

NKC
NORTH KENT
COLLEGE



COURSE GUIDE

16+

For School Leavers

Dartford | Gravesend | Tonbridge



2026/27

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WELCOME

A Welcome from the Chief Executive and Executive Principal

I am delighted to introduce the 2026 School Leavers' Guide. Choosing which college or school to attend is one of the most exciting and important decisions you will make. The course you choose now will help shape your future career and we are committed to helping you make the right choice.

Our North Kent College (NKC) family consists of four unique campuses, Dartford, Gravesend, Tonbridge and Hadlow (our rural and land-based college). All of our campuses serve their local communities and each individual campus has its own unique identity but together we offer a broad range of programmes, enrichment and progression opportunities.

We are committed to providing our students with the best learning experience possible and welcome all students, whether joining us from school or college or returning from a break in their studies.

Our work with employers and the local community leads to many wide ranging and diverse progression opportunities and you will find within this guide several testimonies from current and past students where you will see their journeys and chosen career paths.

Take your time to explore this guide and you can find even more details on our website. Make sure to visit our year-round open events or simply give us a call or drop us a message on our social media channels. Don't just take our word for it though make sure to watch the student testimonials and video interviews to find out why students have made us their number one choice.

David Gleed
Chief Executive and Executive Principal

Open Events and Campus Tours

Our Open Events are held at various times across the year and take the form of online or on-site events.

We've 100s of courses on offer and we want you to explore our facilities whilst having the opportunity to speak to tutors and current and past students. You can also apply for a September 2026 start at our events.

Make sure you keep an eye on our website for full details and to pre-register!

www.northkent.ac.uk/events

2025

Dartford Open Event

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October
3.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Gravesend Open Event

Tuesday 4th November
3.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Tonbridge Open Event

Thursday 6th November
3.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Hadlow College Open Morning

Saturday 15th November
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

2026

Hadlow College Open Morning

Saturday 24th January
10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Dartford Open Event

Tuesday 24th February
3.30pm – 7.00pm

Gravesend Open Event

Thursday 26th February
3.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Tonbridge Open Event

Tuesday 3rd March
3.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Hadlow College Open Event

Wednesday 3rd June
3.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Book your place



WHERE ARE WE?

**1 Dartford
Campus**
Oakfield Lane
Dartford
Kent, DA1 2JT

**2 Gravesend
Campus**
Lower Higham
Road, Gravesend
Kent, DA12 2JJ

**3 Tonbridge
Campus**
Brook Street
Tonbridge
Kent, TN9 2PW

**4 Hadlow
College**
Tonbridge Road
Hadlow
Kent, TN11 0AL



Getting to College

[www.northkent.ac.uk/about-us/
getting-to-college](http://www.northkent.ac.uk/about-us/getting-to-college)

REASONS TO BE PART OF NKC

Motivated & Supported Students

Our students are highly motivated to succeed and this is encouraged by the high expectations of our tutors. Keeping the curriculum active and varied enables students to experience a broad range of learning activities so you progress well. Our Ofsted results reinforce the idea that our students do make better than expected progress and this is down to their motivation to succeed, coupled with supportive teaching and a mature learning environment.



'Good' rating from Ofsted 2024

We are delighted our recent Ofsted grading which saw the college rated 'Good' overall, and with an assessment of 'Outstanding' in Behaviours and Attitudes.

We are pleased to maintain our overall 'Good' rating, but we are incredibly proud of our 'Outstanding' assessment in the Behaviours and Attitudes category. This category assesses how our leaders and staff create a safe and calm learning environment across the College and how this will impact students' behaviour and attitude.

Professional Work Placements

Our tutors work successfully to ensure that you develop your skills in realistic work situations, making use of high-quality facilities and resources, enabling students to learn to work to industry standards. These facilities include our commercial areas where students work in real environments, including our salons, restaurants, Mislin Theatre and Mislin Spa.

Equivalent of A Levels

All of our Level 3 courses are the equivalent of A Levels and give you the UCAS points to apply to university.

Progression Routes

We actively promote progression from our Further Education (FE) programmes onto university programmes which raises aspirations. We continuously educate and empower our students to consider Higher Education (HE) as a valuable progression route into their desired career.

Great Training

Tutors use the College's realistic working environments to develop students' practical skills, such as the hair and beauty salons, motor vehicle workshops and training kitchens.

Excellent Atmosphere

We have an inclusive culture and atmosphere; the College is welcoming and students enjoy their studies and have mutual respect for one another, with a clear understanding of their responsibilities.

Employer Partnerships

We are dedicated to creating powerful partnerships with commercial organisations both locally and nationally. We work with businesses of all sizes, from organising work-based projects for individuals, to corporate training programmes and everything in between. Our links with employers ensures our students obtain the highest level of opportunity to develop their skills on industry placements and internships (where applicable).

STUDENTS' UNION & LEARNER VOICE





Students' Union

The Students' Union (SU) is run by students and promotes the interests of the student community.

Every student becomes part of the Union from the day they join us to the day they leave us – but it's up to you as to how involved you want to be from being part of the Executive Committee, to being a Class Representative. You could even become a Student Governor or SU President.

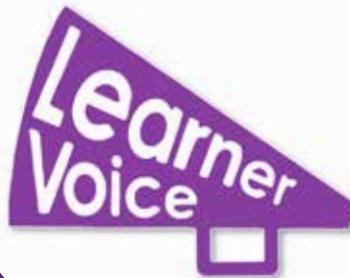


Learner Voice

It is important to us at NKC that all students are given the opportunity to have their voices heard.

The Learner Council is a democratic system based on government principles as identified in Fundamental British Values. Learner Voice provides learners with the platform to share persuasive arguments to improve elements of learner experiences.

Class representatives will have the opportunity to develop integrated employability skills, election and voting processes.



QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED



Entry Level Certificates

These qualifications are available to those who may not have the GCSE grades to go straight on to a Level 1 mainstream course, acting as a step-up qualification.

UAL, NCFE & BTEC Diplomas

These are one or two year full-time courses specialising in a specific vocational area at Levels 1 to 4. They are made to accommodate the needs of employers and allow for progression to university, providing practical real-life learning with a key theoretical background. BTECs and NCFEs Level 3 can be taken instead of A Levels as a route to Higher Education.

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VRQ (Vocationally Recognised Qualifications)

These courses, much like BTECs, specialise in specific vocational areas from Level 1 to 3. They aim to prepare you for the world of work focusing on a practical hands-on approach to learning, with theory to support this. These qualifications aim to help you find employment or progress within your career.

T Levels

T Levels are advanced Level 3 courses and equivalent to 3 A-levels. They offer longer periods of Industry Placement (usually up to 3 months). The course is a combination of in-class study and work placement.

Access to Higher Education

These courses are for people over the age of 19 who are interested in taking on an undergraduate degree programme, who do not already have the required qualifications.

Apprenticeships

With an Apprenticeship you will be employed with an organisation and will do your technical training at the College. This means you will get paid and achieve a qualification at the same time. An Apprenticeship can take between one and four years to complete and covers over 1500 job roles in a wide range of industries.



If you have not achieved a grade 9-4 or above in English or maths at GCSE level, you will work towards this at College.

Foundation Degrees and HNC/Ds

Foundation Degrees and Higher National Certificates and Diplomas are undergraduate qualifications that are equivalent to years 1 and 2 of a university Bachelor's Degree. These programmes offer a more vocational element to university degrees, often with links to the industry itself.

Professional Qualifications

These provide practical and work-related skills and the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications, including CACHE (Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education).

English and Maths Requirements for 16–19 Learners

In line with government policy, all students aged 16–19 who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 (standard pass) in GCSE English and/or Maths are required to attend a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face, whole-class lessons in each academic year.

Most students will work towards achieving a GCSE qualification in English and Maths. However, for a small number of vocational learners on Entry 3 and some Level 1 courses, who have previously achieved a Grade 2 or below, an alternative pathway may be available. Where appropriate, these students may study Level 1 Functional Skills as a stepping-stone qualification to support their progression.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROGRESSION ROUTES

LEVEL OF STUDY	EQUIVALENT TO	QUALIFICATION OFFER	
ENTRY LEVEL	2 GCSEs at Grade 2-1	Entry Level Courses	
LEVEL 1	5 GCSEs at Grade 3-1 NVQ Level 1, BTEC Introductory Diploma	BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates	
LEVEL 2	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 BTEC Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates	
LEVEL 3	2 A Levels, NVQ Level 3, Access	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas	
LEVEL 4	HNC, Foundation Degree, NVQ Level 4 or UAL Level 4	Foundation Degree, HNC, UALs	
LEVEL 5	HND, Foundation Degree (Year 1), NVQ Level 5	Foundation Degree (Year 1), HND	
LEVEL 6	Degree (Final Year)	Degree (Final Year)	

Indicative entry requirements
– some programmes may have
higher entry criteria because of
industry standards.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PROGRESSION OPTIONS

●● No GCSEs or formal qualifications required. Entry via interview.	LEVEL 1
●● You should have at least 2 GCSEs at grades 2-1	LEVEL 2
●● 2 GCSEs at Grade 3 in core subjects. For specialist trades, you may need a Level 1 City and Guilds or NVQ	LEVEL 3
●● Usually 4 or 5 GCSEs at 9-4, BTEC Extended Diploma with Merit, NVQ Level 3, UAL or equivalent	LEVEL 4
●● You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 qualification	LEVEL 5
●● You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 or 4 qualification	LEVEL 6 DEGREE
●● This is a Degree Level qualification and you must have relevant Level 5 qualification	LEVEL 7 DEGREE Equivalent to a Master's Degree



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WHAT COURSES WHERE?

