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## YOUR GUIDE TO FULL-TIME COURSES AND APPRENTICESHIPS 2021-22

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# OPEN EVENTS

## LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

### DAVENTRY

Tuesday, 9 February 2021	-	5pm – 7.30pm
Saturday, 6 March 2021	-	10am – 12.30pm
Wednesday, 23 June 2021	-	5pm – 7.30pm

Due to COVID-19 it may not be possible to hold an Open Event at our campus, in which case we will host a virtual event.

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# 0300 123 2344



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**WE WELCOME EVERYONE  
REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE  
OR STARTING POINT AND WE  
ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING  
AND SUPPORTING OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR EVERYONE.**

## OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to rethink everything about the way we operate, from how we manage students' learning to the way we move around the building. It is an enormous logistical challenge and we have painstakingly gone through absolutely everything to ensure we have a COVID-secure campus.

No stone has been left unturned in our mission to make our students safe and we are confident we now have a 'best in class' solution that will provide reassurance for students, parents and staff alike.

The college is likely to feature a 'blended learning' programme for some time to come, combining classroom-based study and working from home. This will allow the college to limit the number of students on campus at any one time and enable enhanced adherence to the social distancing measures in place.

The photographs in this prospectus were taken before lockdown and are not representative of the strict social distancing measures we now have in place. For the foreseeable future, students will face daily temperature checks and a raft of 'best in class' safety measures introduced to combat the threat of COVID-19.

For more information, please visit [WWW.NORTHAMPTONCOLLEGE.AC.UK/CORONAVIRUS](http://WWW.NORTHAMPTONCOLLEGE.AC.UK/CORONAVIRUS)





# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

96%

OF OUR STUDENTS PASSED  
THEIR QUALIFICATIONS

94%

OF OUR STUDENTS WENT  
ON TO FURTHER STUDY  
OR EMPLOYMENT

Life is a journey. As part of that journey we have to make choices. The decision of how best to continue your education is one of the most important choices you will make and I am delighted you are considering Northampton College, Daventry Campus for your next destination. We look forward to sharing our first-class teaching and facilities with you and invite you to join us on our 'Journey to Outstanding'.

Here at Daventry Campus we put our students at the heart of everything we do. Our study programmes are designed around you, providing you with the skills you need to succeed in life, helping you to progress in your chosen career or move on to higher education.

Study programmes may include your main qualification, English and maths plus work experience and employability skills.

## WE PUT OUR STUDENTS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

Education is compulsory up to the age of 18. At Daventry Campus we have developed a host of exciting options, including full-time study and Apprenticeships, that will engage you, inspire you and challenge you.

We welcome students of all abilities and we are committed to helping you discover the best possible study programme for you. There is no 'one size fits all' approach here – everything is done with you in mind. We have a wide range of courses on offer at many different levels, so whatever your starting point we can help you find the best route to take on your journey.

Many of you will be true innovators, visionaries, pioneers. You are the employers of the future. By coming to Daventry Campus you will be curious, you will learn and, ultimately, you will make a difference.

Our teachers and support staff are highly qualified specialists who will support you during your time with us. They will help you gain the best possible grade in your qualification but they will also do everything in their power to help you reach your potential.

### Daventry Campus is for you if you are:

- ▶ Leaving school and seeking further study or an Apprenticeship
- ▶ Looking for professional and technical qualifications
- ▶ Seeking to improve your English, maths or computer skills
- ▶ Wishing to learn English or improve your language skills
- ▶ Wanting to retrain and change career or gain a promotion
- ▶ Returning to education after a gap
- ▶ Looking for higher education options in a college setting
- ▶ Seeking the next course to help you progress.

At Daventry Campus our primary objective is to help you progress, whether it be to the next level in your education or into your chosen career.

With our support, thousands of students have reached their potential and we can't wait to see what we can do for you.

If you would like to find out more about the College, read on.

I look forward to seeing you soon.



Pat Brennan-Barrett, Principal

# DAVENTRY CAMPUS

**We have built a state-of-the-art campus so that young people no longer need to leave Daventry to access high quality further education.**

Our Daventry campus building provides students with access to state-of-the-art equipment and learning resources. The first floor is home to multiple ICT suites. Here you will also find award-winning library facilities and art studios, including kilns.

The ground floor is dedicated to a range of other technical and professional learning opportunities. Facilities include motor vehicle workshops, hairdressing and beauty therapy salons and a fully-equipped construction workshop.

Also on the ground floor is the cafeteria, student support and enrolment centre and a Supported Learning area for students with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

On the top floor are our general purpose classrooms for healthcare students and a childcare craft area.

This campus provides places for 400 students, including Apprenticeships, and focuses on developing the skills identified as central to the local economy. An exciting new curriculum has been developed for young people, adults and local businesses.



## AT DAVENTRY CAMPUS WE HAVE THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AND WELL-EQUIPPED LEARNING RESOURCES.

**The campus brings significant benefits to Daventry including:**

- ▶ General and specialist teaching resources equipped with the latest technology
- ▶ Resources which are designed to respond to the needs of students and local employers
- ▶ New buildings which are most cost-effective to maintain and operate
- ▶ Retention of green open space and sports pitches
- ▶ A more environmentally-friendly and sustainable campus

# 96%

OF OUR STUDENTS PASSED THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AT OUR DAVENTRY CAMPUS

# TEN REASONS TO JOIN OUR DAVENTRY CAMPUS

# 10

## 01

**Success** - We get the results: 96% of our students pass their qualifications and 94% went on to further study or employment.

## 02

**Innovative courses** – designed to give you the best start in your chosen career.

## 03

**High quality teaching** - Our highly qualified teaching staff have lots of industry experience, so you can learn the skills employers need.

## 04

**Improve your grades** - Maths and English are essential for your future. If you want or need to retake these must-have qualifications, our teachers will work with you to improve your skills.

## 05

**Top class facilities** - We have the latest technology, well-equipped learning resources and award-winning library facilities.

## 06

**Support is always on hand** - Our Student Services team is here to help you with any issues, academic, personal, or financial.

## 07

**Enjoy enrichment** - You will love our Enrichment Programme designed to support you in accessing a range of additional activities outside of the classroom.

