



OPEN EVENTS

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

Booth Lane and Lower Mounts

 Saturday, 4 November 2023
 10am - 1pm

 Wednesday, 8 November 2023
 5pm - 7.30pm

 Tuesday, 6 February 2024
 5pm - 7.30pm

 Saturday, 9 March 2024
 10am - 1pm

 Wednesday, 19 June 2024
 5pm - 7.30pm

Daventry

 Tuesday, 14 November 2023
 5pm – 7pm

 Tuesday, 16 January 2024
 5pm – 7pm

 Tuesday, 12 March 2024
 5pm – 7pm

To find out more call

0300 123 2344



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

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Changes to the prospectus.

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



Boosting Britain's skills is more important than ever before, and it is a challenge we can meet by investing in the next generation of leaders, pioneers, innovators, and visionaries. I'm talking about people like you. You and others in your generation will be the UK's new workforce and 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.

Every student on a 16-18 study programme will be given free access to a computer with our 'laptop loan' scheme. Nobody gets left behind; we learn as one.

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

We welcome students of all abilities, and we are committed to helping you discover the best possible study programme for you. There is no 'one size fits all' approach here – everything is done with you in mind.

We have a wide range of courses on offer at many different levels, so whatever your starting point we can help you find the best route to take on your journey. Our teachers and support staff are highly qualified specialists who will support you during your time with us. They will help you gain the best possible grade in your qualification, and they will help you reach your potential.

Northampton College is for you if you are:

- Leaving school and seeking further study or an Apprenticeship
- Looking for professional and technical qualifications
- Looking for an alternative environment to study A Levels
- 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.

PB Barrett

Pat Brennan-Barrett OBE

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









OF STUDENTS WOULD RECOMMEND THE COLLEGE TO A FRIEND¹

TEN REASONS TO JOIN NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE

- **Success** We get the results: 97% of our students pass their qualifications and 94% progress on to further study or employment.
- **Innovative courses** Our qualifications are designed to give you the best start in your chosen career.
- High quality teaching Our highly qualified teaching staff have lots of industry experience, so you can learn the skills employers need.
- 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.
- **Top class facilities** We have the latest technology, well-equipped learning resources and award-winning Digital and Academic Resources Centres.
- **Support is always on hand** Our Student Services team is here to help you with any academic, personal or financial issues.
- **Enjoy enrichment** You will love our Enrichment Programme designed to support you in accessing a range of additional activities outside of the classroom.
- **Be work ready** We have excellent links with local businesses and connect with them to ensure you get valuable work placements.
- 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.
- **Safe and welcoming** Your personal development, behaviour and welfare is our priority and we welcome students whatever your needs, background or experience.



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.

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.

All students must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct to ensure that all members of the College community are kept safe.

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



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 Digital and Academic Resources Centres.

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 Digital and Academic Resources Centre 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 8 for details.

Our hi-tech electrical and mechanical engineering workshops and computeraided design suites are complemented by dedicated science labs and our Advanced Construction Engineering (ACE) Centre - please see page 9 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 two 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 Digital and Academic Resources Centre 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.

This campus focuses on developing the skills identified as central to the local economy.

Our environmentally friendly campus is home to multiple ICT suites, an award-winning Digital and Academic Resources Centre, 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.









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.

The Digital Academy provides students with training from digital experts and we are 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.

THE PATHWAYS WE OFFER LEAD TO 'IN DEMAND' DIGITAL JOBS IN SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT, CYBER SECURITY AND DIGITAL MARKETING.

Our Digital Academy is training the next generation of digital experts where we teach cutting-edge techniques and skills to equip the workforce of the future.

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



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

There is significant demand for digital skills in the workplace, particularly in programming and coding, so Digital Academy students will have access to excellent employment opportunities.





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

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. This will create 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.

Addressing both the skills gap and ageing workforce is a top priority for leading construction companies.

Alongside courses which focus on craft skills there are

in Civil Engineering, Building Services Engineering, or

Project Management.

also courses at Level 3 for those looking for supervisory, technician or management careers in the sector, such as

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, Bowmer & Kirkland, Metcalfe and many more industry-based partners.





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

Our industry 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."



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.

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.

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



CASE STUDY

MATTHEW HIBBERT TEACHER - CARPENTRY & JOINERY

Having worked in industry fitting floor joists and roofs, Matthew Hibbert is perfectly placed to pass on his experience to the next generation of carpenters and construction students.

Matthew is passionate about harnessing the power of modern technology to encourage new ways of working and applies a range of digital skills in his teaching.

"When students come to college they have two options, either to go down the apprenticeship route or to enrol onto a full-time study programme. I like to guide students through whichever direction they choose and help them fulfil their potential so they are ready to hit the ground running and make a difference in the workplace when they get that opportunity."

"MY TWO REAL AREAS OF INTEREST ARE IT AND WOODWORK AND I LIKE TO BLEND THE TWO IN THE WAY I TEACH. I'M LOOKING AT INTRODUCING SOME VIRTUAL REALITY SOFTWARE THAT WILL ENABLE STUDENTS TO SEE HOW PROJECTS WOULD LOOK IN AN ACTUAL HOME."

#PROUDTOTEACH

STUDENT SUPPORT

PERSONAL TUTORS AND ACADEMIC COACHES

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

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

PERSONAL SUPPORT

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

Call in to Student Services to find out more.

LINKS WITH PARENTS/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 outside of the classroom from the School of Academic and Vocational Support.

Please email ALS@northamptoncollege.ac.uk with any questions you may have.

SAFEGUARDING

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

To find out more contact safeguarding-team@northamptoncollege.ac.uk.

