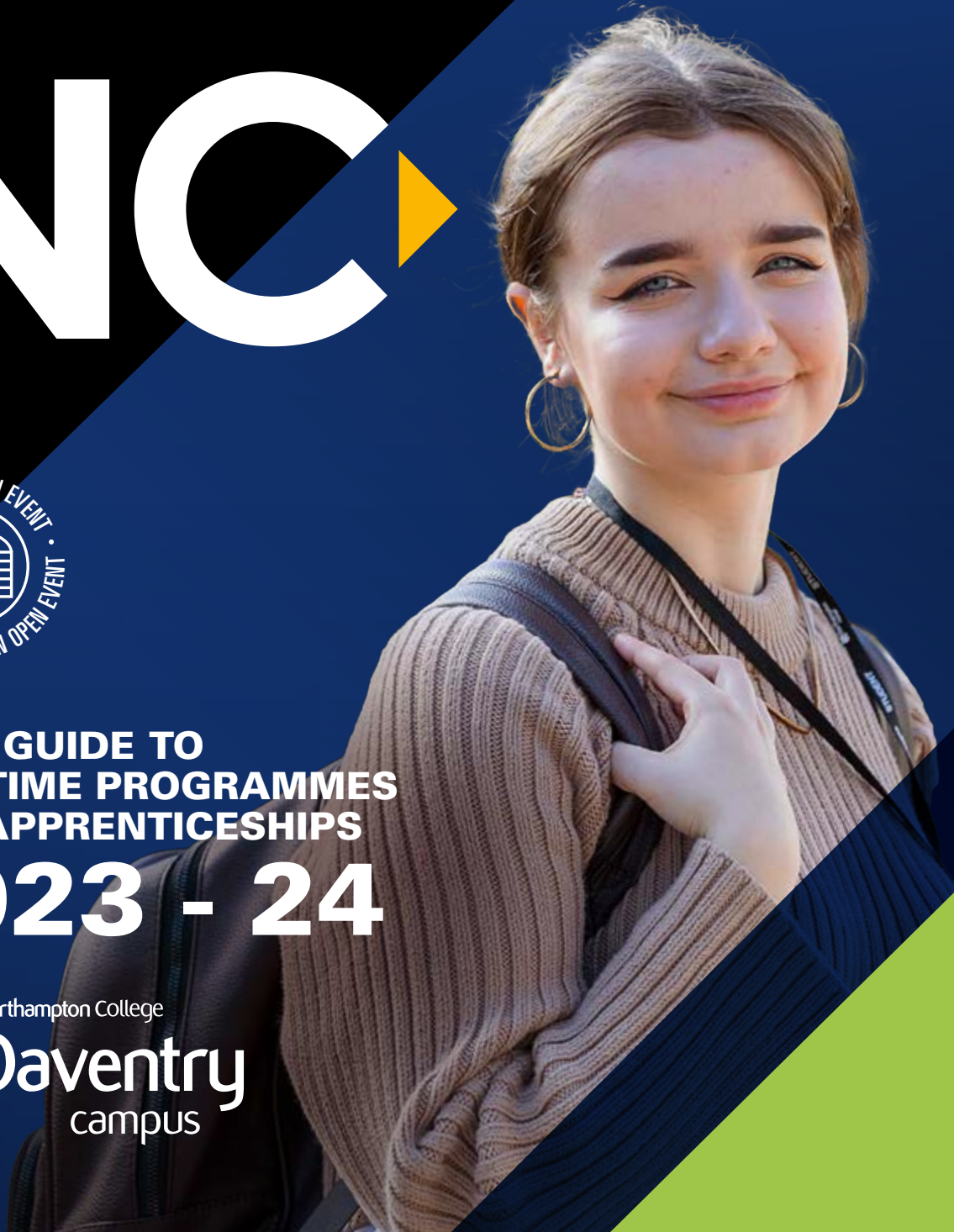


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**YOUR GUIDE TO  
FULL-TIME PROGRAMMES  
AND APPRENTICESHIPS  
2023 - 24**



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## **Changes to the prospectus.**

**This prospectus was prepared in advance of the academic year to which it relates. Although the College takes reasonable care to provide the courses, services and facilities described, the College cannot guarantee the provision of any course, service or facility. Any course, service or facility may be altered or withdrawn owing to circumstances beyond the College's reasonable control. The information in this prospectus is for general guidance and does not form any part of a contract.**



# OPEN EVENTS

## LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

### Daventry

Tuesday, 15 November 2022	–	5pm – 7pm
Thursday, 19 January 2023	–	5pm – 7pm
Tuesday, 14 March 2023	–	5pm – 7pm

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

To find out more call

# 0300 123 2344



or speak to an advisor using  
the 'Live Chat' feature on our website.

