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**YOUR GUIDE TO
FULL-TIME PROGRAMMES
AND APPRENTICESHIPS
2022-23**



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 Any course, service or facility may be altered or withdrawn owing to circumstances beyond the College's reasonable control.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

Booth Lane and Lower Mounts

Thursday, 14 October 2021	-	5pm – 7.30pm
Saturday, 6 November 2021	-	10am - 1pm
Tuesday, 1 February 2022	-	5pm - 7.30pm
Saturday, 12 March 2022	-	10am - 1pm
Wednesday, 15 June 2022	-	5pm - 7.30pm

Daventry

Tuesday, 9 November 2021	-	5pm – 7pm
Thursday, 20 January 2022	-	5pm - 7pm
Tuesday, 15 March 2022	-	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 online chat feature
on our website.

Register for a ticket online at
northamptoncollege.ac.uk

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A photograph of three diverse students sitting outdoors. On the left is a Black woman with long braids and glasses, wearing a colorful patterned top. In the center is a white woman with long brown hair, wearing a white lace top. On the right is a young man with dark curly hair, wearing a grey hoodie. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. A fourth person, partially visible on the far right, is wearing a teal hoodie. The background shows a building with large windows.

**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 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.

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 drive positive change for a better world. Here at Northampton College, 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 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 plus 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, but 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.

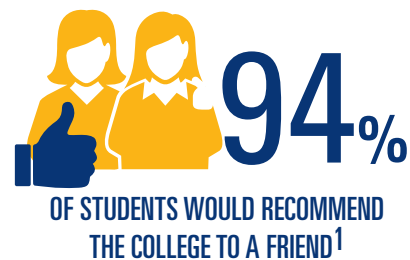
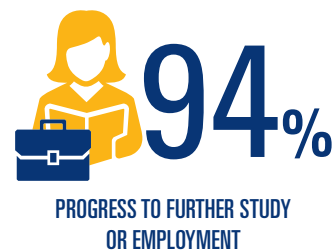
At Northampton College our primary objective is to help you progress, whether it be to the next level in your education or into your chosen career. With our support, thousands of students have reached their potential and we can't wait to see what we can do for you.

I look forward to seeing you soon.



Pat Brennan-Barrett

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



¹On programme survey 2020 based
on 2,200 responses

TEN REASONS TO JOIN NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE

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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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

CREATING POSSIBILITIES, ACHIEVING POTENTIAL.



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.

CAMPUSES & FACILITIES

The environment in which you learn is vitally important so at Northampton College we have the latest technology, well-equipped learning resources and award-winning library facilities.

BOOTH LANE

This is our largest campus, a state-of-the-art building with the very best facilities and resources.

At the heart of the campus is a circular-shaped library with separate study areas, computer suites, professional theatre spaces and an open-air amphitheatre for outside productions and live performances. We also have top class facilities for media, art and design, including our brand new Digital Academy - **please see page 10** for details.

Our hi-tech electrical and mechanical engineering workshops and computer-aided design suites are complemented by dedicated science labs and our Advanced Construction Engineering (ACE) Centre - **please see page 12** for more information.

Our well-equipped gym and full-sized sports hall can accommodate many court-based sports, including cricket nets for indoor practice. Outdoor facilities include an astro-turf pitch and Multi-Use Games Area.

LOWER MOUNTS

This campus is home to The Salon NC, our professional hairdressing and beauty therapy salons and studios.

These are run by our hairdressing and beauty therapy students as part of their study programmes offering everything from haircuts and colours to facials and massages to members of the public.

Our well-stocked library has hundreds of learning resources.

Our Skills Centre is also based at Lower Mounts. We run part-time courses for anyone looking to improve their job prospects or get back in to education.

DAVENTRY

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.

The first floor of our environmentally-friendly campus is home to multiple ICT suites. Here you will also find award-winning library facilities, a science laboratory 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.





Booth Lane Campus



Lower Mounts Campus



Daventry Campus



INTRODUCING
**OUR NEW
DIGITAL
ACADEMY**



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Our new 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 have access to an exciting, new learning environment including an Esports arena, TV studio, digital workshops, Mac suite and digital design studios plus a whole range of specialist facilities and equipment.

The Digital Academy offers a wide range of courses, allowing individuals to 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, digital marketing and gaming.

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 students gain the skills and knowledge required to thrive in this fast-paced industry.



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.

ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (ACE) CENTRE

The ACE Centre is here to train the next generation of construction professionals, including bricklayers, plumbers, electricians, decorators, carpenters and civil engineers.

The state-of-the-art facility includes a variety of digital learning opportunities, including virtual reality and industry-standard workshop equipment.

There is a focus on developing the skills needed for the most up to date construction and engineering technologies, with the Centre tackling the severe skills shortages threatening to hit the construction industry in Northamptonshire and beyond.

Alongside courses which focus on craft skills there are also courses at Level 3 for those looking for supervisory, technician or management careers in the sector, such as in Civil Engineering, Building Services Engineering, or Project Management. We also offer progression routes at Level 4 and 5 for technician, supervisory and management roles in Construction Engineering.

ADDRESSING BOTH THE SKILLS GAP AND AGEING WORKFORCE IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR LEADING CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES.

Students can choose to take a multi-skills programme, which includes bricklaying, plumbing, carpentry, decorating and electrical installations, which means you can try a number of trades before deciding where to specialise.

The Centre aims to produce a pipeline of 'work-ready' staff for local employers, with companies including Kier, Balfour Beatty, ENGIE, Bowmer & Kirkland, Metcalfe and many more industry-based partners.

"Supporting the development of the next generation of professionals, is instrumental to the long-term future of the construction industry. With the skills shortages the sector is currently facing, those with the right knowledge, skills and attitude have an open door to so many diverse and rewarding career opportunities. We're proud to be partnering with Northampton College."

Danny Sullivan, Area Manager, Huws Gray Ltd





**THE ACE CENTRE, PROVIDES EDUCATION
AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
STUDENTS ON FULL-TIME STUDY
PROGRAMMES AND APPRENTICESHIPS.**



Balfour Beatty



WOLSELEY





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](#).

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."



LEONIE GUTZMORE

BUSINESS

Leonie was born and raised in Northampton and has worked in the college for five years. She enjoys connecting with her students and daring them to be their best.