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

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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.

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OUR DIGITAL AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES CENTRES

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.

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

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, AD(H)D, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), 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.

"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."

Helen Janska - School of Academic and Vocational Support

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 get in touch with the School of Academic and Vocational Support on 01604 734184.

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.





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 Lifetime 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 when you 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.

LET US HELP YOU

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/student-support

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 over £25,000 per year. For more information, go to: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company

Advanced Learner Loan

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 fffs every day on travel, clothes, entertainment and technology.

www.totum.com

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





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.

SPORTS

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

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:

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

ACTIVITIES

Get involved and make the most of our clubs and enrichment activities.

- Clay modelling
- Car maintenance
- Singing lessons
- Reading group
- Sign language
- Chess
- Keyboard lessons
- Drumming lessons

(All trips and activities are subject to availability)

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

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.



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

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

ROLES IN THE STUDENT UNION

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

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

STUDENT AMBASSADORS

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

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

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

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

STUDENT PARLIAMENT

The Student Parliament is made up of representatives from across the student population and there are a wide range of opportunities available. We encourage students to develop and practice leadership skills in preparation for the challenges of today's world. Student voice and feedback are very important features of our communications strategy.



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:

MAIN 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 19.

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. As part of your course, you will undertake a work experience placement 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. These may consist of full group activities or one to one sessions to discuss individual progress and support needs.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

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

They provide students with a valuable opportunity to develop their practical and technical skills in a role directly relevant to their course with a local employer.

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



COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

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

LEVEL 1 QUALIFICATIONS

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

ASPIRE

This innovative and supportive Study Programme enables you to concentrate on improving your maths and English GCSE grades, alongside building wider skills. Maths and English will form 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.

A LEVELS

A Levels are two-year qualifications offered across a range of academic subjects usually assessed by exams. They are very common qualifications for university applications.

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 25**.





CASE STUDY

ONYINYELEVEL 3 SOCIAL SCIENCE

Onyinye was born in the UK and attended primary school here but then went to secondary school in Nigeria.

"When I returned to the UK when I was 16 I didn't have much luck with finding a Sixth Form because they needed GCSEs which I didn't have because I'd studied abroad.

I started to research Northampton College and found out about their range of courses and the qualifications I could get. I was happy that going to college would still enable me to go on to university so I decided to apply.

I joined Northampton College in 2021 and began taking Level 2 Social Science. This year I'm completing my Level 3 qualification in Social Science. My courses are very detailed. The subject has been so intriguing it's made me change my mind about my choice of career. I originally wanted to start with this course and then move to journalism. However, after going through this course I truly see myself establishing a career in the social science field.

I hope to go to university to study law as this is an area of social science that I'm specifically interested in and I'd love to develop a career within the law. I believe that my time at Northampton College will help me achieve my future path and career.

You can come here and leave with a clear mind knowing you've made the right choice. The College also welcomes those who feel like they have no route to university because they don't have formal secondary school grades. Northampton College is an incredible opportunity."

"I WOULD RECOMMEND NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE TO OTHERS. IT'S A GREAT PLACE TO GO WHEN YOU HAVE JUST FINISHED SCHOOL BUT DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO DO."

QUALIFICATIONS & PROGRESSION ROUTES

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

ENTRY CRITERIA GUIDE

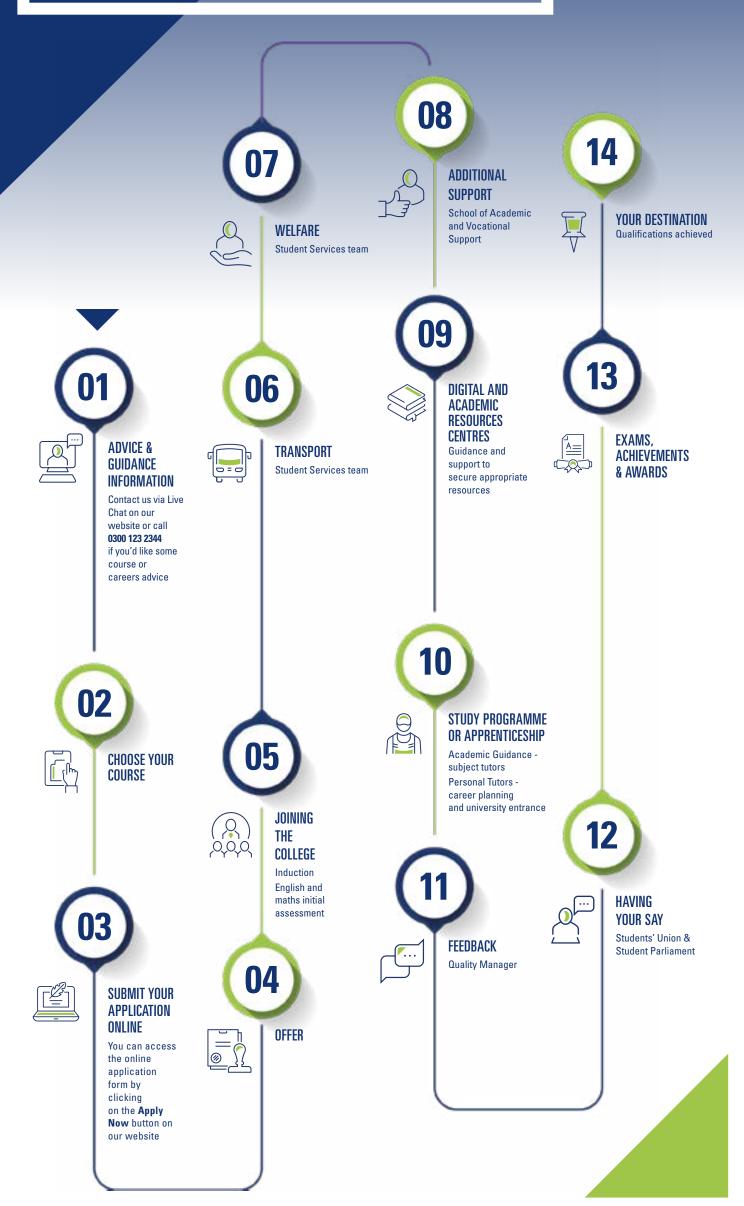
Below you can see a guide to the progression routes available. Some courses require higher grades than indicated below or additional evidence of your suitability such as a portfolio or audition. This is specified in the entry requirements for each course on our website.