Book your place online at [northamptoncollege.ac.uk](https://northamptoncollege.ac.uk)

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

# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CEO & PRINCIPAL

**We are emerging into a new world, a world that needs rebuilding post-pandemic. It is a challenge for all of us, but it is a challenge that we can meet by investing in the next generation of leaders, pioneers, innovators, and visionaries. I'm talking about people like YOU. You are a unique person.**

You will create new futures and will not be a bystander in your own life. You, and others in your generation, are the leaders of the future.

By coming to Northampton College, you will be curious, you will learn and, ultimately, you will make a difference that will help us rebuild our economy and get us on the road to recovery.

Our study programmes are designed around you, providing you with the skills you need to succeed and progress in your chosen career or move on to higher education. We are confident that the support we provide along with high-quality teaching will help to positively enrich your life, through the opportunities it offers to grow and develop, and to action success and move into meaningful employment.

I am delighted you are considering Northampton College for the next stage of your education. We look forward to sharing our first-class teaching and facilities with you and invite you to join us on our 'Journey to Outstanding'.

Northampton College is a catalyst for positive change for young people. I am advocating the case for change, building a college community of extraordinary students and supporting you to build a better world. Here at Northampton College, we put our students at the heart of everything we do.

Study programmes will include your main qualification and may include English and maths if you haven't received a grade 4 plus in English and maths already along with employability skills and work experience. All our 16-18 students will be given free access to a computer with our 'laptop loan' scheme. Nobody gets left behind; we learn as one.

At Northampton College we have developed a host of exciting options, including full-time or part-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.

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 and they will help you reach your potential.

## **Northampton College 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.

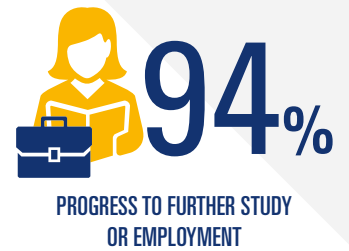
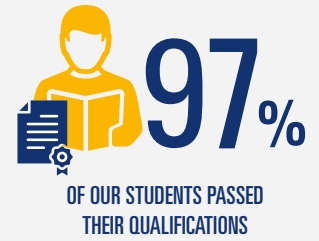
At Northampton College our primary objective is to help you progress, whether it be to the next level in your education or into your chosen career. With our support, thousands of students have reached their potential and we can't wait to see what we can do for you.

I look forward to seeing you soon



**Pat Brennan-Barrett**

CEO & Principal, Northampton College  
M.A. SEN, P.G.C.E. Dip SpLD



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<sup>1</sup>On programme survey 2022 based on 2,257 responses

# 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, art studios and a science laboratory.

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.



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

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**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
- ▶ 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.

**97%**

OF OUR STUDENTS PASSED  
THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AT  
OUR DAVENTRY CAMPUS



# TEN REASONS TO JOIN OUR DAVENTRY CAMPUS



01

**Success** - We get the results: 97% of our students pass their qualifications and 94% go 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 academic, personal, or financial issues.

07

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

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**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.

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

# COSTS, FEES & FINANCE



**If you are under 19 or are aged 19-24 and you have an Education Health and Care Plan when you start your full-time Study Programme you won't pay any tuition, examination or registration costs but you may be charged for late fees, re-sits and unauthorised exam absences.**

**If you are 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 may be entitled to a 100% reduction in tuition fees or may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Some Level 3 courses are free under the Government's new Skills Guarantee. Call our Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344 for more information.**

**If you are aged 24 or older you may need to pay for all costs associated with your course. You may, however, be eligible for fee concessions depending on your circumstances and the level of the course. Some Level 3 courses are free under the Government's new Skills Guarantee and Advanced Learner Loans may be available to help pay for other Level 3 or Level 4 courses. Details will be provided at your interview or you can call the Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344 for more information.**

**If you are applying for a University Level qualification (HNC/HND) you can apply for a Higher Education student loan.**

## 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 Qualification through the Student Loan Company.

## LOANS

If you are 19 or over and are applying for a Level 3 or 4 programme, you may be eligible for an 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 £27,295\* a year. For more information, go to [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company)

\*current threshold

Advanced Learner Loan

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

## TOTUM

Download the TOTUM app to access student discounts or upgrade your membership to a paid level and save £££ 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

A photograph of a student with pink hair tied in a ponytail, wearing large pink headphones, sitting at a computer workstation. The student is wearing a white t-shirt and a dark jacket is draped over the back of their blue chair. In the background, other students are visible at their desks in a computer lab setting. The image is overlaid with a purple diagonal graphic on the left side.

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



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**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.**

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Students at our Booth Lane campus 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 small range of specialist 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, cyber security, gaming and digital marketing.

The Digital Academy provides 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.



**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.



# STUDENT SUPPORT

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

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## 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.