E Entry Level

1 Level 1 **2** Level 2

3 Level 3 **4** Level 4

D Dartford **T** Tonbridge

G Gravesend **H** Hadlow

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Access to Higher Education

Access to Nursing & Healthcare **3** **D**

Business & Finance

Accounting **3** **D**

Business **2** **3** **D** **T**

Computing & Gaming

Computing **1** **2** **3** **T**

Gaming **2** **3** **D**

IT **2** **3** **4** **D**

Construction & Engineering

Brickwork **1** **2** **G**

Carpentry & Joinery **1** **2** **G** **H**

Electrical Installation **1** **2** **G** **T**

Engineering **3** **G**

General Engineering **1** **2** **G**

HNC Engineering **4** **G**

Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry & Vehicle Technology **E** **G** **H**

Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair **2** **3** **H**

Motor Sport **1** **2** **3** **H**

Motor Vehicle Maintenance **1** **G** **H**

Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair **2** **3** **G** **H**

Multitrades **1** **G**

Painting & Decorating **1** **2** **G**

Plumbing **1** **2** **G** **T**

Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning **1** **2** **G**

T Level – Technical qualification in Construction, Design, Surveying and Planning **3** **T**



Creative Industries

Animation and Concept Art	3	D
Animation & VFX	4	D
Acting	2 3	D
Acting (Screen)	3	D
Acting (Stage & Screen)	4	D
Applied Theatre	2 3	T
Architecture, Interior & Product Design	3 4	D
Art	1 2 3 4	D T
Content Creation	3	D
Creative Media	3	T
Creative Media (TV & Film)	3	D
Dance	2 3	D
Dance & Musical Theatre	4	D
Digital Journalism	3	D
Fashion	2 3	D T
Graphic Design	2 3 4	D T
Media	2	D T
Media Production	4	D
Music Miskin Voice	2 3	D
Music Performance	2 3	D T
Music Performance/Production	4	D
Music Technology	2 3	D
Musical Theatre	2 3	D
Photography	2 3	D T
Photography	4	D
Technical Theatre	2 3 4	D

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4 Level 4

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Early Years & Healthcare

Early Years **1** **D**

Early Years **2** **D** **T**

Health & Social Care **1** **2** **3** **D** **T**

T-Level in Education & Childcare **3** **D** **T**

T Level in Health/Adult Nursing **3** **D** **T**

Hair & Beauty

Beauty **1** **2** **3** **D** **T**

Beauty - Hair & Media Make-Up **2** **3** **D**

Beauty Therapy (Advanced) **4** **D**

Beauty (Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up Artistry) **3** **D**

Hairdressing **1** **2** **3** **D** **G** **T**

Hospitality & Catering

Catering Professional Chef **1** **2** **G** **T**

Catering Professional Food Service **2** **T**

Hospitality & Events

Hospitality & Event Management **2** **D**

Legal Administration

Legal Administration **2** **3** **D**

Public Services

Uniformed Services **1** **2** **3** **D**

Uniformed Services **3** **T**

Sport

Fitness Coaching **2** **D**

Sports Coaching **2** **3** **D**

Sport Exercise and Fitness **2** **D** **T**

Sport & Exercise Science **3** **D** **T**

Sports Performance & Mentoring **3** **D**

Sport - Personal Training **3** **D**

Travel & Tourism

Vocational Studies **1** **D**

Travel & Tourism **2** **3** **D** **T**



Can't decide?

Speak to one of our **careers advisers** if you wish to know more and we will be happy to advise about your options.

A photograph of three young people sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. On the left is a young woman with long dark hair wearing a patterned t-shirt and dark pants. In the middle is a young woman with long brown hair and a white headband, wearing a plaid shirt and tan pants. On the right is a young man with short dark hair wearing a black t-shirt and dark pants. They are all smiling and looking towards each other. The background shows a brick building with windows and green trees. A purple banner is overlaid on the top right, and a teal circle is overlaid on the bottom left.

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OPTIONS

AFTER YOUR GCSEs



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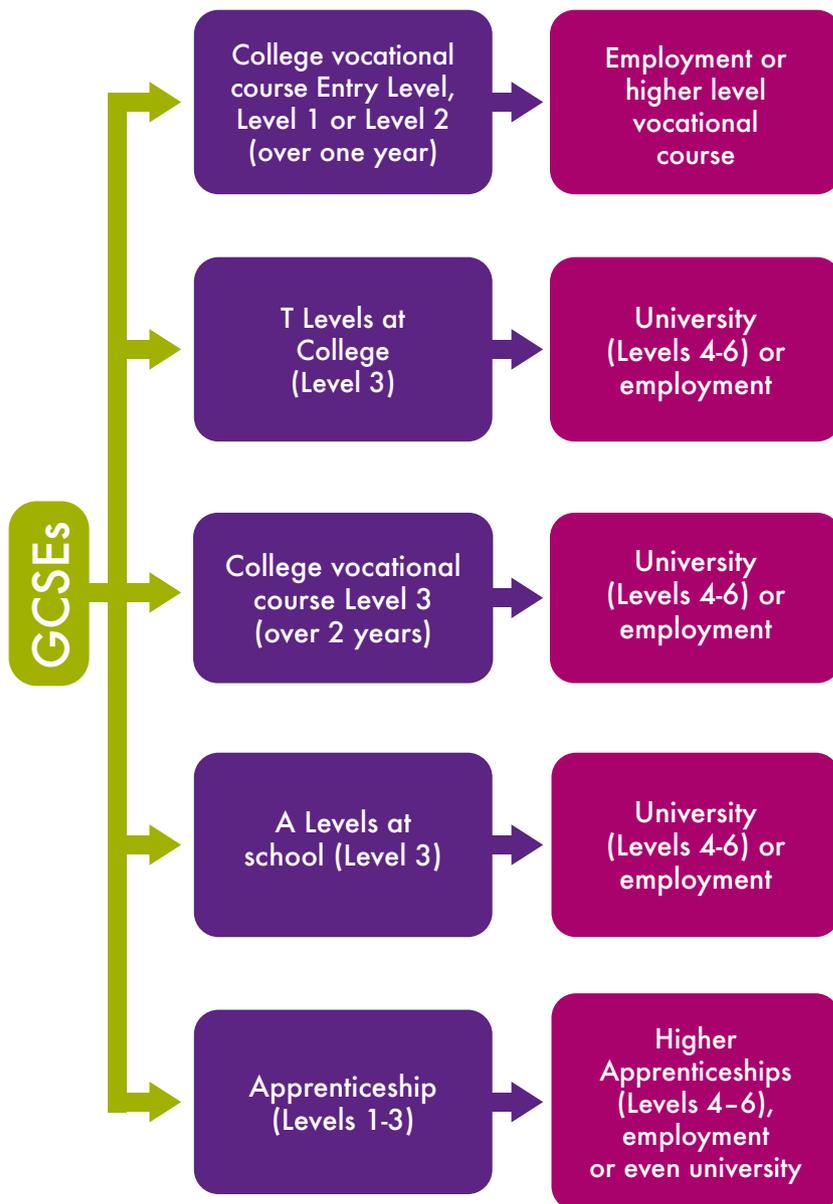
There are many options after your GCSEs, from vocational programmes, to A Levels, to Apprenticeships and they can all lead to your chosen career, but what are the best routes for you? Here's an idea of the paths you can take.

Levels of study

Depending on GCSE results (or predicted results), our tutors will recommend what level of study to apply for. This will be discussed at interview, but can be moved at enrolment after GCSE results.

As you can see, after GCSEs, students can start at Entry Level or Level 1 or 2 which are completed in 1 year and move to Level 3 which is equivalent of A Levels, or you can go straight into a two year Level 3 programme and move onto Level 4, university or into employment once completed.

For students wishing to go to university or study Higher Education programmes, a Level 3 Extended Diploma is required by universities in the subject (or closely related subject) to the one you wish to study. We have a number of courses that can lead to Higher Education.



WORK PLACEMENTS

Our vision is for our students to be the first choice for employers.

A work placement is one of the best ways for you to achieve this and be career-ready at the end of your course.

During your education programme at Level 2 or 3, you'll get the chance to work with some successful local SMEs, prestigious organisations in and around London or some innovative start-ups, all relevant to the qualification you're studying.

You'll be expected to complete a work placement of approximately 315 hours (45 days) over the year, either 1 or 2 days a week whilst you are not timetabled to be at College.

The placement forms an integral part of the education programme because they are with employers that are highly relevant to your studies and appropriate to your end qualification. They deliver real opportunities for you to apply what you are learning at College, into a work setting and some lead to permanent job or Apprenticeship offers at the end of the course.

You'll also receive careers advice, help with writing CVs and application forms and developing interview techniques. Our industry placement team will support you in the application process and guide you on the employability skills needed to succeed in the workplace.