## 08

**Be work ready** - We have excellent links with local businesses and connect with them to ensure you get valuable work placements.

## 09

**Help with your future plans** - Our Futures team is here to support students with plans for their future, whether you want help with study options, progression routes or career choices.

## 10

**Safe and welcoming** - Your personal development, behaviour and welfare is our priority and we welcome students whatever your needs, background or experience.

## CREATING POSSIBILITIES, ACHIEVING POTENTIAL.



# COSTS, FEES & FINANCE

If you are under 19 when you start your full-time Study Programme you won't pay any tuition, examination or registration costs – apart from late fees, re-sit entries, unsupported entries and unauthorised exam absences.

If you are aged 19 to 23 and starting a full-time Study Programme you may need to pay a yearly tuition fee and the examination, registration and assessment costs. Some students are entitled to a 100% reduction in tuition fees. Call our Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344 to find out if you are eligible.

If you are aged 24 or older and are applying for a Level 3 or 4 programme you will need to pay for all costs associated with your course. You may, however, be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan to help you pay for all or part of your course. Details will be provided when you attend your interview. Students aged 19+ may be eligible for a loan to cover the cost of some or all of their tuition fees.

## BURSARIES

Funding is provided to Northampton College by the Government to support students who would otherwise find it difficult to come to college.

Eligibility is based on age, residency, household income and previous level of qualification, although exceptional circumstances will be considered.

Please visit:

[www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk/support-for-students](http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk/support-for-students)

## CHILDCARE COSTS

If you are aged over 20 at the start of your college course and applying to the Student Bursary scheme for help with the cost of childcare you will need to register with one of our approved childcare providers.

If you are aged under 20, you may be eligible for help under the Government's Care to Learn scheme which pays up to £160 per week for childcare with an Ofsted-registered provider while you are at college. You must be in receipt of child benefit for the child or children you are claiming for.

## HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOANS

Full-time or part-time students can apply for a loan to pay for the tuition fees of a Higher National through the Student Loan Company.

## LOANS

If you meet the following criteria you will be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to fund some Level 3 or Level 4 courses:

- You are between the ages of 19-23 and already have a Level 3 qualification
- You are aged 24 or over

[Advanced Learner Loan](#)

[www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

You'll only need to start repaying the loan after you've completed your course and once you are earning more than £26,575 a year. For more information, go to [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company).

## TOTUM

Download the TOTUM app to access student discounts or upgrade your membership to a paid level and save £££s every day on travel, clothes, entertainment and technology.

[www.totum.com](http://www.totum.com)

## LET US HELP YOU

Contact a member of the Student Services team on **01604 734066**, email [financial.support@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:financial.support@northamptoncollege.ac.uk) or visit our website [www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk)



# DIGITAL ACADEMY

Our Digital Academy aims to train the next generation of digital experts and will teach cutting-edge techniques and skills to equip the workforce of the future.

Students at our Booth Lane campus will have access to an exciting, new learning environment including an eSports arena, TV studio, digital workshops, Mac suite and digital design studios. Our Daventry Campus also boasts a whole range of specialist facilities and equipment.

The Digital Academy at Daventry Campus offers a wide range of courses allowing individuals to enhance their digital skills, explore digital career opportunities and progress to Higher Education, Apprenticeships and a range of job opportunities.

The pathways we offer lead to 'in demand' digital jobs in software development, cybersecurity, gaming and digital marketing.

The Digital Academy will provide students with training from digital experts and we will be working closely with local employers from the creative and digital sector to help them gain the skills and knowledge required to thrive in this fast-paced industry.



## DID YOU KNOW?

EARNINGS FOR DIGITAL SECTOR  
**EMPLOYEES**  
ARE **HIGHER**  
THAN THE UK AVERAGE  
FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

THERE IS SIGNIFICANT DEMAND FOR DIGITAL SKILLS IN THE WORKPLACE, PARTICULARLY IN PROGRAMMING AND CODING, SO DIGITAL ACADEMY STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO EXCELLENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

**OUR DAVENTRY CAMPUS  
BOASTS A WHOLE RANGE  
OF SPECIALIST FACILITIES  
AND EQUIPMENT.**







# STUDENT SUPPORT

**HERE AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS WHENEVER THEY NEED IT.**

## PERSONAL TUTORS AND ACADEMIC COACHES

You will be allocated a personal tutor/academic coach as soon as you start your studies, ensuring you always have someone to turn to for advice, help or support with your Study Programme. Together with your tutor/academic coach, you will agree your targets and destination. This means you will be able to discuss your personal learning targets, talk about your progress and record your achievements.

## PERSONAL SUPPORT

Our team of personal support staff can help you with any issues that affect your time at college whether they are personal or linked to your college work. Staff are available to offer one to one sessions at all our campuses where you can discuss any problems or concerns you might have.

**Call in to Student Services to find out more.**

## LINKS WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If you're a parent or guardian, rest assured that we will keep in touch if your son or daughter is aged under 19 so you're informed about their progress and attendance. You will be sent a written report at least twice a year and invited to attend a parents' evening. You are welcome to contact the Curriculum Manager if you have any concerns.

## ENGLISH AND MATHS

These subjects form a compulsory part of the Study Programme for students aged 16-18. Any student who has not yet achieved a grade 4 (C) or above will be required to continue studying for a maths and English qualification. Students who have achieved a grade 4 (C) and wish to improve their grade will be given the opportunity to do this.

## SAFEGUARDING

We take safeguarding the welfare of children and vulnerable adults seriously, helping to prevent abuse. Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website.

## BRITISH VALUES

We prepare our students for life in modern Britain by promoting values that support a strong sense of social and moral responsibility and help them to understand:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

## DIVERSITY

We welcome everyone regardless of background or starting point and are committed to promoting and supporting opportunities for everyone in all aspects of college life.

## EQUALITY

We promise that nobody will be treated less favourably than others on grounds of race, gender, belief, sexual orientation, age, disability or learning difficulty.

## OUR LIBRARIES

Our impressive range of resources and facilities will support you in your studies as well as in your personal and professional development. We have won awards for helping students develop research and study skills so they can learn independently.

