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# School Leavers' Guide

2023/24



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Gravesend  
Tonbridge



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achievement rates in 2019.

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# Welcome to North Kent College



## **A Welcome from the Chief Executive and Executive Principal**

I am delighted to introduce the 2023/24 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 portfolio 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 channels. Don't just take our word for it though make sure to watch the student testimonials and video interviews to find out why they 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 2023 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](http://www.northkent.ac.uk/events)

## 2022

### **Dartford Campus**

Tuesday 18th October: 3:30pm–7:30pm

### **Gravesend Campus**

Thursday 20th October: 3:30pm–7:30pm

### **Tonbridge Campus**

Tuesday 8th November: 3:30pm–7:30pm

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### **Hadlow Campus Open Morning**

Saturday 5th November: 10am–1pm

### **Greenwich Equestrian Centre Open Morning**

Saturday 5th November: 10am–1pm

## 2023

### **February / March Open Events**

Please keep an eye on our website and socials for details.





# Where are we?

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## 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



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## Hadlow College

Tonbridge Road, Hadlow  
Kent TN11 0AL



## How to get here...

See page 134 for information on how to get to our campuses.





London

Dartford

1

2

Gravesend

Sidcup

Bromley

Longfield

West  
Kingsdown

West Malling

Westerham

Sevenoaks

Hadlow

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Tonbridge

Staplehurst

Royal  
Tunbridge  
Wells

Getting to  
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North Kent College's portfolio incorporates Hadlow College, which is our rural and land-based college.

We offer 4 unique campuses which include: Dartford, Gravesend, Tonbridge and Hadlow. All of our campuses serve their local communities, and each individual campus has its own unique identity.

## **North Kent College Courses at Hadlow**

Some of our North Kent College, General Further Education courses run from our Hadlow College Campus in our brand-new state-of-the-art workshops.

Carpentry & Joinery.....See page 44

Motor Vehicle, Motorsport  
and Motorcycle.....See page 50







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# Reasons to be part of NKC

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## 1 **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 an adult learning environment.



## 2 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, Miskin Theatre and Miskin Spa.

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## 3 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.

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## 4 Ranked 2nd place nationally

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## 5 'Good' rating from Ofsted 2017

NKC prides itself on the fact that we provide you with an education that fully supports the start or change of your career after your GCSEs, A Levels or even later in life. The College is rated by Ofsted as 'Good'. With job-realistic facilities, great teaching and links to employers, we ensure that you will get the training that will make you a desirable candidate for employers and will strengthen university applications.

## 6 Progression routes

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

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## 7 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.

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## 8 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.

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## 9 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).



# Facilities at North Kent College

North Kent College comprises of three campuses located across the county of Kent, Dartford Gravesend and Tonbridge. We offer vocational courses and all of our campuses have distinct workplace-like qualities where students can train in industry standard facilities which prepare them for employment.



## 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 performance spaces, digital design classrooms and workshops, and a new food court and social zone serving the whole College campus.

**NEW!**





## Dartford Campus

Our Dartford Campus is located slightly out of the town centre on Oakfield Lane and the campus has several green open space areas for students to enjoy.

Our Dartford Campus offers students and staff a FREE Shuttle Bus service from Dartford station running regularly in term times.

The campus boasts the highly acclaimed Miskin Theatre and our brand new industry leading state-of-the-art Miskin Creative and Performance Studios (opened in September 2022). We also host our own radio station and shows on-site from our very own Miskin studios.

We also offer excellent sports and fitness facilities located at the "Osterberg Centre." So called Osterberg because part of the Oakfield Lane Campus was purchased in 1895 by Martina Bergman-Österberg, who created a physical training college specialising in gymnastics for girls and young women. She is also credited for the introduction of the use of gymslips for women playing sports, and played a key role in the early development of netball. Physical education continued on the site until 1986.

We have a Learning Technology Centre which is a fabulous resource for both study and leisure. We also have a Student Zone for our students as a place to relax and have fun with their friends between lessons. We offer our smaller cafeteria called The Atrium Cafe and our main restaurant and snack bar area, called The Food Court, which can accommodate over 200 students. Both offer great deals on breakfast, lunch and snacks.



## Gravesend Campus

Our Gravesend Campus is located slightly outside of the town centre and hosts a blend of courses for vocational trades and specialist careers which give it a distinct workplace-like quality.

