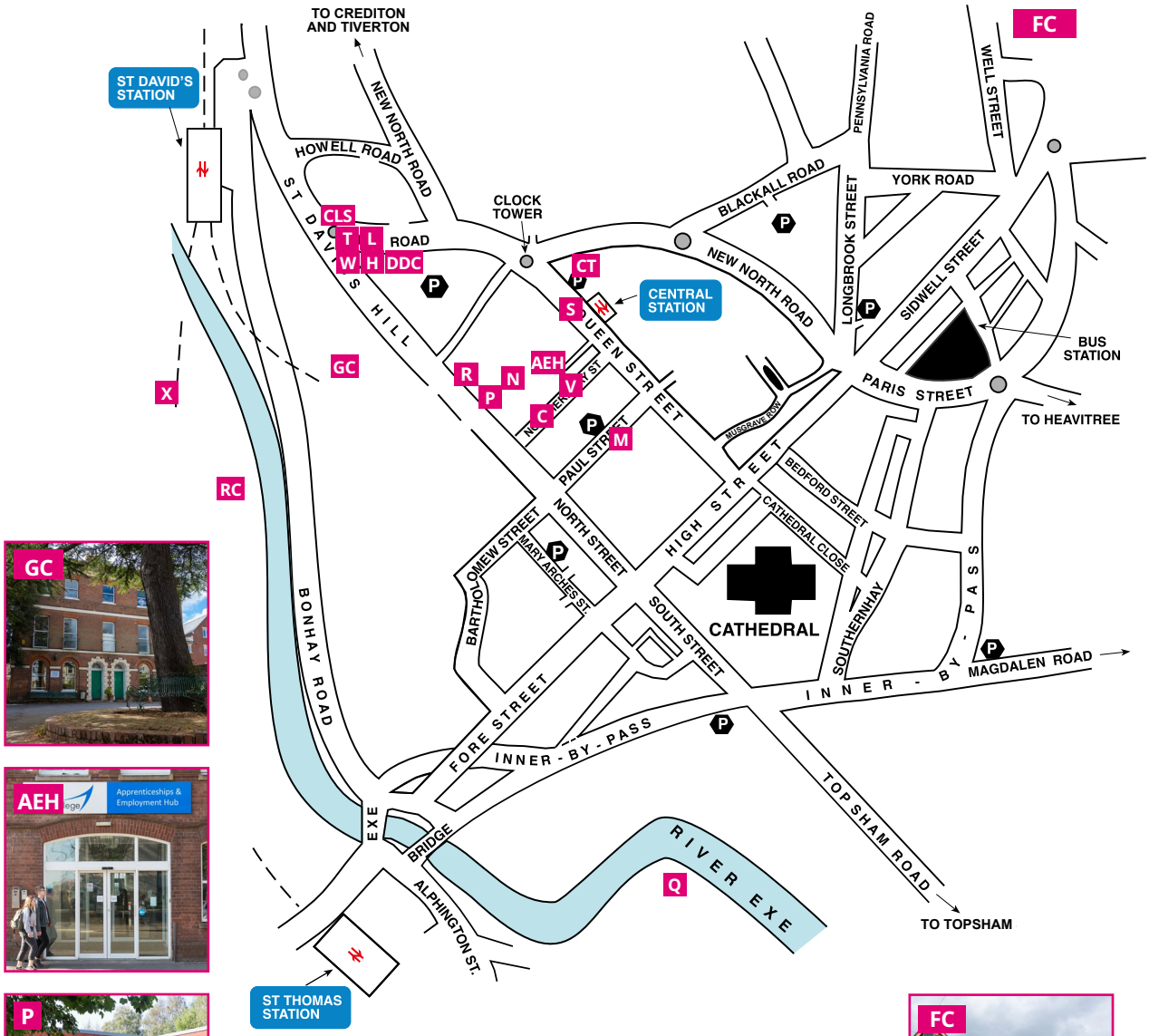
COLLEGE LOCATIONS



Our Digital and Data Centre offers digital learning labs, IT suites and seminar spaces.

Our Laurence Building includes a showcase salon, Zeal.

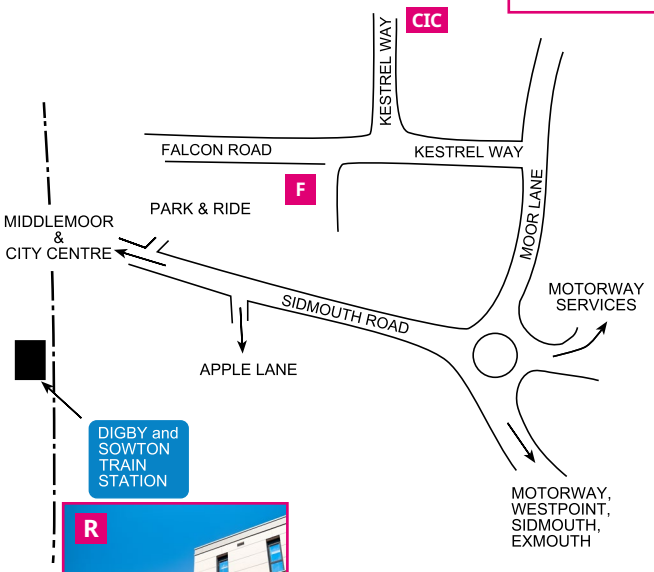
Our Maths and Science Centre includes 12 purpose-built science labs.