## GETTING TO COLLEGE

We cater for drivers and cyclists, but if you prefer public transport then buses are a quick and convenient way to get to us. Our Daventry Campus is conveniently situated within walking distance of the central bus centre and is easily accessible from across Northamptonshire and parts of Warwickshire. You may be able to get help with the cost of a bus pass – **just ask the Student Services team for advice.**

## FUTURES

We have a careers service called 'Futures' that is here to offer you impartial information, advice and guidance, whether your next step is further study, university, training or employment. Futures staff can help you to plan your progression to higher level qualifications, careers, Apprenticeships and university as well as supporting with student finance applications and CV writing. **To book an appointment with a Futures adviser call our Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344.**

## LEARNING SUPPORT

The College has developed its support for students over successive years, endorsed by an Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding' in this area. All our students are well supported, whatever your individual needs. We are committed to ensuring that students with additional needs, learning difficulties or disabilities, e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia, sensory or physical difficulties are given the support they need to succeed.

Students who did not achieve a grade 4 in maths and English will benefit from a wraparound support programme which is included on their timetable. To find out more or to discuss your needs with the team, please call the **Additional Support Team on 01604 734184.**



**HELEN JANSKA**  
ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

**Additional Support at college is staffed by a dedicated team of multi-disciplinary specialists who support students with a range of differing abilities and conditions to access learning and achieve their goals.**

*"We support students with additional needs, learning difficulties or disabilities, e.g. autism, dyslexia, AD(H)D, mental health conditions, hearing impairment, visual impairment and physical and medical conditions. We are a person-centred team and focus on finding the right level of support for each individual student."*



# STUDENTS' UNION

The Northampton College Students' Union (NCSU) ensures that students have a voice and that your opinions are heard and acted upon. Your views matter and we want to hear them.

As a college, everything we do is done with the students in mind so it is absolutely essential that we know what works for you and, just as importantly, what doesn't. That way we can work together to develop an enjoyable environment that brings success, time and time again. Your input in this process is crucial, so get involved!



## ROLES IN THE STUDENT UNION

The NCSU is made up of two Student Officers; the Student President & Governor and the Student Vice President & Governor. Each role has its own responsibilities and will be supported by the Enrichment Liaison Officer. You will be expected to be a champion for the Students' Union, promoting them in a positive light both within the college and the local community.

We're looking for passionate and hard-working applicants who are fully committed to their roles and willing to undertake new challenges and responsibilities to act on behalf of your fellow students.

Student Services staff will always be on hand to support you but ultimately the students run the Union, therefore you need to be comfortable in leading your peers.

**This is your chance to stand up and lead from the front.**

## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Undertaking any NCSU roles will provide you with the opportunity to gain experience and improve your skills in leadership, communication, teamwork, problem solving, motivation and presentation, all of which will help you to secure employment or a place at university.

## STUDENT AMBASSADORS

During your time at College you will also have the chance to become a Student Ambassador.

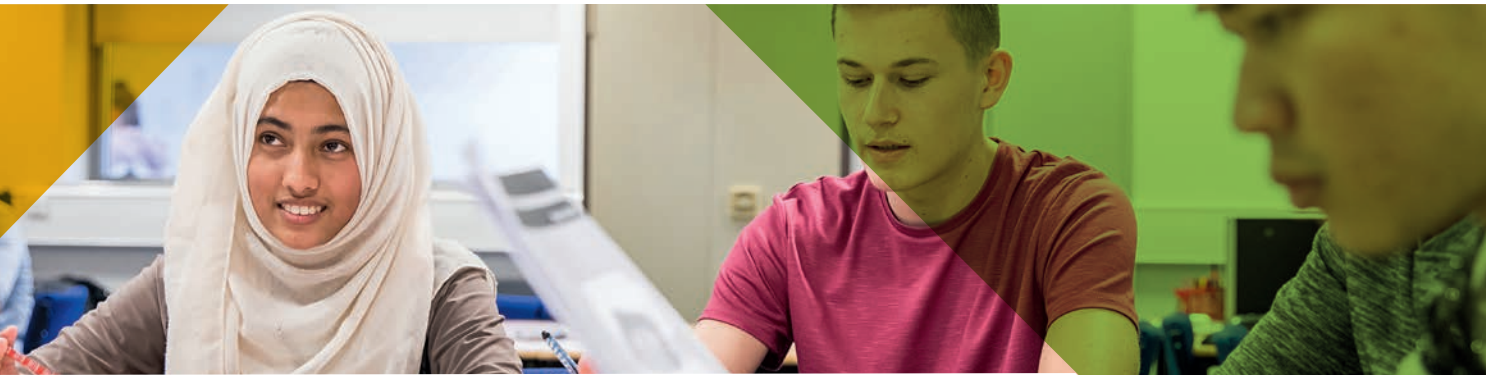
Our Student Ambassadors are a vital part of the college community, helping out at open events and talking to prospective students and their parents about what life is like at Northampton College.

Ambassadors also take part in focus groups where they can help shape the decision-making process across college. You will welcome visitors to campus and assist the Student Union with charity events. It's the perfect way to contribute to college life.

As a Student Ambassador, you will be offered rewards after taking part in three of the above activities. The more you take part, the more you will be rewarded.







# STUDY PROGRAMMES

When you join the College, you are signing up for more than just a qualification. Your Study Programme is made up of the following:

## MATHS AND ENGLISH

Everybody needs good maths and English skills in their everyday life as well as in the workplace, where employers expect a good standard in both before they will offer you a job. All students will continue to improve their maths and English and if you don't have a grade 4 (C) at GCSE, we will work with you to help you achieve this.

## CORE QUALIFICATION

You have chosen the subject area that you are interested in and we will make sure you are working at the right level and are challenged to achieve the highest level of qualification you can.

## WORK EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYABILITY

When it comes to getting started in the career of your choice and securing the right job, we want our students to stand out from the crowd. You may get the opportunity to take part in work experience placements that will help you adapt to the world of work. You will get involved in sessions that cover cv writing, interview skills, finding employment, time management, money skills, and personal development to build your confidence. You will also get to meet local employers when they come into college as visiting speakers or as part of industry visits to business venues.

## SUPPORT AND PROGRESS

Weekly timetables will include progress and support activities which may comprise full group activities or one to one sessions to discuss individual progress and support needs.