**For more
information call
us now on:**

01322 629758
business@northkent.ac.uk



The Benefits of a Work Placement:

- 1 You will be working in the industry of your choice, giving you a better chance of employment after you graduate
- 2 You will be able to apply the learning from your classroom, into a real business environment
- 3 You will be working with and learning from employees within your chosen industry
- 4 You will be working for a company who may be looking to recruit in the future and who will remember you
- 5 You can find your own placement in a company you want to work for – this means you get to make a great first impression with a potential employer
- 6 Having a placement on your CV shows you are committed to the industry and willing to work hard – this puts you ahead of other applicants when it comes to applying for jobs
- 7 You can use your part-time job as a placement if it is in a relevant industry
- 8 An industry placement will enhance your UCAS application if you are progressing to University

By applying for a Level 2 or 3 course, you can participate in the industry placement scheme.

APPRENTICESHIPS AT NORTH KENT COLLEGE



Why not start to build your career with an Apprenticeship?

Did you know North Kent College is one of the country's leading Apprenticeship providers (Hadlow College is one of the country's Land-based Leading Colleges).

No matter what stage you are within your career, whether just starting out in the world of work or already an established member of staff, Apprenticeships can support you to develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession via an Apprenticeship scheme, and is perfect solution to earn while you learn.

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a real job that gives you a learning platform to train and develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession.

20% of your contracted working hours will be spent in training and development, either with us at college, or even in your workplace. The remainder of your time will be spent applying and developing your skills and knowledge deeper in your workplace.

Apprenticeship FAQs

Do Apprentices get paid?

As an Apprentice, you'll usually be employed to work a minimum of 30 hours per week and be paid a wage no less than the National Minimum Apprenticeship Rate – £7.55* per hour, for the time you are in work and in off-the-job training.

You can also undertake an Apprenticeship if you are a part time employee, in these circumstances we will review your part-time working hours and extend the duration of your Apprenticeship to ensure you receive the required level of training needed.

The amount you are paid is based on several factors including your previous experience and current skill set. Within some job roles your wage may increase as you progress and take on more responsibility. You will also receive the same benefits as any employee, including a holiday pay.

Who can do an Apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships are open to anyone who is 16 years old and over, has a right to work in England and is not in full time education. There is no upper age limit and available to anyone whether starting out on their career or for those who have been working for some time.



Please check our website for the most-up-to-date Apprenticeship information as these are subject to change

We offer:

North Kent College

- Business Administrator (Legal/Finance Sector)
- Engineering Operative
- Hair Professional
- Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician
- Maritime Mechanical and Electrical Mechanic
- Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician
- Seafarer (deck rating)
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional

Hadlow College Land-based

- Advanced Sports Turf Technician
- Crop Technician
- Golf Greenkeeper
- Golf Course Manager
- Horticulture or Landscape Construction Operative
- Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor
- Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician
- Sports Turf Operative

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*Price correct at time of print.

Levels of Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships can now support your learning ambitions to the highest level however It is important to know that Apprenticeship levels are based on the job role and duties and responsibilities that sit within the Job Role. (even though you may have higher-level qualifications and or other subjects you could still undertake an Apprenticeship at a lower level.)

Apprenticeship Levels are set and equivalent to:

- 2** Level 2 (Intermediate): GCSEs
- 3** Level 3 (Advanced): A-levels
- 4** Level 4 (Higher): Foundation degree
- 5** Level 5 (Higher): foundation degree/first year of bachelor's degree
- 6** Level 6 (Degree): bachelor's degree
- 7** Level 7 (Degree): master's degree

What do I need to know about English and Maths?

English and maths are a fundamental part to successfully achieve your Apprenticeship, they are essential to support your longer-term career prospects and progression. As an apprentice you will be required to achieve a Maths and English qualification (if you don't already have one) as part of your Apprenticeship. Each Apprenticeship programme we offer has specific Levels of Maths and English that are required on entry to starting your Apprenticeship.

Maths and English differ if you are 19 years and over, please contact us for more information.

What is the End Point Assessment?

Once your Apprenticeship's practical training period is completed, you will be entered through the Apprenticeship Gateway. Once you have been accepted and approved through the Gateway, The End Point Assessment Organisation (EPAO) will appoint an independent assessor, who will undertake a series of competency tests on you, this could include, an exam, a practical observation of skills learnt, professional discussion, Review of your portfolio of evidence and or project

The End Point Assessment is your opportunity to demonstrate that you are genuinely competent in your occupation by allowing you to showcase what you have learnt throughout your Apprenticeship. Each Apprenticeship programme has a slightly different assessment approach however what they all have in common is that they'll assess the knowledge, skills and behaviours you have developed during your Apprenticeship.



To find out more or to see which Apprenticeships are available visit:
www.gov.uk/apply-Apprenticeship

or visit our Apprenticeship vacancy page at:
www.northkent.ac.uk/Apprenticeships





Progression and your next steps

Higher Education

Here at North Kent College, we pride ourselves on ensuring our students progress. We offer several Higher Education Programmes, so you can continue your studies with us at Degree level.

Tuition Fees

We can offer you the same standard of education as a university at a fraction of the cost! Our undergraduate tuition fees vary depending on your course, you can find the most up-to-date fees on our website.

Study Locally

Studying with us locally means that you will save money by not moving away to university. You can live at home and in many cases you can also work.

Supportive Environment

We're smaller than universities, which means greater support is available.

Mature Students

Having the required entry grades is beneficial, especially for those who have just finished college or sixth-form. However, your application is encouraged if you are a mature student (aged 21 and over), without the required entry grades, but with relevant industry experience.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE



**The
Corporate
Hub**
at North Kent College

The Corporate Hub

The Corporate Hub encompasses our Business, Finance and Legal Administration, allowing you to gain the skills that are desirable in the industry.

We have established links with many employers, both locally and in London, which helps our learners in gaining meaningful employment at the end of the programme(s). We have a reputation for producing learners of a high calibre.



COURSES

Business

2 3 D T

Accounting

3 D

2 Level 2 3 Level 3 D Dartford T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

WHY US?

1

Industry expert tutors

You will be taught by staff who have gained their knowledge and experience first-hand from industry and academic backgrounds.

2

Practical experience

We provide students with practical hands-on experience in entrepreneurship by creating and running their own small business venture.

3

Fantastic progression

We have a high level of achievement and progression into employment, higher education and have prominent recognition with employers.



North Kent College Students Explore Iconic Miami and Bahamas Destinations

A group of students, including those from Business and Accounting, had an unforgettable international experience, exploring some of the USA's and the Caribbean's most iconic destinations, including the Everglades, Little Havana, and Miami Beach.

As well as sightseeing, the trip offered students the chance to grow their confidence, develop independence and immerse themselves in new cultures, all while having plenty of fun and building last friendships with others.



"I went knowing no one and came back with eight new friends, it was amazing!"

Georgina Male, Business.



COMPUTING & GAMING



**APPLY
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Our highly technical Computing & Game Development department benefits from industry-standard computing hardware and software, which allows you to learn using the latest equipment and technology.

COURSES

Computing

Computing

1 2 3 T

IT

2 3 4 D

Gaming

Gaming

2 3 D

1 Level 1 2 Level 2 3 Level 3 4 Level 4

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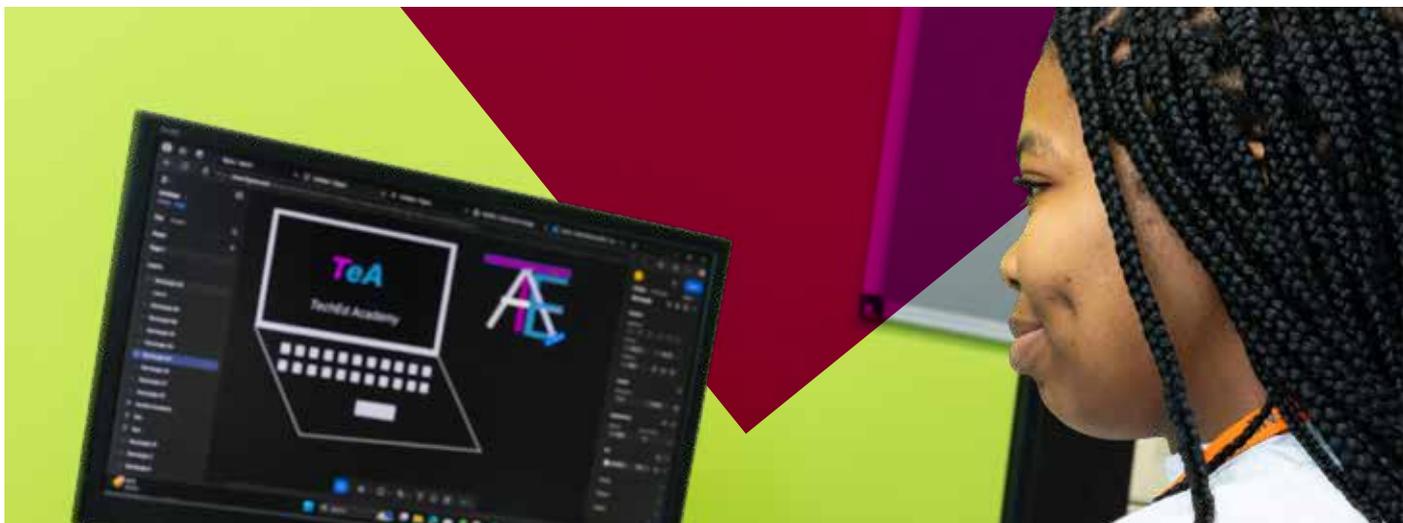
Industry-standard Software

You will be working on industry-standard hardware and software, which allows you to learn using the latest equipment and technology.