The campus also boasts The National Maritime Training Centre which is a leading provider of maritime education and practical training, providing up to date equipment and expert training using dedicated specialist classrooms, a Fire Training Ground and Thameside Jetty.

In the Construction and Engineering workshops there are types of equipment and workplace practices that mirror the best employers in the industry along with workshops for Engineering, Plumbing, Brickwork and many more trades.

In Motor Vehicle, Catering and Hairdressing operations you will see customers being served to the standards that market leaders expect in the real world.

We offer our main restaurant called "The Canteen" and snack bar area. Both offer great deals on breakfast, lunch and snacks.

We have a Learning Technology Centre which is a fabulous resource for both study and leisure.

The campus also hosts state-of-the-art classrooms, a commercial restaurant (The Gallery), and a swimming pool.

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**300  
SEAT  
AUDITORIUM**

## Tonbridge Campus

Our Tonbridge Campus, is located on Brook Street and within walking distance of the station.

The state-of-the-art campus offers students the benefit from new buildings, including a fantastic auditorium (media and arts centre) seating over 300 people, providing a flexible teaching and performing space for our Misken Music, Dance and Theatre.

There are light and airy art and design studios, photography studios and a darkroom and a well-equipped learning resource centre.

We offer our main restaurant called "The Brook Street Restaurant" and a snack bar area called "Brook Street Café". Both offer great deals on breakfast, lunch and snacks

The campus also offers a commercial restaurant called The View and hair and beauty salons which are open to the public.

We have a Learning Technology Centre which is a fabulous resource for both study and leisure.

There are a range of facilities open to staff, students, and the public, including hairdressing and beauty salons and a restaurant with a stunning view over the Weald.



# 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.



## Student Ambassador Scheme

You can join our Student Ambassador Scheme where you can collect points to receive great prizes.

Join up and get involved with Open Days, Learner Council, blog writing, social promotional videos, and much more!





# Qualifications Explained

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## 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.

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## 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 university.

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## VRQ (Vocationally Related 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.

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## City and Guilds

These are job-based qualifications that are specifically designed to improve the work skills of employees and are suitable if the career you want requires a practical based training programme, or is ideal if you're already in a job and need to further your skills.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.





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### Professional Qualifications

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

### GCSE English & maths

It is a Government requirement that all 16-18 year old students who have not yet passed GCSE English and maths with at least Grade 4 or C, to continue to study English and maths from the age of 16. Students who come to us with a Grade 3 or D at GCSE will receive support throughout the year to be able to re-take their GCSE in the Summer term. Students with a Grade 2 or E or below will be enrolled on Functional Skills programmes in English and maths which act as a stepping stone towards taking the GCSE in future years.

### Work Placements

The industry placement scheme particularly, is designed to give students on Level 2 & 3 courses, approximately 50 days of relevant and substantive industry placements.

## GCSE Grading Structure

9	A*
8	
7	A
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6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
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2	E
1	F
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**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.**

# Entry requirements



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Level of Study	Equivalent to	Qualifications Offered
<b>ENTRY LEVEL</b>	2 GCSEs at Grade 2-1	Entry Level Courses
<b>LEVEL 1</b>	4 GCSEs at grade 3-1 NVQ Level , BTEC Introductory Diploma	BTEC, Diplomas, NVQs
<b>LEVEL 2</b>	4 GCSEs at Grades 9-4 BTEC Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, NVQs
<b>LEVEL 3</b>	A Levels, NVQ Level 3, Access	UALs, BTECs, Diplomas, NVQs
<b>LEVEL 4</b>	HNC, Foundation Degree, NVQ Level 4 or UAL Level 4	Foundation Degree, HNC, UALs
<b>LEVEL 5</b>	HND, Foundation Degree (Year 1), NVQ Level 5	Foundation Degree (Year 1), HND
<b>LEVEL 6</b>	Degree (Year 2)	Degree (Year 2)

## Entry Requirements

No GCSEs or  
formal qualifications required.  
Entry via Interview

You should have  
at least 2 GCSEs  
at grades 2-1

2 GCSEs at Grade 3 in core subjects.  
For specialist trades, you may need a  
Level 1 City and Guilds or NVQ

Usually 4 or 5 GCSEs at 9-4,  
BTEC First Diploma with Merit,  
NVQ Level 2, UAL or equivalent

You must be over 18  
and have a relevant  
Level 3 qualification

You must be over 18  
and have a relevant  
Level 3 or 4 qualification

This is a Degree Level  
qualification and you must have a relevant  
Level 5 qualification

## Progression Options

**LEVEL 1**

**LEVEL 2**

**LEVEL 3**

**LEVEL 4**

**LEVEL 5**

**LEVEL 6**  
Degree

**LEVEL 7**  
Masters



# T-LEVELS

## THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Scan for more  
information



### What are T Levels?

T Levels are new courses for 16-18 year olds which follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A levels. These 2-year courses, have been developed working with employers so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships.