"Over the years I have taught business to students from Level 1 up to HND. When I look at my students, I see myself when I was younger and I think that is an important part of my role. My biggest hope is that they can see in me an example of what they can achieve.

"I studied business with Northampton College and that start prepared me for the independence of university and working in finance in London. Following that I built up the courage to live in Japan for seven years to make the transition from a professional to a teacher. I really enjoy teaching and all of the challenges that it brings.

"Now that I have come full circle back to Northampton College, I am completing an MA in education while sharing my experiences with the students. Seeing that Aha! look on their faces is what make me feel proud to teach."

#ProudToTeach



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

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.

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

Any student aged 16-18 who has not yet achieved a grade 4 (C) 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 (C) 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 with any questions you may have.

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.

Our Safeguarding Policy and further details can also 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

Many students walk to college but we also cater for drivers and cyclists. If you prefer public transport then buses are quick and convenient and all three of our campuses have good links. Wherever you live in the county, one of our campuses is within an easy journey.

Our Booth Lane Campus is 10 miles from Wellingborough and 12 miles from Kettering. Our Daventry Campus is less than 12 miles from Rugby. You may be able to get help with the cost of your travel – **just ask the Student Services team for advice.**

CHILDCARE

Full and part-time childcare is available at our Booth Lane campus at reasonable costs for children up to school age. Students using our childcare provision may be entitled to financial support towards the cost of childcare and should talk to staff in the Student Services team to find out more about what's available.

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 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 **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, 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."



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. Students aged 19+ may be eligible for a loan to cover the cost of some or all of their tuition fees. You may also be eligible for the Adult Level 3 funding under the government's new Skills Guarantee.

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. You may also be eligible for the Adult Level 3 funding under the government's new Skills Guarantee – please call the Enrolment Centre 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

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

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.

*current threshold

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

LET US HELP YOU

Contact a member of the Student Services team on **01604 734066**, email financial.support@northamptoncollege.ac.uk or visit our website www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk



OUR SOCIAL SCENE

**SOCIABLE AND SUPPORTIVE, FUN AND ENTERPRISING –
NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE HAS EVERYTHING YOU COULD
WISH FOR WHILE STUDYING WITH US.**

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EVENTS

Our students are invited to not just attend events, but also to plan them and to choose charitable causes to support.

In recent years, students have organised everything from music gigs and outdoor festivals to dances and celebrations, raising money for causes that have included Children in Need, Sport Relief, Macmillan and many more. Why not create an event or fundraiser to support a cause you care about?

The Students' Union is here to help you make your event plans a reality, so chat to the team about all your ideas.

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SPORTS

Whatever your skill level we have a range of clubs open to all, including archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, cricket, dodgeball, football, softball, table tennis, tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, yoga and Zumba.

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VENUES

The Underground is our very own music venue, located in the College basement. This is where many of our students go to perform and everyone is welcome to attend regular music gigs, all organised by our students.

Our flagship gig of the year takes place at Northampton's premier music venue The Roadmender, where student performances feature an eclectic mix of music from rock and heavy metal to acoustic sets.

Hang out with friends between lessons in Booth Lane's courtyard - the perfect place to chill out, with its own amphitheatre and green space.

Nearby is The Lookout and Lookout Express, where you can grab a bite to eat, mingle and get to know fellow students from different parts of the College.

And, if you're feeling active, check out our gym – a great place to work out and, best of all, it's completely free.

TRIPS

We organise a range of trips every year as part of our college enrichment programme which means you can have a great day out with friends for a discounted price.

Yearly trips include:

- Alton Towers
- Ice skating
- Warner Brothers Studios
- Thorpe Park
- Football stadium tour

ACTIVITIES

Get involved and make the most of our host of clubs and enrichment activities. To whet your appetite, here are just a few on offer:

- Yoga
- Car maintenance
- Singing lessons
- Book club
- Sign language
- First Aid
- Driving theory
- Guitar lessons
- Drumming lessons

(All trips and activities are subject to availability and COVID-19 restrictions)

LOCATIONS

There is plenty to do both in and around our campuses and our students travel to Northampton College from all over the county – and from as far afield as Towcester, Milton Keynes, Wellingborough, Rugby and Market Harborough.

Our Booth Lane campus is just a short walk away from local amenities including the Weston Favell Shopping Centre and not far from Riverside Retail Park which is home to a range of high street shops and eateries.

Our Lower Mounts campus is a mere two-minute walk from Northampton town centre with all of the shops and restaurants you could need.

Our Daventry campus is in the heart of the town, a short walk to local shops and restaurants and surrounded by plenty of open space and countryside.



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.

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 26**.

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.

T LEVELS

T Levels are brand new qualifications designed to give you a head start towards the future you want. They follow on from GCSEs and are at Level 3. On full successful completion, they are equivalent to 3 A Levels.

T levels will start at Northampton College in September 2022 in the following subjects:

- Education and Childcare
- Health

The two-year T Level qualification brings classroom learning and industry placements together on a course designed with employers and businesses in mind.

Your time will be split between classroom-based theory lessons and a relevant work placement - providing you with the skills and knowledge that employers are looking for.

Your T Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

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. Maths and English forms the main 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 three 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 and you'll 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 31.**





LEO KELLY

LEVEL 3 CREATIVE MEDIA

Leo Kelly, a 17-year-old Level 3 Creative Media student, was named the winner of the Best Cinematography category of Media Magazine's 'Making Lockdown Creative' Production Competition for his emotional Christmas tearjerker 'Lost Without You'.

Seasoned industry experts hailed the film as a 'masterpiece' while one senior judge said it was a "really compelling and emotional story that had me hooked".

Leo said: "Coming to Northampton College has opened my eyes to the variety of job roles that exist in the film industry. Previously, I didn't really know what I wanted to do but having heard from people with years of experience in their field, I now have a clear pathway in mind.

"Having teachers with that relevant experience is a massive help, they really know their stuff and we also have access to the very latest equipment which is a big help when it comes to filming content for our course.

"I'd recommend Northampton College to anyone. It's been a great experience for me and I know that I'm ready to make my way into the industry as soon as I complete my course."

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	GCSEs - MAINLY 2 - 1 (F - G) GRADES. SATISFACTORY SCHOOL REFERENCE ¹
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.