QUALIFICATION LEVEL	TYPICAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
ENTRY AND FOUNDATION	GCSEs - mainly 2 - 1 (F - G) grades. Satisfactory school reference
LEVEL 1	FOUR GCSEs at grade 2 (E) or above
LEVEL 2	FOUR GCSEs at grade 3 (D) or above
LEVEL 3	Four GCSEs at grade 9-4 (A*- C) for BTEC courses or equivalent. Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 (A*-C) or above for T levels. English and Maths GCSEs must both be at grade 5 or above. Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English Language and maths, with a grade 6 in another written subject desirable for A Levels. Access to HE courses have individual entry requirements.
LEVEL 4/5	A level 3 qualification such as: A levels, BTEC LEVEL 3, Access to HE, Advanced Apprenticeship

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



STUDENT JOURNEY AT NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE





SIXTH FORM CENTRE

SIXTH SIXTH CENTRE AT BOOTH LANE





REVEALING OUR SIXTH FORM CENTRE

The Sixth Form Centre at Booth Lane is designed to provide students aged 16-18 with an enriching and challenging academic experience.

Our primary goal is to teach students the necessary knowledge, skills, and understanding to excel in their chosen A Level subjects. We provide a supportive and nurturing environment that empowers students to believe in themselves and their abilities.

YOUR CHOICE OF A LEVEL SUBJECTS

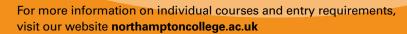
Our Sixth Form Centre will enable you to progress on to higher education and will include work experience, enterprise and study skills development.

Your subject choices should reflect your study interests, academic strengths, and long-term higher education and career intentions.

A Levels are two-year courses, and all students must select three A Levels from the range of subjects below:

- English Literature
- English Language
- History
- Politics
- Psychology
- Law
- Business

- Media
- Sociology
- Environmental Science
- Economics
- Criminology (Diploma)
- Art





A LEVEL STUDY PROGRAMME

If you are aged 16-18, you will join a Study Programme.

Throughout the programme, you will engage in three core A Level subjects, each receiving 4.5 hours of delivery per week, spread over three 1.5-hour sessions. This model ensures maximum regular contact with each subject, enabling a deep understanding of the course material and encouraging active participation in class discussions.

Your academic progress will be complemented by an additional 1.5 hours per week dedicated to tutorial/soft and green skills. This time will be devoted to nurturing essential life skills and building your confidence, allowing you to excel not only academically but also in your personal development.

Self-study is an integral part of the A Level experience, providing you with 4.5 hours per week to delve into the subjects' content independently.

This self-directed learning approach fosters critical thinking, time management, and problem-solving skills, equipping you for the demands of higher education and beyond.

As part of the programme, you will gain invaluable insights into various industries by taking part in work experience or by hearing from visiting speakers and professional institutions when they come into college. You'll also have the opportunity to take part in masterclasses, workshops and university visits.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The required point score to join our A Level programme is 4.25 across all your GCSEs. This must include a minimum of five grade 5s or above, including a grade 5 or above with English Language and maths, with a grade 6 in another written subject desirable. An average point score will be calculated from your GCSE grades.

A BTEC qualification at Merit grade in a related subject may also be considered in exceptional circumstances. Some subjects require specific additional entry requirements as shown in the course descriptors on our website.







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
- Brickwork
- Carpentry
- Customer Service
- Electrical Installation
- Fabrication and Welding
- **W** Hairdressing
- Heavy Vehicle and Paint Refinishing
- Property Maintenance

- Sarbering
- Business Administration
- Commis Chef
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Footwear Manufacturing
- Motor Vehicle Light Vehicle
- h Painting and Decorating

THE FACTS 2022/23



END POINT ASSESSMENT PASS RATE



OF EMPLOYERS WOULD RECOMMEND A NORTHAMPTON COLLEGE APPRENTICE



OF APPRENTICES REMAINED IN EMPLOYMENT AFTER THEIR APPRENTICESHIP



WE HAVE HELPED TO SECURE APPRENTICESHIPS FOR OVER 600 APPLICANTS

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

These Apprenticeship areas may be subject to change.

















APPRENTICE PROFILES



ADAM

BUSINESS ADMIN APPRENTICE

Adam began working as a Business Administration Apprentice at the Frank Bruno Foundation after accessing the organisation's mental health services.

He submitted a fantastic portfolio of work and achieved a Distinction in his end point assessment. Adam has gone full circle, from receiving support from the Frank Bruno Foundation, to passing on his knowledge to others.



SHADEEN

FOOTWEAR APPRENTICE

As a long-time fan of Dr. Martens, becoming a footwear manufacturing apprentice at their factory in Wollaston has been an incredible experience for Shadeen.

