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

**2023 - 24**



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## Changes to the prospectus.

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 Any course, service or facility may be altered or withdrawn owing to circumstances beyond the College's reasonable control.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

# OPEN EVENTS

## LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

### Booth Lane and Lower Mounts

Saturday, 5 November 2022	-	10am – 1pm
Thursday, 10 November 2022	-	5pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday, 7 February 2023	-	5pm – 7.30pm
Saturday, 11 March 2023	-	10am – 1pm
Wednesday, 14 June 2023	-	5pm – 7.30pm

### Daventry

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

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

To find out more call

# 0300 123 2344



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

Register for a ticket online at [northamptoncollege.ac.uk](https://northamptoncollege.ac.uk)

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**We welcome everyone  
regardless of background  
or starting point and we  
are committed to promoting  
and supporting opportunities  
for all.**

# A WARM WELCOME FROM THE CEO & PRINCIPAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At Northampton College we have developed a host of exciting options, including full-time or part-time study and Apprenticeships, that will engage you, inspire you and challenge you.

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

Our teachers and support staff are highly qualified specialists who will support you during your time with us. They will help you gain the best possible grade in your qualification, 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.

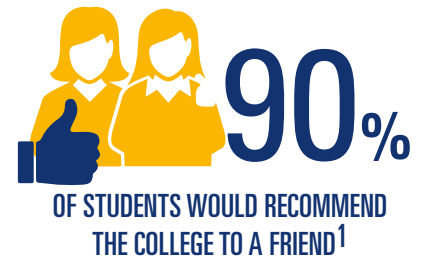
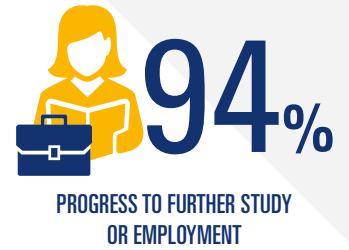
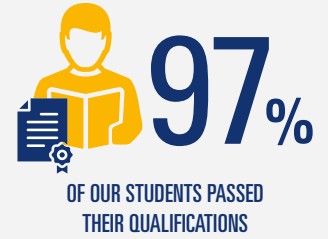
I look forward to seeing you soon



**Pat Brennan-Barrett**

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





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

# TEN REASONS TO JOIN NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE

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**Success** - We get the results: 97% of our students pass their qualifications and 94% progress on to further study or employment.

02

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

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

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**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 academic, personal or financial issues.

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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.





# ENDEAVOUR & EXPECTATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 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 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 comprises of two state-of-the-art buildings with industry standard resources. It 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 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



# THE DIGITAL ACADEMY





**Our Digital Academy at Booth Lane aims to train the next generation of digital experts and will teach revolutionary techniques and skills to equip the workforce of the future.**

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 real-life job opportunities.

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

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

This bespoke facility includes a variety of digital learning opportunities, including virtual reality and industry-standard workshop equipment.

In addition to several state-of-the-art construction workshops is a new 'sustainable classroom' built as part of a focus on developing eco-credentials for our construction students.

The sustainable classroom incorporates a number of environmentally friendly resources such as a green roof, solar panels and hot water systems. Creating an exciting learning resource where students can embrace the green revolution as part of their studies and keep up-to-date with what's going on in the construction industry.

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.

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

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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.

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.



*"Construction is ever-evolving, particularly as we progress into a more environmentally friendly future. As we face new challenges, it's important to encourage new ideas for the sector and I believe the next generation hold the answers to provide solutions for the challenges faced. It is fundamental we attract a diverse workforce within the industry, and I know Northampton College is leading by example."*

**Carley Fountain, Castle Climate Control**



# PROUD TO TEACH

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

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

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

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.”*





# LINDEN HALE

## MUSIC

**Linden is a talented musician in his own right and is passionate about passing his knowledge and experience on to his students to help them succeed in the music industry.**

“I have worked in the music industry for over 35 years as a professional performing and recording musician. I also have a master’s degree in popular music as well as a teaching qualification which has enabled me to teach for many years, both at Northampton College and on a freelance basis offering private tuition. My main instrument is the piano, but I also play the bass guitar.

“I have played in countless live performances throughout my career and have gained a wealth of experience in studio session work. I feel extremely privileged to work alongside a fantastic team of teachers in the music department who all have experience of working in different areas of the music industry.

“I love to see my students’ enthusiasm for music and how much confidence they gain from getting up on stage. I try to tailor my students’ projects to reflect their own interests as much as possible, from recording music videos to creating band interview podcasts.

“We have a great track record for sending students on to university after their course or on to work in the music industry. I think it’s really important to provide my students with the skills they need to gain their dream career, from networking and marketing to performing and song writing. I do everything I can to prepare my students for the working world.”