STUDENT JOURNEY

AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE



- 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 OFFER**
- 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 and university entrance
- 11 FEEDBACK**
Quality Manager
- 12 HAVING YOUR SAY**
Students' Union & course reps
- 13 EXAMS, ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS**
- 14 YOUR DESTINATION**
Qualifications achieved

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.

AS AN APPRENTICE YOU WILL ALSO IMPROVE YOUR EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS INCLUDING COMMUNICATION, TEAM WORKING, CREATIVE THINKING, PROBLEM SOLVING 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:

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

These Apprenticeship areas may be subject to change.



APPRENTICE PROFILES



HENRY ALEXANDER LEVEL 2 BARBERING

Henry kickstarted his passion for male grooming by enrolling on a Level 2 Barbering Apprenticeship with Northampton College.

"I believe doing an apprenticeship is the best way to get into the barbering industry as you need to physically be there learning the trade instead of just sitting in a classroom writing notes. For me, taking the apprentice route was beneficial as it allowed me to be hands-on from the get-go and I got paid to learn.

"My younger brother Jonty and I have now opened our own male grooming shop in Northampton called 'The Barber Brothers' and in the future we are looking to expand our business and open another shop.

"We are also taking on our first apprentice this year, as we think young people should be given a chance in life. We are looking forward to training our apprentice and moulding him into a professional barber."



AMY BALL LEVEL 3 BARBERING

"Studying a business apprenticeship at Northampton College was without doubt the best thing I've ever done. It challenged me to push myself and take myself out of my comfort zone, learning invaluable new skills, working as part of a team and having the confidence to personally take the lead on major projects.

"I've learnt a lot, not just on the academic side of things but also about myself. I have grown both as a professional and as a person. The apprenticeship has given me an insight into what is needed in the commercial world and allowed me to begin to carve out a career for myself in a competitive marketplace."

Thanks to my apprenticeship I am confident in my own ability and know that if I continue to work hard and develop my skills I can keep on progressing. It has been the perfect grounding and I would recommend Northampton College to anyone.



MELODY HILLYARD LEVEL 2 PAINTING AND DECORATING

"Coming to college has been a great opportunity for me, particularly as I am a mature student coming back to education. I didn't really know how to go about things, but the course leader and tutors have been fantastic, helping me along step by step. The staff have been very friendly, welcoming and motivating and it's a great college to be at.

"The Apprenticeship with Taylor Wimpey has been brilliant and I'm loving the chance to learn new skills. Getting into the world of work and having the chance to get on-site while I'm still getting the qualifications I need is amazing."



ALEXANDRA BRAITHWAITE

HND THEATRE PRACTICE

"I finished A Levels at school and took a year out before searching online for practical courses. I'm a creative person and the HND in Theatre Practice appealed to me because it is practical. I discovered what I loved and what I'm good at and this has led to some amazing experiences to date.

"It all opened up for me after a show at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough where I was given the opportunity to take care of the mics and sound. Thanks to this experience I found out what I wanted to do. My tutor informed me that I could apply to Drama School to study technical theatre and encouraged me to apply for a place at the London Academy of Performing Arts. I was accepted!

"I now work as a composer and sound designer where I create the music for stage productions, radio and TV dramas. Recent projects include work for Jarvis Cocker's production at the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester. I would encourage everyone to consider all their options for continuing their education, the help and support I received at Northampton College has led me to a career I love."

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

UNIVERSITY LEVEL HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS (HNC/HNDS)

We offer a growing number of HNCs which are equivalent to the first year of an honours degree. Like HNDs, they also provide specialist knowledge and skills based experience. The HNC is the first year of a Higher National qualification and is offered on a full-time and part-time basis. This allows you to work in your chosen industry whilst gaining a qualification.

You would usually begin a Higher Education course once you are aged over 18 and have achieved a Level 3 qualification. Mature students with GCSEs in English and maths are welcome to apply.

HNDs are technical and skills-based and designed for specific types of jobs. They are the equivalent to the first two years of an honours degree and are designed to help you progress into employment.

When you join a two-year Higher National programme at Northampton College you will achieve an HND after the second year of study.

In many cases, you can top up to convert your HND into a degree with a further year of study. In three years, you can achieve two qualifications, an HND and a degree for less than the cost of going straight to university.

If you are planning to start a full-time or part-time higher education course at a university or college, you may be able to apply for a student loan from the beginning of the calendar year in which your course starts.

For more information, go to slc.co.uk

Recent HND graduates have gone on to achieve first and upper second class honours in their top-up degrees and are building exciting careers in their chosen profession.

In order to enrol directly on to an HND course you will be required to have completed a relevant HNC.

You will study at our Booth Lane campus in Northampton and can take advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities and resources, industry trained staff, careers advice and Students' Union membership.

You can apply online via our website.

For more information, visit;
northamptoncollege.ac.uk/higher-education

We offer:

HNC/D Acting	/	BL
HND App Development	/	BL
HNC/D Business, Finance and Marketing	/	BL
HNC/D Cybersecurity	/	BL
HNC/D Dance	/	BL
HNC/D Digital Film Production	/	BL
HNC Engineering	/	BL
HNC/D Games Design	/	BL
HNC/D Health and Social Care	/	BL
HNC Music Performance	/	BL
HND Music Production*	/	BL
HNC Music Technology	/	BL
HNC/D Musical Theatre	/	BL
HND Session Musician**	/	BL
HNC/D Technical Theatre	/	BL

*In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Technology course.

**In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Performance course.

Additional Higher Level courses:

Foundation Diploma Art and Design	/	BL
Level 4 Health and Social Care	/	BL
Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise	/	BL

**WE OFFER A GROWING
NUMBER OF HNCs WHICH ARE
EQUIVALENT TO THE FIRST YEAR
OF AN HONOURS DEGREE.**





**YOU COULD JOIN A TWO-YEAR HIGHER
NATIONAL PROGRAMME AT NORTHAMPTON
COLLEGE THAT WILL COST LESS THAN GOING
STRAIGHT TO UNIVERSITY.**

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

WHY STUDY AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE?

We have excellent facilities and teaching resources and our teaching staff have expert knowledge in the technical and professional disciplines they teach.

Study options are flexible so you will be able to manage your time to take account of family and work commitments. You will study in small groups with one-to-one support that will help you develop independent learning skills.