Her apprenticeship perfectly compliments her degree in Shoemaking, giving her the opportunity to try her hand at every stage of the shoe construction process.

Once she has passed her qualification, Shadeen is excited to continue working at Dr. Martens full-time and further develop her craft.



KELSI

VEHICLE REFINISHING APPRENTICE

After finishing secondary school, Kelsi completed the Level 1 and Level 2 Vehicle Refinishing course at Northampton College to help her get into the motor industry.

"I preferred the teaching strategy at the College more than my school's teaching approach as I got to learn on my own and develop my skills independently.

The tutors on my course were amazing and helped me every step of the way. I would not be where I am today without them. During my years at the College, they supported me with my studies and helped me pass my Level 2 maths. They also massively helped me with my dyslexia, a condition I was diagnosed with during my time at the College.

In 2021, I started my Level 3 Apprenticeship with Jaguar Land Rover. My role as a Trainee Apprentice Painter allows me to learn on the job and gain experience working in the field. I am proud to be in this trade as it is rare to find females working in the motor industry as it is a male dominated sector. I was the only female on my College course as I think a lot of girls fear being outnumbered by boys. However, I think more girls should consider a career in the motor industry as it is an excellent sector for females to thrive in."



"THE TUTORS ON MY COURSE WERE AMAZING AND HELPED ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY WITHOUT THEM."



CASE STUDY

SKYELYNDALEVEL 3 T LEVEL HEALTH (ADULT NURSING)

Skyelynda was drawn to the Level 3T Level Health course because it combines full-time study with a valuable work placement.

"PREVIOUSLY, WHEN I HAVE BEEN A PATIENT IN HOSPITAL THE NURSES INSPIRED ME AND MADE ME WANT TO PURSUE A CAREER IN NURSING."

"I decided to do a T Level course rather than another qualification because it provides me with the right skills and knowledge I need to become a nurse. This T Level also interested me as it includes an industry placement, which allows me to gain some valuable healthcare experience. Ideally, I would like to complete my placement in a hospital ward, but I will be grateful to get experience working in any clinical setting.

Northampton College stood out to me as the facilities in the nursing department at the Booth Lane campus are amazing. We have access to top of the range resources that are used in real life hospital wards and other clinical settings. Responsive mannequins are also available at the College, allowing us to put our skills into practice.

The level 3 T Level Health course at the college has set me up to treat patients in the future by helping me improve my people skills. It has provided me with the core components I need to succeed in a nursing career."



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 16-18 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 Level 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
DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT	BL, DAV
EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS	BL
HEALTH/ADULT NURSING	BL
DESIGN, SURVEYING AND PLANNING FOR CONSTRUCTION	BL
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING	BL
ONSITE CONSTRUCTION	BL
BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING - ELECTRICAL	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 succeed 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.



LEARN YOUR WAY

T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies.



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 and 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, and in many cases, you can top up to convert your HND into a degree with a further year or two of study. This means 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.

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

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 MUSICTECHNOLOGY	BL
HNC/D MUSICALTHEATRE	BL
HND SESSION MUSICIAN**	BL
HNC/DTECHNICALTHEATRE	BL
HNC/HND PUBLIC SERVICES	BL

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

Additional Higher Level courses:

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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 will also benefit from:

- Range of excellent facilities and resources
- Award-winning Digital and Academic Resources Centre 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







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



ART, DESIGN, FASHION & PHOTOGRAPHY



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 South East Midlands area (20,000 jobs available)
- The average salary for creative jobs in the UK is £36,135

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Art editor	£20,000 - £40,000
Art therapist	£33,706 - £47,672
Artist/illustrator	Variable
Fashion designer	£20,000 - £40,000
Photographer	£17,250 - £45,000
Source: National Careers Service	

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
Fashion and Textiles	BL
LEVEL 3	
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
Looking for Theatrical Make-up? See page 39.	

A LEVEL (LEVEL 3) Art BL KEY BL - Booth Lane DAV - Daventry

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



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.

If you're interested in better ways to manage our economy, an A Level in Economics course could be the course for you.

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 (LEVEL 3) Business Management and Administration BL

BL

BL

DID YOU KNOW?

Source: National Careers Service

- The finance/insurance and administration industries are some of the largest in the South East Midlands area, with a total of 100,000 jobs available
- There is a projected increase in management and director jobs in the South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Accounting technician	£17,000 - £34,000
Business analyst	£22,000 - £55,000
Business project manager	£28,000 - £75,000
Marketing manager	£27,000 - £65,000
Finance officer	£19,500 - £34,000

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A LEVEL (LEVEL 3)

Business

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CASE STUDY

BROOKE LEVEL 3 ACTING AND HNC ACTING

Brooke studied drama at GCSE and saw her first play. Since then, she wanted to learn more about acting but this was not something that she could pursue at school.

"After completing my GCSEs, I struggled to find an A Level course that I wanted to do. I knew someone who had studied acting at Northampton College, so this helped me to pursue my interest, so I enrolled on a Level 3 Acting course.

The relationship with tutors is completely different to school and I loved being able to focus on one specific subject. I enjoyed being able to go to live shows at the Royal & Derngate and a trip to the National Theatre in London included the opportunity to go backstage and witness what happens behind the scenes. I went on to study an HNC in acting and since then I have worked with a touring theatre company called Alter Ego Creative Solutions, who I first met when they came in to talk to my HNC acting class.

"WHEN I COMPLETED THE COURSE, I HAD A SUCCESSFUL AUDITION AND HAVE SINCE WORKED ON SEVERAL EXCITING PROJECTS WITH SOME OF THE UK'S LEADING THEATRE COMPANIES. I'M NOW WORKING FOR THE MASQUE THEATRE COMPANY."