T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days). Students get valuable experience in the workplace and employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

### T Levels include:

- Technical knowledge and practical skills specific to the student's chosen industry or occupation
- An industry placement of at least 45 days in their chosen industry or occupation
- Relevant English and maths skills
- Common workplace skills

Students who achieve a T Level will get a nationally recognised certificate which employers will use as evidence in their recruitment. T Levels will offer students a mixture of classroom or workshop-based learning and 'on-the-job' experience.

### What can I study?

T Levels have been introduced gradually around the country, and North Kent College offers: **Construction, Engineering and manufacturing, Legal, Childcare, Healthcare and Land/Animal Management** T Level qualifications.

### Who are we working with?

North Kent College continues to develop opportunities for high quality work placements, a small selection of who we collaborate with is listed below:

- Berkeley Modular Ltd
- Willmott Dixon
- Ebbsfleet Development Corporation
- Wire Belt Company Ltd

We're planning to offer more T Levels in the future, do keep an eye on our website as other subjects are made available.

### Next Steps after T-Levels?











Once you have achieved your T Level, you will be able to choose between:


















- A skilled occupation
- Higher or degree level apprenticeships
- Studying at university
- Contact us now to find out more about T- Levels















































# What courses where?











Business & Computing	Level	Campus
Accounting	2 & 3	
Business	2	
Business	3	 
Computing	1, 2 & 3	
Computing	2, 3 4 & 5	
eSports	3	
Gaming	2 & 3	
Legal Secretary	2 & 3	
T Level – Legal Services	3	






Construction & Engineering	Level	Campus
Access to Building Services	1	
Brickwork	1 & 2	
Carpentry & Joinery	1 & 2	 
Electrical Installation	1 & 2	 
Engineering	1, 2, 3 & 4	
Motor Vehicle	Entry Level 3 1, 2 & 3	 
Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	2 & 3	
Motor Sport	2 & 3	
Multi-trades	1	
Painting & Decorating	1	
Plumbing & Heating	1 & 2	 
Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning	1 & 2	
T Level – Technical qualification in Construction, Design, Surveying and Planning	3	


	<b>Dartford</b>		<b>Gravesend</b>
	<b>Hadlow</b>		<b>Tonbridge</b>

Creative Industries	Level	Campus
Acting	2 & 3	 
Acting	4	
Animation & VFX	3 & 4	
Art & Design	1, 2, 3 & 4	 
Craft & Textiles	3	
Creative Digital Design	2	
Dance & Musical Theatre	2 & 3	 
Dance & Musical Theatre	4	
Digital Design Architecture & Interior Design	3	
Digital Journalism	3	
Fashion	2 & 3	 
Fashion	4	
Graphic Design & Illustration	2 & 3	 
Graphic Design & Illustration	4	
Media	2 & 4	
Media	3	 
Music Performance	2 & 3	 
Music Technology	2 & 3	
Music Voice	2 & 3	
Music	4	
Photography	2, 3 & 4	 
Technical Theatre	2 & 4	
Technical Theatre	3	 
TV & Film	3	
UAL 3D Design	4	

Early Years & Care	Level	Campus
Early Years	2 & 3	 
Healthcare	1, 2 & 3	 
T Level – Education and Childcare	3	 
T Level – Healthcare	3	 








Hair & Beauty	Level	Campus
Barbering	2	
Beauty Therapy	1 & 2	 
Beauty Therapy & Spa Therapy	3	 
Hair	1, 2 & 3	  
Media Make-Up	2 & 3	
Theatrical Make-Up	3	
Hair & Media Make-Up	2	

Hospitality & Catering	Level	Campus
Professional Food Service	1 & 2	 
Professional Chef's	1 & 2	 
Professional Cookery	3	