3

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CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING



**APPLY
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**To read more
about these
courses please
scan.**



WHY US?

1 Excellent Workshops

Our Construction courses are delivered in excellent workshop environments, allowing you to experience your chosen trade

- Our workshops, laboratories and classrooms are designed to meet the highest industry standards.
- We have a fully functioning garage, diagnostic centre and workshops, which have all the latest equipment.

2 Business Links

We have developed strong business links with local employers, providing great benefits to our students. Due to our employer links, we have established a notable record for getting our students on to apprenticeships with reputable small businesses.

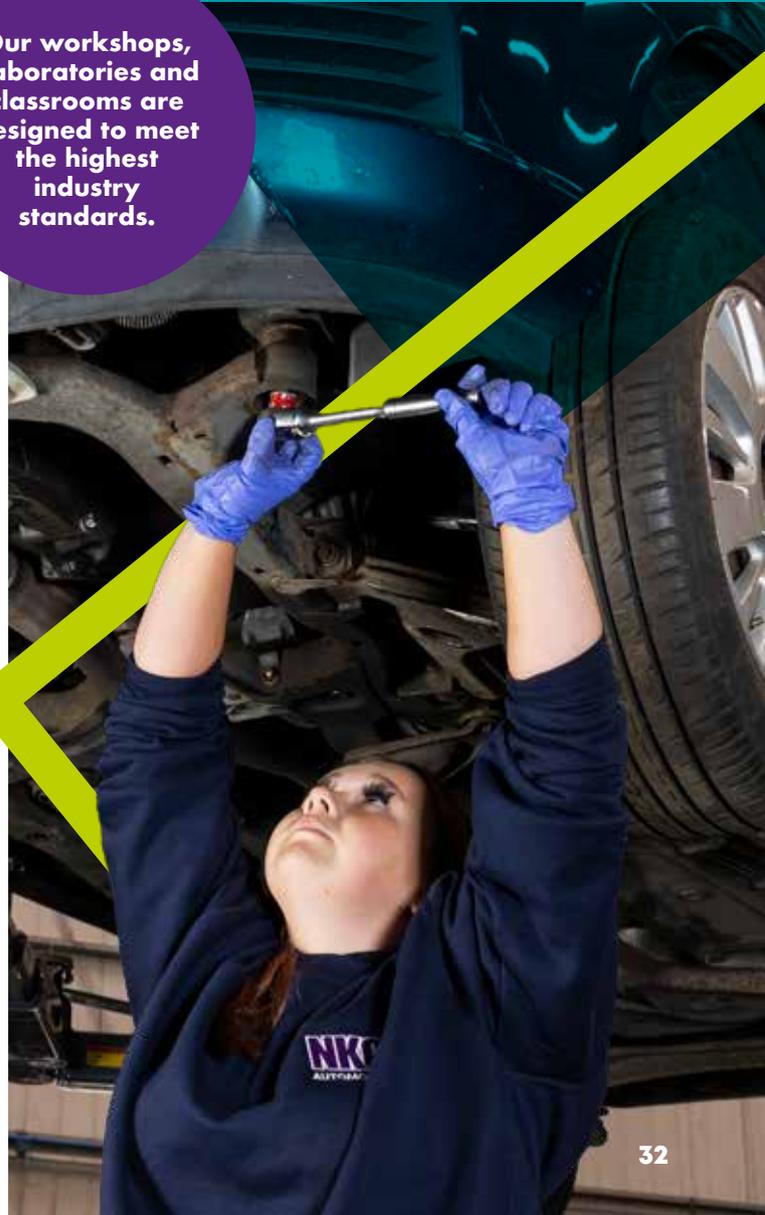
3 Industry Staff

Our staff are all from industry, highly qualified, and use their experience to give you the best support and start to your future.

4 Competitions

There are opportunities for you to compete against other students from this college and others, which can lead to you competing at other colleges locally, nationally and even internationally.

Our workshops, laboratories and classrooms are designed to meet the highest industry standards.



CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING

COURSES

APPLY
NOW

Construction Crafts

Brickwork	1 2 G
Carpentry & Joinery	1 2 G H
Multitrades	1 G
Painting & Decorating	1 2 G
T Level – Technical qualification in Construction, Design, Surveying and Planning	3 T

Electrical Installation

Electrical Installation	1 2 G T
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Engineering

Engineering	3 G
General Engineering	1 2 G
HNC Engineering	4 G

Motor Vehicle

Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry & Vehicle Technology	E G H
Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	2 3 H
Motor Sport	2 3 H
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1 G H
Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2 3 G H

Plumbing & Heating

Plumbing	1 2 G T
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Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning	1 2 G
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 **A** Construction Craft apprenticeship courses available. Please see page 23 for more information.

Level and Location

- E** Entry Level
- 1** Level 1
- 2** Level 2
- 3** Level 3
- 4** Level 4
- G** Gravesend
- H** Hadlow
- T** Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

Apprenticeships

We have a great record for getting our students onto apprenticeships with reputable companies.

To read more about the apprenticeships we offer, please visit

northkent.ac.uk/apprenticeships



FIND OUT MORE



**Electrical
Installation**



Engineering



**Motor
Vehicle**



Plumbing



**Refrigeration
& Air
Conditioning**





Construction

**APPLY
NOW**

“

What we are taught is really current and relevant. We have specific support for each element, so if you need help someone is there to advise and guide you.

Jake, Level 3 Electrical

”

“

This course enabled me to gain employment after the College arranged an interview for me!

Daniel Heard, Extended Diploma
Electrical and Electronic Engineering

”



CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

**OUR
COURSES**

See pages 41-43

WHY US?

1 **Difference between us and schools**

Studying a course in the creative industries at North Kent College, gives you an experience you are unlikely to find at any school or sixth form. You'll be working each day in state-of-the-art facilities and being taught by staff who have gained their knowledge from working in the industry. In fact our links with the industry helps many students gain meaningful employment, in the fields they are studying, at the end of their courses.

2 **Links to Industry**

All courses are taught by a diverse range of experienced industry practitioners who have exciting and dynamic links to the creative industry.

3 **Universities, Dance and Drama Colleges**

You will gain the skills needed to help you secure places at leading universities and specialist institutions across the country, including UAL, Goldsmiths, Brighton, Laine Theatre Arts, Arts Educational Schools, and Rose Bruford. The list goes on!



ual: awarding
body

WHY US?

4 State of the art facilities

Our industry standard theatres and studios provide the perfect environment to train in your chosen specialism.

Specialist studios and workshops that have Apple Mac workstations, 3D printing and CAD/CAM facilities.

State-of-the-art equipment and professional standard digital imaging and editing software, including Adobe Creative Suite, Photoshop, Bridge and Light-Room.

Graphics tablets, VR headsets and mobile devices for AR.

5 Collaboration

You will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with students from other creative courses, broadening your knowledge of the industry as a whole and enhancing your collaboration skills.



**APPLY
NOW**

MISKIN

Miskin Creative and Performance Studios

The new state-of-art studios at Dartford comprise of a two-storey building containing 2,836 sqm of educational floorspace, including a performance venue, dance studios, music technology spaces, digital design classrooms and workshops, and a new food court and social zone serving the whole College Campus.



Miskin
THEATRE ARTS

Miskin Theatre Company

Our team of professionals will offer you training which is unrivalled in the country.

You will be part of the Theatre Company and work on a diverse range of productions.

There are visits to theatres and film sets, plus collaboration with our beauty, hair, music and media departments.

Our actors get to showcase their work at a variety of theatres, festivals, competitions and professional screenings, including the British Film Institute.

Dancers are offered the opportunity to perform at nationally recognised dance exhibitions including 'Move It' and 'Can You Dance' as well as other local venues.



COURSES

Animation & Concept Art

Animation & Concept Art (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design & Communication) **3** **D**

Animation & VFX (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design) **4** **D**

Acting

Acting (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **2** **D**

Applied Theatre (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **2** **T**

Acting (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **3** **D**

Applied Theatre (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **3** **T**

Screen Acting (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **3** **D**

Acting for Stage & Screen (UAL Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance) **4** **D**

Architecture, Interior & Product Design

Architecture, Interior & Product Design (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) **3** **D**

Architecture, Interior & Product Design (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design) **4** **D**

Art

Art & Design (UAL Level 1 Diploma in Art, Design & Media) **1** **D** **T**

Art (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design) **2** **D** **T**

Art (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) **3** **D** **T**

Art (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design) **4** **D** **T**

LEVEL

1 Level 1 **3** Level 3

2 Level 2 **4** Level 4

LOCATION

D Dartford

T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.