The Ted Wragg building includes our hospital training ward, science lab and maths classrooms.

Our Sports Hall includes a gym and specialist sprung dance studio.

Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre includes a 22 metre tower from which you can experience a Powerfan free-fall descent!

Exwick Sports Pavilion includes our community accessible 3G pitch and tennis courts.



Our Construction Centre offers industry standard facilities for all elements of construction training, including painting and decorating, carpentry, plumbing, gas installation and brickwork.

The Future Skills Centre focuses on courses such as travel and tourism, aeronautical, engineering, digital, construction and civil engineering.

Our Technology Centre includes robotics, industrial automation, advanced manufacturing and virtual welding.

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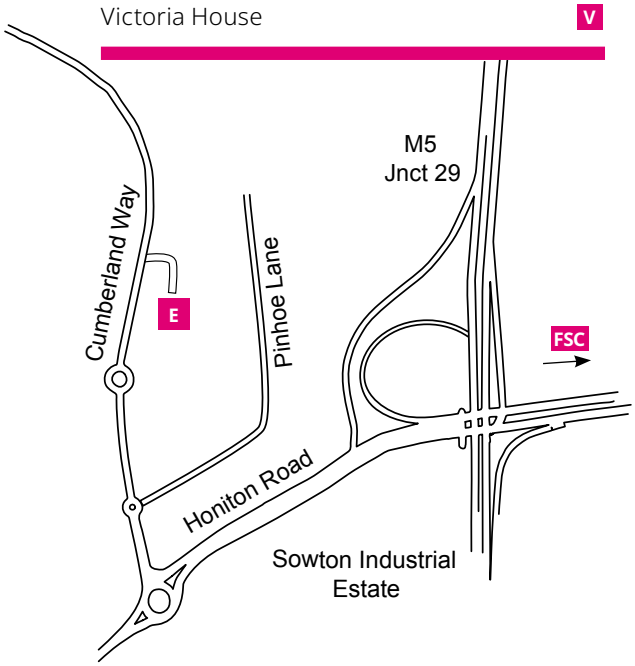
Key

Apprenticeship Hub	AEH
Centre for Law and Social Sciences	CLS
Centre for Creative Industries (CCI)	C
Centre for Music and Performance	M
Centre for Rugby	RC
Clock Tower Accommodation	CT
Construction Centre	F
Construction Innovation Centre	CIC
Digital and Data Centre	DDC
Exwick Sports Pavilion	X
The Fountain Centre	FC
Future Skills Centre	FSC
Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre	Q
Hele Building	H
Hub for Independent Living and Learning	P
Laurence Building	L
Maths and Science Centre	S
Sports Hall	N
Technology Centre	E
Ted Wragg	W
Tower Building	T
The Globe Centre	GC
The Re-engagement, Inclusion, Skills and Education Centre	R
Victoria House	V



City Centre Locations

- Hele Road
- Queen Street
- Other City Centre Locations

Out of City Centre/Other Locations

- Sowton
- Monkerton
- Exeter Airport
- Tiverton

Scan the QR code to discover more.
The Re-engagement, Inclusion, Skills and Education Centre
Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre
Hub for Independent Living and Learning
The Globe Centre
3G Rugby Pitch
Centre for Rugby
Exwick Sports Pavilion

Technology Centre
Future Skills Centre

Centre for Progression

TRAVEL

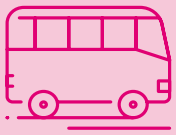
If you're thinking about coming to Exeter College there are many ways to travel to us, and all of our sites are easily accessible by train, bus, bike, car or on foot, depending on where you're travelling from. In fact, over 66% of our students travel from outside of Exeter. To make travel easier, we offer an Exeter College subsidised Travel Pass scheme, which you may be eligible for. If you're 16 or 17 you are also eligible for a National Rail 16-17 Saver card which, if purchased, entitles you to 50% off most rail tickets (visit **16-17saver.co.uk**).

If you travel at peak times on trains to and from Newton Abbot every day, with our College Travel Pass scheme you could make an annual saving of over £1000 (based on an average daily return of £11.10). If you have applied and received your College offer, you will automatically receive information by text and email in mid July, so you will find out everything you need to know about how to get to your place of study before you start College. Visit **exe-coll.ac.uk/travel** for more information.

Carolina, studying A Level Art and Design (Textiles), Art and Design (Film and Video) and Geology. Previously studied at Torquay Girls Grammar.

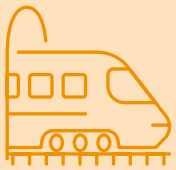
BIKE

We have secure cycle racks at our College sites and train stations are never far away.



BUS

There are plenty of city and countywide buses to get you to your destination. The College also has a subsidised travel scheme with Stagecoach South West.



TRAIN

If you catch the train, all College sites are within a short walking distance. City centre sites are all less than a seven minute walk from either Exeter St Davids Station or Exeter Central Station. Our Construction Centre is only five minutes from Digby and Sowton Station and our Technology Centre is 10-15 minutes' walk from Pinhoe Station. Haven Banks Outdoor Education Centre is 11 minutes' walk from Exeter St Thomas Station.