**#ProudToTeach**



# STUDENT SUPPORT

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

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## PERSONAL TUTORS AND ACADEMIC COACHES

You will be allocated a personal tutor/academic coach as soon as you start your studies, ensuring you always have someone to turn to for advice, help or support with your Study Programme.

Together with your tutor/academic coach, you will agree your targets and destination. This means you will be able to discuss your personal learning targets, talk about your progress and record your achievements.

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## PERSONAL SUPPORT

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

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

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## LINKS WITH PARENTS/CARERS

If you're a parent or carer, 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/carers evening. You are welcome to contact the Curriculum Manager if you have any concerns.

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## ENGLISH AND MATHS

Any student aged 16-18 who has not yet achieved a grade 4 (C) or above will be required to continue studying for a maths and/or 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](mailto:ALS@northamptoncollege.ac.uk) with any questions you may have.

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## SAFEGUARDING

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

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

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

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## BRITISH VALUES

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

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

## DIVERSITY

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

## EQUALITY

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

## 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.**

## FUTURES

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

## LEARNING SUPPORT

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

**This includes:**

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

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

## HELEN JANSKA

### ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL SUPPORT

**We have a dedicated team of multi-disciplinary specialists who support students with a range of differing abilities and conditions to access learning and achieve their goals.**

"We support students with additional needs, learning difficulties or disabilities, e.g. autism, dyslexia, 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 or are aged 19-24 and you have an Education Health and Care Plan when you start your full-time Study Programme you won't pay any tuition, examination or registration costs but you may be charged for late fees, re-sits and unauthorised exam absences.**

**If you are 19 to 23 and starting a full-time Study Programme you may need to pay a yearly tuition fee and the examination, registration and assessment costs. Some students may be entitled to a 100% reduction in tuition fees or may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. Some Level 3 courses are free under the Government's new Skills Guarantee. Call our Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344 for more information.**

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

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

## BURSARIES

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

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

Please visit:

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

## CHILDCARE COSTS

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

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

## HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT LOANS

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

## LOANS

If you are 19 or over and are applying for a Level 3 or 4 programme, you may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan. You'll only need to start repaying the loan after you've completed your course and once you are earning more than £27,295\* a year. For more information, go to [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company).

\*current threshold

Advanced Learner Loan

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

## TOTUM

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

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

## LET US HELP YOU

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





# OUR SOCIAL SCENE

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**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 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
- Warner Brothers Studios
- Football stadium tour
- Ice skating
- Thorpe Park

## ACTIVITIES

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

- Yoga
- Car maintenance
- Singing lessons
- Book club
- Sign language
- Chess
- 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.





Northampton College  
Students' Union

# STUDENTS' UNION

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

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

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## ROLES IN THE STUDENT UNION

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

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## WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

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

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## STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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

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

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

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

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# STUDY PROGRAMMES

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

## CORE QUALIFICATION

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

## MATHS AND ENGLISH

Everybody needs maths and English skills in their everyday life as well as in the workplace, where employers expect a good standard in both before they will offer you a job.

All students will continue to improve their maths and English and if you don't have a grade 4 (C) at GCSE, we will work with you to help you achieve this.

If you are interested in a course with a key focus on maths and English, employability and wider personal skills development you can find out more about our Aspire programme on [page 26](#).

## WORK EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYABILITY

When it comes to getting started in the career of your choice and securing the right job, we want our students to stand out from the crowd. You may get the opportunity to take part in work experience placements that will help you adapt to the world of work.

You will get involved in sessions that cover CV writing, interview skills, finding employment, time management, money skills, and personal development to build your confidence. You will also get to meet local employers when they come into college as visiting speakers or as part of industry visits to business venues.

## SUPPORT AND PROGRESS


Weekly timetables will include progress and support activities which may consist of full group activities or one to one session to discuss individual progress and support needs.

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](#).

## 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  
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OUT FROM THE CROWD.**





# COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

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

## LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATIONS

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

## ASPIRE

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

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

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

## LEVEL 2 AND 3 STUDY PROGRAMMES

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

## HIGHER NATIONALS (HNCs & HNDs)

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

## APPRENTICESHIPS (LEVELS 2-4)

**Gain qualifications while you earn.**

These personalised development programmes offer a work-based route to a skills occupation with on-the-job training. These include Intermediate, Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships. **See page 32.**







# DEBBIE KNIGHT

## ACCESS TO HE (HEALTH PROFESSIONS)

**Debbie has a passion for learning and is an extremely positive student. She is a great influence on her peers and has produced an exceptional standard of work while studying at college.**

Debbie works in the Maternity unit at Northampton General Hospital as a support assistant and came to the fore during COVID where she gave early labour and emotional support to hundreds of mothers who were unable to have their partners present during the birth, as well as helping mothers who had been separated from their babies having contracted COVID. Debbie never ceases to be a source of encouragement and support for all her patients and colleagues.

“I’ve really enjoyed my time at Northampton College, I’ve made some friends for life and I’ve gained masses of confidence in myself.”