**APPLY
NOW**

Creative Media

Media (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design)	2	D	T
Content Creation (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design & Communication)	3	D	
Creative Media (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design & Communication)	3	T	
Digital Journalism (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)	3	D	
TV and Film (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)	3	D	
Media Production (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma)	4	D	

Dance & Musical Theatre

Dance (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)	2	D	
Dance (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)	3	D	
Musical Theatre (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)	2	D	
Musical Theatre (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)	3	D	
Dance & Musical Theatre (UAL Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance)	4	D	

Graphic Design & Illustration

Creative Design (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design)	2	D	T
Graphic Design & Illustration (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)	3	D	T
Graphic Design & Illustration (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design)	4	D	T

→ → → **MORE COURSES** → →

COURSES



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

Fashion

Fashion (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design) **2** **D** **T**

Fashion (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) **3** **D** **T**

Music Performance / Technology

Music Mislin Voice (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **2** **D**

Music Mislin Voice (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **3** **D**

Music Performance (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **2** **D** **T**

Music Performance (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **3** **D** **T**

Music Technology (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **2** **D**

Music Technology (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production) **3** **D**

Music Performance/Production (UAL Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance) **4** **D**

Photography

Photography (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design) **2** **D** **T**

Photography (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) **3** **D** **T**

Photography (UAL Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design) **4** **D**

Technical Theatre

Technical Theatre (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **2** **D**

Technical Theatre (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) **3** **D**

Technical Theatre (UAL Level 4 Professional Diploma in Technical & Production Practice for the Creative Industries) **4** **D**

LEVEL

1 Level 1

2 Level 2

3 Level 3

4 Level 4

LOCATION

D Dartford

T Tonbridge



**APPLY
NOW**

From cutting edge Mac computer suites to high-tech music rehearsal studios, you will be using industry standard facilities of the very highest quality.

SUCCESS



Kirsty J Curtis, North Kent College, Miskin student from 2004-2008, played the role of ‘Bianca’ in Othello by William Shakespeare at the National Theatre directed by Clint Dyer.

Kirsty started her Miskin journey by training in Dance before moving to Acting and graduating in 2008, Kirsty says “I graduated The Miskin nearly 15 years ago and still to this day I am supported and loved by the family. Everyone keeps in contact. I have even been back a few times to direct and work at The Miskin. These guys taught me my craft and discipline and I am always forever grateful to them. ”

After studying at Miskin Kirsty went on to study at Rose Bruford Drama School and left in 2012 as a Graduate with a BA (hons) Degree. Since her time at Rose Bruford, she has worked with various agents and agencies whilst building strong working relationships, She starred in a variety of TV Series and short films including Harlots, Call the Midwife, Homeless Ashes and played Bianca in Othello at the National Theatre from November 2022 till January 2023.

Kirsty has recently starred in ITV’s series *Joan*, playing Joan’s sister Nancy, and Keely Wainwright in *Eastenders*.



“

I believe Miskin Theatre is the best place to learn and grow as a performer. There is no other place like it! You are taught your profession and your passion here and I would not have had it any other way. Miskin is your second home and a place of encouragement and real solid training.

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FIND OUT MORE

Acting



Art



Creative Digital Design



Creative Media



Dance & Musical Theatre



Fashion



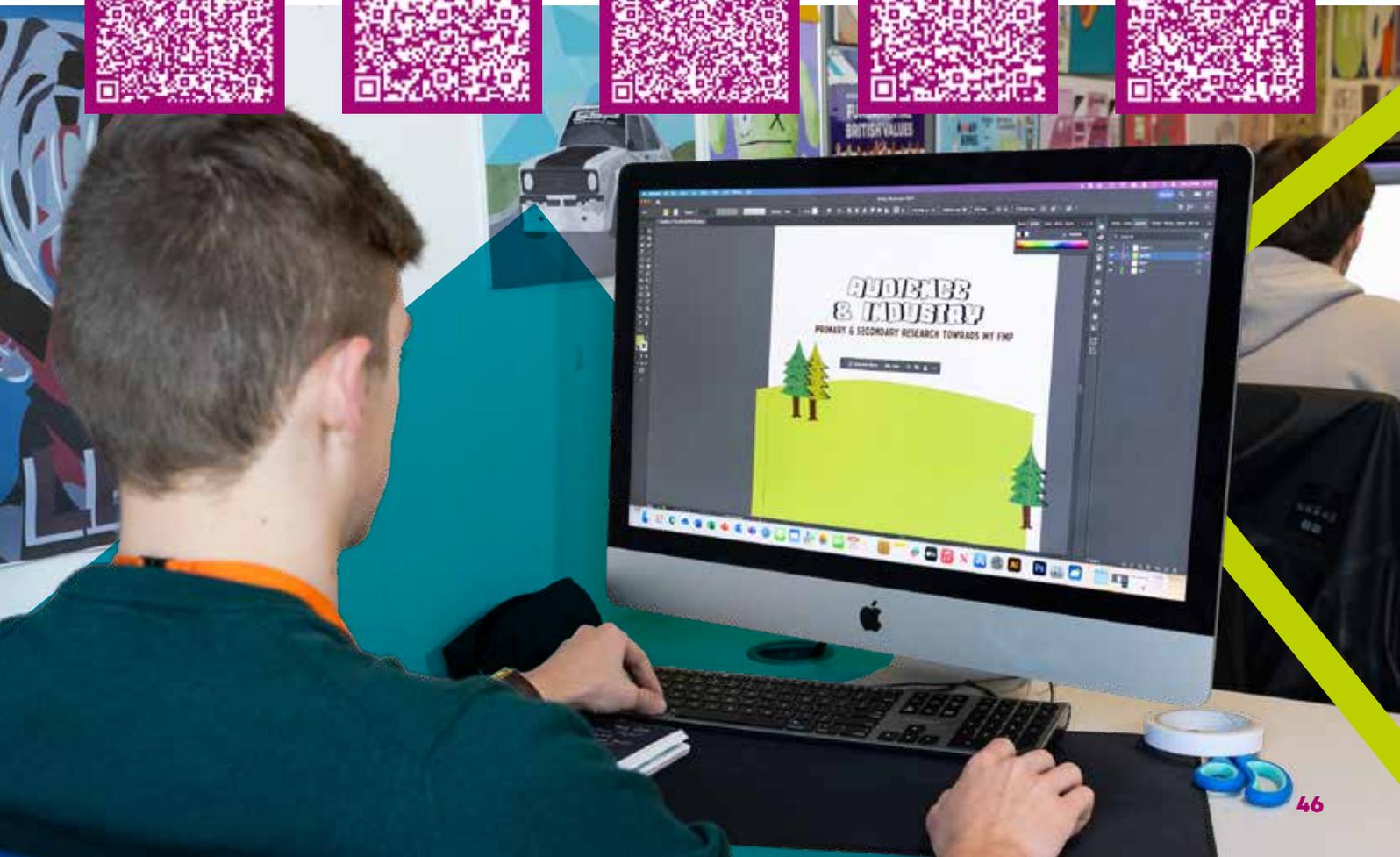
Graphic Design & Illustration



Music



Photography





EARLY YEARS



Forest School, originating in 1950s Scandinavia, embraces the open-air lifestyle of 'friluftsliv,' meaning free air life. It's an outdoor learning approach, immersing children in nature regardless of weather.

At North Kent College Early Years, Forest School sessions are integrated into all courses, led by our knowledgeable Forest School Leader.

COURSES

Early Years

1 D

Early Years

2 D T

T Level in Education & Childcare

3 D T

1 Level 1 2 Level 2 3 Level 3

D Dartford T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

Future Careers

Early Years Practitioner

Nanny

Play Therapist

Nurse

Special Educational Needs

Teacher

Student Progression

Higher Education Progression

University of Chichester, Bournemouth University, University of Sussex, Canterbury Christ Church University, University of Greenwich and The University of Manchester

Industry Progression

Dimples Day Nursery, Bright Beginnings Nurseries, Busy Bees Nurseries, Enchanted Wood Nurseries, Grace's Day Nursery and many more

WHY US?

1 Work experience

Our courses are based on practical learning gained through work placements that offer hands-on experience and real insight into how the early years sector works.

2 Industry expert tutors

You will be taught by staff who have gained their knowledge and experience first-hand from industry and academic backgrounds.

3 Industry visits

In addition to combining practical and theory lessons, our courses include the opportunity for industry visits and to meet guest speakers.



HAIR & BEAUTY



Beauty & Spa Therapy



Hairdressing & Barbering



Make-up Artistry



**CURIOUS
ABOUT OUR
ADVANCED
BEAUTY
PROGRAMMES?
ASK US!**

WHY US?

1 Hands-on Experience

Develop your skills by gaining hands-on professional experience within our on-site commercial salons, spa & make-up studios which are open to the members of the public

Our Makeup Artistry courses prepare you for an exciting career in fashion, film, TV, and theatre. With access to industry-standard facilities, expert tutors who work within the industry, students gain the skills and confidence for university progression and thrive in this fast-paced, creative industry.

2 Experienced industry staff

Our tutors are highly qualified across beauty and hair, with a wealth of industry knowledge and experience, including salon ownership and make up artistry for TV and Film productions.

3 Fantastic Facilities

North Kent College boasts fantastic training facilities to include: sauna, steam rooms, vichy shower (water massage) system and industry standard salons.