## BLENDED LEARNING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems highly likely that there will be a requirement for some form of social distancing for some time to come, so we've developed a blended learning model that combines online learning and traditional classroom-based methods.

Interactive lessons will be delivered using a variety of digital platforms, and we have brought together a wide-range of online resources to help students to learn at home. This has been done to reduce the number of people in college at any one time.

## T LEVELS – COMING SOON

T Levels are a new level 3 technical qualification – equivalent to three A Levels. They will bring together classroom study with a significant work placement – called an industry placement – to give you the skills and knowledge required to be ready to work in a wide range of sectors and industries.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Industry placements will form part of the new T Levels courses, which are being implemented at Northampton College from September 2022. They will provide students with a valuable opportunity to develop their practical and technical skills in a role directly relevant to their course. Depending on which course you choose to study, you may have the opportunity to undertake an industry placement or industry placement project in September 2021.



# VRITIKA MISTRY

## ART & DESIGN

Vritika has excelled on the Level 3 Art and Design course.

She said "I love taking on new challenges, using different scales of work and different materials."

Her tutors have commended Vritika for her hard work and determination. She is often found in College working away in her own time and making the best use of college resources.

Vritika was awarded the prize for 'Most Determined Student' at the Daventry Awards Ceremony and hopes to go on to study Fine Art at University.



# COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

If you are unsure what you want to do, or need to improve your entry qualifications, our one-year full-time Foundation Programme provides an ideal starting point, enabling you to progress through to further levels of achievement. As well as working on a range of work-related projects you will also study for qualifications in English and maths.

## LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATIONS

These introductory qualifications will provide the perfect stepping stone on to BTEC or equivalent qualifications at Level 2 and above.

## LEVEL 2 SPECIALIST STUDY PROGRAMME

If you didn't get the GCSE maths and English grades you were hoping for and need a grade 4 (C) or above in English and maths, this course will provide you with an opportunity to progress on to a Level 3 course or Apprenticeship programme. This is a one-year course, designed for students who need to focus solely on an intensive programme of maths and English.

## LEVEL 2 AND 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES

These highly regarded qualifications will help you prepare for your next step, whether it is employment or further and higher education.

## APPRENTICESHIPS (LEVELS 2-5)

**Gain qualifications while you earn.**

These personalised development programmes offer a work-based route to a skills occupation with on-the-job training. These include Intermediate, Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships. **See page 24.**



# RHYS COOK

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**Rhys is a hard working and dedicated student who has really progressed during his time studying at Daventry Campus.**

Despite having Dyslexia, Rhys has always been an enthusiastic and positive student. He was provided with extra support through one to ones with college support staff which has helped him to improve his work dramatically.

Rhys has helped out at several college events as a Student Ambassador and spoke to prospective students and their parents about college life during an Open Event presentation.

His tutor has described Rhys as "an extremely determined student with a passion for learning. He has a very clear end goal which he is working hard towards and I'm confident he will achieve."

Rhys has now completed his L2 Health and Social Care course and works for the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHSTrust.



# QUALIFICATIONS & PROGRESSION ROUTES



Studying at Daventry Campus provides great opportunities to progress through the levels of qualifications into Higher Education, Apprenticeships and employment.

## ENTRY CRITERIA GUIDE

Below you can see a guide to the progression routes available. Some courses require higher grades than indicated below or additional evidence of your suitability such as a portfolio or audition. This is specified in the entry requirements for each course on our website.

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
ENTRY AND FOUNDATION	GCSEs - MAINLY 2 - 1 (F - G) GRADES. SATISFACTORY SCHOOL REFERENCE <sup>1</sup>
LEVEL 1	FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 2 (E) OR ABOVE
LEVEL 2	FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 3 (D) OR ABOVE
LEVEL 3	FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 9-4 (A* - C) FOR BTEC COURSES OR EQUIVALENT, ACCESS TO HE COURSES HAVE INDIVIDUAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.
LEVEL 4/5	A LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION SUCH AS: A LEVELS, BTEC LEVEL 3, ACCESS TO HE, ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP

- Equivalent qualifications will be considered.
- In exceptional circumstances, applications which do not meet the formal entry criteria may be considered on an individual basis.
- For certain courses, more specific entry criteria may apply.

<sup>1</sup> All applicants will be invited for interview

# STUDENT JOURNEY AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE, DAVENTRY CAMPUS



- 1 ADVICE & GUIDANCE**  
Contact us via Live Chat on our website or call 0300 123 2344 if you'd like some course or careers advice
- 2 CHOOSE YOUR COURSE**
- 3 SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE**  
You can access the online application form by clicking on the Apply Now button on our website
- 4 INTERVIEW**  
(This may be by telephone)
- 5 JOINING THE COLLEGE**  
Induction  
English and maths initial assessment
- 6 TRANSPORT**  
Student Support Team
- 7 WELFARE**  
Student Support Team
- 8 ADDITIONAL SUPPORT**  
Specialists and Learning Support team
- 9 LIBRARY**  
Guidance and support to secure appropriate resources
- 10 STUDY PROGRAMME OR APPRENTICESHIP**  
Academic Guidance - subject tutors  
Personal Tutors - Career planning  
university entrance
- 11 FEEDBACK**  
Quality Manager
- 12 HAVING YOUR SAY**
- 13 EXAMS, ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS**  
Students' Union & Course Reps
- 14 MY DESTINATION**  
Qualifications achieved





# ENDEAVOUR & EXPECTATIONS

**When you join a college programme, you will start a journey towards fulfilling your aspirations.**

**Our teachers are trained to spot the potential in every student and they work tirelessly to encourage and inspire you so that you can shine. We have high expectations of all our students and will support you to achieve the highest grades possible on your Study Programme or Apprenticeship.**

Not only will you be set challenging targets but you will be stretched to the best of your ability throughout your time in college.

We will provide you with opportunities to take on extra studies, to develop your knowledge and understanding as broadly as possible, and to gain new skills that will help your future career development. Good employability skills will be key to your future success.