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## PERSONAL SUPPORT

The College provides a range of support to help you with any issues that affect your time at college whether they are linked to your personal life or college work. Staff are available at all our campuses to discuss any problems or concerns you might have.

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

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## 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.

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## ENGLISH AND MATHS

Any student aged 16-18 who has not yet achieved a grade 4 or above will be required to continue studying for a maths and English qualification as part of their study programme. Students who have achieved a grade 4 and wish to improve their grade will be given the opportunity to do this. For students that have not achieved a grade 4 in these subjects, support will be available through the School of Academic and Vocational Support. Please email [ALS@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:ALS@northamptoncollege.ac.uk) with any questions you may have.

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## SAFEGUARDING

Northampton College takes the welfare of its students very seriously and aims to create a safe learning environment. Our safeguarding team work hard to ensure that students are safe from abuse or harm. Within college this may include lessons, social settings, work placements, apprenticeships or educational trips and visits. Outside of college this may include any disclosures made to us about incidents, at home, at work or regarding specific individuals.

To find out more contact [safeguarding-team@northamptoncollege.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding-team@northamptoncollege.ac.uk).

Our Safeguarding Policy and further details can also be found on our website.

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## 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 information, advice and guidance 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 advisor 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, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, Autism, sensory or physical difficulties are given the support they need to succeed.

### This includes:

- Specialist teachers and practitioners
- Weekly support tutorials
- Emails and telephone calls
- Support assistants - available to help in and out of class
- Support with exams - extra time, a reader, use of a computer, rest breaks.

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 **Academic and Vocational Support Team** on **01604 734184**.

## HELEN JANSKA

### ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SUPPORT

**We have 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, ADHD, 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!**

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## 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 it 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.**

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## 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.

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## 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.

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# PROUD TO TEACH

## TEACHERS CAN AND DO CHANGE LIVES. THEY GET STUDENTS INTERESTED IN AND EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING.

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**We strive to provide excellent quality teaching in a supportive environment. Many of our teachers are highly trained professionals from industry with specific knowledge of their subject area. They are committed to providing our students with the best possible educational experience. They are proud of the achievements of their students, and they are passionate about their profession.**

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To discover more about the people behind the whiteboard, we interviewed teachers from a variety of different subject areas to find out why they are proud to teach. A few of these case studies have been included in this course guide for you to read. To view the full selection of teacher interviews please [click here](#).

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Here are a few comments from Ofsted that highlight the amazing work our teachers do every day:

*“Teachers and assessors are well qualified and most have current vocational and industry experience, which they use to spark students’ and apprentices’ interest in the subject.”*

*“Teachers direct questions skilfully to students to check and deepen their understanding, developing their confidence in using technical and often complex terminology correctly and fluently.”*

*“Teachers have high aspirations for their students and apprentices and set high standards for conduct and appearance. As a result, students are well behaved in lessons and in social spaces.”*

*“Teachers have high expectations of their students – they agree challenging targets and grades for them to achieve, monitor progress closely and provide them with feedback that helps them to improve.”*



# MIKE SMITH

IT

**IT teacher Mike is passionate about helping students reach their goals. He wants to make a difference to young peoples lives and help them open doors to aspirational future careers.**

"I have been teaching at Northampton College for about 8 years. After my university degree I decided to study a PGCE at the University of Hull to gain my teaching qualification. I have worked as a self-employed content developer and taught in several local secondary schools before joining the College.

"I'm very enthusiastic about teaching IT because it's one of those subjects that never stands still. I'm continuously learning new skills and gaining insight into new technologies to keep up-to-date with the industry and be able to pass my knowledge on to my students.

"I really love the learning environment at Northampton College because I work as part of a great team of supportive, experienced teachers and my students are all really interested in the subject. I've also been heavily involved in helping to imbed new technology across the College in areas such as training and development.

"The most rewarding thing about being a teacher is building relationships with my students and seeing them achieve and go on to university or into a career. I want to make a different to young people's lives and help them achieve their goals.

**#ProudToTeach**

# 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:

## 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.

## MATHS AND ENGLISH

Everybody needs 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.

If you are interested in a course with a key focus on maths and English, employability and wider personal skills development, you can find out more about our Aspire programme on **page 20**.

## 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 consist of full group activities or one to one session to discuss individual progress and support needs.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Industry placements are an integral part of the T Level courses which are being introduced 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.





**WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING  
THE RIGHT JOB, WE WANT  
OUR STUDENTS TO STAND  
OUT FROM THE CROWD.**



# 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, maths and digital skills.

## LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATIONS

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

## ASPIRE

This innovative and supportive study programme enables you to concentrate on improving your maths and English GCSE grades, alongside building wider skills. Maths and English forms a large part of your week as you'll have extended support to wrap around each of your classes, which will help you to develop and demonstrate confidence in each aspect of the GCSE programmes.