I live about 20 minutes away from Exeter, so I get the train to and from College. With the railcards provided by the College, it's really easy and affordable, and the journey is quick too.

Anna, studying A Level Chemistry, Biology and Psychology. Previously studied at Torquay Girls Grammar.

YOUR DAY

A full timetable awaits you with classes, tutorials, extracurricular options and private study time.

There are plenty of Learning Resource Centres available to complete assignments and for independent study on site in your study periods, as well as cafes and social spaces to catch up with friends in break times.

Below are example timetables. Please note that we periodically review our teaching delivery and, therefore, timetables are subject to change for 2027/28 entry. These examples are indicative of what you can expect as a mix of lesson time, study time and breaks.

A Level

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Subject 1	Subject 3	Study Period	Study Period	Subject 1
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Study Period	Study Period	Subject 3	Extend	Study Period
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	Subject 2	Lunch Time	EXtra	Subject 2	Lunch Time
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch Time	Group Tutorial	Lunch Time	Tutorial 1:1	Study Period
13.45 - 15.00	Study Period	Subject 2	Subject 1	Lunch Time	Subject 2
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Subject 3	Study Period	Subject 1	Subject 3	Study Period

T Level

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Lesson	Study Period	Lesson	Industry Placement	Lesson
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson	Industry Placement	Lesson
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	Lesson	Lunch Time	Group Tutorial	Industry Placement	Lesson
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch Time	Tutor 1:1	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time
13.45 - 15.00	Study Period	Lesson	Lesson	Industry Placement	Study Period
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Lesson	Lesson	Study Period	Industry Placement	Lesson

Vocational and Technical Full-time Programmes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.15	Lesson	Work Experience	Lesson	Study Period	Study Period
10.15 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.45	Study Period	Work Experience	Lesson	Lesson	Lesson
11.45 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.15	EXtra	Work Experience	Group Tutorial	Lunch Time	Lesson
13.15 - 13.45	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Lunch Time	Tutor 1:1	Lunch Time
13.45 - 15.00	Study Period	Work Experience	Lesson	Lesson	Study Period
15.00 - 15.15	Breaktime				
15.15 - 16.30	Lesson	Work Experience	Study Period	Lesson	Lesson

International Baccalaureate (IB)

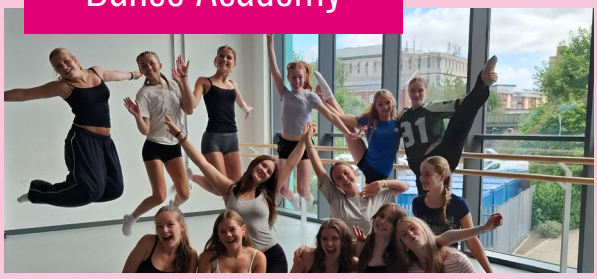
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 - 10.20	Maths	Sciences or Sports Academy	English Literature	Electives	Maths or Sports Academy
10.20 - 10.30	Breaktime				
10.30 - 11.50	Electives	English Literature	Sciences	English Literature	English Literature
11.50 - 12.00	Breaktime				
12.00 - 13.20	Tutorial	Second Language	Study Period or Extracurricular	Humanities	Second Language
13.20 - 13.40	Lunch Time				
13.40 - 15.00	ToK*	Humanities	Extended Essay ad CAS* or Sports Academy	Second Language	Humanities (HL)
15.00 - 15.10	Breaktime				
15.10 - 16.30	Sciences or Sports Academy	ToK*	Maths (HL) or Sports Academy	Sciences	Electives

ToK* - Theory of Knowledge HL - Higher Level CAS* - Creativity, Activity, Service

ACADEMIES

We are proud to offer a range of inspirational Academies to help you develop your skills beyond your chosen subjects and help you stand out.

Dance Academy



Train, perform and achieve. Develop your dance skills through workshops, performances and the nationally recognised Rambert Grades qualification. Students will gain transferable skills in self-management, discipline, focus, communications skills and collaborative working.

Digital Media Academy

Create content that makes an impact. Explore journalism, filmmaking, photography, marketing and content creation while building a professional portfolio. You will learn how to interview, how to shoot and edit a range of film and audio products, and much more.

Esports Academy

Compete, create and collaborate. Develop gaming, streaming, content production and teamwork skills while representing Exeter College in national competitions. Students will gain transferable skills in self-management, discipline, focus, communications skills and teamwork.

Music Academy

Music Academy students have access to a whole host of unique opportunities, from concert trips, workshops and projects with some of the country's best musicians, to performance opportunities that go far beyond the classroom setting.

Scan here to learn more about our academies

Applying for our Academies is easy. Once you submit your College course application online, your account homepage will update automatically to enable you to apply.

Michael Caines Academy
[full-time course]

Learn from leading industry professionals through one of the UK's most prestigious hospitality training programmes. Highly motivated learners work through an intense programme of study and enrichment, which culminates in a six-week work placement that prepares them for a future in the varied and challenging hospitality sector.

Reach Academy

For ambitious academic achievers, the Reach Academy encourages you to stretch yourself academically and aims to provide you with the best guidance and opportunities to access your first-choice university. Designed for highly able learners aiming for competitive universities, including Russell Group institutions, Oxford and Cambridge.

Sports Academy

The Sports Academy provides an opportunity for gifted and talented sports performers to focus on their chosen sport, in a supportive and specialist environment, while studying their full-time course at the College.