**Debbie will attend the University of Northampton to study Midwifery.**

# QUALIFICATIONS & PROGRESSION ROUTES

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

## ENTRY CRITERIA GUIDE

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

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

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



# STUDENT JOURNEY

## AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE

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### ADVICE & GUIDANCE INFORMATION

Contact us via Live Chat on our website or call **0300 123 2344** if you'd like some course or careers advice

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### WELFARE

Student Support team

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### TRANSPORT

Student Support team

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### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Specialists and Learning Support team

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### LIBRARY PLUS - VOCATIONAL AND DIGITAL CENTRE

Guidance and support to secure appropriate resources

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### YOUR DESTINATION

Qualifications achieved

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### EXAMS, ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS



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CHOOSE YOUR COURSE



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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE



You can access the online application form by clicking on the **Apply Now** button on our website

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JOINING THE COLLEGE



Induction  
English and maths initial assessment

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OFFER



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STUDY PROGRAMME OR APPRENTICESHIP

Academic Guidance - subject tutors  
Personal Tutors - career planning and university entrance



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FEEDBACK

Quality Manager



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HAVING YOUR SAY

Students' Union & course reps





# APPRENTICESHIPS

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

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

You will also:
















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

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

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

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

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

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

These Apprenticeship areas may be subject to change.



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ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD



88% of employers would recommend a Northampton College apprentice



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



We have helped to secure Apprenticeships for over 800 applicants



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



**COSWORTH**



**Taylor  
Wimpey**



# APPRENTICE PROFILES



## **MELANIE RICHARDS** EARLY YEARS APPRENTICE

Melanie has impressed with her dedication to meeting her qualification requirements, alongside her own family commitments and working full-time in a pre-school setting. Melanie takes on board all feedback provided and uses this to develop her own knowledge, skills and behaviours as a childcare practitioner. Melanie always goes above and beyond in her own research, providing detailed evidence of her own learning.



## **PHOEBE GEDDES** PAINTING AND DECORATING APPRENTICE

Phoebe has previously helped out her dad – a professional decorator with 30 years' experience – and hit the ground running when starting her college journey. She shows impressive attention to detail in all of her work and has a passion for seeing a project evolve from start to finish, taking pride in her work. She is committed to completing her work on time and to a high standard, pushing herself to be the best and qualify with the highest grades possible.



## **BEN CLIFT** CARPENTRY AND JOINERY APPRENTICE

Ben has developed a wide range of skills on the Carpentry and Joinery course and consistently produces work of a high standard, including creating a set of stairs and a landing on which our painting and decorating students can refine their skills.

His independent thinking and strong work ethic stand him in good stead for forging a successful future career and he is currently working as an apprentice for Art Effects Build in Abington.





# WILLIAM EDWARDS

## HND THEATRE PRACTICE

**"I joined Northampton College after completing an apprenticeship in Theatre Production at the Royal Theatre.**

"Compared to school and A Levels there is a higher level of self-directed learning in a much more practical environment. It helped me realise my full potential and confirmed to me that I wanted a career in the theatre industry. After completing my course, I went on to study a degree in Technical and Production Management at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

"Studying at Northampton College enabled me to obtain the necessary grades for university. It allowed me to join the university directly into the second year of the course. I now work as a freelance theatre technician and stage manager. I also work as a scenic painter, constructor, and prop maker.

"The course gave me a better understanding of the challenges faced by cast, creatives, and crew on a production. It helped to gain a more in-depth view into the experiences had by actors and creatives, and it has enabled me to work with these parties to make a theatre production more successful.

"The college provides a foundation on which to build skills and helps prepare you for a career or higher education. There is a friendly atmosphere and I have made some lifelong friends."

# T LEVELS

T Levels are brand new qualifications designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

Endorsed by business, they include a 45-day industry placement to help you learn what a real career is like.

## EQUIVALENT TO 3 A LEVELS

T Levels follow on from GCSEs and are an alternative to A level courses, apprenticeships and other 16 to 19 study programmes. Equivalent to 3 A levels, a T Level focuses on vocational skills and can help you move into skilled employment, higher education or an apprenticeship.

## INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

The T Level qualification brings classroom learning and industry placements together on a course designed to prepare you for the world of work.

Each T Level includes an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace and employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

On a T Levels course 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. This qualification will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

### We offer:

Business Management and Administration	/	BL
Digital Support Services	/	BL
Education and Childcare	/	BL
Health/Adult Nursing	/	BL
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	/	BL

## WHY CHOOSE T LEVELS

1. Created with businesses in mind - T Levels have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need to success in the workplace.
2. Get ahead in your career - T Levels give you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies.
3. Qualifications that count - T Levels are nationally recognised qualifications that are accepted by many universities and are a great stepping stone into full-time employment. See the universities currently accepting T Level qualifications on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).
4. Learn your way - T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.