You'll keep building wider skills with these additional elements to your programme. Our Personal Journey module focuses on confidence, resilience, self-esteem and independence, alongside broadening your study skills.

You'll also work on a City and Guilds Award in Employability Skills at Level 2 - this focuses on accrediting your progress in the skills you need for work, including confidence, resilience, self-esteem and independence. You will then be able to demonstrate and grow these further in our work experience programme.

## 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.

## HIGHER NATIONALS (HNCs & HNDs)

Develop hands-on professional and technical skills to help you realise your ambition, whether you want to progress on to university to gain a degree or equip yourself for an immediate start in your chosen career.

## APPRENTICESHIPS (LEVELS 2-4)

**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 26.**





# WIKTORIA GRZELKA

## ART AND DESIGN

Wiktorija is an enthusiastic and self-motivated student. Often completing tasks before the deadline and requiring extension work to develop and refine her artistic skills. She has made close friends on the course and her teachers are certain she will succeed in her future endeavours.

“I have loved studying on the Art and Design course at Daventry Campus, because I get to be really creative and develop my knowledge and skills. I have made lots of good friends on this course and it’s great to work alongside other likeminded students.

“The teachers have been very supportive and always push me to reach my potential. They have a lot of expertise and I love learning about new techniques and materials I can use in my work. I also love to visit art galleries in my spare time to be inspired by other artists.

“I hope to go to university to study art and design with a view to working in the creative sector in the future.”

# QUALIFICATIONS & PROGRESSION ROUTES

**Studying at Northampton College 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.

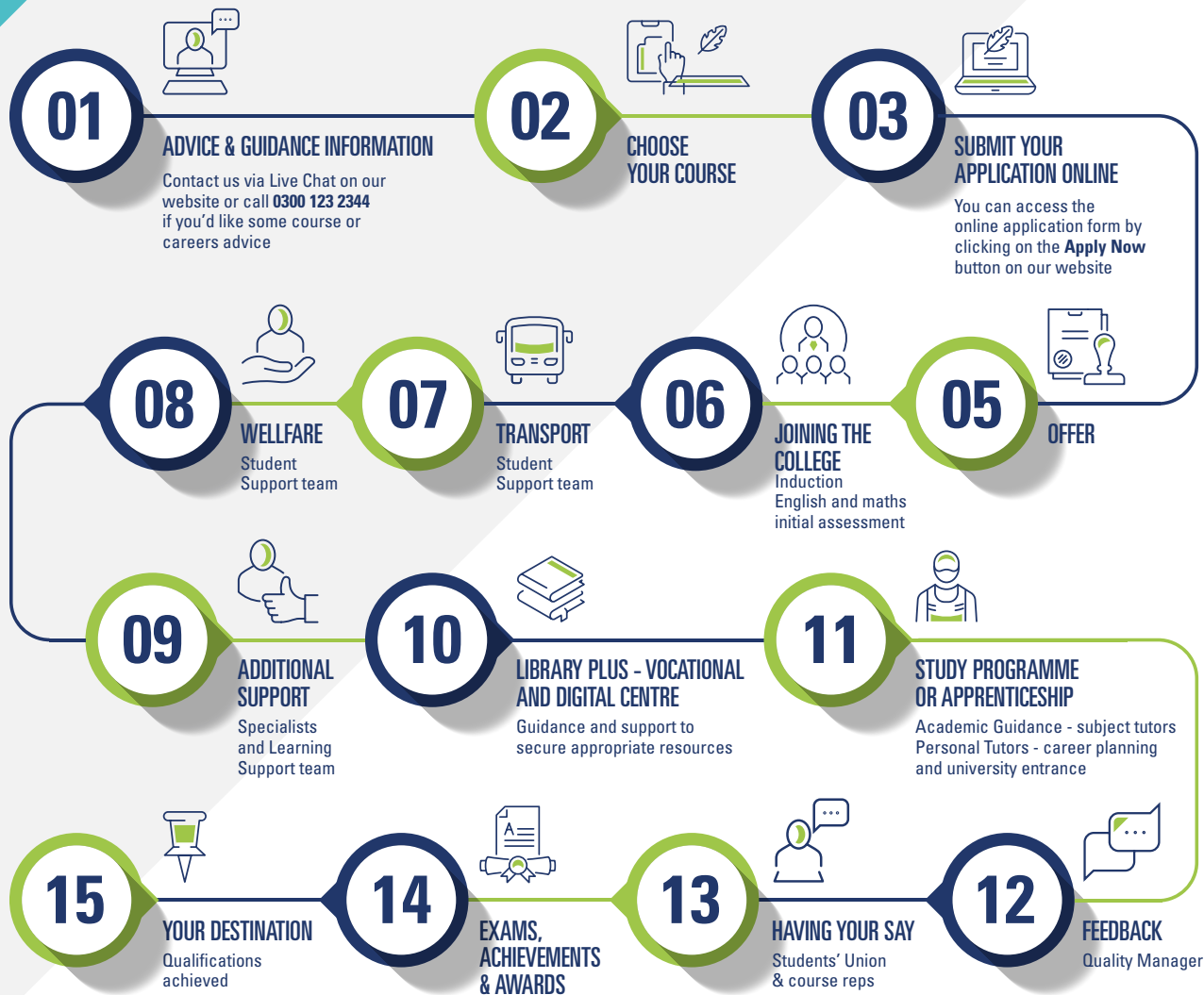
QUALIFICATION LEVEL	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
ENTRY AND FOUNDATION	<b>GCSEs - MAINLY 2 - 1 (F - G) GRADES. SATISFACTORY SCHOOL REFERENCE</b>
LEVEL 1	<b>FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 2 (E) OR ABOVE</b>
LEVEL 2	<b>FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 3 (D) OR ABOVE</b>
LEVEL 3	<b>FOUR GCSEs AT GRADE 9-4 (A*- C) FOR BTEC COURSES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