Public Services	Level	Campus
Policing	3	
Public Services Diploma – Military / Community	3	 
Uniformed Services	1	
Uniformed Services	2	 
Uniformed Services	3	

Science	Level	Campus
Science	3	

Sport	Level	Campus
Football Coaching	2 & 3	
Personal Training	3	
Sport	1, 2 & 3	
Sports Coaching	2	
Sport Education and Training	4	
Sport & Exercise Science	3	
Sports Massage Therapy	3	
Sport Mentoring – Sport Science	3	

Travel, Tourism & Events	Level	Campus
Hospitality & Event Planning	2	
Hospitality & Event Management	3	
Tourism Management	3	
Travel & Tourism	1	
Travel & Tourism	2 & 3	 
Travel & Tourism	4	

Access to Higher Education	Level	Campus
Access to Nursing & Healthcare	3	







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# Options after your GCSEs

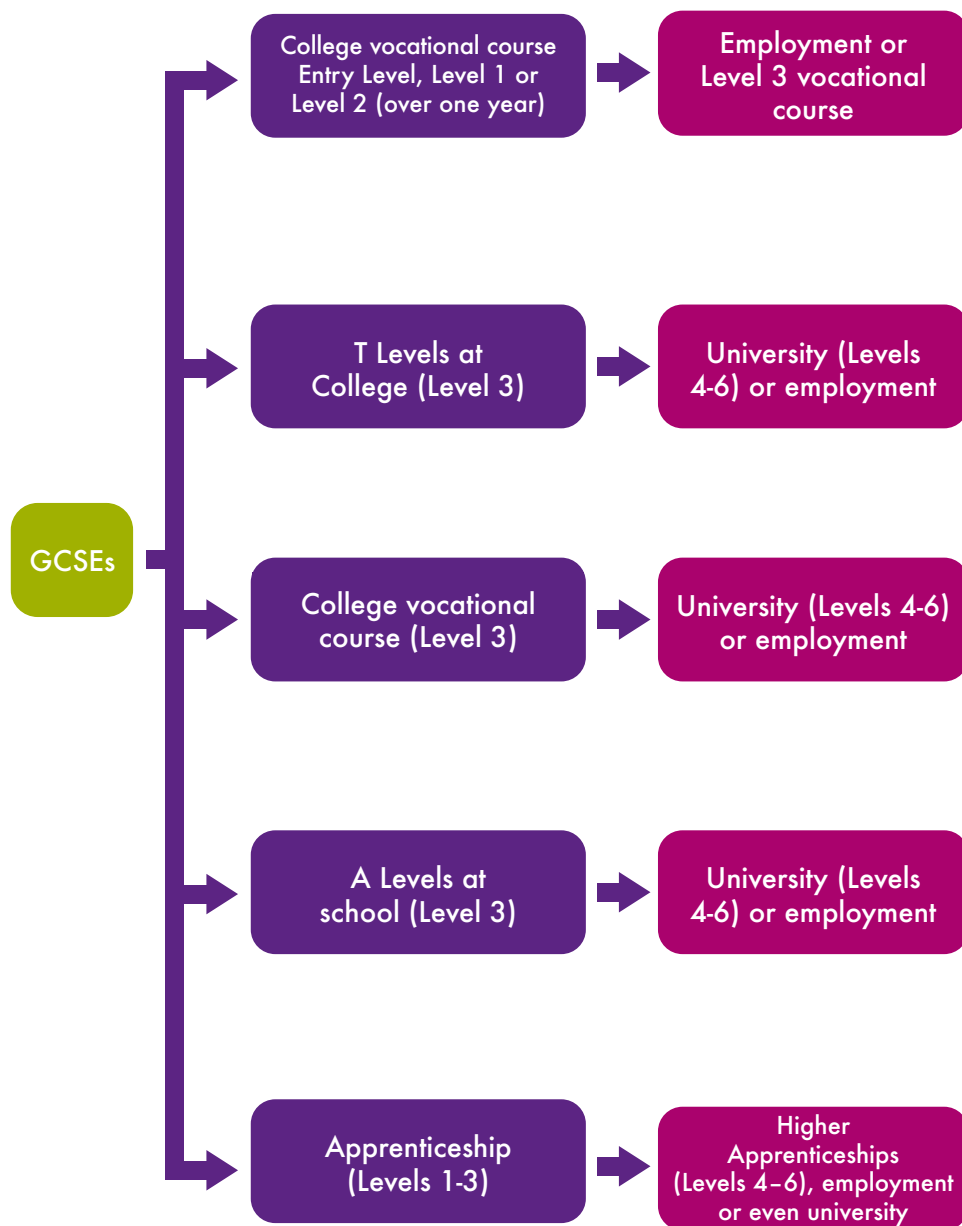
There are many options after your GCSEs, from vocational programmes, to A Levels, to apprenticeships and they can all lead to your chosen career, but what are the best routes for you? Here's an idea of the paths you can take.