# T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



# UNIVERSITY LEVEL

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

We offer a growing number of Higher National qualifications awarded by Pearson EdExcel. The first is the Higher National Certificate which is equivalent to the first year of an honours degree, and that is followed by the Higher National Diploma which is equivalent to the second year of an honours degree. Both qualifications provide specialist knowledge and skills based experience and are designed to enable you to progress to the third year of an appropriate degree or into employment with the knowledge and skills to make a confident start in your chosen career.

HNCs and HNDs are offered on a full-time and part-time basis which allows you to work whilst gaining a qualification rather than full-time study if you prefer. You would usually begin a University Level course once you are aged over 18 and have achieved a Level 3 qualification at the required level. Mature students are welcome to apply and may be eligible for special entry if they don't have the entry criteria. HNDs are technical and skills-based and designed for specific types of jobs.

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 or two of study meaning that in three years, you may be able to achieve two qualifications, an HND and a degree, for less than the cost of going straight to university to study for a traditional degree.

If you are planning to start a full-time or part-time University Level 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](http://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 on to an HND course you will be required to have achieved 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](http://northamptoncollege.ac.uk/higher-education)

### We offer:

HNC/D Acting	/	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 Integrated 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.**



A young man and woman are shown in a laboratory or industrial setting. The man, in the foreground, is wearing a green jacket over a grey hoodie and yellow safety glasses. The woman, behind him, is wearing a green lab coat and clear safety glasses. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame. The background features a brick wall and large windows. The image has a green color overlay on the right side.

**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](http://northamptoncollege.ac.uk)**





# ART, DESIGN, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHY

## LEVEL 1

Art and Design BL, DAV

## LEVEL 2

Art and Design (General) BL, DAV

Art and Design (Illustration) BL

Art and Design (Photography) BL, DAV

Fashion and Textiles BL

## LEVEL 3 - CREATIVE PRACTICE: ART AND DESIGN

Art and Design (General) BL, DAV

Art and Design (Illustration) BL

Art and Design  
(Spatial Graphic Design) BL

Fashion and Clothing BL

Fine Art (Painting and Drawing) BL

Photography BL

## LEVEL 3+

Foundation Diploma Art and Design BL

Professional Diploma in Creative Enterprise BL

Looking for Theatrical Make-up?  
See page 51.

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### KEY

**BL** – Booth Lane  
**DAV** – Daventry



**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.

### IMPORTANT

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

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Art editor  
Art Therapist  
Artist/Illustrator  
Fashion Designer  
Photographer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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



# BUSINESS



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

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

## LEVEL 1

Business BL, DAV

## LEVEL 2

Business BL, DAV

## LEVEL 3

Business BL, DAV

## LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Business, Finance and Marketing BL

## T LEVEL

Business Management and Administration BL



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Accounting technician  
Business Analyst  
Business project manager  
Marketing manager  
Finance officer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

## KEY

**BL** – Booth Lane  
**DAV** – Daventry

# BISMA EJAZ

## BUSINESS

**"My experience at Northampton College has been amazing. I didn't enjoy the exam system when I was doing my GCSEs and A Levels so I looked into different opportunities. At college there is more focus on coursework, assignments and practical work, which has been really good for me.**

"I came across so many skills which I didn't know were in me. It has shaped me in many ways into who I am today. I had really good teachers who supported and guided me so that I could achieve my desired goals. Their encouragement and positivity made me enthusiastic to work hard each and every day.

"I started doing a Level 2 qualification in IT before moving on to Level 3 business. I am currently doing a Level 5 Higher National qualification in business and I hope to get a job in the business world after doing my degree, ideally working in something like administration, management, digital marketing or as a business analyst. I plan on getting some experience before eventually running my own business in the future."



# COMPUTING & IT



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.

## 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

HNC/D Cybersecurity	BL
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## T LEVEL

Digital Support Services	BL
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## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

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

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

## KEY

**BL** – Booth Lane  
**DAV** – Daventry

# CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

## LEVEL 1

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry and Joinery	BL, DAV
Construction Multi-skills	BL, DAV
Electrical Installations	BL
Painting and Decorating	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL, DAV

## LEVEL 2

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry and Joinery	BL, DAV
Electrical Engineering	BL
Electrical Installations	BL
Painting and Decorating	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL, DAV

## LEVEL 3

Brickwork and Hard Landscaping	BL
Carpentry and Joinery	BL, DAV
Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering)	BL
Electrical Installations (Building and Structures)	BL
Painting and Decorating	BL
Plumbing and Heating	BL

## T LEVEL

Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	BL
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### KEY

**BL** – Booth Lane  
**DAV** – Daventry



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.

Our courses enable you to develop a combination of different skills so that you can equip yourself to be flexible in today's dynamic employment market. Many students in this area progress on to Apprenticeships or higher education.