- 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.



# STUDENT JOURNEY

## AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE





# 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.

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**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.**

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As part of your commitment, we expect you to attend all of your lessons punctually, and we always monitor your 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.**



# SAM KRNAC

## CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Sam is a focused and hardworking student who takes new challenges in his stride. Along with his ever-growing skillset and great attitude, Sam has been described by his teachers as well-mannered and a pleasure to teach.

“I have really enjoyed my time at college and I feel like I’ve gained valuable skills that will help me pursue my future career.

“The Carpentry and Joinery course was a lot of fun. I made a lot of new friends and found the practical elements to be particularly beneficial. I was also well supported by my teachers throughout the course which was really helpful. I learnt so much about site carpentry from constructing doors and flooring to building an entire roof from scratch.

“It was incredibly rewarding to be able to pass my knowledge on and help other students who were struggling with their work. I have acquired a lot of new abilities and built the confidence I need to pursue a career in the construction industry.

“I plan to go straight into work and in the future, I hope to start up my own construction business.”



# APPRENTICESHIPS

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN AND GAIN VALUABLE  
QUALIFICATIONS AT THE SAME TIME.**

**As an apprentice you will be in employment and 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 depending on the level and job. 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.

Northampton College works in partnership with hundreds of local employers to offer 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:

-  Accounting
-  Barbering
-  Brickwork
-  Business Administration
-  Carpentry
-  Customer Service
-  Early Years
-  Electrical Installation
-  Engineering
-  Fabrication and Welding
-  Footwear Manufacturing
-  Hairdressing
-  Leather Craftsmanship
-  Motor Vehicle - Light Vehicle,  
Heavy Vehicle and Paint Refinishing
-  Painting and Decorating

These Apprenticeship areas may be subject to change.



**N. M. E.**  
ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD



88% of employers would recommend a Northampton College apprentice



84% of apprentices gained a promotion after completing an Apprenticeship with Northampton College



We have helped to secure Apprenticeships for over 800 applicants

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



# APPRENTICE PROFILES



## IULIANA LISNIC

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION APPRENTICESHIP

Iuliana is an extremely hardworking and conscientious student who achieved a Distinction in her final assessment for all elements of her apprenticeship at West Northamptonshire Council.

"I started on the Level 2 Business Administration apprenticeship and progressed on to the Level 3 apprenticeship before gaining a permanent position in the company as an Information Governance Officer.

"I really enjoyed my apprenticeship because I felt well supported by both my teachers and my team at work. I found it surprisingly easy to balance my work and family life because my manager was very flexible if I needed to take time out to work on my college projects.

"Communication with the College assessors was also brilliant! They were always very efficient in getting back to me and answered any questions I had. They always gave me constructive feedback which helped me to improve my work and build my confidence.

"My advice to others who are thinking of studying an apprenticeship would be that I had a really positive experience and felt supported throughout. Apprenticeships are a great starting point to gain work experience and pursue your future career."



## ZVIKO MASHONGA

### ENGINEERING APPRENTICE

Zviko is an apprentice machinist at Hi-Force who has discovered that an apprenticeship is a great way to kick start his career and get a taste for the world of work.

"I started to study Engineering at A level, but quickly realised that the course wasn't for me. I wanted something more hands-on and tailored to me, so after a year I decided to enrol on an apprenticeship with Northampton College.

"My colleagues at Hi-Force have been great! They're really supportive and always take the time to pass on their expertise. If I make any errors, they are always very patient and show me how I can improve my technique for next time.

"I think the theory side of my apprenticeship is just as important as the practical elements and my course has a good balance of them both. It's also a great way to know if you want to work in the field you're studying, because you experience real working life.

"I have really enjoyed my apprenticeship because I have managed to gain knowledge and understanding in engineering drawing, CNC coding and programming to enable me to work on mills, turning machines and laths.