Performing Arts Academy

Work with theatre professionals through masterclasses, workshops and industry experiences that support your future career. The culmination of the academy will be a showcase of work to industry professionals.

Rugby Academy

In partnership with Exeter Chiefs, access elite rugby coaching and development opportunities while continuing your academic studies. The Rugby Academy at Exeter College provides education and rugby training required to support learners to reach the highest level in the sport. The programme caters for male and female players from 16-19 years.

Women's Football Academy

The Women's Football Academy, in partnership with Exeter City Women, offers an elite training and education experience for ambitious female footballers. Focus on technical, tactical, and physical development and benefit from expert coaching.

YOUR EXTRA

When you become a full-time student with us your learning experience reaches far beyond your course. As well as your studies and tutorial time, you will also have the opportunity to thrive through a wide range of extracurricular activities that will help you settle into your new surroundings, make new friends, develop new skills and have fun along the way. We call this element of your college programme 'EXtra'. Read on for more!

Clubs and societies

We have a huge range of free clubs and societies to get involved with such as: kickboxing, sign language, CPR training, the Ten Tors and Duke of Edinburgh challenges, languages, debating, environmental society, LGBT society, musical ensembles of various genres, and a whole host of active and sport-based clubs. These clubs offer the chance to discover new passions and develop existing skills. If there isn't a club running that you'd like to see on the list, we can support you in introducing something new and establishing your own club or society.

Tutorial

To ensure you are supported to achieve throughout your studies with us, you will be allocated a personal tutor and a tutorial group. Your personal tutor will provide regular one-to-ones and individual support for your studies. You will also receive regular group tutorials following the ECHOES curriculum. This covers a range of topics designed to enhance your wider personal development. These include Engage, Community, Health and Wellbeing, Opportunities for Next Steps, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and Skills for your Future.

EXtra spaces

There are 'EXtra spaces' across various College sites. These are designed to offer a small relaxing and welcoming environment for you to take some time out and engage with activities that help you recharge. Creative, fun, engaging, and most of all inclusive these are spaces for you to ask questions and discover new things that support your wellbeing. Throughout the week different activities and sessions will take place, staffed by people with their own skills and experiences. Visiting speakers, the EXtra team, Pets as Therapy volunteers and their dogs will all combine to offer something different that appeals to all interests. If you simply need some advice and signposting, then these spaces are here to help.

One-off EXtra events

Throughout the academic year you'll also encounter all sorts of fun and engaging one-off events that you can get involved in. Our annual EXtra Welcome Fair, creative writing and art workshops, visiting speakers, external partner opportunities, 'Brew Week' (free tea and coffee!), you can even contribute to group art pieces that will be displayed around the College. There are also lots of events that raise awareness around topics such as Black History Month, LGBT+ History Month, and Mental Health Awareness Week. There's always something happening here at Exeter College that will appeal to all interests.

Fundraising and volunteering

As a full-time Exeter College student, you will be encouraged to be an active and responsible citizen and to develop a wider understanding of society. You will have the chance to run fundraising and awareness-raising events to support issues that are important to you and your peers. All learners are encouraged to contribute to the selection of a charity and contribute through fundraising activities. It's a great way to give back and to understand the wider world we live in.

Learner Voice

At the College there are lots of different ways for students to have their voice heard. Your tutor group will elect a 'Learner Rep' who represents their tutor group, collecting students' views and feedback on a range of topics across the year. You could join the Learner Leadership Team working with students and senior leaders, from across the College to propose and implement positive changes to the College environment. Apply to be the College's FE Student Governor and sit on the board of governors representing your peers in strategic decision making.

Industry competitions

You will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of competitions at Exeter College. This could be at events such as the British Physics Olympiad, debating at a Model United Nations (MUN) conference or competing in the British Esports Association tournament. This year our students have seen great success regionally and nationally, including winning national hockey and rugby tournaments, Best in Class at the Food, Drink and Hospitality Week, bronze medals at WorldSkills, top prizes at the National Institute of Carpenters Competition and year-round success in the Esports Student Championships.

YOUR STUDENT SERVICES

We put the welfare of our students first and ensure they feel safe and supported at all times. Our dedicated teams work closely with personal tutors, lecturers, and support staff to ensure that students know how to keep themselves safe and healthy throughout their time at College and know how to access the appropriate support. All full-time students have a personal tutor who will regularly support and monitor both their academic progress and personal development. They work with students to set meaningful goals to support them to reach their academic and personal development aspirations. Your tutor and the EXtra provision (see pages 178-179 for more details) will equip you with all the skills and knowledge you'll need as you progress on to your next step, wherever and whatever that may be.

Safeguarding Team

Exeter College has a dedicated team that is committed to ensuring that all students feel safe and are protected from harm. Safeguarding covers anything that may pose a risk to the safety or wellbeing of an individual. For example, if somebody is making you do something you don't want to do or you find yourself in a situation that feels dangerous, risky or uncomfortable. If you are worried about yourself, or someone else in the College, please speak to a member of staff or contact the Safeguarding Team directly. Members of the Safeguarding Team are located across every site at Exeter College.

Financial support

If you need information, advice or guidance about financial support then our Bursary Team can help you with this. We are always happy to answer your queries and will support you whenever we can.