**YOUR ACHIEVEMENT DEPENDS ON THE EFFORT YOU PUT IN TO YOUR STUDIES. WE ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT PERSONAL ENDEAVOUR AND COMMITMENT SO THAT YOU CAN GET THE MOST FROM YOUR TIME WITH US.**

As part of your commitment, we expect you to attend all of your lessons punctually, and we always follow up absences. We find that students who attend their classes 100% of the time achieve higher grades and enjoy better future career prospects.

**We look forward to working with you to achieve your potential.**



# REENA GOHIL

## CHILDCARE

Reena is a devoted, enthusiastic and extremely committed teacher who has been working tirelessly for over 15 years to ensure her students achieve the very best they can during their time at College.

Reena has spent her whole career working in the childcare industry and worked in both private and public nurseries before coming to the College. She has worked closely with social services for a number of years which inspired her to set up a series of special support groups aimed at helping struggling families.

During her time at College Reena has built many strong relationships with students and spends a lot of time ensuring the children's craft room is well equipped to create a positive learning environment.

"The best thing about working for the College is watching my students' journeys unfold. It's very rewarding to watch a student that starts off as very shy and unsure become confident and knowledgeable. It's also very important to me that I build strong relationships with my students so that I can help to nurture them and ensure they grow academically, but also as an individual!"

**#ProudToTeach**



# APPRENTICESHIPS

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN AND GAIN A VALUED QUALIFICATION AT THE SAME TIME.**

**As an apprentice you will benefit from a combination of study with practical training in the workplace.**

You will also:

- Work alongside experienced staff
- Gain job specific skills, knowledge and behaviours
- Earn a wage and get holiday pay
- Study towards valuable qualifications

Apprenticeships take one to four years to complete. They are an increasingly popular choice for students who want to start their careers and develop their skills in the workplace. On an Apprenticeship you will learn practical skills at work, gain the expert knowledge you need to excel and develop the professional behaviours that employers value.

**AS AN APPRENTICE YOU WILL ALSO IMPROVE YOUR EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS INCLUDING COMMUNICATION, TEAM WORKING, CREATIVE THINKING AND TIME-MANAGEMENT.**

Northampton College works in partnership with hundreds of local employers to offer our students Apprenticeships in many areas so there is an exciting range of options to choose from.

We have a dedicated team on hand to support you every step of the way and can help with finding a job, writing your CV and preparing for interviews.

Apprenticeships are available in a range of areas, such as:

- Brickwork
- Business Administration
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Customer Service
- Early Years
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding
- Footwear Manufacturing
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Human Resources
- Motor Vehicle - Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle and Paint Refinishing
- Painting and Decorating
- Plumbing
- Property Maintenance
- Team Leading and Management

These Apprenticeship areas may be subject to change.





# APPRENTICE PROFILES



## JACK SHEPHERD BEST APPRENTICE

Hairdressing apprentice Jack quickly impressed the team at boutique hair salon Rocco & Co, where he secured an Apprenticeship.

This Apprenticeship has enabled Jack to create exciting hair designs. One of Jack's highlights was modelling an innovative haircut for one of the salon's stylists at Goldwell Colour Zoom, a London-based industry competition.

Jack is delighted to confirm that the salon, on completion of his Apprenticeship, has offered him a full-time job and he looks forward to a career as a stylist.

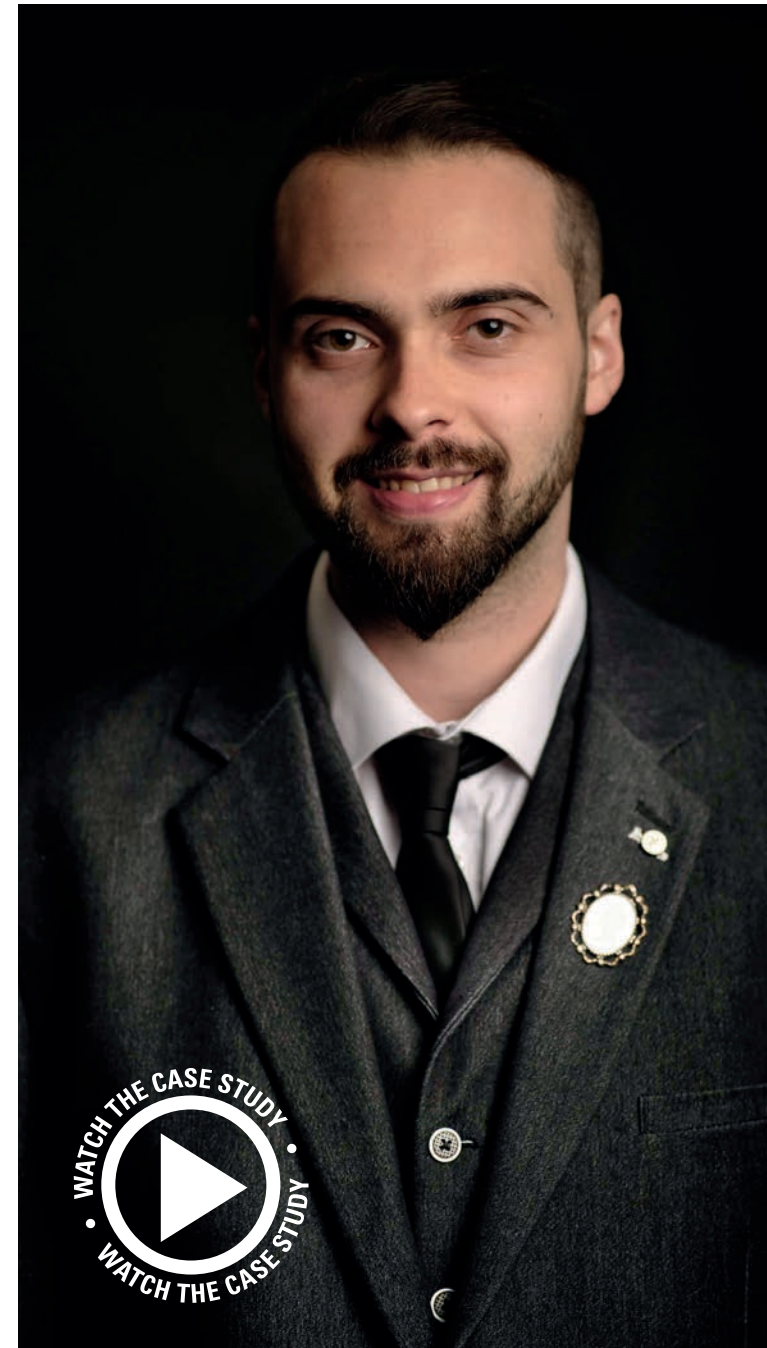


## IULIANA LISNIC

Iuliana, who moved to the UK three years ago with her husband and young son, is half way through her Business Administration Apprenticeship at Daventry District Council.