"After my apprenticeship I hope to gain more experience in a full-time role before moving into Formula 1 as mechanical engineer."



# REBECCA MABEY

## ART AND DESIGN

**"I am passionate about raising awareness of different approaches to creative practice. The creative industry comprises numerous sectors and I want to challenge students to consider their own strengths and to support the progress and improve collaboration with peers."**

"Whether it's a long-awaited return to education or a shorter gap from school, the diversity of our teaching groups leads to a rewarding and stimulating creative atmosphere and students are very keen to support one another when it comes to the practical application."

"Being a teacher can be especially rewarding when you see students expand both their practical and communication skills in a supportive environment that challenges but also encourages individual growth."

**#ProudToTeach**

# ART, DESIGN, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHY

## LEVEL 1

Art and Design (General)

## LEVEL 2

Art and Design (General)

Art and Design (Photography)

## 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.**

We offer courses in Art and Design and Photography at our Daventry Campus. If you have already studied art and design at school then you may be able to start on one of our Level 2 programmes immediately. If you have little or no experience you will need to start at Level 1.

### IMPORTANT

If you apply for an art, design, fashion or photography course, you will need to submit a portfolio of work that shows your creativity and the skills you have already developed.

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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK's creative industry is predicted to grow to £300 billion per year by 2030
- Creative jobs are at low or no risk of automation
- The arts, entertainment and recreation industry is the 13th largest in the SEMLEP area (20,000 jobs available)
- The average salary for creative jobs in the UK is £47,500



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Art editor  
Art Therapist  
Artist/Illustrator  
Fashion Designer  
Photographer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£18,000 - £40,000  
£32,305 - £45,838  
Variable  
£20,000 - £40,000  
£17,250 - £45,000

ual:



▼ [Click here](#) for further course information

# 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.

## LEVEL 1

Business

## LEVEL 2

Business

## LEVEL 3

Business



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The finance/insurance and administration industries are some of the largest in the SEMLEP area, with 23,000 jobs and 83,000 jobs available
- There is a projected increase in management and director jobs in the SEMLEP area by 2027, including retail, finance, sales accounts, business development and management roles
- Business graduates can expect to earn between £26,000 and £35,000 a year



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Accounting technician  
Business analyst  
Business project manager  
Marketing manager  
Finance officer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£17,000 - £34,000  
£22,000 - £55,000  
£28,000 - £75,000  
£27,000 - £65,000  
£19,500 - £34,000

# 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 computing and IT courses.

Specialist resources include dedicated networks, interactive whiteboards and data projectors, discreet 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.



## THE UK IS HOME TO **EXPERTS & PIONEERS**

IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI),

**AUGMENTED REALITY (AR),**

**VIRTUAL REALITY (VR),**

THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT)

**AND ROBOTICS.**



### DID YOU KNOW?

- 3 million people are employed in the UK's digital economy
- By 2027, the number of jobs for programmers and software developers in the SEMLEP area is set to increase by 5%
- The average salary for jobs in computing and IT is around £42,000



#### TYPICAL CAREERS

App developer  
Cyber intelligence officer  
Data scientist  
Forensic computer analyst  
IT support technician

Source: National Careers Service



#### AVERAGE SALARIES

£25,000 - £55,000  
£25,000 - £50,000  
£30,000 - £70,000  
£25,000 - £60,000  
£18,000 - £35,000

# 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 building 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.

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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Across the region, more than 67,000 people are employed by the construction industry
- 66% of construction employers in the SEMLEP area reported a major shortage of carpenters and joiners, making this an in-demand occupation in the area
- The average salary for construction jobs is £42,500



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Bricklayer  
Carpenter  
Construction manager  
Electrician  
Painter and decorator  
Civil engineer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£17,000 - £40,000  
£17,000 - £38,000  
£27,000 - £65,000  
£18,000 - £42,000  
£17,000 - £32,000  
£30,000 - £70,000

## LEVEL 1

Carpentry and Joinery

Construction Multi-skills

Plumbing and Heating

## LEVEL 2

Carpentry and Joinery

Plumbing and Heating

## LEVEL 3

Carpentry and Joinery

# FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Construction Multi-skills

Foundation Focus\*



**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.**

We offer a wide range of programmes designed to support your move into careers or training in everything from business to engineering.

\*If you're not yet sure of your future, our Foundation Focus course has a broad focus to provide you with the help and support you need to find your next step. It's focus is on developing your skills and helping you choose your progression pathway! This course combines opportunities to develop your skills with options to explore the different vocational zones across the College including performing arts and music, media and IT, construction and motor vehicle, hair and beauty, culinary arts, health, social and childcare, sport and public services.

Whatever your skills or interests, you're sure to find a programme to suit you, 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. You'll be able to put your skills into action and find out which possible careers might be right for you.