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Bricklayer  
Carpenter  
Construction manager  
Electrician  
Painter and decorator  
Civil engineer

Source: National Careers Service

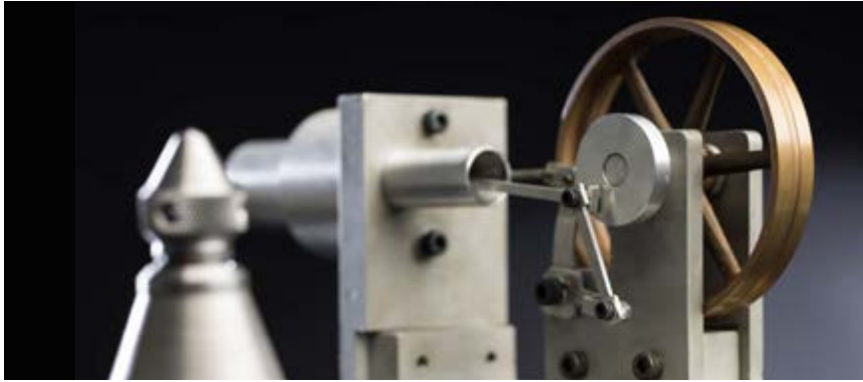


### AVERAGE SALARIES

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



# ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING



**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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Motorsport Valley (which includes Northamptonshire) has around 4,300 companies and employs 25,000 engineers
- The manufacturing industry is the 5th largest in the SEMLEP area, with 73,000 jobs currently available
- The average salary for UK engineers is £48,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Electronics engineer  
Engineering maintenance technician  
Mechanical engineer



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£26,000 - £60,000  
£18,000 - £40,000  
£20,000 - £52,000

Source: National Careers Service

## LEVEL 2

Mechanical Engineering (Machining)	BL
Engineering	BL

## LEVEL 3

Electrical/Electronic Engineering	BL
Mechanical Engineering	BL

## LEVEL 4

HNC Engineering	BL
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## KEY

BL – Booth Lane

# 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

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# 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.

\*If you want to take a look at an alternative option for getting the grades you need to progress, our Aspire programme could be for you. Find out more on **page 26**.

## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

Aspire	BL
Construction Multi-skills	BL, DAV
Foundation Focus*	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

### KEY

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# GAMES DESIGN

## LEVEL 1

Media and Games Design BL

## LEVEL 2

Esports BL

Games Design BL, DAV

## LEVEL 3

Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality (AR/VR) BL

Digital Animation BL

Esports BL

Games Design BL

## LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Games Design BL

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**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 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.

THE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES  
COULD BE WORTH

**£128.4  
BILLION**

TO THE UK ECONOMY BY  
**2025** 



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Games developer  
Games tester  
Software developer  
Social media manager



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

Source: National Careers Service



# HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY AND ASSOCIATED THERAPIES



Working in the hairdressing and beauty therapy sector is varied, people-focused and fun. We offer a wide range of courses and qualifications, so whether your main interest lies in hairdressing, make-up, nails or beauty therapy, you'll find a programme of study to suit you.

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

## LEVEL 1

Beauty Therapy	LM
Hairdressing	LM
Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy	DAV

## LEVEL 2

Beauty Therapy	LM, DAV
Hairdressing	LM, DAV
Media Make-up and Nail Technology	LM

## LEVEL 3

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Beauty therapist  
Hairdresser  
Make-up artist  
Massage therapist



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

Source: National Careers Service

## KEY

LM – Lower Mounts  
DAV – Daventry

# HEALTHCARE & CHILDCARE

## LEVEL 1

Health and Social Care/Childcare BL, DAV

## 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 4/5

HNC/HND Health and Social Care BL

## T LEVEL

Education and Childcare BL

Health/Adult Nursing BL

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**Our Health and Social Care courses prepare students for a career in the healthcare sector including Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work or Care.**

On our Childcare courses students will learn about child development from birth to 19 years old. This course will help to prepare you for a career in schools or nurseries as a Teaching Assistant, Nursery Nurse or help you progress on to higher education to study Primary Teaching.

Both Health and Social Care students and Childcare students take part in a work experience placement where they learn what is involved in working in the chosen sector.

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Care worker  
Health play specialist  
Social worker  
Nursery worker  
Classroom assistant

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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



# ZOE BROWN

## CHILDCARE

**“I have been teaching at Northampton College for just over 14 years. Before that I was a nursery manager, where I would manage staff, organise training, oversee the day-to-day running of the nursery and ensure that both the parents and children were happy.**

“I have always wanted to work with children and as soon as I left school, I came to college to study childcare. After completing the course, I went straight into the industry, starting as a nursery assistant working my way up to managing the baby room and then managing the entire nursery.

“I decided to move into teaching as I wanted a new challenge and to share my knowledge and experience with young people who have the same passion for childcare as me.