She loves her Apprenticeship, hopes to eventually secure full-time employment at the council and says she simply couldn't have done all this without the support of her tutors.

Iuliana is committed to continuing her studies. She is soon set to take a maths exam, while also working hard to improve her English reading and writing skills.



# ANDY LOVERIDGE

## GAMES DESIGN

Meet Andy Loveridge, a former Northampton College student himself, who is now course leader for Games Design and Animation. Andy was nominated for FE Teacher of the year 2019 in The Teaching Awards and has a real passion for teaching students about the digital world.

"I absolutely love teaching. I had a wonderful experience studying at the College before progressing on to a career in the industry and that's something that has always had a profound impact on me.

"It's very rewarding to pass the knowledge and skills that I learnt at college on to my students.

"I encourage my students to work independently and have confidence in their abilities. Games Design is a very competitive industry and I think that it's vital to provide students with the key skills they need to succeed in their chosen career."

**#ProudToTeach**

# ART, DESIGN, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHY

## LEVEL 1

Art and Design (General)

## LEVEL 2

Art and Design (General)

## LEVEL 3

Art and Design (General)



**These creative programmes are perfect if you want to pursue a career in art and design, photography or fashion design.**

If you have already studied art and design at school then you'll be able to start on one of our programmes immediately.

- ▶ The creative industry is the fastest growing part of the UK economy, accounting for 1 in 11 jobs in the UK
- ▶ Because of the importance of individual creativity, skills and talent, it is estimated that over 85% of creative jobs are at low or no risk of automation
- ▶ Over 202,000 people are employed in the creative industries sector in East Midlands.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Architect
- ▶ Art Therapist
- ▶ Artist/Illustrator
- ▶ Fashion Designer
- ▶ Graphic Designer
- ▶ Interior Designer
- ▶ Photographer

### IMPORTANT

If you are coming for an interview for an art, design, fashion or photography course, please bring a portfolio of work that shows your creativity and the skills you have already developed. For remote interviews you will need to prepare a digital portfolio.

This could include GCSE coursework or pieces you have created in your own time. This will help us advise you on the best course for you.

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website [northamptoncollege.ac.uk](http://northamptoncollege.ac.uk)

# BUSINESS



**If you have a head for business and would like the opportunity to work across a huge range of different organisations, then we have a programme to suit you.**

Our business qualifications could give you a real understanding of the world of business and provide the perfect stepping stone for further study and careers in enterprise, management and accountancy.

- ▶ 53% of businesses in Northamptonshire are actively looking to recruit
- ▶ Small businesses account for 99.3% of all private sector businesses in the UK
- ▶ Northampton is amongst the top three cities for the number of business start-ups.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Accountant
- ▶ Business analyst
- ▶ Market researcher
- ▶ Area sales manager
- ▶ Marketing executive
- ▶ Financial administrator

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## LEVEL 1

Business

## LEVEL 2

Business

## LEVEL 3

Business



# COMPUTING & IT

## LEVEL 2

IT (Software Development and Coding)

## LEVEL 3

IT (Digital and Cyber Technologies)



Join this exciting, fast moving world and sign up for one of our courses in Software Development or Digital and Cyber Technology.

Specialist resources include dedicated networks, interactive whiteboards and data projectors, discrete labs for networking, as well as for PC building and maintenance.

At Daventry Campus, you will join our Digital Academy with its cutting edge facilities and training from digital experts and local employers from the creative and digital sector immediately.

- ▶ Demand for high levels skills in IT is set to grow
- ▶ There has been a sharp rise in e-commerce sales by businesses with 10 employees or more, from £484 billion to £560 billion in 2018



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- ▶ 'Digital Northampton' is a collaboration between local authorities and businesses designed to support digital innovation in and around Northampton
- ▶ The UK is home to experts and pioneers in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), the Internet of Things (IoT) and Robotics.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Web designer
- ▶ App developer
- ▶ IT support technician
- ▶ Big data architect
- ▶ Online fraud investigator
- ▶ Virtual reality software technician

# CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



The construction industry offers huge scope for professional, technical and practical careers in a range of specialist areas.

Construction companies can be large house-builders or smaller contractors that supply electrics, lighting, services, power, air-conditioning, plumbing, heating and gas. As well as building and construction projects, there is plenty of work in the repair and maintenance of existing structures.

As well as skilled trades learned through Apprenticeships or full-time Study Programmes, you can access pathways to higher level qualifications that may lead to careers in civil engineering and built environment project management.

Our courses enable you to develop a combination of different skills so that you can equip yourself to be flexible in today's dynamic employment market.

Many students in this area progress on to Apprenticeships or higher education.

- ▶ The construction sector will grow by 2.5% every year for the next five years
- ▶ The global construction market is forecast to grow by over 70% by 2025
- ▶ 3 million jobs are based in construction; 10% of total UK's employment
- ▶ There is high demand in Northamptonshire for skilled workers in renewable technologies.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Bricklayer
- ▶ Carpenter
- ▶ Electrician
- ▶ Painter and decorator
- ▶ Plumber
- ▶ Construction site manager
- ▶ Civil engineer
- ▶ Building services manager
- ▶ Quantity surveyor

## LEVEL 1

Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production

Construction Multi-skills

Plumbing and Heating

## LEVEL 2

Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production

Plumbing and Heating

## LEVEL 3

Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production



# COURSES FOR ADULT STUDENTS

## LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy  
Hairdressing

## LEVEL 3

Beauty Therapy  
Hairdressing

## ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Health Professionals



### Daventry Campus welcomes adult learners who have been out of education for some time.

Whether you didn't get along with education in school and want to try something new, or if your career has taken you in one direction but you're keen for a change, our courses could offer you the perfect route to a new career.