## 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 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 university.



# 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 being career-ready at the end of your course. Our students can work with employers around their college timetable (\*only applicable to certain courses) to gain consistent, long-term experience and exposure in their desired industry.

Placements are available to students aged 16-18 (or SEN students up to the age of 24) on Level 2 or 3 courses, and a selection process is in place to find placements that best fit both students and employers.

If you want to complete a work placement, you'll get the chance to work with some successful local Small, Medium Enterprises (SMEs), prestigious organisations in and around London or innovative start-ups, all relevant to the qualification you're studying.

You'll be expected to complete a placement of approximately 50 days over the year, either 1 or 2 days a week whilst you are not timetabled to be at college. The placement forms the perfect complement to the education programme because they are with employers that are highly relevant to your studies and appropriate to your end qualification. You'll also receive careers advice, help with writing CVs and application forms and developing interview techniques. You'll attend three Pre-Employment Training (PET) sessions with experts from the Bluewater Learning Shop to make sure you know what to expect in the workplace and what will be expected of you.







**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 NKC

## 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 leading Land-based 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.

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## 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 – £5.28 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 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
- AAT Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Customer Services
- Construction
- Carpentry & Wood Occupations
- Painting & Decorating
- Engineering
- Motor Vehicle
- Lean Manufacturing
- Welding
- Service Industries, Education & Health
- Catering – Commis Chef
- Catering – Hospitality Team Member
- Hairdressing at The Lee Stafford Academy
- Dental Nursing
- Marine & Maritime Industries
- Maritime Officer of the Watch
- Maritime Studies
- Maritime Studies (Boat Master Licence)

### Hadlow Land-based

- Golf Greenkeeper
- Advanced Greenkeeper
- Golf Course Manager
- Horticulture Operative
- Landscape Operative
- Horticulture/Landscape Supervisor
- Sports Turf Operative
- Crop Technician

# 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:

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

## 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](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

## or visit our apprenticeship vacancy page at:

[www.northkent.ac.uk/  
apprenticeships](http://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.

## From £5,950

Our undergraduate tuition fees start from just £2,700 for General Engineering and from £5,950 for all other courses. We can offer you the same standard of education as a university at a fraction of the cost!

## 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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See more information  
on our Higher Education



# Business

**A** Apprenticeships available.  
See page 30.



■ Dartford  
■ Tonbridge

**Do you dream of setting up your own company, managing a department in a large corporation, or perhaps growing an existing business? If so, you will need the core skills our Business course can offer you.**

You will learn about how businesses are created and structured and the impact of the wider world on business success. You will learn the skills and qualities required to work effectively in a business environment such as meeting deadlines, teamwork, budgeting, project management and marketing. Our Business course shows you how to develop

employability skills, such as analysing information, critical thinking and problem solving, working collaboratively and people skills. Plus, emotional intelligence, negotiation and persuasion skills, and building leadership qualities.

In addition to the above, at Level 3, you will also be introduced to the concept of marketing in business. You will investigate various aspects of internet marketing, drawing on the experiences of contrasting businesses. You will learn methods of attracting and keeping customers. The course will also equip you with knowledge on how to create promotional campaigns, by examining the role of advertising agencies and the media.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
NCFE Business*	2	<span style="color: #00838f;">■</span>
NCFE Business*	3	<span style="color: #00838f;">■</span>
NCFE Business	3	<span style="color: #800080;">■</span>



**What level  
can I join?**

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.



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## **\*What is The Corporate Hub?**

The Corporate Hub encompasses our Business, Finance and Legal & Office Support courses, 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.