If you live nearby, you don't have to travel away from Northamptonshire. Our course fees are very competitive compared with the cost of going straight to university.

You can benefit from:

- Range of excellent facilities and resources
- Award-winning library and extensive IT equipment
- Industry-trained staff
- Individual and small group support
- Advice and guidance
- Careers advice.

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk



ART, DESIGN, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHY

LEVEL 1

Art and Design	BL, DAV
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LEVEL 2

Art and Design (General)	BL, DAV
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Art and Design (Illustration)	BL
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Art and Design (Photography)	BL
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Fashion and Textiles	BL
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LEVEL 3 - CREATIVE PRACTICE: ART AND DESIGN

Art and Design (Spatial Graphic Design)	BL
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Art and Design (General)	BL, DAV
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Art and Design (Illustration)	BL
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Fashion and Clothing	BL
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Photography	BL
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LEVEL 3+

Foundation Diploma Art and Design	BL
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LEVEL 4

Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise	BL
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Looking for Theatrical Make-up?
See page 48.

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

A wide range of courses are available, from Level 1 right up to Level 4. 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.

- ▶ The UK's creative industry sector is predicted to grow to £300 billion per year by 2030, from the £180 billion that was expected in 2020 pre-pandemic
- ▶ 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
- ▶ The new Vulcan Works Creative Hub, in Northampton town centre, provides 5,500 square metres of office and workshop space, creating up to 68 lettable units for small creative businesses.

Career pathways in this area include:

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

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.

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.

- ▶ The majority of businesses in Northamptonshire expect to see turnover increase in the next year as they build back from the impact of COVID-19
- ▶ Small businesses account for 99.8% of all private sector businesses in the UK
- ▶ Northampton has been named the third best place in the UK to start a new business.

Career pathways in this area include:

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

LEVEL 1

Business	BL, DAV
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LEVEL 2

Business	BL, DAV
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LEVEL 3

Business	BL, DAV
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LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Business, Finance and Marketing	BL
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COMPUTING & IT

LEVEL 1

IT	BL
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LEVEL 2

IT (Software Development)	BL
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IT (Software Development and Coding)	DAV
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IT (Computer Networking and Systems Support)	BL
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LEVEL 3

IT (Digital and Cyber Technologies)	BL, DAV
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IT (Networking and Emerging Digital Technologies)	BL
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LEVEL 4/5

HND App Development	BL
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HNC/D Cybersecurity	BL
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Join this exciting, fast-moving world and sign up for one of our courses in Software Development, Systems Support or Digital and Cyber Technology.

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

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.

- ▶ The pandemic has brought about an accelerated digital transformation leading to high demand for skills in programming, cyber security, data analytics and cloud computing, all of which you can develop by studying IT

- ▶ ‘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

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

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 industry has been less affected by COVID-19 restrictions than other sectors, with 80% of businesses continuing to trade
- ▶ As the world recovers from COVID, construction volumes are expected to increase globally by an average of 3.2% a year
- ▶ 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

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production	BL, DAV
Construction Multi-skills	BL, DAV
Electrical Installations	BL
Painting, Decorating and Interior Design	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL, DAV

LEVEL 2

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production	BL, DAV
Electrical Engineering	BL
Electrical Installations	BL
Painting, Decorating and Interior Design	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL, DAV

LEVEL 3

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry, Joinery and Theatre/Film Set Production	BL, DAV
Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering)	BL
Electrical Installations (Building and Structures)	BL
Painting, Decorating and Interior Design	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL

KEY

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ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

LEVEL 2

Mechanical Engineering (Machining) BL

LEVEL 3

Electrical/Electronic Engineering BL

Mechanical Engineering BL

LEVEL 4/5

HNC Engineering BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



This is a diverse and dynamic sector where job roles require excellent problem-solving skills and ingenuity.

Engineering is behind everything from your smartphone to your computer to the design of driverless vehicles, and uses cutting-edge technology to solve some of the world's biggest challenges.

Engineering uses maths and science (especially physics) to improve the way we live. Engineers bring new inventions to life, improve transport, tackle cybersecurity and help the environment.

Our students go on to work in a variety of sectors such as high performance engineering, manufacturing and renewable energy.

- ▶ Northamptonshire is home to many high-performance technology companies including more than 200 working in the motorsport sector

- ▶ In the South East Midlands, we have some world-leading manufacturers of food, drink, vehicles and components, while in Northamptonshire a hub of businesses produce some of the highest quality footwear in the UK
- ▶ Huge growth is expected in wind and wave power, energy and waste management, bio energy and plug-in electrical vehicles
- ▶ Starting salaries for engineering and technology graduates are around 20% higher than the average graduate starting salary.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Mechanical engineer
- ▶ Engineering technician
- ▶ Electronics engineer

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk





HOUDA BIAZ

ENGINEERING

Houda has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she gained while working in the Engineering industry. She aims to inspire her students to succeed in their chosen field and hopes to make a difference in their lives.

"I teach a variety of different units including theory of flight, lean production system design and quality and I really enjoy my work.

"I'm a former college student myself and I completed my degree in Engineering between both Leicester and Northampton universities.

"I've worked at lots of different places during my career as both a quality engineer and an aircraft engineer, but I've always wanted to teach and make a difference.

"I think it's great to be able to teach other people everything you've learnt and prepare them to join the Engineering field. I also appreciate receiving positive and motivating feedback from students which makes me feel very proud to teach."

#ProudToTeach

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

PRE-ENTRY

English for Speakers of other Languages BL

ENTRY LEVEL 1

English for Speakers of other Languages BL

ENTRY LEVEL 2

English for Speakers of other Languages BL

ENTRY LEVEL 3

English for Speakers of other Languages BL



If you are living in the UK and English is not your first language, then this programme is designed to help you progress into further study or employment.

Our full-time ESOL courses are designed to improve your fluency and accuracy in English speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

It's never too late to join us - we also offer a short course in ESOL with a start in the Spring.

Students in this area progress on to many other courses including:

- ▶ Art and Design
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Childcare
- ▶ Computing and IT
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Health and Social Care
- ▶ Media
- ▶ Performing Arts
- ▶ Public Services
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Travel

KEY

BL – Booth Lane

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES



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, Foundation Focus, Link and Engage programmes have a broad focus to provide you with the help and support you need to find your next step. Their focus is on developing your skills and helping you choose your progression pathway! To do this, these courses combine 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.