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	
П	BL
LEVEL 2	
IT (Software Development)	BL
IT (Software Development and Coding)	DAV
IT (Computer Networking and Systems Support)	BL
LEVEL 4/5	
HNC/D Cybersecurity	BL

BL

🗣 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 South East Midlands area is set to increase
- The average salary for jobs in Computing and IT is around £42,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
App developer	£25,000 - £55,000
Cyber intelligence officer	£25,000 - £50,000
Data scientist	£30,000 - £70,000
Forensic computer analyst	£25,000 - £60,000
IT support technician	£18,000 - £35,000

Source: National Careers Service



T LEVEL (LEVEL 3)

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CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



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

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

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? —

- By 2025 there will be 48,000 skilled people working in the construction industry in the South East
- 66% of Construction employers in the South East Midlands 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
- By 2035, the industry will need to recruit an additional 11,000 new workers just to meet demand

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

Source: National Careers Servic

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES	DI DAV
Construction Multi-skills	BL, DAV
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 (LEVEL 3)	
Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	BL
Onsite Construction	BL
Building Services Engineering - Electrical	BL
KEY BL - Booth Lane DAV - Daventry	

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.

LEVEL 1	
Engineering	BL
LEVEL 2	
Mechanical Engineering (Machining)	BL
Engineering	BL
LEVEL 3	
Electronic Engineering	BL
Mechanical Engineering	BL
LEVEL 4	
HNC Engineering	BL

BL

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 South East Midlands area, with 73,000 jobs currently available
- The average salary for UK engineers is £48,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Electronics engineer	£26,000 - £60,000
Engineering maintenance technician	£21,000 - £40,000
Mechanical engineer	£20,000 - £52,000

KEY BL – Booth Lane

T LEVEL (LEVEL 3)

Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)



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

COURSES ARE FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS.
PART-TIME COURSES ARE
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS
19 YEARS AND OLDER.

If you would like to join an adult ESOL course, please contact the Enrolment Centre on **0300 123 2344** or use the **Live Chat** feature to book an assessment appointment with an ESOL tutor.

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

GAMES DESIGN



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

Our 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.

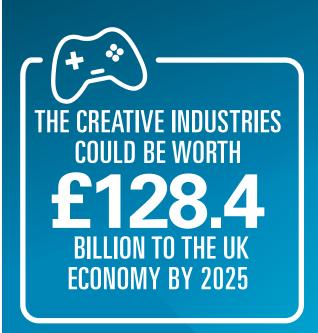
Our new Esports Management and Live Broadcasting course provides a unique opportunity to learn about the business side of Esports. You will create business plans to build team events, create online communities and promote your events through digital marketing.

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 South East Midlands area with 26,000 jobs – making up 3% of all jobs in the area
- The average salary for games designers in the UK is around £45,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Games developer	£25,000 - £70,000
Games tester	£24,000 - £50,000
Software developer	£24,000 - £70,000
Social media manager	£25,000 - £60,000

LEVEL 1	
Media and Games Design	BL
LEVEL 2	
Games Design BL	., DAV
LEVEL 3	
Digital Animation	BL
Esports Management and Live Broadcasting	g BL
Games Design	BL
LEVEL 4/5	
HNC/D Games Design	BL



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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 Nails	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 South East Midlands 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)
- ullet The average hairdresser/beautician salary in the UK is £22,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES	
Beauty therapist	£16,000 - £25,000	
Hairdresser	£14,000 - £30,000	
Make-up artist	Variable	
Massage therapist	Variable	
Source: National Careers Service		

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CASE STUDY

EMILIALEVEL 3 FASHION AND CLOTHING

Emilia is from Moldova and moved to the UK four years ago. She chose to study at Northampton College because she was impressed by the way it promotes excellence in education, fosters a creative spirit among its learners and encourages them to explore their talents and abilities.

"The Level 3 Fashion and Clothing course is perfect for me because I've been fascinated by fashion since I was a child and this is definitely the field I want to go into. I saw that Northampton College had good facilities so I decided to apply for the course here.

"IT WILL BE REALLY HARD FOR ME WHEN I FINISH MY COURSE HERE BECAUSE THE COLLEGE IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE AND I WILL REALLY MISS THE PEOPLE HERE.

The lecturers are fantastic. They have always encouraged, helped and appreciated me which has been very important in enabling me to develop and gain self-confidence.

I'm planning to continue my studies at the University of Westminster and I'm sure that what I've achieved at Northampton College will help me to be successful. The College really is the best place to develop your academic skills and you gain fabulous experiences here.

Northampton College enhances the lives of their students, helps them to reach their potential and creates the leaders of tomorrow by setting high expectations for achievement."

HEALTHCARE & CHILDCARE



Our Health and Social Care courses prepare students for a career in the health and social care 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 significant 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.

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

T LEVEL (LEVEL 3) Education and Early Years BL Health/Adult Nursing BL

- ট DID YOU KNOW? -

- The health/social work industry is the second largest in the South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Care worker	£14,000 - £25,000
Health play specialist	£22,549 - £31,534
Social worker	£27,000 - £42,000
Nursery worker	£14,000 - £24,000
Classroom assistant	£14,000 - £21,000

Source: National Careers Service

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HOSPITALITY & CULINARY ARTS



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.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES Introduction to Hospitality and Culinary Skills BL**LEVEL 1** Hospitality and Culinary Skills BL LEVEL 2 BL Professional Bakery Professional Patisserie and Confectionery BL Professional Chef BL Events Management (Hospitality) BL **LEVEL 3** Advanced Bakery BL BL Advanced Patisserie and Confectionery Advanced Professional Chef BL Food Service & Event Management BL

- ÖDID YOU KNOW? -

- The UK's hospitality industry is worth around £91 billion and employs around 330,000 people
- The 8th largest occupation in the South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Catering manager	£16,000 - £25,000
Head chef	£23,000 - £50,000
Restaurant manager	£18,000 - £28,000
Waitress	£12,000 - £22,000

HUMANITIES



Our humanities courses are designed for students with a strong interest in society, language, culture and the decisions that have paved the way for the world to be where it is today.