▼ [Click here](#) for further course information

# GAMES DESIGN



Do you enjoy developing computer games from scratch or have an interest in the exciting industry of computer games development? Our Games Design course could be for you.

Our courses will enable you to improve both your technical and creative skills. Being able to design, write and engineer video games is a skill that very few have, despite the size of the industry.

This course will equip you with the skills you need to succeed in the digital world and pursue a career in games design, animation or software development.


## LEVEL 2

Games Design

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THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES  
COULD BE WORTH

**£128.4  
BILLION**  
TO THE UK ECONOMY BY  
**2025** 



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Competitive gaming is one of the UK's fastest growing industries
- The information and communication industry is the 10th largest in the SEMLEP area with 26,000 jobs – making up 3% of all jobs in the area
- The creative industries could be worth £128.4 billion to the UK economy by 2025
- The average salary for games designers in the UK is around £45,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Games developer  
Games tester  
Software developer  
Social media manager

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£25,000 - £70,000  
£24,000 - £50,000  
£24,000 - £70,000  
£25,000 - £60,000

# GARY DOBEDOE

## GAMES DESIGN

Gary was described as a positive and attentive student who was always eager to learn. His teachers were very impressed with his progress on the course and how well he developed advanced game building mechanics.

"I really enjoyed my time at Daventry Campus. The course was creative, engaging, fun and all of my teachers were incredible. They gave me so much support and helped me to develop my game concepts until they became a reality. All the teachers had industry knowledge and experience which I found invaluable when deciding what to do for my future career. I definitely wouldn't be where I am today without them.

"There is a huge practical element to this course, so I was able to focus on developing my skills in a subject that I'm really passionate about. I also connected really well with my classmates because they had the same interests as me.

"My favourite project so far involved creating a first-person shooter style game, with wall running and AI enemies. I even added several destructible buildings, which were very satisfying to create! I feel that my work keeps improving over time.

"I am currently studying games design at De Montfort University in Leicester and it's been a blast! I hope to become a game developer in the future."



# HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY & ASSOCIATED THERAPIES



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, nails or beauty therapy, you'll find a programme of study to suit you.

Working in the Salon NC, our professional salons at Lower Mounts or Daventry campus, you will develop a wide range of high quality, industry standard treatments and services such as specialist cutting and colouring, facials, manicures, massage, body art or make-up through the eras. Our courses will equip you with practical and theoretical skills, as well as the customer service knowledge to achieve a career within a salon, spa, theatre and film world or to work freelance.

## LEVEL 1

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

## LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

## LEVEL 3

Beauty and Spa Therapy

Hairdressing



## DID YOU KNOW?

- 51% of hairdressing/beauty employers in the SEMLEP area reported major shortages of beauticians, and 50% reported shortages of hairdressers and barbers – making this the area's fifth and ninth most in-demand occupations (with 103,168 and 227,765 jobs respectively)
- The average hairdresser/beautician salary in the UK is **£22,000**



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Beauty therapist  
Hairdresser  
Make-up artist  
Massage therapist

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£16,000 - £25,000  
£14,000 - £30,000  
Variable  
Variable

# HEALTHCARE & CHILDCARE

## LEVEL 1

Health and Social Care/Childcare

## LEVEL 2

Childcare

Health and Social Care

## LEVEL 3

Childcare and Education

Health and Social Care



**Our health and social care courses prepare students for a career in the healthcare sector including nursing, midwifery, social work or care.**

On our childcare courses students will learn about child development from birth to 19 years old. This course will help to prepare you for a career in schools or nurseries as a teaching assistant, nursery nurse or help you progress on to higher education to study primary teaching.

Both health and social care students and childcare students take part in a work experience placement where they learn what is involved in working in the chosen sector.

So, whether you want to care for children or adults we have a good track record of student achievement and our experienced staff work to the very highest standards.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The health/social work industry is the second largest in the SEMLEP area, with a total of 86,000 employees
- There is a significant increase projected for childcare occupations, including teaching and nursery assistants - both predicted to increase by 12% by 2027
- The average healthcare salary in the UK is around £32,000 and the average childcare salary is about £25,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Care worker  
Health play specialist  
Social worker  
Nursery worker  
Classroom assistant



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£13,500 - £25,000  
£22,549 - £31,534  
£24,000 - £40,000  
£14,000 - £24,000  
£12,621 - £23,000

Source: National Careers Service



# LOGISITCS



Delivering products and services at the right time, right place, right cost, and at the right quantity and quality is at the heart of logistics and supply chain management. Every retail organisation has a supply chain, so this is an area where there are multiple opportunities for employment.

Once considered 'trucks and sheds' and a low-skilled industry, logistics and supply chain management today is emerging as a highly desirable sector for employment providing an exciting high-tech career. This is due to the deployment of cutting-edge technologies in many of the key areas.