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Construction Multi-skills	BL, DAV
Foundation Focus*	BL, DAV
Foundation Link*	BL, DAV
Foundation Engage (In partnership with Northampton Saints)*	BL
Introduction to Hospitality and Culinary Skills	BL
Introduction to Motor Vehicle and Vehicle Technologies	BL
Working with Children	BL

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GAMES DESIGN

LEVEL 2

Games Design	BL
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LEVEL 3

Digital Animation	BL
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Esports	BL
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Games Design	BL, DAV
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Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality (AR/VR)	BL
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LEVEL 4

HNC/D Games Design	BL
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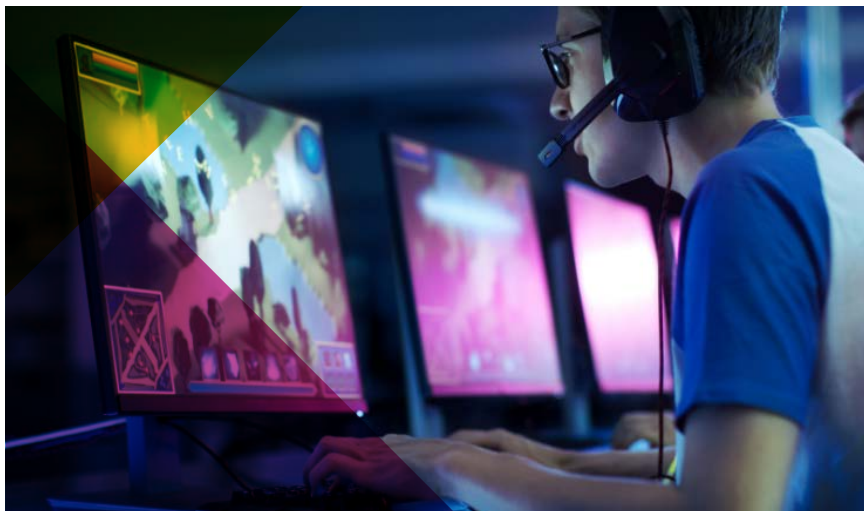
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DAV – Daventry

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
COULD BE WORTH

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TO THE UK ECONOMY BY

2025



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 new Digital Academy provides cutting-edge facilities and training from digital experts and local employers from the creative and digital sector. 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.

Our new Esports course provides a unique opportunity to learn about the business side of Esports. You will create business plans to build team events, create online communities and promote your events through digital marketing. Our exciting new AR/VR course will give you the skills

to create designs and virtual environments enabling you to be at the forefront of the latest in technological developments.

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Video game sales surpassed the £4 billion mark in 2020, showing that the UK's gaming industry is going from strength to strength

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Games designer
- ▶ Software developer
- ▶ Esports social media executive
- ▶ Competitive gaming manager
- ▶ Games tester



ANGELICA VIAL

LEVEL 3 GAMES DESIGN

Angelica is an extremely passionate and enthusiastic student with a love of both art and programming, so our Level 3 Games Design course was the perfect choice for her.

"The thing I love most about my course is that we learn all sorts of different skills and different programmes like Unity, Photoshop, 3D Coat and it's really applicable to all sorts of media which is the reason I wanted to study this course in the first place.

"I really love art; I love programming and I wanted to blend them together in my favourite medium which is games. I love that at the end of the course we get our own interactive products that we can show to employers and our friends.

"I hope to study Games Design at university and hopefully in the future you'll be seeing me making games."

HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND ASSOCIATED THERAPIES

LEVEL 1

Beauty Therapy	LM
Hairdressing	LM
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	DAV

LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy	LM, DAV
Hairdressing	LM, DAV
Hair and Media Make-up	LM

LEVEL 3

Beauty and Spa Therapy	LM, DAV
Hairdressing	LM, DAV
Theatrical Make-up	LM

KEY

LM – Lower Mounts
DAV – Daventry



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 you.

- ▶ 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

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

HEALTHCARE & CHILDCARE



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.

- ▶ There are 1.5million people working in adult social care in England, in 1.2 million full-time equivalent jobs. This includes approximately 865,000 care workers, 87,000 senior care workers and 36,000 registered nurses
- ▶ 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

LEVEL 1

Childcare	BL
Health and Social Care	BL

LEVEL 2

Childcare	BL, DAV
Health and Social Care	BL, DAV

LEVEL 3

Childcare and Education	BL, DAV
Health and Social Care	BL, DAV

LEVEL 4

Health and Social Care	BL, DAV
HNC/HND Health and Social Care	BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane
DAV – Daventry

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HOSPITALITY & CULINARY ARTS

LEVEL 1

Hospitality and Culinary Skills	BL
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LEVEL 2

Professional Bakery	BL
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Professional Patisserie and Confectionery	BL
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Professional Chef	BL
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Events Management (Hospitality)	BL
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LEVEL 3

Advanced Bakery	BL
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Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery	BL
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Advanced Professional Chef	BL
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Food Service Management	BL
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KEY

BL – Booth Lane



This is a dynamic industry, employing 1.5 million people across the UK in hotels, restaurants, hospitals, industrial food services, travel industries and the armed forces.

For those with drive and enthusiasm, this programme offers many exciting opportunities to develop and succeed – and the training starts right here.

Our student-led restaurant, open to the public during term time, combines contemporary fine dining with a relaxed brasserie style. Facilities include three production kitchens, pastry and larder training kitchens, a bakery and a front of house reception and bar.

- ▶ The UK's 10,990 food and drink manufacturing businesses and 7,585 employers sit at the heart of a food and drink supply chain which is worth more than £120bn to the economy. 97% of these businesses are SMEs

- ▶ Food and drink manufacturers directly employ over 440,000 people across every region and nation of the UK. Employment in the sector has grown by 19% over the last decade
- ▶ 68% of food and drink manufacturers in the Midlands are expecting profitability to increase in the next 12 months..

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Restaurant owner
- ▶ Wedding venue manager
- ▶ Head chef
- ▶ Front of house manager
- ▶ Sommelier

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TAMSIN HAMILTON- TESTROTE

LEVEL 3 CATERING

"I had become a bit disillusioned with education having had a bad experience at school and another college but I kept getting Northampton College recommended to me.