We think that everyone has the right to further education and training. We are committed to supporting learners to achieve their full potential and may be able to offer financial support to help students who are experiencing financial difficulties with costs associated with College.

Financial support from the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund is available for students with a household income of £50,000 or below.

The College can support where cost could be a barrier to accessing education and could help towards travel, provide free meals or contribute to some of the other costs associated with College. Your personal tutor will explain what is essential for your individual course, and the bursary aims to assist with these costs.

Vulnerable learners (who are in care, a care leaver or some students who live independently and financially support themselves) may be eligible for a bursary of up to £1,200 a year.

Please check our website for the latest information and to request an application form.

Your wellbeing

Looking after your wellbeing is fundamental to having a positive College experience, and we support you to take care of your wellbeing in lots of ways. You will have a personal tutor throughout your time at Exeter College and your tutor will be your first point of contact for course-related and pastoral queries. Through regular one-to-ones your tutor will regularly support you with both your academic progress and your wider wellbeing. The ECHOES personal development curriculum has a dedicated core theme embracing health and wellbeing. You will have the opportunity to learn more about your sleep habits, the anatomy of anxiety and how to manage stress during exams and coursework deadlines. Our dedicated Student Experience Wellbeing Officers coordinate a range of wellbeing and personal development activities and workshops throughout the year. You can get in touch with the EXtra team by emailing **extra@exe-coll.ac.uk.**

LEARNING SUPPORT

If you have a learning difficulty or disability and this impacts your learning, we understand the challenges you may be facing.

If you have declared a learning need, we will contact you to discuss these needs further. This may be by email, phone or in person when you have your college interview.

This meeting will allow you to discuss your needs further. Our friendly team will be able to build a picture of your needs and discuss with you the support available at the College. This may include signposting to other services within the College such as our Student Services Team and Finance Team.

Once you have started on your course, your tutor or subject lecturer may feel that you could benefit from some extra academic support to help you achieve your full potential. You will be able to access one of the Learning Support Drop In Centres.

What we can offer

- Assistive technology sessions (there is a range of software that can help or change the way we interact using computers, laptops or phones)
- Individual or small group sessions for targeted study skills
- Exam preparation techniques
- Time management skills
- Organisation skills
- Academic writing skills
- Drop in support
- Study skill development
- Specific Learning Difficulty advice and guidance

To continue to support students' learning needs, we have a selection of electronic devices available for loan.

We also work very closely with external professionals for students with Multi-Sensory Impairments (MSI) including hearing or visual impairment and physical disabilities. This includes specialist support for students.

Education, Health and Care Plan

An Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP) is a legal document for children and young people aged up to 25, which describes their special educational needs, the support they need, and the outcomes they would like to achieve.

Our team will review your EHCP and other documents provided by the local authority to assess your support needs prior to your application being processed.

If you have an EHCP and Exeter College has agreed with your local authority that we can meet your needs, additional support may be available to you. You will have a Learning Support Specialist who can aid your learning journey. You may also have a Learning Assistant supporting you in the classroom. All the Learning Assistants have received training on Specific Learning Difficulties and can adapt the support required to reflect your own needs.

The level of support you receive is based on individual's needs. This can include:

- Individual support and bespoke therapy
- Support in the classroom
- Assisting with exercise programmes
- Intimate care, medical intervention
- Speech and language support
- Supporting individuals to travel between sites
- Assistive technologies to aid your learning
- Multi-sensory support/resources

The SEN Team here at the College can advise you about the process of applying for an EHCP.

Please note:

- To request an EHCP from the local authority, it's important to provide clear substantial evidence showing the need for additional support.
- A request can be made by anyone who thinks an assessment may be necessary, including doctors, health visitors, parents, and family friends.

What are Exam Access Arrangements?

Exam Access Arrangements (EAAs) are the reasonable adjustments that can be made for a student taking formal exams. These might include things like extra time to complete an exam paper, permission to use assistive technology, or the provision of rest breaks.

Your tutor/teacher will need to provide evidence to support an assessment and confirm that a request for your exam access arrangements is the normal way of working in the classroom.

Some exam access arrangements do not automatically continue from your previous school/college, and in some cases you may need to be re-assessed. You may also need to provide evidence of a diagnosed medical condition before an assessment can take place.

THRIVING BEYOND COLLEGE

Whether you know exactly what you want to do, or you are undecided, we can help you with progression. You could progress on to another course, an apprenticeship or study higher education at College. Or you might choose to apply to university or find a job. Whatever your choice, we will give you support to make your decision.

Work experience

Work experience is an invaluable, extra part of your learning programme. It is a great way to develop your knowledge and skills as well as building confidence and character whilst introducing you to what it is like to work in your chosen industry or career. It can also help you decide what career or job you might like in the future. The College has exceptional links with employers to help you secure work experience placements and hear from experts in industry.

Careers and university advice

While at College you can visit our Careers Team who will help you make informed decisions about your future. Our team can offer impartial advice to all students. The Careers Officers coordinate a range of external visitors throughout the year to include employers, universities, apprenticeship providers, gap year and volunteering opportunities. The experienced and qualified team can offer support on progression at Exeter College and other further education organisations, UCAS and university applications, gap year, volunteering, apprenticeships and finding employment.