If you're interested in becoming a nurse, midwife or other health professional, our Access to HE course could open new doors.



### ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Access to HE courses are designed for people who want to go to university but who left school without the necessary qualifications. This course is for people who have spent some time away from education, and have the time and motivation to undertake a substantial amount of home study as well as attending classes.

Other courses are also available that are designed specifically for adults.

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# THE SKILLS CENTRE DAVENTRY

**Free Maths, English and IT\* courses for adults at the Skills Centre Daventry. We offer part-time courses to anyone over the age of 18, whether you have decided to take on a new challenge, wish to return to education after a break or hope to further your career.**

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY AT THE SKILLS CENTRE DAVENTRY?

- Study part time in a relaxed and friendly environment
- Join at any time throughout the year
- Improve your job prospects with a nationally recognised qualification
- Get advice and support from our qualified tutors

### MATHS AND ENGLISH

Refresh your maths and English skills and work towards a recognised qualification by attending a weekly class, in the daytime or evening. At the end of your course you should be able to:

#### Maths

- Manage your household budget
- Get back into employment
- Get promoted at work
- Measure accurately for DIY projects.

#### English

- Write letters and emails
- Complete job applications
- Get back into employment
- Get promoted at work.

### IT

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced user, you can develop your IT skills further at The Skills Centre Daventry. Part-time courses are an excellent way to gain qualifications around a busy home life or job and will enable you to impress current or future employers with your advanced abilities when using Microsoft Office. You will be required to attend a minimum of four hours per week and can drop in to the Centre during opening hours.

\*Conditions may apply

### WHERE DO I START?

If you are interested in our courses, you will need to book an advice session so we can assess your current skill level and requirements. We take in to account your current knowledge of IT, what you would like to achieve and your level of ability in spoken and written English.

To book an appointment for an advice session please call **0300 123 2344** or visit [www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk)

**Whatever your ability we will find the right course for you.**



# FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Construction Multi-skills

Foundation Focus\*

Foundation Link\*

\*These programmes have a broad focus to provide you with the help and support you need to find your next step.



**If your GCSEs haven't gone as well as you hoped, or if you're not currently in education, employment or training, our Foundation Programmes will give you the key skills and qualifications you need to get back on track.**

Whatever your skills or interests, you're sure to find a programme to suit, and our friendly team will help you decide on the best course of action.

When you're ready, you'll also be able to take part in enterprise activities to help the local community and you'll get the opportunity to take part in work experience that we will arrange through our contacts with local employers.

These courses will prepare you for your next step whether it is to move onto a vocational programme at Level 1 or above or move into an Apprenticeship or straight into work.

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# GAMES DESIGN



**Join the fast moving, action-packed world of Games Design and get a head start in this exciting career.**

Join one of the countries fastest growing industries by developing your skills in coding and 3D modelling to enable you to create brand new games from scratch.

Whether you're into art, scripting, or games testing, you can hone your skills in the latest techniques on our Games Design course. We've got computers loaded with industry standard software, so if you enjoy developing computer games from scratch, or have an interest in games development, this course could be for you.

▶ Jobs in the creative industry are highly resistant to automation, with over 85% of workers in the UK at low or no risk

▶ The creative industries could be worth £128.4 billion to the UK economy by 2025 and help to create up to a million jobs by 2030

▶ Occupations set to grow in importance include creative and digital roles.

**Career pathways in this area include:**

- ▶ Concept artist
- ▶ Programmer
- ▶ Environment artist
- ▶ Animator



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## LEVEL 3

Games Design

# HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY & ASSOCIATED THERAPIES

## LEVEL 1

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

## LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

## LEVEL 3

Beauty and Spa Therapy

Hairdressing



**Working in the hairdressing and beauty therapy sector is varied, people-focused and fun.**

We offer a wide range of courses and qualifications, so whether your main interest lies in hairdressing, make-up or beauty therapy, you'll find a programme of study to suit.

- ▶ Work as a stylist or therapist in a salon, hotel, cruise ship or health spa
- ▶ Develop creative skills for working in the theatre, film or TV industries
- ▶ Set up your own business or become a salon manager.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Hairdressing and beauty salon manager
- ▶ Hairdresser
- ▶ Beauty therapist
- ▶ Make-up artist

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# HEALTHCARE & CHILDCARE

## LEVEL 1

Childcare and Health & Social Care

## LEVEL 2

Childcare

Health and Social Care

## LEVEL 3

Childcare and Education

Health and Social Care



**Whether you want to care for children or adults we have a good track record of student achievement.**

Our experienced staff work to the very highest standards, with skills in both healthcare and childcare.

- ▶ The adult social care workforce is growing. The number of adult social care jobs has increased by 21% (275,000 jobs) since 2009
- ▶ The estimated number of adult social care jobs in Northamptonshire is 22,500
- ▶ If the workforce grows proportionally to the population aged 65 and over, the number of adult social care jobs in the East Midlands region will increase by 40%
- ▶ An ageing population means a shortage of recruits to help care for older people.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Nursery assistant
- ▶ Healthcare practitioner
- ▶ Social worker
- ▶ Classroom assistant
- ▶ Adult careworker

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# MOTOR VEHICLE

## LEVEL 1

Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle)

## LEVEL 2

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles

Vehicle Fitting Principles

## LEVEL 3

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles



**Our state of the art tools, equipment and machinery will give you the chance to train in a highly innovative environment and prepare you for a future career in the motor vehicle industry.**

The latest vehicle air-conditioning and vehicle systems diagnostic equipment will be at your disposal.

Sector jobs are varied and you could find yourself working in an independent garage or at a large car, truck or motorcycle dealership. You could be working on body repairs, in a parts factory or as a mobile specialist.

- ▶ The automotive industry is a vital part of the UK economy accounting for more than £82 billion turnover and employing 186,000 people
- ▶ It accounts for 12% of total UK export of goods

- ▶ There are 34.7m cars on the UK's roads, with around 2.5m new cars registered every year.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Vehicle body builder and repairer
- ▶ Maintenance technician
- ▶ Mechanic
- ▶ Vehicle refinisher (paint)

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# PUBLIC SERVICES



**Allow us to fire up your enthusiasm for a career in the armed forces, police force, ambulance service, prison service or the fire service.**

You'll need plenty of self-discipline and motivation to meet the tough challenges of these careers. Our programme provides you with a solid foundation so you're well prepared with the skills and ability to take the next step into such demanding job roles. If you've got what it takes, we can help you with our links to organisations including Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue, Royal Navy, Royal Marine Commandos, Royal Air Force and the Army.