They will help you to gain valuable skills that will support you in your academic life and beyond such as the ability to solve problems, communicate effectively and carry out in-depth research. These are engaging and rewarding subjects for students who possess intellectual curiosity and a general interest in written and verbal communication.

These courses are an ideal stepping stone to a vast range of career options, particularly in roles where you will work with people or help to develop society.

English Language BL English Literature BL History BL

- 🎖 DID YOU KNOW? -

Source: National Careers Service

- English Language is a multidisciplinary subject and is helpful for students who wish to keep their career options open
- English Literature students are well equipped to progress to a range of university courses
- The ways in which History builds an ability to question, argue and counter-argue prepares students for a wide range of different careers

AVERAGE SALARIES
£28,000 - £43,685
£23,000 - £42,000
£28,407 - £50,056
£20,000 - £50,000

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 hi-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

LEVEL 3

Global Logistics with business BL, DAV



THE UK LOGISTICS MARKET IS EXPECTED TO BE WORTH

£92
BILLION BY 2025



- 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 2025
- The average salary for a person working in logistics is £37,500

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Transport planner	£20,000 - £44,000
Supply chain manager	£24,000 - £48,000
Port worker	£16,000 - £27,000

Source: National Careers Service

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CASE STUDY

ERIENNE BARR TEACHER - PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts teacher and academic coach Erienne Barr is perfectly placed to know what is required from students at Northampton College...she was one herself not so long ago!

Erienne was one of the first people to perform in our state-of-the-art drama theatre when it first opened and is now overseeing the next generation of talented performers as they make their way on to the stage.

"I love taking students on the journey and giving them the confidence to perform in hundreds of people. Everything we do is about giving people the opportunities they wouldn't get elsewhere, working closely with industry so they understand what is required of them in the real world.

"I'm proud to see our students perform as part of the National Theatre's Connections Festival each year, where they have the chance to appear at the Royal & Derngate.

"We have a growing reputation for bringing through emerging talent and we make the course as fun and practical as we can while featuring all the relevant academic skills.

"WE HAVE ACTORS EMBARKING ON EXCITING NEW CAREERS AND WE HAVE SEEN STUDENTS GO ON TO PERFORM IN THE WEST END, ON CRUISE SHIPS AND IN AMERICA. IT'S INCREDIBLY REWARDING TO SEE THEM SHINE."

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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.

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	

] DID YOU KNOW? –

- The information and communication industry is the 10th largest in the South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Journalist	£14,000 - £60,000
Radio broadcast assistant	£16,000 - £29,000
Social media manager	£25,000 - £60,000
Vlogger	Variable



MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING



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

The latest vehicle air-conditioning and vehicle systems diagnostic equipment will be at your disposal, plus a large spray booth for vehicle 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.

- ÖDID 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 South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Automotive engineer	£20,000 - £45,000
Garage manager	£24,000 - £36,000
Vehicle body repairer	£15,000 - £30,000
Vehicle paint sprayer	£19,000 - £30,000
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FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES BLIntroduction to Vehicle Industry and Vehicle Technologies **LEVEL 1** Transport Maintenance (Light Vehicle) BL, DAV Vehicle Accident Paint Repair BL **LEVEL 2** Heavy Vehicle Maintenance and Repair BL BL, DAV Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair 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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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 4.7% in 2022 and is now worth £1.32 billion
- The arts, entertainment and recreation industry makes up 2% of all jobs in the South East Midlands area – 20,000 jobs in total
- The national average salary for people working in music is estimated to be around £34,000

AVERAGE SALARIES
Variable
£33,706 - £47,672
£24,000 - £65,000
£17,000 - £40,000

Source: National Careers Service

PERFORMING ARTS



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.

- 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 South East Midlands area – 20,000 jobs in total
- The average performing arts salary is £33,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Director of photography (TV & Film)	£17,000 - £34,000
Performer (Actor, Dancer, Singer)	£22,000 - £55,000
Lighting/sound technician	£27,000 - £65,000
Stage manager	£19,500 - £34,000
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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 Dance	BL
HNC Musical Theatre	BL
HNC Performing Arts (Acting)	BL
HNC/D Technical Theatre	BL



CASE STUDY

MICHAEL COLBOURNE PUBLIC SERVICES

"During my time with the Royal Engineers, I received an excellent vocational education in leadership and the management of military operations, and I was privileged to be able to lead soldiers in the completion of a wide range of operational and civil engineering tasks in the Falkland Islands and Kenya.

On leaving the military, I moved to Northampton and embarked on a policing career with Northamptonshire and then Bedfordshire Police forces, where I served in uniformed operational and detective roles, eventually becoming a temporary Deputy Chief Constable.

My police service included leading the UK policing mission to Iraq in 2007/8, assisting with the development of more effective and ethical policing and criminal justice methods.

I am very proud to work for the College, and I believe the investments we have made to support the teaching and learning of students has been second to none – including our fantastic forensic lab, crime scene studio and our Low Ropes Training Course."