Alumni

All of our students have the opportunity to continue their journey with Exeter College. We believe that the belonging formed during their studies at Exeter College is just the start of an enduring connection to our very special College community. As well as being a place where lives are transformed through the power of education, our College is a place where lifelong friendships are made and memories are formed. For more information, and to read our Alumni and Friends Magazine, visit **exe-coll.ac.uk/alumni**

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5 TOP QUESTIONS

01 What courses can I do and what grades do I need?

We offer a variety of courses including A Levels, the International Baccalaureate (IB), T Levels, technical and vocational courses and apprenticeships which cover a vast range of subject areas.

A Levels, T Levels and the IB are Level 3, whereas technical and vocational courses, and apprenticeships are available from Entry Level to Level 3. The level of course you should apply for usually depends on your GCSE grades.

Each subject listed in this guide will include the specific entry requirements, so please refer to the course sections to find requirements for each course.

02 How do I apply for College and what happens after?

Applications open in early October. Apply online via our website, download and print a form, or collect one from our receptions.

After you apply, we'll contact you with an interview date and time, or sooner if we need any additional information. You may be asked to bring a recent school report and, for some courses, examples of your work. We'll let you know exactly what you need in advance. Interview evenings run regularly from November.

At your interview, you'll have a short discussion with a tutor, ask any questions, and learn more about your chosen course. For apprenticeships and some other courses, you may also complete an online assessment to ensure you are placed at the right level. At the end of the interview, you'll receive a conditional offer confirming your course and required grades.

Enrolment takes place in the weeks following GCSE results day. **You must attend your enrolment appointment in person to secure your place.**

03 What is student life like?

College is very different to school! You won't have to wear a uniform (apart from on a few vocational courses), you call teachers by their first names, and you have more independence.

You'll have a personal tutor who will support you during your time here and a tutor group.

There is a wide offer of enriching activities and support available to students, including our EXtra-curricular clubs and societies, wellbeing workshops, Academies and more.

04 How do I get help with the cost of coming to College?

The College has a bursary fund for students from lower income households, or if you are in care/a care leaver. This could help with the cost of travel, essential books, equipment, clothing or trips and provide free meals. Apply for this via our Bursary Team or register online before you start College to ensure the support is in place early.

05 What's the best way to find out more about courses and see the College?

You can come and look around the College, meet our tutors and see the fantastic facilities at one of our Open Events. Just register through our website. Follow us on socials to find out more about life at College and get a good look at our sites, just search **@ExeterCollege**.

TAKE YOUR PICK

Vocational and Technical full time programmes

Art and Design

Art and Design	Level 1	**26**
Art and Design	Level 2	**27**
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication	Level 3	**28-29**
(UAL) Foundation Diploma in Art and Design	Level 3+	**33**

Automotive

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - Light Vehicle Mechanical	Level 1	**35**
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair - Light Vehicle Mechanical	Level 2	**36**
Automotive: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Light and Electric Vehicles	Level 3	**36**

Business

Business	Level 1	**42**
Business	Level 2	**42**
Business - Management	Level 3	**43**
Accounting	Level 3	**43**
Marketing	Level 3	**44**

Construction and the Built Environment

Construction Skills	Level 1	**49**
Maintenance Operations	Level 2	**50**
Architectural Joinery	Level 2	**50**
Bricklaying	Level 2	**51**
Electrical Installation	Level 2	**51**
Plumbing	Level 2	**52**
Site Carpentry	Level 2	**52**
Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning	Level 3	**53**

Cyber and Digital Technologies

Media and IT	Level 1	**61**
Digital	Level 2	**62**
Production, Enterprise and Esports	Level 3	**63**
IT- Digital Software Development	Level 3	**64**
IT- Digital Support and Security	Level 3	**65**
IT - Digital Data Analytics	Level 3	**66**
Cyber, Digital and Technology	Level 3	**67**

Dance, Drama, Performing Arts and Production

Performing and Production Arts	Level 2	**72**
Performing and Production Arts (Acting)	Level 3	**72**
Performing and Production Arts (Musical Theatre)	Level 3	**73**
Dance	Level 3	**74**

Engineering and Aerospace

Engineering	Level 2	**77**
Aeronautical Engineering	Level 3	**77**
Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing	Level 3	**78**
Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies	Level 3	**78**
Engineering: Machining and Toolmaking Technologies (Hepco Academy)	Level 3	**79**
Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Mechanical Engineering	Level 3	**79**
Engineering: Maintenance, Installation and Repair - Electrical and Electronics	Level 3	**80**

Foundation Learning and Inclusion

GCSE Fast Track	Level 2	**88**
Independence Gateway	Entry Level	**88**
Progression Gateway	Entry Level	**89**
Introduction to the Hospitality Industry	Entry Level	**89**
Skills Gateway	Level 1	**90**
Art and Design	Level 1	**90**
Business	Level 1	**90**
Care	Level 1	**91**
Media and IT	Level 1	**91**
Outdoor Adventure	Level 1	**91**

Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-Up Artistry

Beauty and Make-up	Level 1	**94**
Hairdressing and Barbering	Level 1	**94**
Barbering	Level 2	**95**
Barbering	Level 3	**95**
Women's Hairdressing	Level 2	**96**
Hairdressing	Level 3	**96**
Beauty Therapy	Level 2	**97**
Beauty Therapy Massage (Massage Pathway)	Level 3	**98**
Beauty Therapy Massage (Electrotherapy Pathway)	Level 3	**98**
Nail Technology	Level 3	**99**
Hair and Media Make-Up	Level 2	**99**