“My favourite part of teaching is standing in front of the students and presenting to them. I love see my students smile and engage with what I’m sharing with them and watching them blossom. It’s very rewarding to watch students grow in confidence and get ready to go out into the world of work.

“Many of my previous students have gone on to university to become primary school teachers, some have gained places working at on-board nurseries for P&O cruises, as well as local nurseries and pre-schools.

“I adore working at the College and the students are what motivate me to come in feeling excited every day. I feel honoured to inspire so many young people and influence them in a positive way.”

**#ProudToTeach**

# HOSPITALITY & CULINARY ARTS

## LEVEL 1

Hospitality and Culinary Skills BL

## LEVEL 2

Professional Bakery BL

Professional Patisserie and Confectionery BL

Professional Chef BL

Events Management (Hospitality) BL

## LEVEL 3

Advanced Bakery BL

Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery BL

Advanced Professional Chef BL

Food Service Management BL



**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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK's hospitality industry is worth around £91 billion and employs around 330,000 people
- The 8th largest occupation in the SEMLEP area overall is kitchen and catering assistants, with 12,950 people employed in these roles
- Someone working in the UK's food and hospitality industry can expect an average salary of £29,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Catering manager  
Head chef  
Restaurant manager  
Waitress



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£16,000 - £25,000  
£23,000 - £50,000  
£18,000 - £28,000  
£12,000 - £22,000

Source: National Careers Service

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# LOGISTICS



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

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

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

## LEVEL 2

International Supply Chain Logistics BL, DAV

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Transport Planner  
Supply Chain Manager  
Port Worker



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

Source: National Careers Service

**THE UK LOGISTICS MARKET IS EXPECTED TO BE WORTH**

**£92  
BILLION**



**BY 2027**

# JOSH SEARS

## CREATIVE MEDIA (TV AND FILM)

Josh is an extremely diligent and hardworking student. He always worked exceptionally well with his peers, regularly supporting them and staying late after lessons to help them with their work.

"I made loads of friends on the course, and I really enjoyed studying such a diverse range of topics. I've always been interested in TV and my favourite project was working to produce a chat show called 'Culture Climate' where we talked about relevant topics at the time. The chat show felt like a real production with presenters, film crew and guest speakers. That was my favourite project during my time at college and the one I am the proudest of creating.

"I feel like I have really grown in confidence during my time at college and the course has transformed my outlook on life."

Following several interviews, Josh was offered three scholarship opportunities from the University of Gloucestershire, the University of Southampton and the University of Creative Arts who were all very impressed by his portfolio and showreel.

Josh has since been awarded a scholarship from the University of Creative Arts, where he plans to work towards a career in television.



# MEDIA



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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Jobs in the creative industry are highly resistant to automation, with over 85% of workers in the UK at low or no risk
- The information and communication industry is the 10th largest in the SEMLEP area with 26,000 jobs – making up 3% of all jobs in the area
- The average salary for people working in the media is around £33,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Journalist  
Radio broadcast assistant  
Social media manager  
Vlogger

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£14,000 - £60,000  
£16,000 - £29,000  
£25,000 - £60,000  
Variable

### LEVEL 1

Media and Games Design BL

### LEVEL 2

Creative and Digital Media BL

Social Media Content Production BL

### LEVEL 3

Creative Media (TV and Film) BL

Multimedia Journalism BL

Social Media Content Production BL

### LEVEL 4/5

HNC/D Digital Film Production BL

If you're looking for courses in games design go to [page 50](#).

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# MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING

## ENTRY LEVEL 3

Introduction to Vehicle Industry and Vehicle Technologies BL

## 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

## LEVEL 3

Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair BL

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair BL, DAV

Vehicle Accident Paint Repair BL

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**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 refinishing 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. Depending on the pathway you choose, you could be working on body repairs, in a parts factory or as a mobile specialist.



## DID YOU KNOW?

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



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Automotive Engineer  
Garage manager  
Vehicle body repairer  
Vehicle paint sprayer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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



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

# 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.

## LEVEL 1

Music BL

## LEVEL 2

Music Performance/Technology BL

## LEVEL 3

Music Performance/Technology BL

## LEVEL 4/5

HNC Music Performance BL

HNC Music Technology BL

HND Music Production\* BL

HND Session Musician\*\* 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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK music industry grew by nearly 13% in 2021 and is now worth £1.26 billion
- The arts, entertainment and recreation industry makes up 2% of all jobs in the SEMLEP area – 20,000 jobs in total
- The national average salary for people working in music is estimated to be around £34,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Musician  
Music therapist  
Music promotions manager  
Studio sound engineer

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

Variable  
£32,305 - £45,838  
£24,000 - £65,000  
£17,000 - £40,000

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# 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



**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. 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.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The creative industry is the fastest growing part of the UK economy, accounting for one in 11 jobs in the UK
- Around 315,000 people work in the music, performance and visual arts sector in the UK
- The arts, entertainment and recreation industry makes up 2% of all jobs in the SEMLEP area – 20,000 jobs in total
- The average performing arts salary is £33,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Director of photography (TV & Film)

Performer (Actor, Dancer, Singer)

Lighting/sound technician

Stage manager

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£21,000 - £35,000

Variable

£25,000 - £40,000

£22,000 - £48,000



# OLIVIA WEST

## DANCE

**During her time on the Level 3 Dance course, Olivia led by example, working hard to develop her skills and encouraging her peers during practical lessons.**

Despite numerous injuries, she showed great resilience and consistently produced innovative and inspiring work for her practical and academic assessments.