"When I came to see the campus and read the module content, it really spoke to me. The industry experience I learnt was invaluable and really taught me how to put myself out there.

"I became really passionate about the legal and business side of catering, with a real interest in food safety. Having gone on to university I'm now doing a master's degree in law and working to become a barrister in that field.

"I loved the way the College encourages you to be creative and channel your enthusiasm for a subject and learn how to make money out of it."

MEDIA

LEVEL 1

Media	BL
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LEVEL 2

Creative and Digital Media	BL
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Social Media and Marketing	BL
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LEVEL 3

Creative Media (TV and Film)	BL
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Multimedia Journalism	BL
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Social Media and Marketing	BL
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LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Digital Film Production	BL
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If you're looking for courses in games design **go to page 46.**

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



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

Media is all about communicating, so whether you're into blogging, the printed word or broadcast journalism this is the subject for you. We've got our own TV and radio studios on campus, as well as high spec film and camera equipment and computers loaded with industry standard software.

If you are a budding YouTuber, or want to become the next big influencer, you can learn how to produce social media content to promote you and your brand and discover new ways to increase likes and followers.

- ▶ 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:

- ▶ Assistant producer
- ▶ Radio presenter
- ▶ Camera operator
- ▶ Journalist
- ▶ Social media executive
- ▶ YouTuber

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MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING



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, plus a large spray booth for vehicle re-finishing and six additional training booths, while support is available from a range of vehicle manufacturers.

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 £78.9 billion turnover and employing 180,000 people

- ▶ It accounts for 13% of total UK export of goods
- ▶ Sales of battery-powered electric cars have more than doubled in the past year, accounting for 10.7% of sales.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Vehicle body builder and repairer
- ▶ Automotive technician
- ▶ Plant fitter
- ▶ Vehicle refinisher (paint)

ENTRY LEVEL 3

Introduction to Vehicle Industry and Vehicle Technologies	BL
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LEVEL 1

Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle)	BL, DAV
Vehicle Accident Paint Repair	BL

LEVEL 2

Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	BL
Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	BL, DAV
Vehicle Accident Paint Repair	BL
Vehicle Fitting	BL, DAV

LEVEL 3

Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	BL
Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	BL, DAV
Vehicle Accident Paint Repair	BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane
DAV – Daventry

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CHRIS PETTIFER

MUSIC

Meet Music Production and Technology teacher, Chris Pettifer, who has been teaching for over three years.

"I'm extremely passionate about preparing my students for a career in the music industry – whether it be in a studio, performing live on-stage, or travelling the world on tour.

"My background is in sound design and music production. When I graduated from university, I secured a job working for a renowned London studio. Whilst there, I was mentored by Sefi Carmel, an award-winning composer, music producer and mix engineer; collaborating with artists and bands from all around the world, I gained invaluable experience working as part of a team that was also responsible for the sound effects and music of several feature films, games and TV adverts.

"Since then, I have continued to produce and mix music for myself and others and run mobile production workshops for disadvantaged young people living in residential care.

"It's incredibly rewarding to help students develop and grow in confidence as they learn new skills in music. Students start out at college at all different levels and abilities and it's my job to nurture their talent and help them reach their full potential."

#ProudToTeach



MUSIC & MUSIC TECHNOLOGY



Our vibrant and creative music offer provides our students with exciting opportunities to specialise in music performance, music technology and music production.

We work closely with local venues, record labels, promoters and media and have a host of specialist resources which include a digital recording studio, music technology suites, sound-proofed booths, record decks and performance rooms.

- ▶ The creative industries are one of the fastest growing parts of the UK economy
- ▶ Freelancers make up a significant portion of self-employed workers in the creative industries
- ▶ The UK music industry contributes £5bn to the economy every year and employs almost 200,000 people.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Musician
- ▶ Music producer
- ▶ Sound engineer
- ▶ Venue manager

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LEVEL 1

Music	BL
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LEVEL 2

Music Performance/Technology	BL
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LEVEL 3

Music Performance/Technology	BL
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LEVEL 4/5

HNC Music Performance	BL
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HNC Music Technology	BL
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HND Music Production*	BL
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HND Session Musician**	BL
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*In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Technology course.

**In order to enrol on this course you must first complete an HNC Music Performance course.

KEY

BL – Booth Lane

PERFORMING ARTS

LEVEL 1

Performing Arts BL

LEVEL 2

Acting BL

Dance BL

Musical Theatre BL

Technical Theatre BL

LEVEL 3

Acting BL

Dance BL

Musical Theatre BL

Technical Theatre BL

LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Acting BL

HNC/D Dance BL

HNC/D Musical Theatre BL

HNC/D Technical Theatre BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



Do you dream of a career on the stage? Or are you fascinated by being backstage and putting together the technical elements that underpin a great performance? Either way, our diverse collection of performing arts courses will inspire you.

You'll have the chance to perform in college and at a variety of external venues, and perhaps even tour a production around the county's schools. And when you're in college you'll enjoy top-of-the-range facilities, including studio theatres with full lighting rigs, sound equipment and lighting control boxes, dance studios with fully sprung floors and rehearsal studios.

- ▶ The creative industry is the fastest growing part of the UK economy, accounting for 1 in 11 jobs in the UK
- ▶ The creative sector is growing, with a high demand for people with the right skills, qualifications, training and attitudes

- ▶ More than 296,000 work in the music, performance and visual arts sector in the UK

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Actor
- ▶ Dancer
- ▶ Singer
- ▶ Choreographer
- ▶ Director

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JESS SMITH

PERFORMING ARTS

Jess has been working as a dance teacher in the Performing Arts Department for over four years and relishes working with young performers to help them reach their full potential.

"Within the Performing Arts department, I teach a range of students who share a passion for the stage. I am always so impressed with the versatility, progress and hard work shown within each lesson.

"Students thrive on our courses and this is evidenced through their progression on to top universities, stage schools and professional work.

"From supporting students who have never performed before, to working with students who have a lot of experience, the tools we give them to succeed are paramount. Our shows, success rates and high grades make me incredibly proud. The dedication my students put into their study is commendable along with their professionalism, growth, and achievements.

"I love nothing more than to see my students mature, develop and progress into an industry they love. That is why I am proud to teach."