Health Science, Education and Public Services

Foundation Science	Level 2	**101**
Care	Level 1	**101**
Health and Social Care (Health or Childcare Pathways)	Level 2	**102**
Early Years Practitioner	Level 2	**102**
Health and Social Care	Level 3	**103**
Health (Nursing and Midwifery)	Level 3	**103**
Applied Science	Level 3	**104**
Education and Early Years	Level 3	**106**
Public Services (Uniformed Services)	Level 3	**107**

Hospitality and Catering

Introduction to the Hospitality Industry	Entry Level	**109**
Catering Craft (and food service)	Level 1	**110**
Professional Cookery (and food service)	Level 1	**110**
Michael Caines Academy Professional Cookery (and food service)	Level 1	**111**

Media and Film

Media and IT	Level 1	**135**
Creative Media Production and Technology	Level 2	**136**
Level 3 Journalism (UAL Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)	Level 3	**136**
Level 3 TV and Film (UAL Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)	Level 3	**137**
Media, Broadcast and Production	Level 3	**137**

Music

Music Performance and Production (Music Technology/Production Pathway)	Level 3	**141**
Music Performance and Production (Performance Pathway)	Level 3	**142**

Outdoor Adventure

Sport (Outdoor Adventure)	Level 2	**147**
Sport and Outdoor Activities	Level 3	**147**

Science

Applied Science	Level 3	**149**

Sport and Fitness

Outdoor Adventure	Level 1	**155**
Sport	Level 2	**156**
Technical Occupational Entry in Fitness Coaching	Level 2	**156**
Sport - Exeter City Football Development Programme	Level 2	**157**
Technical Occupational Entry in Personal Training (Diploma) and Technical Specialist in Sports Massage Therapy (Diploma)	Level 3	**157**
Sport - Fitness and Coaching	Level 3	**158**
Sport - Exeter City Football Development Programme	Level 3	**159**
Sport - Performance and Excellence	Level 3	**160**
Sport and Exercise Science	Level 3	**160**

Travel and Tourism

Travel and Tourism	Level 2	**164**
Aviation and Introduction to Airline Cabin Crew	Level 2	**165**
Travel and Tourism/Aviation (with pathways)	Level 3	**166-167**

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Apprenticeships

Automotive

Autocare Technician	**38**
Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Tehcnician (Light Vehicle)	**38**
Heavy Vehicle Service and Maintenance Tehcnician	**39**

Business

Assistant Accountant	**45**
Administration Assistant	**46**
Business Administrator	**46**
Multi-Channel Marketer	**47**
Human Resources Support	**47**

Construction and the Built Environment

Property Maintenance Operative	**53**
Site Carpentry	**54**
Architectural Joinery	**55**
Craft Architectural Joinery or Craft Site Carpentry	**55**
Bricklayer	**56**
Craft Bricklayer	**56**
Installation and Maintenance Electrician	**57**
Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician	**57**
Roofer	**58**
Civil Engineering Technician	**58**
Building Services Engineering Technician	**59**
Construction Support Technician	**59**

Cyber and Digital Technologies

Data Technician	**67**
Multi-Channel Marketer	**68**
Information Communication Technician	**68**
Digital Support Technician	**69**
Software Development Technician	**69**

Engineering and Aerospace

Engineering Operative	**80**
Engineering Tehnician	**81**
Aircraft Maintenance Technician	**81**

Hairdressing, Beauty and Make-Up Artistry

Hairdressing	**97**

Health Science, Education and Public Services

Adult Care Worker	**105**
Dental Nursing	**105**
Early Years Practitioner/Educator	**106**
Teaching Assistant	**107**

Hospitality and Catering

Butcher	**111**
Commis Chef/Professional Chef	**112**
Food and Beverage Team Member	**112**
Accommodation Team Member	**112**
Senior Professional Chef	**113**
Hospitality Supervisor	**113**

Sport and Fitness

Personal Training - Health and Fitness (Gym Based)	**161**

A Level and BTEC equivalents

Art and Design

3-Dimensional Design (Product Design)	A Level	**30**
Fashion and Textiles	A Level	**30**
Film and Video - Art, Craft and Design	A Level	**31**
Fine Art	A Level	**31**
Graphic Communication	A Level	**32**
Photography	A Level	**32**

Business

Business	A Level	**45**

Dance, Drama, Performing Arts and Production

Drama and Theatre	A Level	**75**

English Language and English Literature

English Language	A Level	**83**
English Literature	A Level	**85**

Humanities and Social Sciences

Business	A Level	**116**
Classical Civilisation	A Level	**116**
Economics	A Level	**117**
Geography	A Level	**117**
Early Modern History (1485-1799)	A Level	**118**
Later Modern History (1780-1991)	A Level	**118**
Law	A Level	**119**
Philosophy	A Level	**119**
Politics	A Level	**120**
Psychology	A Level	**120**
Religious Studies	A Level	**121**
Sociology	A Level	**121**

Languages

French	AS/A Level	**127**
German	AS/A Level	**128**
Spanish	AS/A Level	**128**

Mathematics

Core Maths	Level 3	**131**
Mathematics	AS/A Level	**132**
Double Mathematics (Mathematics plus further Mathematics)	A Level	**132**