**PROUD TO BE
THE ONLY
LEE STAFFORD
SALONS IN
KENT!**



**View
courses on
page 52.**



OUR LEE STAFFORD ACADEMY SALONS BRING WORLD-CLASS HAIR EDUCATION TO KENT

Our Salons are the only Lee Stafford affiliated in Kent and South East London. The quality of education and the skills being delivered by our master trainers is exemplary.

You will receive training in up to 24 fundamental skills and techniques which you will learn to what Lee calls 'Michelin standard'.

“

"I'm very passionate about giving young professionals the best opportunity for a good education within hair dressing.

It's so important to be armed with the right tools and a wealth of knowledge when entering the world of hair dressing today. The college staff share my passion in delivering this ultimate training programme."

Lee Stafford

”

COURSES

Beauty & Spa Therapy

Beauty Therapy

1 2 3 D T

Beauty Therapy (Advanced)

4 D

Hair, Media & Theatrical Make-up

Beauty - Hair & Media Make-up

2 3 D

Beauty (Theatrical, Special Effects
& Media Make-up Artistry)

3 D

Hairdressing

Hairdressing

1 2 3 D G T

 Apprenticeships are available for this course.
Please see page 30.

1 Level 1 2 Level 2 3 Level 3 4 Level 4

D Dartford G Gravesend T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

BBC's Glow Up Spotlights Talented North Kent College Make-Up Student

Jamie Arnold, a talented student on the Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up course at North Kent College, is proudly representing the College on the popular BBC series Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star. Jamie's appearance on the show is a testament to the dedication he has shown to his craft and the support he has received throughout his studies. The course has played a key role in helping him refine his technical skills, build industry knowledge, and gain the confidence to work professionally within the sector. With the guidance of expert tutors and access to real-world work experience, Jamie has successfully secured employment in the make-up and media industry, an inspiring achievement for both him and the College.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Do you want to work in the Health and Social Care sector?

The industry offers experiences that give a great sense of personal fulfilment, job satisfaction and rewarding careers.



COURSES

Health and Social Care

1 2 3 D T

T Level in Health/Adult Nursing

3 D T

1 Level 1 2 Level 2 3 Level 3

D Dartford T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

Student Progression

Real-World Experience through NHS and Social Care Placements

Health students at North Kent College gain hands-on experience through work placements with a range of NHS Trusts, including Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust, and King's College NHS Trust, as well as various social care opportunities. These placements help develop the practical skills necessary for a successful career in health and social care.

Industry Progression

- Healthcare Assistant
- Care Support Worker
- Care Worker (residential, home, or day care)
- Senior Care Assistant
- Social Work Assistant
- Trainee Nursing Associate
- Healthcare Support Worker (NHS)
- Assistant in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, or mental health settings

WHY US?

1

State-of-the-art Assistive Living Suites

We have specialised environments equipped with cutting-edge tools designed to support individuals with disabilities in various settings, including education, healthcare, and independent living. We also have simulated hospital wards and care home environments.

2

Work Experience

Students take part in supervised placements tailored to their course level and programme. From observing professional practice to assisting with patient care, these experiences build confidence, practical skills, and may to further opportunities and positive employer feedback.

3

High Level Tech Facilities

Gain hands-on experience with high-tech facilities designed to support patients with conditions such as dementia and PTSD—equipping you with valuable, in-demand skills to boost your employability.

4

Workplace Ready Education

Discover our additional courses aimed at boosting your employability, such as our Level 3 course in Using Technology in Health and Care Environments. You'll benefit from access to our state-of-the-art Assisted Technology Suites, gaining hands-on experience with the latest digital tools used across the health and care sector.

HOSPITALITY & CATERING



Our modern professional catering facilities in Gravesend and Tonbridge include industry standard kitchens and service areas, two fully functioning restaurants, that are open to the public and highly equipped classrooms.

Professional industry placements are offered as part of your study programme and will enrich your knowledge of the industry and help you develop the skills required to work in the Hospitality and Catering industry.



COURSES

Catering - Professional Chef

1 G T

Catering - Professional Food Service

2 T

Catering - Advanced Professional Chef

2 G T

1 Level 1 2 Level 2 G Gravesend T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.



Recipe for Success: Former Student Shines on MasterChef

Hospitality and Catering Student Competes In The Chefs' Forum Student Pastry Chef of the Year 2023.

Former North Kent College student Chloe McCoy has gone from strength to strength since leaving the College in 2017.

And if she looks familiar that is because Chloe, who studied Professional Cookery at the College, reached the last six of the prestigious BBC One show MasterChef: The Professionals earlier this year, after entering the competition with 32 other up and coming chefs from across the country!

After graduating from the College, Chloe has gone on to work at prestigious restaurants such as the Michelin-starred Glasshouse, Duck and Waffle, The Georgian House and more recently Kitchen W8. Chloe currently works at The Tin Shed in Notting Hill.

The Culinary Academy

The Culinary Academy comprises of our Hospitality Curriculum, The Gallery Restaurant and The View Restaurant. You'll be part of the hospitality industry from day one!



At the moment hospitality is one of the most sought after professions. Good hospitality is in huge demand.

Duncan Weetman, Head of Curriculum, Hospitality and Catering



HOSPITALITY & EVENTS



Do you want to have an exciting career within the Events and Hospitality industry, and be part of one of the largest contributors to the UK economy?

This sector employs a vast array of opportunities as the sector continues to develop.

COURSES

Hospitality & Event Management

2 D

2 Level 2 D Dartford



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

In addition to meeting entry requirements, courses are subject to completing a taster day.

Future Careers

Business Development

Food & Beverage Service

Corporate Hospitality

Front of House Operations

Event Planner/Management

Hotel Management

Event Coordinator

Sales & Marketing

Work Experience

As part of the study programme the learners will be expected to undertake work experience within the Hospitality and Events Industry.

Industry placements are designed to give you the skills to start work at the end of your studies, progress into an Apprenticeship, or to add to your UCAS statement.

“

I would recommend studying at North Kent College because you will get the support needed to get you through your work when you're struggling, you will also meet great people and be given great opportunities such as work experience which the college will help you find.

Madeleine Groves, Level 3 Events and Hospitality
Progressed to Level 4 Travel Management

”

Course Trips

We enhance your knowledge through local trips to diverse businesses, fostering understanding of this vibrant sector. We also organise annual international trips to showcase global opportunities in events, travel, and business, offering insights that are distinct from those available within the UK.

These experiences give you a well-rounded perspective on various aspects of the industry and prepare you for a successful career.



LEGAL & OFFICE SUPPORT



Interested in a career in Administration?

Organised but need help prioritising a busy workload? Confident in IT but want to learn advanced Microsoft Office skills? Good communicator but not sure how to be an effective team player?

Apply for one of our one-year Administration for Legal & Professional Services courses. We will equip you with the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to excel as an administrator in the legal and professional services industries.

Our Level 2 course is suitable for Year 11 leavers who will be able to apply for one of our Level 3 Business Admin apprenticeships with a law firm in London or indeed through other sources. Our Level 3 course is suitable for Year 12 or 13 leavers who can take advantage of our strong links with legal recruiters to apply for full-time administrative roles.

COURSE

Legal Administration

2 3 D

2 Level 2 3 Level 3 D Dartford



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

Level 2 career options

Tabitha works at Hogan Lovells LLP as a Team Assistant Apprentice



Just one year after receiving my GCSE results, and thanks to completing the Level 2 Legal Administration course, I commenced employment at a London law firm as a Team Assistant Apprentice. My days are incredibly busy and no two days are ever the same – one day I can be working on billing and expenses, the next I can be creating bundles and running to Court to assist in cases!

The course really developed my skills and knowledge in preparation for the professional workplace and I have learnt so much since working at Hogan Lovells. I am on track to achieve the Level 3 Business Administrator qualification and my career aim is to progress to a Junior Personal Assistant role. I could not recommend the one-year Level 2 course and apprenticeship route more!



WHY US?

You will be taught by tutors who have gained their knowledge and experience first-hand from industry and professional backgrounds.

You will also be able to gain meaningful apprenticeships and employment, through our strong links with employers.

Level 3 career options

Jessie works at Linklaters LLP as a Personal Assistant



My favourite part of the Level 3 course was how much flexibility it offered, allowing me to use my free time to attend a work experience placement at another London law firm. There are countless opportunities to network and build connections with recruiters at top firms, such as work experience placements and presentation days, where employers would visit the college and educate us on what to expect when we joined professional firms ourselves.

For those looking into the Legal Administrative career path, my advice would be to utilise the support your tutors can provide you with. Their knowledge of the industry cannot be understated and I still use the tips and tricks from my time at college every day!



PUBLIC SERVICES



“ It doesn't just cover one job you want to do, it covers all the services.

Madison, Public Services Level 3

It offers a lot of exciting services; I joined college because I wanted to go straight into the fire services, and this is the quickest way for me to do that.

” Jonathan, Public Services Level 3

COURSES

Entry to the Uniformed Services **1** **2** **3** **D**

Entry to the Uniformed Services **3** **T**

1 Level 1 **2** Level 2 **3** Level 3

D Dartford **T** Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

**APPLY
NOW**

Future Careers

Air Force

British Army

Firefighter

HM Border Force

Royal Navy

Police Officer

Prison Officer

Higher Education

Would you like to study criminology, policing or criminal investigation at University?