- ▶ There are 5.4 million people employed in the UK public sector, including 1.68 million people working in the NHS
- ▶ There are 122,395 police officers in the 43 police forces in England and Wales

- ▶ 192,130 people work in the UK armed forces. This is 6.6% less than the target number and new recruits are needed.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Police officer
- ▶ Fire and rescue officer
- ▶ Army officer
- ▶ Prison officer
- ▶ Paramedic

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## LEVEL 1

Public Services

## LEVEL 2

Public Services

## LEVEL 3

Public Services

# SCIENCE

## LEVEL 2

Applied Science

Social Science

## LEVEL 3

Forensic and Criminal Investigation



**Social sciences courses will help you gain a critical understanding of human behaviour and society.**

They're the perfect foundation for a wide variety of degree courses and careers, since you'll gain highly transferable skills in critical thinking and analysis. If you are interested in how science can help solve crimes, then our Forensic Science and Criminology course could be for you. It is intended for those who aim to progress to higher education to study forensic science, criminology or psychology and ultimately go on to employment.

► Employment in the Forensic Science Sector has grown at an unprecedented rate over the last ten years, due largely to advances in technology such as the National DNA Database, and an increased reliance on forensic techniques by police forces for serious and volume crime

► The justice sector employs around 600,000 employees in the UK across a range of organisations operating with different remits

► There are now more than 100 forensic science courses on offer at universities.

**Career pathways in this area include:**

- Forensic criminologist
- Forensic science technician
- Crime scene or fire investigator
- Forensic psychologist

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website [northamptoncollege.ac.uk](http://northamptoncollege.ac.uk)

# SUPPORTED LEARNING

## TRANSITION COURSES

Stepping In Pathway 1  
(Accessing College and Education)

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Stepping Up Pathway 1  
(Personal Progress at Entry 1)

Stepping Up Pathway 2  
(Life and Living Skills at Entry 2)

## PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY & EMPLOYMENT

Stepping Out Pathway 1  
(Next Steps at Entry 3)

Stepping Out Pathway 2  
(Moving on Part 2)

Supported Learning Link (Level 1)



**Our Supported Learning courses are specifically designed for students with special educational needs and disabilities and those who completed Supported Learning Link Courses in their final year of school.**

Our highly experienced staff will create a programme of study specifically tailored to your needs and designed to give you the educational opportunities and challenges you need to fulfill your potential. You'll flourish in an environment that is both supportive and engaging and will help you get ready for your next step.

All of our courses are designed to help you develop your skills for adulthood, for employment, for independent living, and for building friendships and understanding the community as well as staying healthy. We'll agree which course is best for your future plans, whether you want to study further or move into the workplace, and help you understand what you need to do to get there.

Our Moving On programmes are an integral part of our provision. These courses enable autistic young people to gain the skills they need to progress onto their next step with our experience and support.

**We also offer our students the opportunity to take part a series of fun activities alongside their course, including:**

- Work experience
- Community projects
- Gardening
- Catering





# EMPLOYMENT & YOUR CAREER

**WHEN YOU JOIN THE COLLEGE,  
YOU ARE ALREADY TAKING  
THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS  
YOUR WORKING LIFE AND  
FUTURE CAREER.**

Our programmes are designed with your future in mind so we'll help you get focused on what you want to do after you leave college and how to get there.

#### FURTHER STUDY – THE NEXT LEVEL

Once you've got a good idea of your starting point, you may need to work towards the next level of qualification in your chosen area.

Our programmes go right up to Level 5 and many of our students progress through the levels before they move on into higher education or employment. We will advise you on how you can benefit from progressing to the next level in your studies.

## JAMIE WATTS

### LEVEL 3 IT

Jamie is an exceptionally conscientious and enthusiastic student. He made excellent progress on the Level 3 IT course and really improved his computer programming skills.

Jamie thrived during his time at Daventry Campus where his kind nature and willingness to help others shone through.

He said, "I really enjoyed the software development elements of the course because I love problem solving. The course was really interesting and I learnt so many things that will help me in my future career."

Jamie hopes to secure a job in Cybersecurity in the future.



# OUR FUTURES TEAM

The Futures team has information on next steps and you will have access to a careers and higher education library, an integral part of all our campuses.

Futures can also help you apply to university, write your UCAS personal statement, understand student finance and perfect your interview skills. They are in touch with employers and universities and have access to local labour market information.

We can help with:

- Career progression routes
- Advice on qualifications
- Apprenticeships
- University applications
- CV writing skills

To book an appointment with a member of the Futures Team please email [futures@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:futures@northamptoncollege.ac.uk).

**OUR FUTURES TEAM PROVIDES ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO HELP YOU MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR FUTURE.**

# HOW TO APPLY

## A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

Firstly, check the course information on our website to see if you have, or are predicted to achieve, the entry requirement to join the course.

### Approximate Timescales

Online – Same day

1 day

Within 1 week

July/August

On or after GCSE results day

End of August/early September

Starting your studies



### Complete the Application form online.

We will contact you via email with your offer, updates and joining instructions. Please state your email address clearly on the application form.

**Application received by Northampton College.**

**We send you an acknowledgement** (by email).

### You will be made a conditional offer.

Once we have reviewed your application, we will make you an offer or provide alternative advice.

To assess your level of ability, you may also be required to complete a task or participate in a workshop. This could be during July, August or September, so please wait to be invited.

**During July and August we will send you lots of information, including kit lists and virtual induction videos.**

### We will send you an email on GCSE results day.

You will need to confirm that you have met the entry requirements for your course and that you would like to join us in September.

If you don't achieve the grades you need, we will offer you a place on a course on a lower level, which will prepare you to join your first choice the following year.

You will be asked to complete an online enrolment and upload a photograph for your student ID card.

**You will be given a start date once you have confirmed your place.**