#ProudToTeach

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL 1

Public Services BL

LEVEL 2

Public Services BL

LEVEL 3

Public Services BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



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 5.7 million people employed in the UK public sector, including 1.84 million people working in the NHS
- ▶ There are 129,110 police officers in the 43 police forces in England and Wales

- ▶ 159,000 people work in the UK armed forces, with new recruits needed.

Career pathways in this area include:

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

5.7 MILLION



**ARE EMPLOYED IN THE UK
PUBLIC SECTOR**

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SCIENCE



Whether you're fascinated by the natural world around you or the creativity and innovation that goes into new inventions – from mobile phones to breakthroughs in medicine – science is sure to spark your imagination.

Studying science can take you on the road to becoming a biochemist or a geneticist, an engineer, laboratory technician, forensic investigator, pharmacy technician, quality controller or a teacher. There'll be a strong practical element whichever route you take, as well as the opportunities for fieldwork and even residential visits.

You can progress from our science programmes directly into employment or go on to university. Whichever route you take, you'll benefit from exploring and debating a range of significant scientific theories.

- ▶ The green economy is a priority sector for the UK meaning extra support for 'green collar' jobs
- ▶ There is a shortage of geologists, analytical chemists and energy managers
- ▶ The Life Sciences sector creates £80.7 billion in annual turnover, with a total of 256,100 employees across the industry.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Science and production technician
- ▶ Health professional
- ▶ Teacher
- ▶ Pharmacy technician
- ▶ Biochemist
- ▶ Laboratory technician

LEVEL 1

Applied Science BL

LEVEL 2

Applied Science BL

LEVEL 3

Applied Science (Biomedical)) BL

If you're looking for courses in forensics go to page 61.

KEY

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LEWIS WATERFIELD

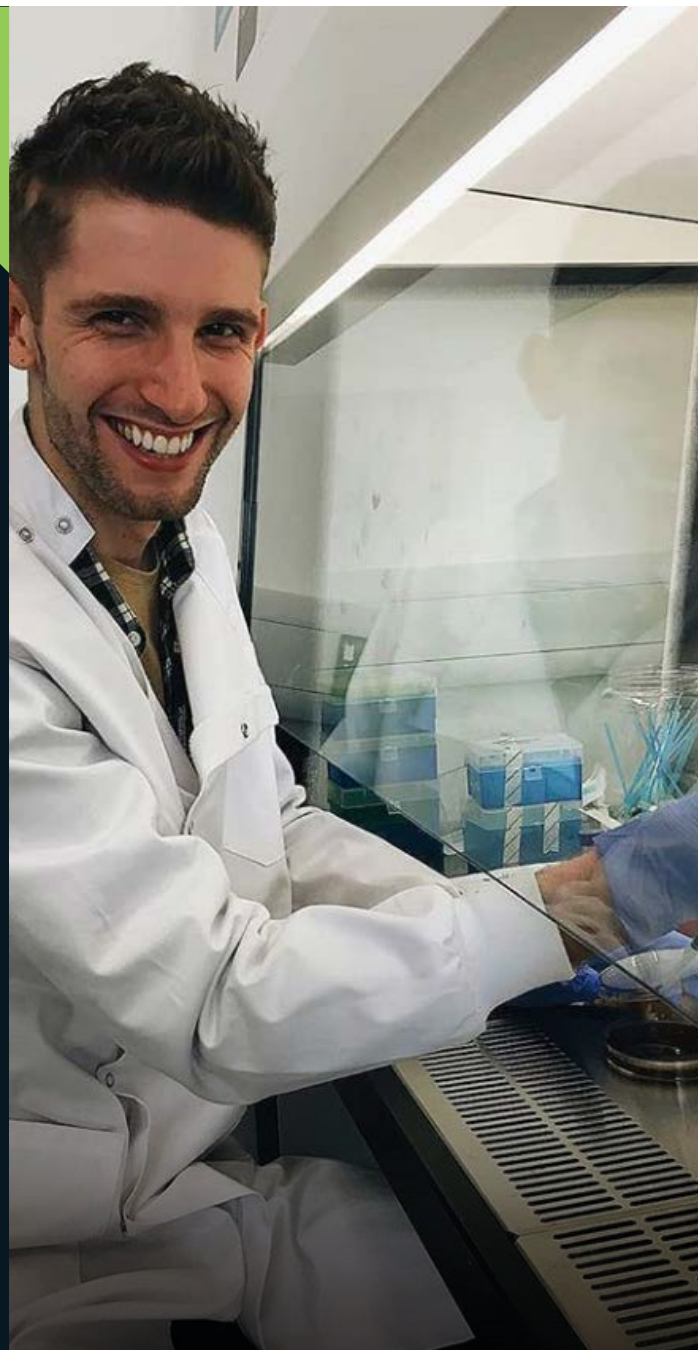
LEVEL 3 APPLIED SCIENCE

"I'm a practical learner and I was really impressed with the science facilities at Northampton College and found the idea of learning in a lab exciting. The hands-on learning was what I had been looking for."

"The tutors are so supportive and can't do enough for you. I loved the variety of the lessons. It gave me confidence to know that I was learning things that could be used in a future work environment."

"After completing my course I went on to work in a food lab for just under a year before I began a degree in biology at the University of Northampton. I even came back as an assistant lecturer at Northampton College for a while and I now work as a Public Health lecturer at the University of Northampton as well as studying for a degree in microbiology research."

"Northampton College has helped to get me to where I am today. It prepared me so well for university study as well as for work in the industry."



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.

Level 2 Social Science can be studied as a stepping stone to the Level 3 Forensic and Criminal Investigation Course or to other Level 3 courses. It is suitable for students who have an interest in sociology, psychology and politics and who want to find out more. During this one year course you will study units such as Social psychology, Introduction to social policy, economic policy and British politics and the sociology of health.

If you are interested in how science can help solve crimes, then our Forensic and Criminal Investigation 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 10 years, due largely to advances in technology such as the National DNA Database, and an increased reliance on forensic techniques by police forces for solving serious and violent crimes
- ▶ 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

LEVEL 2

Social Science	BL, DAV
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LEVEL 3

Forensic and Criminal Investigation	BL, DAV
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Social Science	BL
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KEY

BL – Booth Lane
DAV – Daventry

SPORT

LEVEL 1

Sport BL

LEVEL 2

Sport BL

LEVEL 3

Sport BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



Whichever sport you choose to study you will have access to our incredible choice of facilities, including our fitness centre, sports hall, playing fields, astro-turf and low ropes course. Whilst you are at college you will also have the opportunity to take part in sports, coach students and organise sporting events for your peers.