You can make that choice once you achieve the Level 3 diplomas we offer here at college. The world is then your oyster!



SPORTS



Our Facilities

You will have access to state-of-the-art facilities at North Kent College's Dartford campus, delivered in our £22million Osterberg Sports Centre. Including a large multi-purpose sports hall, sports fields, a strength and conditioning room and fitness centre.

Our Sports Massage suite/clinic provides an excellent simulated work experience environment for all students involved in the Personal Training and Sports Science programmes.



Personal Training
& Sports Science



Sports Coaching
& Performance

COURSES

Sports Coaching & Performance

Sports Coaching **2** **3** **D**

Sports Performance & Mentoring **3** **D**

Personal Training & Sports Science

Fitness Coaching **2** **D**

Sport Exercise and Fitness **2** **D** **T**

Sport & Exercise Science **3** **D** **T**

Sport - Personal Training **3** **D**

2 Level 2 **3** Level 3 **D** Dartford **T** Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.



Football Academy

Do you have serious aspirations about playing football at the highest level whilst continuing your academic studies? Scan here for more information.



Future Careers

Gym Instructor

Sports Psychologist

Football Management

Sports Therapist

Personal Trainer

PE Teacher

Sports Nutritionist



I am really enjoying my course and looking forward to learning more at NKC. The College has lots to offer and the staff are always friendly.

My piece of advice would be 'If you have a dream don't give up on it'.

Max Wheeler, Sport Exercise & Fitness



TRAVEL & TOURISM



**APPLY
NOW**



Our Facilities

We offer a unique learning environment with extensive resources and the latest facilities to enhance your learning experience.

Our resources include a mock-up aeroplane for a real-life cabin crew learning experience.

COURSES

Vocational Studies

1 D

Travel & Tourism

2 3 D T

1 Level 1

2 Level 2

3 Level 3

D Dartford

T Tonbridge



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

In addition to meeting entry requirements, courses are subject to completing a taster day.



We have amazing facilities, including our very own mock cabin.

Course Trips

We enhance your knowledge through local trips to diverse businesses, fostering understanding of this vibrant sector.

Additionally, we organise annual international trips to showcase global opportunities in events, travel, and business, offering insights that are distinct from those available within the UK.

Our comprehensive residential and day trip programme to long-haul, short-haul, and UK destinations provides a broad understanding of career opportunities, the industry, and the principles of responsible and sustainable tourism.

These experiences give you a well-rounded perspective on various aspects of the industry and prepare you for a successful career.

Future Careers

Cabin Crew

Ground Crew

Hotel Management

Resort Representative

Tour Guide

Travel Agent

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION



Access to Higher Education Diplomas are qualifications that will prepare you for entry into university, if you do not already have the traditional entry requirements.

Access courses are for anyone over the age of 19 who wants to gain a relevant Level 3 qualification to move on to an undergraduate programme at university or North Kent College.

COURSE

Access to Nursing
& Healthcare

Level **3**

Dartford

Our Access course has a high success rate of getting our students into university and ultimately into their dream job. It can be difficult coming back into education after some time away, but we understand this and are able to fully support you with this transition.

We will guide you through the course to develop your academic skills and knowledge as well as developing your research techniques and understanding of referencing systems. We will get you back into the mind-set for writing essays and thinking from an academic perspective, which you will need at university level.

“

My College experience was empowering - supportive tutors, a well-structured Access course, and a positive learning environment gave me the skills and confidence to progress to university and qualify as a midwife.

If you're unsure about returning to education, take the leap — this College is the perfect starting point. It transformed my life. I went from self-doubt to becoming a qualified midwife.

Sarah Kruger
Access to Nursing and Healthcare Professions

”

If you have never studied at Level 3 (A Levels) or above, and are aged 19-23 years, there are no tuition fees for these courses. If you're aged 19+ and have studied at Level 3, the Advanced Learner Loan can be applied for from Student Finance England.

Please note:

Once you complete your University course your Access loans are written off. However, you will need to go straight to University without gap years, for the loan to be written off.

Future careers

Nurse

Psychologist

Residential Care Worker

Social Worker

Midwife

Paramedic

Counsellor

Physiotherapist





HADLOW COURSES



Kent's Only
Rural and
Land-Based
College



WHY US?

Our main Campus is set in beautiful surroundings within a large managed estate including over 265 acres of prime arable land, woodland, commercial farms, established show gardens and horticultural glasshouses, lakes and other natural habitats.

Situated in the heart of the picturesque Kent countryside and yet within easy reach of central London and the coast, there really is no better place to study. Surrounded by farms and fields and on the edge of a pretty Kentish village, you won't find a more charming place to spend your time.

Brand new sustainable orchard and vineyard and state-of-the-art glasshouses

The farm has a working beef herd of around 50 head of cattle plus more than 600 sheep. We also have over 60 horses in support of our Equine studies.

Hadlow College has a proud heritage within the land-based sector. It is a special place with links to the local community and close ties with professionals in Agriculture and Horticulture.



For over 50 years we have been based at our current site, just outside of Tonbridge, Kent and our history can be traced back over 100 years. Former students have won major prizes in several prestigious national events and are a key part in the county's rural economy.

Here at Hadlow we teach transferable skills that lead to real world jobs and work closely with farmers and growers to make sure those skills remain relevant and up-to-date. We remain an integral part of the community and are aspirational on behalf of our students.

We offer a wide range of subjects including, Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Animal Management, Equestrian Studies, Horticulture, Floristry, Fisheries and Aquaculture. We also offer our NKC Hadlow courses in Motor Vehicle, Motorcycle and Motorsports and Carpentry and Joinery. We also offer 180 high standard units of student accommodation which brings the campus to life for Further and Higher education students.

An exciting new development is the creation of our new "robotic orchard and vineyard". Aimed at promoting sustainability, now a vital part of land-based industries, our cutting edge orchard has been planted with vines and stone fruits and will enable students to use and learn about automated spraying, robotic harvesting and the use of drones for mapping yield.

Take a look through the courses on offer and we recommend you consider attending one of the recruitment events across the year so you can see our facilities and speak to our tutors.

COURSES

Agriculture	1 2 3 (H)
Agricultural Engineering	3 (H)
Animal Management	1 2 3 (H)
Equestrian Studies	1 2 3 (H)
Fisheries Management	3 (H)
Floristry	2 (H)
Horticulture	1 2 3 (H)

NKC HADLOW COURSES

Construction

Carpentry & Joinery	1 2 (H)
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Motor Vehicle

Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	2 3 (H)
Motor Sport	1 2 3 (H)
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1 (H)
Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2 3 (H)

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(H) Hadlow



Agriculture



Agricultural Engineering



Animal Management



Construction



Equine Management



Fisheries Management



Floristry

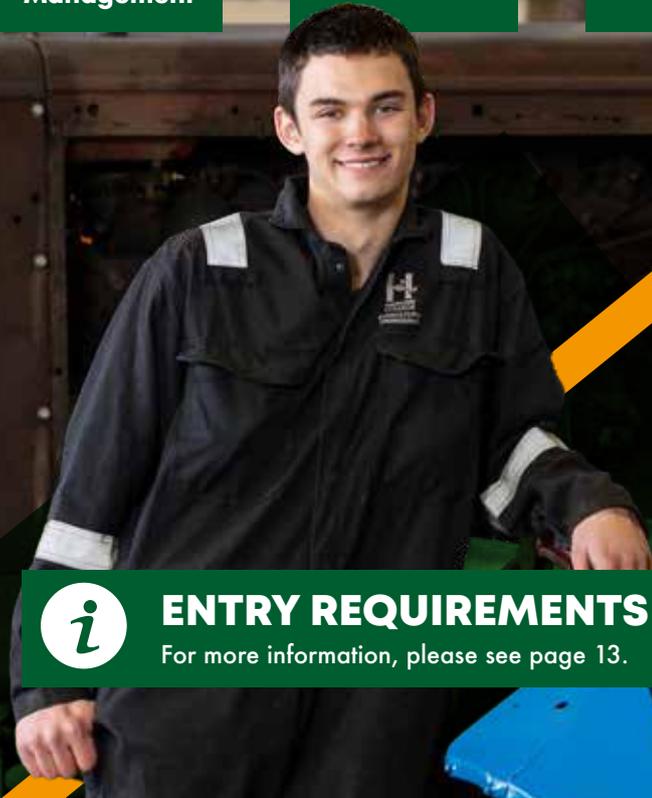


Horticulture



Motor Vehicle

APPLY NOW



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information, please see page 13.

HOW TO APPLY

Scan to
apply using
our online
application
form





**APPLY
NOW**

Apply for a Course

Once you have decided on one or more courses that you're interested in, you can apply via our website, using our online application form.

Choosing the Right Course

If you're not sure what you want to study, you can browse our website, which has a comprehensive guide to the courses we offer. You can also book an appointment to see one of our careers advisers who are based at our Dartford, Gravesend and Tonbridge campuses.

When to Apply

Applications open early in October and we would advise you to apply as soon as possible as some course places are limited and we don't want you to miss out. Late applications will be considered, however spaces cannot be guaranteed.

What Happens Next?