"I LOVE HELPING STUDENTS TO OVERCOME THEIR FEARS AND DEVELOP THEIR LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK POTENTIAL."

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PUBLIC SERVICES



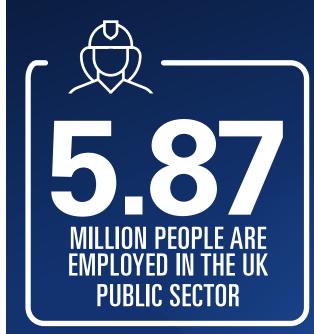
Allow us to fire up your enthusiasm for a career in the armed forces, police force, ambulance service, prison service or the fire service.

You'll need plenty of self-discipline and motivation to meet the tough challenges of these careers.

Our programme provides you with a solid foundation so you're well prepared with the skills and ability to take the next step into such demanding job roles.

If you've got what it takes, we can help you with our links to organisations including Northamptonshire Police, Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue, Royal Navy, Royal Marine Commandos, Royal Air Force and the Army.

LEVEL 1 Public Services BL LEVEL 2 Public Services BL LEVEL 3 Public Services BL LEVEL 4/5 HNC/HND Public Services BL





DID YOU KNOW?

- There are 5.87 million people employed in the UK public sector, including 1.2 million people working in the NHS
- More than 185,000 people work in the UK armed forces
- The number of Public Service jobs in the South East Midlands area is high and likely to increase significantly within the next 10 years
- The average public sector salary is £45,000

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Police officer	£25,000 - £55,000
Army officer	£25,000 - £50,000
Royal marine commando	£30,000 - £70,000
Prison officer	£25,000 - £60,000

Source: National Careers Service



CASE STUDY

NATHAN CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION LEVEL 3

Nathan joined Northampton College after he had been studying at a mainstream school sixth form but found it didn't suit him.

"I decided to move to Northampton College because it offered me freedom and I could see that being there would help me on my next steps to adulthood and independence.

The College was very welcoming and I always found it a positive place to be. The content and delivery of my course was really good. I loved going on placements and I was well supported by my tutor and my lecturers who helped me to grow and mature as a student and as a person. My tutor also played a huge part in me going to university. Previously, I hadn't considered that to be an option for me, but they believed in me and pushed me towards it.

During my time at Northampton College it was my ambition to become a childcare professional and my studies there definitely helped me to achieve that as I grew in confidence in my practice and my abilities.

Today, I'm a founder of three companies and a director of two. These are WiSupport and WiNurture – organisations that provide residential childcare and supported accommodation for children and young people in Northampton.

I'm proud to say WiSupport was highly commended for the Leaving Care award at the National Children and Young People's Awards in October 2022."

"THE COLLEGE WAS VERY WELCOMING AND I ALWAYS FOUND IT A POSITIVE PLACE TO BE. THE CONTENT AND DELIVERY OF MY COURSE WAS REALLY GOOD."

SCIENCE & FORENSICS



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.

Our environmental science A Level is the ideal course for anyone with a keen interest in the sustainability of our planet.

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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 South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Biomedical scientist	£25,655 - £45,839
Pharmacy technician	£25,147 - £30,639
Biochemist	£24,000 - £50,000
Laboratory technician	£17,000 - £30,000
Laboratory technician	£17,000 - £30,000

Source: National Careers Service

LEVEL 1	
Applied Science	BL
LEVEL 2	
Applied Science	BL
LEVEL 3	
Applied Science (Biomedical)	BL
Forensic Science and Criminal Investigation	BL



SOCIAL SCIENCE



Our social sciences courses cover studies in law, politics, sociology, criminology and psychology. They will help you to gain a critical understanding of human behaviour and factors affecting society now, and how past events have shaped our lives today.

These courses will get you thinking about people, about why we do the things we do and what can be done to do things differently in the future.

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

During the Level 2 course you will study units such as social policy, the sociology of health and psychology.

On the Level 3 course you will study psychology, criminology and law. All of this adds up to the UCAS points to get you to university to study a wide variety of exciting courses based in this field.

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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Criminologist	£23,500 - £36,000
Crime scene officer	£16,000 - £37,000
Forensic psychologist	£27,000 - £54,000
Psychologist	£41,659 - £54,619
Occupational therapist	£27,055 - £47,672
Legal executive	£17,000 - £60,000
Local government officer	£17,500 - £37,000

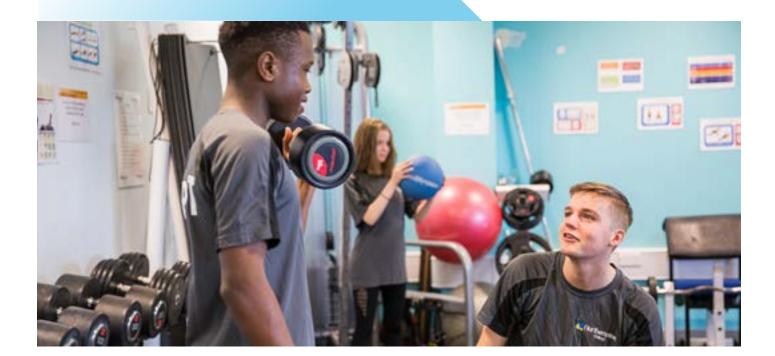
Source: National Careers Service

LEVEL 2	
Social Science	BL, DAV
LEVEL 3	
Social Science	BL, DAV
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A LEVEL (LEVEL 3)	
Criminology (Diploma)	BL
Law	BL
Politics	BL
Psychology	BL
Sociology	BL

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SPORT



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 sports events and research methods.