“I wasn’t 100% sure what I wanted to study at college, but as soon as I stepped into the studio at an open event, I knew that dance was what I wanted to pursue.

“This course helped me to find my passion for dancing again and all of my teachers were really supportive.

“I’m excited to start dance school and my dream is to work as a performer on cruise ships and travel the world, before eventually becoming a dance teacher. I feel that this course has prepared me well for working in the industry.”

Olivia is on track to gain three distinction stars and has been offered a place to study at Robbie Williams LMA.

# PUBLIC SERVICES

## LEVEL 1

Public Services BL

## LEVEL 2

Public Services BL

## LEVEL 3

Public Services BL

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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.

# 5.7 MILLION



ARE EMPLOYED IN THE UK

# PUBLIC SECTOR



## DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 5.7 million people employed in the UK public sector, including 1.4 million people working in the NHS
- More than 148,000 people work in the UK armed forces
- The number of Public Service jobs in the SEMLEP area is high and likely to increase significantly within the next ten years
- The average public sector salary is £45,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Police officer  
Army officer  
Royal marine commando  
Prison officer  
Paramedic

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£19,164 - £41,130  
£27,273 - £42,009  
£15,600 - £51,000  
£22,000 - £38,000  
£25,655 - £39,027





# NAYTHAN FRANCIS-TYSOE

## PUBLIC SERVICES

**Naythan is a kind, mature and thoughtful student who has a real desire and passion for public service, always seeking opportunities to serve the community. He has recently applied to become a member of the Special Constabulary.**

Despite dealing with considerable challenges in his personal life Naythan has always maintained a positive attitude and he is always the first to get involved in activities and tasks.

“I’m always volunteering for new challenges and trying to push myself the best I can. I’ve enjoyed my time at the college because it’s pushed me and I enjoy being out of my comfort zone and trying to learn and do new things. Hopefully this can lead to me having a career in the police in the future.”

# SCIENCE & FORENSICS

## LEVEL 1

Applied Science BL

## LEVEL 2

Applied Science BL

## LEVEL 3

Applied Science (Biomedical) BL

Forensic Science and  
Criminal Investigation BL

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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'll learn a foundation of life sciences including biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, anatomy and physiology, and environmental sciences. You'll also benefit from exploring and debating a range of significant scientific theories.

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.



THE LIFE SCIENCES SECTOR  
**CREATES  
£88.9  
BILLION**  
IN ANNUAL TURNOVER,  
**WITH A TOTAL OF  
268,000  
EMPLOYEES**  
ACROSS MORE THAN 6,000 BUSINESSES



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The green economy is a priority sector for the UK, with a shortage of chemical scientists, biological scientists, physical scientists and veterinarians
- The 7th largest industry in the SEMLEP area is professional, scientific and technical activities, with 64,000 jobs in this sector
- The average salary for the sector is around £30,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Biomedical scientist  
Pharmacy technician  
Biochemist  
Laboratory technician



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£25,655 - £45,839  
£20,329 - £31,533  
£24,000 - £50,000  
£17,000 - £30,000

Source: National Careers Service

# SOCIAL SCIENCE



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

They're the perfect foundation for a wide variety of degree courses and careers, since you'll gain highly transferable skills in critical thinking and analysis.

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The justice sector employs around 600,000 employees in the UK
- There are more than 100 Social Science courses on offer at universities
- The average salary for the sector is around £33,000



### TYPICAL CAREERS

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

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

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

## LEVEL 2

Social Science

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## LEVEL 3

Social Science

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If you're looking for courses in forensics **go to page 64.**

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# SPORT

## LEVEL 1

Sport BL

## LEVEL 2

Sport BL

## LEVEL 3

Sport BL



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.

On the Sport course you will study a wide range of units such as sports coaching, practical sports performance, sports leaderships, running a sports events and research methods.

While you are at college you will also have the opportunity to take part in sports, coach students and organise sporting events for your peers.