This course gives young people a broad understanding of supply chain and its related sectors in logistics. The employer-endorsed content is up-to-date and relevant, reflecting the blend of technical, interpersonal and project skills needed by someone who is thinking about a career in this sector.

## LEVEL 2

International Supply Chain Logisitcs



### DID YOU KNOW?

- With its central location and major logistics parks, Northamptonshire is part of the 'Golden Triangle' of logistics
- The UK contract logistics market was valued at more than £75 billion in 2021 and is expected to be worth over £92 billion by 2027
- The average salary for a person working in logistics is £37,500



#### TYPICAL CAREERS

Transport planner  
Supply chain manager  
Port worker



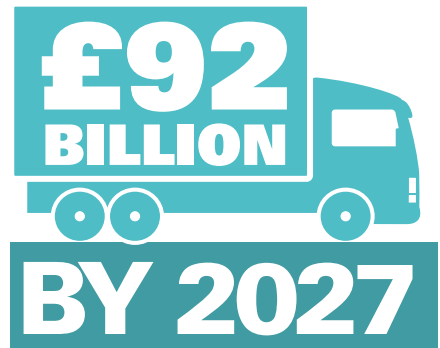
#### AVERAGE SALARIES

£20,000 - £44,000  
£24,000 - £48,000  
£16,000 - £27,000

Source: National Careers Service

THE UK LOGISTICS MARKET  
IS EXPECTED TO BE WORTH

**£92  
BILLION**



# MOTOR VEHICLE

## LEVEL 1

Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle)

## LEVEL 2

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

## LEVEL 3

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair



**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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The automotive industry accounts for 10% of total UK export of goods
- Nearly 1 million vehicles and 1.6 million engines were built in the UK in 2021
- The largest industry by number of jobs in the SEMLEP area is repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles – with 140,000 jobs currently, making up 17% of all jobs in this area
- The average automotive salary is around £30,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Automotive engineer  
Garage manager  
Vehicle body repairer  
Vehicle paint sprayer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£20,000 - £45,000  
£24,000 - £36,000  
£15,000 - £30,000  
£19,000 - £30,000

▼ [Click here](#) for further course information

# SOCIAL SCIENCE



**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.

Social science is suitable for students who have an interest in sociology, psychology and politics and who want to find out more. During this course you will study units such as social policy, the sociology of health, psychology, criminology and law.

## LEVEL 2

Social Science

## LEVEL 3

Social Science



## DID YOU KNOW?



### TYPICAL CAREERS

**Criminologist**  
**Crime scene officer**  
**Forensic psychologist**  
**Psychologist**  
**Occupational therapist**

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

**£23,500**  
**£16,000 - £37,000**  
**£27,000 - £54,000**  
**£24,000 - £60,000**  
**£25,654 - £45,838**

# SUPPORTED LEARNING

## TRANSITION COURSES

Stepping In Pathway 1  
(Accessing College & 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  
(Springboard Part 2)

Stepping Out Pathway 3  
Supported Learning Link (Level 1)

Stepping Out Pathway 4  
Supported Learning Link  
Elevate and Advance (Level 1/Level 2)

## PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

Supported Internships



**The College has developed its support for students over successive years, endorsed by an Ofsted rating of 'Outstanding' in this area. 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 fulfil 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 achieve what you need to do to get there.

We know how important it is to grow your language and maths skills. Our successful English and maths development programme enables you to make the right progress through a stepped series of Ascentis maths and English skills qualifications leading to functional skills and GCSE.

Our Springboard 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 in a series of enriching personal and social skills development activities alongside their course, including:**

- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Vocational skill builders
- ▶ Community and enterprise projects
- ▶ Performing arts projects
- ▶ Café projects
- ▶ Garden and horticultural projects

▼ [Click here](#) for further course information

# FULL-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS



**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 part-time courses are also available and have been specifically designed with adults in mind.

[Click here to view our part-time courses.](#)

### LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy

Hairdressing

### LEVEL 3

Beauty and Spa Therapy

Hairdressing

### ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Health Professions

# 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.

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

### 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 into 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.

Information about part-time courses in Maths, English and Digital Skills is **available here**.

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

# EMPLOYMENT & YOUR CAREER

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

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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.

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## 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.

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# 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).

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

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# HOW TO APPLY

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

1 week

June/July

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).

### **Your offer**

Your application will be processed as soon as possible, and you will be made an offer by email or you will be given alternative advice.

Please make sure we have the right email address and keep an eye on your junk mail.

This offer is subject to you meeting the specific entry requirements.

You may be required to complete a task or participate in a workshop to establish your level of ability.

### **You will be invited to a taster day.**

**During July and August we will send you lots of information about your course, induction and how to prepare for college life.**

### **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 haven't met the entry requirements, you can choose a different course or request further guidance.

**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.**



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