Media and Film

Film and Video - Art, Craft and Design	AS/A Level	**138**
Film Studies	AS/A Level	**138**
Media Studies	AS/A Level	**139**

Music

Music	A Level	**143**
Music (Performance)	Level 3	**144**
Music Technology (Production)	Level 3	**144**

Science

Biology	AS/A Level	**150**
Chemistry	AS/A Level	**150**
Computer Science	A Level	**151**
Environmental Science	A Level	**151**
Geology	AS/A Level	**152**
Physics	AS/A Level	**152**

Sport and Fitness

Physical Education	A Level	**161**

International Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate	Level 3	**124**

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES BY LEVEL

Entry Level and Level 1 qualifications

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Level 2 qualifications

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Construction: Design, Surveying and Planning	53
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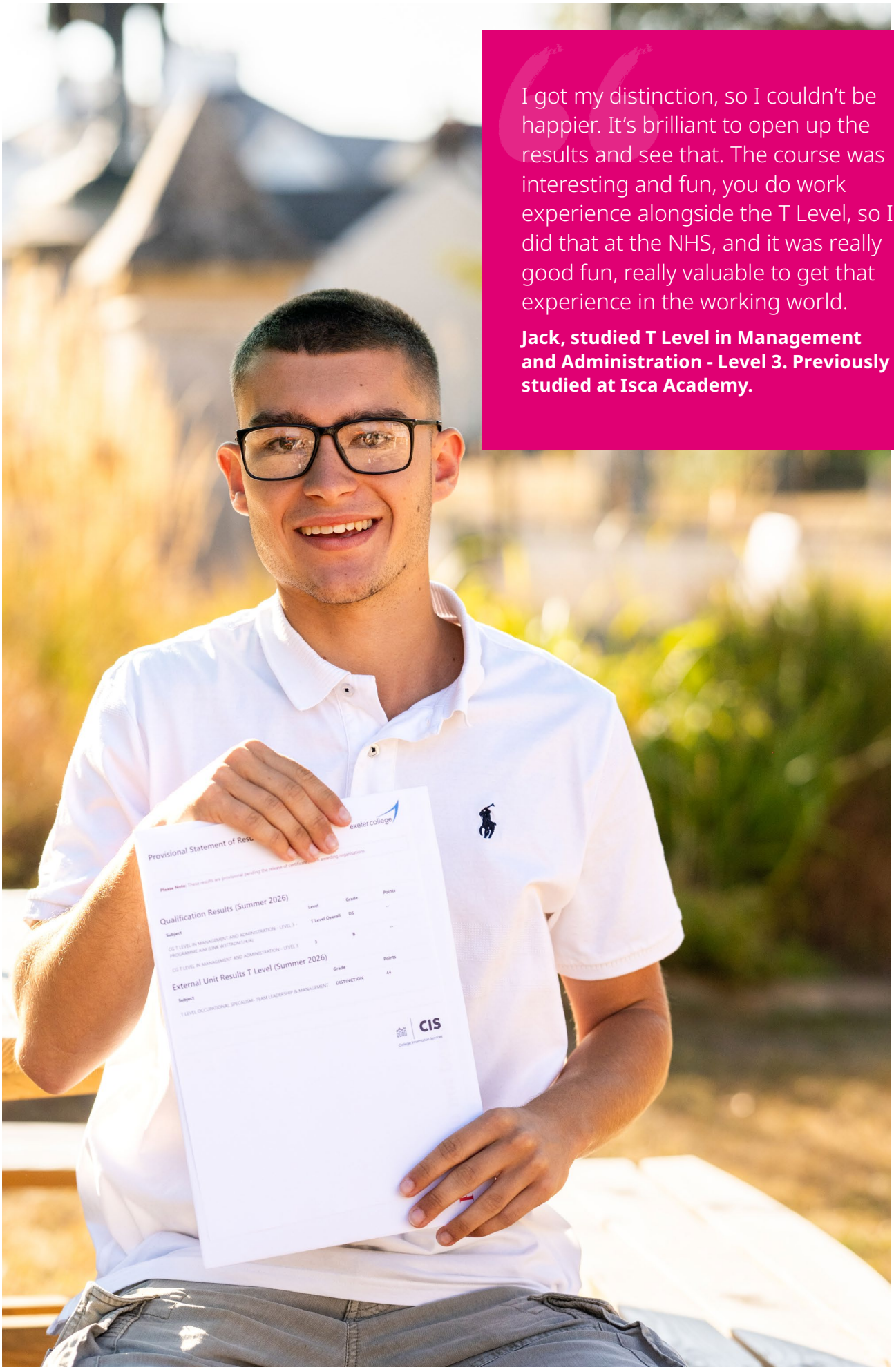

I got my distinction, so I couldn't be happier. It's brilliant to open up the results and see that. The course was interesting and fun, you do work experience alongside the T Level, so I did that at the NHS, and it was really good fun, really valuable to get that experience in the working world.

Jack, studied T Level in Management and Administration - Level 3. Previously studied at Isca Academy.

READY TO APPLY?

01 Come to an Open Event and choose your course

02 Complete your application form

03 Attend an interview

04 Collect your GCSE results

05 Attend your College enrolment appointment

You are now an Exeter College student!

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