- ▶ The UK sports industry contributes £39bn to the economy and employs more than 1.3m people
- ▶ Popular careers include grounds staff, sports and leisure assistants, coaches, fitness instructors and professional athletes
- ▶ £10bn is spent on recreational and sports services every year, while there are more than 7,000 fitness facilities across the country
- ▶ Northampton College has close links with Virgin Active Health Club & Spa in Northampton.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Leisure and sports manager
- ▶ Sports coach
- ▶ Match official
- ▶ Physiotherapist

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

SUPPORTED LEARNING



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 financial 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 a series of fun and enriching activities alongside their course, including:

- ▶ Work experience
- ▶ Community projects
- ▶ Performing Arts projects
- ▶ Furniture restoration
- ▶ NCS (National Citizenship Service)
- ▶ Café projects
- ▶ Garden and conservation projects

TRANSITION COURSES

Stepping In Pathway 1 (Accessing College & Education) BL, DAV

Stepping In Pathway 2 (Springboard Part 1) BL

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Stepping Up Pathway 1 (Personal Progress at Entry 1) BL, DAV

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

PREPARATION FOR FURTHER STUDY & EMPLOYMENT

Stepping Out Pathway 1 (Next Steps at Entry 3) BL, DAV

Stepping Out Pathway 2 (Springboard Part 2) BL, DAV

Stepping Out Pathway 3 Supported Learning Link (Level 1) BL, DAV

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

PATHWAY TO EMPLOYMENT

Supported Internships BL, DAV

KEY

BL – Booth Lane
DAV – Daventry

TRAVEL & TOURISM

LEVEL 1

Introduction to the Travel Industry BL

LEVEL 2

Travel and Tourism BL

LEVEL 3

Travel and Sustainable Tourism BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane



Travel and tourism is a career that can take you to far-flung destinations and introduce you to people from all over the world. Find out what it is like to be an air cabin crew member or a holiday representative and learn about exotic holiday destinations.

Students can also study professional and technical travel qualifications including Resort Representative, Aviation Operations on the Ground, Passenger Shipping Agents, Sustainable and Responsible Tourism and Air Cabin Crew Certificate.

Level 3 courses provide UCAS points for progression to university.

- ▶ Making up over 80% of the UK's total visitor economy, England's tourism sector is vibrant and vital. It generates £100.8 billion a year, employs over 2 million people and supports thousands of businesses.

- ▶ The 40 million overseas visitors who came to the UK in 2019 spent £8 billion

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Travel agent
- ▶ Cabin crew member
- ▶ Events planner
- ▶ Conference and exhibition manager
- ▶ Travel blogger

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk



MALGORZATA KUBIK

LEVEL 3 TRAVEL AND TOURISM

"When I came to England in 2013 I couldn't speak English. I moved to Northampton from Poland and had my sights set on a career in travel and tourism."

"When I first joined the college, it was harder for me to complete assignments because of the language barrier but I received help from the tutors who were so helpful and took time to explain things in a way I could understand."

"To help develop my understanding of English I began with Level 1 and after completing this I progressed onto the Level 3 course. I enjoyed every minute of my time at college, I was given tremendous support to succeed and I now work as Cabin Crew for British Airways."

"My time at the college helped me to get the job - the tutors were always helpful and kept things interesting. We went on some fantastic trips to Paris and on a cruise ship which gave us first-hand experience of what it's like to work in the industry. I had amazing experiences which helped me to consider all of the job roles available in the industry. Studying Travel and Tourism helped me to decide which career path to take and I have already achieved my dream goal."

WELDING & FABRICATION

LEVEL 2

Fabrication and Welding

BL

LEVEL 3

Fabrication and Welding

BL



KEY

BL – Booth Lane



Our state-of-the-art welding plants and fabrication machinery will allow you to train to industry-recognised disciplines of manufacturing.

You will learn the practical elements of fabrication and welding covering three main disciplines: Manual Metal Arc (MMA), Metal Active Gas-shielded (MAGS) and Tungsten Inert Gas-shielded (TIG). You will work on a combination of light and heavy-duty materials with CNC machines that meet today's industrial practices.

This equipment along with enthusiastic and experienced teachers will enable you to learn different techniques in welding and fabrication from design and concept work, to fabrication and inspection using SolidWorks and AutoCAD.

The College is proud to hold the status of CSWTO as a weld training organisation and all of our teaching staff are industry approved trainers.

- ▶ To achieve its wider ambitions for growth, the UK Metals Industry will need to attract some 2,300 graduates a year and 9,200 apprentices and technicians
- ▶ 85 per cent of UK welders are employed full time and two per cent work part-time. The remaining 13 percent are self-employed.

Career pathways in this area include:

- ▶ Welder
- ▶ Sports car fabricator
- ▶ Heavy vehicle and trailer fabricator
- ▶ Computer aided design (CAD)
- ▶ Computer numerical controls (CNC) programmer

For more information on individual courses and entry requirements, visit our website northamptoncollege.ac.uk

FULL-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS



Northampton College welcomes adults 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.

We offer various Access to Higher Education pathways as well as courses to help you work towards achieving an Access qualification. The course you join will depend on your starting point and area of interest. A lack of qualifications is no barrier and our guidance team will be happy to discuss your options.



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.

If you're not yet ready to start an Access course, we might recommend that you begin your studies with our Level 1 or 2 courses (Progression to Work and Further Study, or Connect to Employment and Further Learning).

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LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy	LM, DAV
Connect to Employment and Further Learning (Health Studies)	BL
Hairdressing	LM, DAV
Media Make-up	LM

LEVEL 3

Beauty and Spa Therapy	LM, DAV
Hairdressing	LM, DAV
Theatrical Make-up	LM

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Health Professionals	BL, DAV
Humanities and Social Science	BL
Science	BL

KEY

BL – Booth Lane
LM – Lower Mounts
DAV – Daventry

THE SKILLS CENTRE NC



FREE MATHS, ENGLISH AND IT* COURSES FOR ADULTS AT THE SKILLS CENTRE NC

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 NC?

- 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 NC. 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**

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



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.



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.

**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

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 talk 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, 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 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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