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

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
- Coaching for performance 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Sports coach	£18,000 - £28,000
Leisure centre manager	£18,000 - £37,000
Sports commentator	£13,000 - £80,000
PE teacher	£28,000 - £43,685

Source: National Careers Service

LEVEL 1	
Sport	BL
LEVEL 2	
Sport	BL
LEVEL 3	
Sport	BL

FOUNDATION AND SUPPORTED LEARNING (INCLUSION AND PROGRESSION)



Inclusion and progression are at the heart of what we do and our pathways will help you reach your potential.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

If your GCSEs haven't gone as well as you hoped, or if you're not currently in education, employment or training, you could start your college journey on one of our progression pathways which will help you to reach your aspirations.

INCLUSION PATHWAYS

Our inclusion pathways are designed to support people with additional needs, learning difficulties or disabilities and help them develop skills for adulthood and employment. They provide the ideal stepping stone for anyone who has just completed a Supported Learning School Link course in their final year at school.

All our students benefit from a personalised approach – this means we'll work with you to agree the programme that's best for you and your future options.

Whatever your skills and 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.

You'll flourish in an environment that enables you to build your confidence, self-esteem, resilience and independence, ensuring you are ready for you next step.

We offer our students the opportunity to take part in a range of enriching academic, personal and social skills development activities including:

- Maths and English
- Vocational and Employability Knowledge and Skills Builders
- Community and Enterprise Projects
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Work experience
- Café and Gardening projects.

We are always available to talk about options – call us or request a call back through our online chat service. Simply visit www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk and click the 'Let's Chat' icon in the bottom right-hand corner of our homepage.

PROGRESSION PATHWAYS - FOUNDATION Aspire BL Focus BL, DAV Engage (In partnership with Northampton Saints) BL

INCLUSION PATHWAYS	
TRANSITION	
Stepping In Pathway 1 (Accessing College & Education)	BL, DAV
Stepping In Pathway 2	BL
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	
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 EMPLOYMENT	STUDY &
Stepping Out Pathway 1 (Next Steps at Entry 3)	BL, DAV
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(Moving on - Springboard) Stepping Out Pathway 3	BL, DAV BL, DAV
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(Moving on - Springboard) Stepping Out Pathway 3 Supported Learning Link (Level 1) Stepping Out Pathway 4 Supported Learning Link	BL, DAV

TRAVEL & TOURISM



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.

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 12.1 million holiday visitors to the UK in 2022 spending £11.6bn
- The number of jobs in the South East Midlands area is likely to increase significantly by 2027
- The average salary in the UK travel industry is £29,300

TYPICAL CAREERS	AVERAGE SALARIES
Cabin crew	£15,000 - £30,000
Travel agent	£18,000 - £27,000
Tour guide	£18,000 - £30,000
Events manager	£21,000 - £40,000
Travel blogger/vlogger	Variable

LEVEL 1 Introduction to the Travel Industry BL **LEVEL 2** Travel and Tourism BL **LEVEL 3** Travel and Sustainable Tourism BL MILLION HOLIDAY VISITS TO THE UK IN 2022 KEY **BL** - Booth Lane

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.

EVEL 2 Fabrication and Welding BL LEVEL 3 Fabrication and Welding BL

– 🍟 DID YOU KNOW? –

- Employers in the South East Midlands 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	AVERAGE SALARIES
Welder	£22,000 - £45,000
Fabricator	£20,000 - £34,000
Computer aided design (CAD) technician	£17,000 - £35,000
Computer numerical controls (CNC) machinist	£20,000 - £35,000

Source: National Careers Service



FULL-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS



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 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 study your GCSEs prior to completing the course.

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

LEVEL 2	
Beauty Therapy	LM, DAV
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 EDUCA	TION
LEVEL 3	
Applied Science	BL
Applied Science	BL
Applied Science Health Professions	BL BL BL



KEY
BL - Booth Lane
LM - Lower Mounts
DAV - Daventry



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.

DIGITAL COURSES

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT AND YOUR 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. Careers Education is embedded within the curriculum of all our study programmes to give you the skills and qualifications you'll need to progress onto higher education or into employment. Each curriculum team provides a variety of valuable experiences including sessions with employers, experiences of workplaces and encounters with further and higher education providers.

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.



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



The Futures team are experienced, qualified Careers Advisors who can support you with career planning at every stage of your college journey. You will also have access to careers events and a wide range of careers and higher education resources.

Futures Advisors 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.

They can help with:

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

To book an appointment with a Futures advisor to discuss your options call our Enrolment Centre on 0300 123 2344.

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



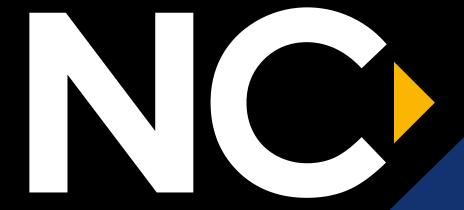




HOWTO APPLY

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		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.
Online – Same day	→	Your application will be processed by the Enrolment Centre within a few working days
1 day	\rightarrow	We send you an acknowledgement (by email)
1 week	→ 	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. All A Level applicants will be invited to interview before receiving an offer.
June/July	\ni	You will be invited to a taster day and asked to upload a photograph for your student ID card.
July/August	\ni	During July and August we will send you lots of information about your course, induction and how to prepare for college life.
On or after GCSE results day	→ 	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. You will be asked to confirm your place if you have not done so already. If you haven't met the entry requirements, you can choose a different course or request further guidance.
End of August/early September	\ni	You will be asked to complete an online enrolment.
Starting your studies	\Rightarrow	You will be given a start date.



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