### Key elements of the course include:

- Anatomy and physiology - investigating how the body responds to sport and exercise and how sports professionals can use this knowledge to gain a competitive advantage
- Fitness training and programming for health, sport and wellbeing
- Sports psychology – you will learn about the mind and sports performance, covering key topics such as personality, motivation and anxiety.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK sports industry contributes £39bn to the economy and employs more than 1.3m people
- There are more than 7,000 fitness facilities across the country with over 10 million combined members
- The sports industry accounts for 12.5% of jobs within the South East Midlands area
- An average salary for someone working in sports stands at £33,300



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Sports Coach  
Leisure centre manager  
Sports commentator  
Physiotherapist



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£18,000 - £28,000  
£18,000 - £37,000  
£13,000 - £80,000  
£25,654 - £45,838

Source: National Careers Service

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# 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 functional skills and GCSE.

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

**We also offer our students the opportunity to take part in a series of enriching personal and social skills development activities alongside their course, including:**

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

## 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

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# TRAVEL & TOURISM

## LEVEL 1

Introduction to the Travel Industry BL

## LEVEL 2

Travel and Tourism BL

## LEVEL 3

Travel and Sustainable Tourism BL

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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.**



**6.2**  
**MILLION**  
**UK VISITORS IN**  
**2021**



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The UK's tourism industry is forecast to be worth more than £257 billion by 2025, supporting almost 3.8 million jobs
- There were 6.2 million visitors to the UK in 2021 spending £5.8 billion.
- The number of jobs in the SEMLEP area is likely to increase significantly by 2027
- The average salary in the UK travel industry is £29,300



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Cabin Crew  
Travel agent  
Tour guide  
Events manager  
Travel blogger/vlogger

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£15,000 - £30,000  
£18,000 - £27,000  
£18,000 - £30,000  
£21,000 - £40,000  
Variable

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

# WELDING & FABRICATION



**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.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- Employers in the SEMLEP area have reported a major shortage of skilled metal workers – 62% reported a shortage of metal machining setters/ setter-operators and welders (51,726 jobs and 71,663 jobs respectively), making these some of the most in-demand occupations in the area
- The average salary for welders in the UK is £30,200



### TYPICAL CAREERS

Welder  
Fabricator  
Computer aided design (CAD) technician  
Computer numerical controls (CNC) machinist

Source: National Careers Service



### AVERAGE SALARIES

£20,000 - £34,000  
£20,000 - £34,000  
£17,000 - £35,000  
£20,000 - £35,000

## LEVEL 2

Fabrication and Welding BL

## LEVEL 3

Fabrication and Welding BL

**TWI**  
WELDER TRAINING INSTITUTE

### KEY

BL – Booth Lane

# FULL-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS

## LEVEL 2

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

## LEVEL 3

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

## ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

### LEVEL 2

Pre-Access Applied Science	BL
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### LEVEL 3

Applied Science	BL
Health Professions	BL, DAV
Medical Science	BL
Social Science	BL

## KEY

**BL** – Booth Lane  
**LM** – Lower Mounts  
**DAV** – Daventry



### Northampton College welcomes adults who have been out of education for some time and are looking to up-skill or progress at work.

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 Pre-Access course which will enable you to progress onto any of our Access programmes.

If you have not yet achieved a grade 4 (c) in maths and English GCSE and have not studied in the last three years, you will be required to complete your GCSEs alongside the Level 2 course.

**To find out more click here to download our Mini Guide for Adults.**



# 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.

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

### IT

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced user, you can develop your IT skills further at The Skills Centre 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](http://www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk)**



# 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.**

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## **FURTHER STUDY – THE NEXT LEVEL**

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

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

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# KARLA CLARKE

## FORENSIC SCIENCE

**"I have been a teacher for just over 4 years and I love being able to share my industry knowledge and experience with my students."**

"I previously worked for the police force as a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) for 14 years and I've always felt compelled to help other people. I was very motivated by a sense of obligation to help catch the perpetrators of the crimes I was investigating."

"I used to work as a lab scientist before I joined the police force and worked in variety of disciplines, including chemistry, microbiology, and biochemistry where I made DNA probes."

"The facilities at Northampton College are state-of-the-art and we have access to a shallow grave site at our Booth Lane campus, where we plant evidence for students to find. The teaching team also creates mock crime scenes to help our students develop their practical skills in more realistic scenarios."

"Many of my former students have gone on to university to study degrees such as forensics, archaeology, criminology, and law."

**"I'm very proud of my students and I'm always very exciting to see them leave with so many career opportunities available to them."**

**#ProudToTeach**



# OUR FUTURES TEAM

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

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

We can help with:

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

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

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

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# HOW TO APPLY

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

## Approximate Timescales

Online – Same day

1 day

1 week

June/July

July/August

On or after GCSE results day

End of August/early September

Starting your studies

### **Complete the application form online.**

We will contact you via email with your offer, updates and joining instructions.

Please state your email address clearly on the application form.

### **Application received by Northampton College**

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

### **Your offer**

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

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

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

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

**You will be invited to a taster day and asked to upload a photograph for your student ID card.**

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

### **We will send you a text 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.**

**You will be given a start date.**



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