Your application will be processed and we'll ask you to come in for an interview; this will be to make sure that you're applying for the right course. You may need to take an entry test, but don't worry it's only to determine what level you're at. You may need to bring examples of work, but you'll be told this prior to your interview. Once accepted, we'll send you a email to confirm your place.

Enrolment

You will be invited in to enrol at the end of August. You will be advised when to come in and what to bring with you. Once you've enrolled, you will officially be a student with us!

Applying for Higher Education

If you are applying for one of our undergraduate Higher Education programmes, you will need to apply via UCAS. Please see our website for more information.

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ALUMNI SUCCESS

Brooke Gavin

Level 3 Light Motor Vehicle Mechanics Apprenticeship

Brooke worked for Beck Evans as an Apprentice Technician, whilst studying at the College, a role she moved to permanently after completing her apprenticeship.

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The workshop facilities at the College are fantastic, there's such a variety of vehicles to work on and you have access to all the tools you require to learn.

My whole College experience has been remarkable. North Kent College has prepared me for the Automotive Industry and allowed me to follow my chosen career path successfully. I would highly recommend studying at the College.

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Nathan Palmer

Media

Nathan Palmer studied media at the College way back in 2003, and it has led to a globetrotting career that has seen him travel the world and rub shoulders with celebrities such as Simon Cowell, Cheryl Cole and Katy Perry!

Since leaving the College, Nathan has since gone on to produce some of the most famous TV shows in the world and now lives in New York.

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Studying at the College gave me hands on, unforgettable experience in directing, editing and producing. All of which set me up to enter the daunting TV industry with more confidence.

When entering a competitive world such as the media industry, it is important to remember no path is simple and it's okay to learn skills (and make mistakes!) along the way.

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Jacob Tidy

Level 3 Motorsport and Vehicle Technology

Jacob studied Level 3 Motorsport and Vehicle Technology at North Kent College from 2019 to 2021 and now works as a Composite Technician for McLaren Formula 1 team.

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The tutors, the support and the facilities at NKC were great and the Motorsport tutors helped me to better myself in the industry and gave me the necessary skills to take the next step.

College was a good learning curve before going into my career, I made new friends and learnt new skills, which allowed me to reach my full potential.

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Sileena Farrell

Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science

Studied Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science from 2020 to 2022, and it has lead her on quite a path. She is currently in the USA on a Track and Field Scholarship.

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The best three things about studying at NKC was the encouragement from the teachers, the variety of coursework for the course and the practical aspect of the course.

College has helped me pave the way to becoming a physiotherapist and has helped me to earn money while studying to gain my physiotherapist degree.

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Cleo Collins

Level 3 Motorsport & Vehicle Technology

Studied Level 3 Motorsport & Vehicle Technology from 2020 to 2022 and it has already paid dividends, she now works for the Alpine F1 Team, and is the Number 1 Mechanic for the Race Support Team.



NKC offered a great course and it was within travelling distance from where I lived in North London.

The lecturers were all so passionate about their roles and had a great understanding of teaching and knowledge. I enjoyed the workshop days, we had the opportunity to learn amongst ourselves and team and help each other out with a wide variety of knowledge between us students.

I had a lot of practical experience prior to choosing to go for a motorsport course however, when looking at jobs in the career I wanted to do, I noticed a lot of employers wanted to see a motorsport qualification. It certainly helped me in my career to obtain the jobs I wanted.



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more alumni
success stories
on our website!





Connor Furlong

BTEC Level 4 HNC in Computing

Connor, who studied BTEC Level 4 HNC Computing at Dartford from 2020 to 2021, has gone on to work in various sectors thanks to his qualification, including Education, TV Production, PR and Marketing and Art Galleries, which included a stint working at an Art Gallery in Spain!



Studying computing at NKC gave me a strong foundation in IT and problem-solving, which has been invaluable throughout my career. The hands-on approach to learning all aspects of Computing in IT, combined with the supportive teaching staff, helped me develop the technical skills and confidence needed to progress in the industry.

I particularly appreciated the project planning elements of the course, which prepared me well for real-world IT projects and gave me confidence to deal with communication with VIPs within companies.



Jacob Sarsam

Level 3 Professional Cookery

Jacob spent three years training to be a chef at North Kent College after he finished Sixth Form in 2016. After working in some large catering operations in the UK, he moved to Antarctica in 2022 where he currently works as the Head Chef at the BAS Rothera Research Station!



Going to North Kent College has done a lot for me, and it helped me build a skillset that aided me in achieving my goal of working in the Antarctic. I hope my story helps current students' realise how far their skills can take them.



STUDENT WELFARE

Careers Advice

Our qualified Careers Advisers are available all year-round to help students with impartial, confidential guidance and advice with career choices and planning Higher Education and job applications.

Counselling

College comes with more independence and therefore more responsibility and we know that sometimes life in general can be difficult. Our Counsellors run a confidential and non-judgemental service to help students when they need to talk, whether it's an emotional or personal difficulty. They support our students in enhancing their emotional well-being, and nurturing personal growth.

Equal Opportunities

We're committed to the active pursuit of equal opportunities, which is based on the needs and rights of everyone in the College to be treated with respect and dignity. The College aims to ensure that no prospective or existing student, or member of staff receives less favourable treatment on any grounds, including; age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origins, creed, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, sex, marital or parental status, political belief or social or economic class. We continue to encourage the inclusion of students with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Disability

The College is committed to responding positively to the needs of all students so that they are able to access a broad offer of curriculum. Specialist staff are available to advise lecturers on appropriate support for individual students and groups.

Student Support

The transition from school to college is an important step and we have a variety of support in place to help young people make the most of their time at college.

Personal Tutors

Every student is allocated a personal tutor for their studies who can assist with academic study related questions, target setting to help ensure achievement and success and to support pastoral needs.

SEN Support

The Learning Support & Inclusion team provides support to students who have an EHCP (Education, Health & Care Plan). There may also be additional support for students with disabilities and for those students with specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia, if supporting evidence is provided.



If you would like further information or to talk to someone about Inclusion and Learning Support, please scan the QR to visit our website.



STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Visit:
[www.gov.uk/
care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn)
for more
information



Money and finance doesn't have to be a worrying experience. We want your transition into college to be as smooth as possible. Therefore, we have plenty of information available to help you to understand what costs are involved and how you can find out if you are eligible for any financial support. Don't forget that there are no tuition fees for full-time Further Education courses if you're aged 16-18 years.

Students who are on a full-time course (funded either by the government or via a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan) may be entitled to financial assistance from the College's discretionary bursary which can help with course-related costs and travel to and from college. Bursaries are individually tailored depending on the course the student is studying, where they live and how they travel to college.

The bursary is only a contribution towards course-related costs and travel, so will not necessarily cover the full amount. These costs could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Course contribution/course materials fee applicable to your course
- Essential books, kit, uniform or equipment required for your course
- Free college meals - subject to meeting the criteria set by the Government
- Travel allowance (depending on where you live and the number of days you attend college). Please see website for further information
- Childcare costs for one child only for students aged 20 or above. Students under the age of 20 should apply for the National Care to Learn Scheme for assistance with childcare via the college bursary



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TIMELINE

September 2025

Start thinking about your options.

Grab a School Leavers' Guide and browse through our course offer – also online at www.northkent.ac.uk

October – November 2025

Time to visit and apply!

Visit our open events! Come and talk to tutors and students about life at NKC and your next steps after school.

Explore our campuses, take tours of our state-of-the-art facilities. You can apply on the day! Once you have applied you'll start to receive our VIP e-shots every month to keep you up-to-date with College life.

December 2025 – February 2026

Got any questions? Now is the time to talk and research.

Seen us at your school? Make sure you keep in contact. If you've already applied we'll be in touch with an interview date. Once you've interviewed we'll be in touch with an offer (* which ultimately depends on your GCSE results).

We also offer Campus Tours in these months so if you missed our Open Day you can book on these online.





February – March 2026

Visit us and apply!

Visit our open events! Another chance to come along to talk to us. View our state-of-the-art facilities, take campus tours and talk to tutors and students about life at NKC and your next steps after school. You can apply on the day! Once you've applied you'll start to receive our VIP e-shots every month to keep you up-to-date with College life.

March – April 2026

Revision Time.

Exams are approaching and it's revision time! Keep an eye on our website for all the top revision tips and tricks! All your hard work will pay off – so make sure to take time for yourself too during this busy period.



May – June 2026

Best of luck!

Good Luck in your exams! Wishing you the very best of luck with your upcoming exams. We're waiting to hear how you got on and will offer any support needed.

September 2026

Welcome to North Kent College!

Congratulations you are now a fully fledged NKC student! It's official and your start date will be given to you at enrolment along with your ID badge. We look forward to welcoming you and the start of your next chapter here with us at NKC. Thanks for choosing us!

August 2026

It's results time! Enrolment – here you come.

Got your results – we hope you got just what you wanted. However, don't panic if you didn't or they weren't quite as expected.

We offer courses that start at entry level, so if you don't quite make the grades you expected, don't worry, there'll still be options for you. Or alternatively if you get better grades than expected we'll look at all the options for you.

July 2026

Summer Time – Go and enjoy yourself.

It's time to go and enjoy your Summer break! During the Summer, you will be receiving a letter inviting you to enrolment in August – exciting times ahead! Remember any questions we're still here to help over Summer. Just give us a call.



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