## **Future careers**

Banking & Finance

Business Administration

Customer Service & Sales

Entrepreneurship

Digital Marketing

Events Management

Project Management

Property Management

# Computing



## ■ Tonbridge

**Computing & Games Development** is offered at Dartford Campus: see page 38.

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

The courses are designed to meet the needs of the individuals as well as industry and commerce. We have a high level of achievement and progression into employment, higher education and have prominent

recognition with employers. Are you interested in working in the games industry, designing, developing, and building video games? Then we have courses for you.

For our computing courses, you will develop a common core of IT knowledge and study areas such as the relationship between hardware and software that form an IT system, managing and processing data to support business and using IT to communicate and share information.

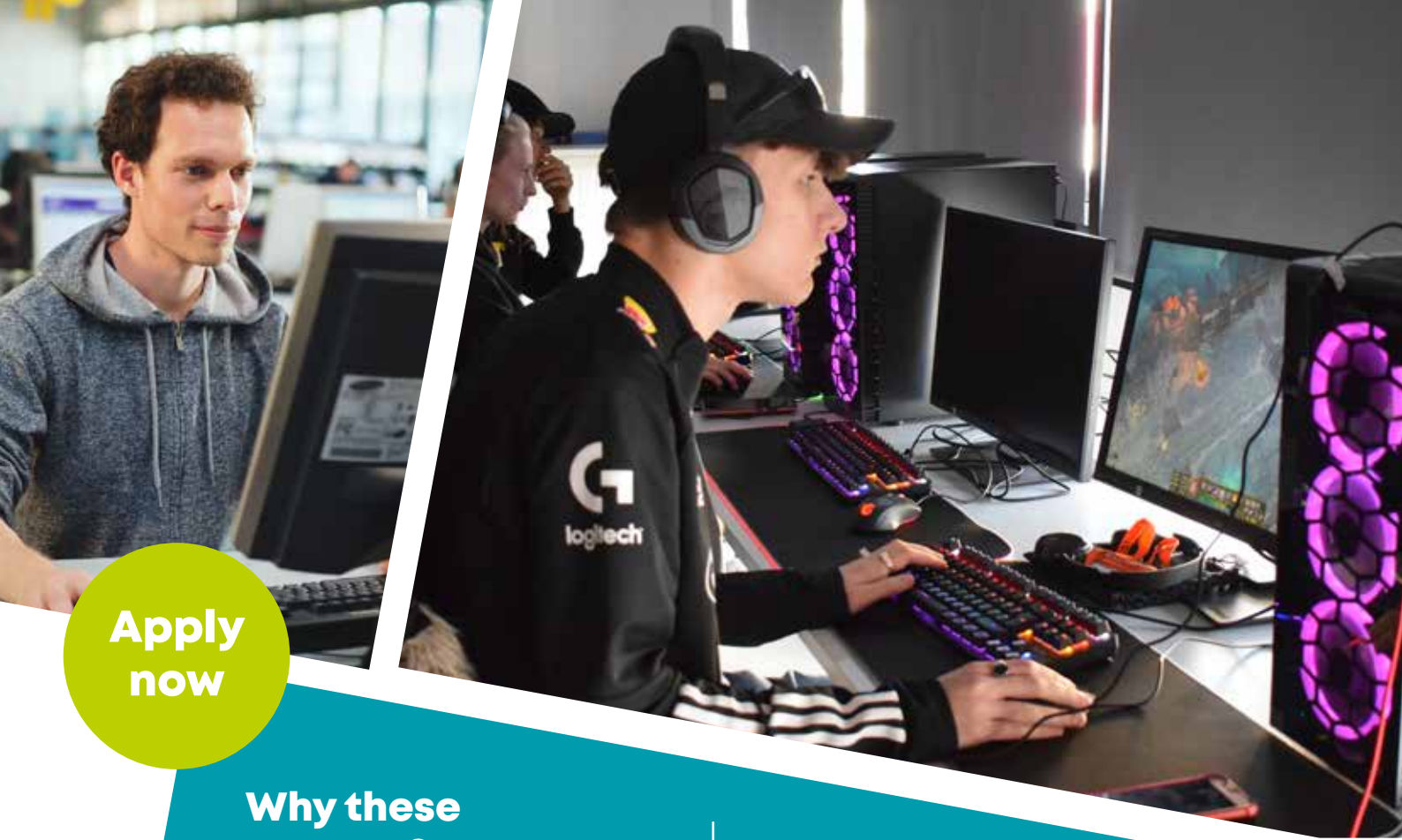
Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Diploma in Computing	1	■
BTEC Diploma in Computing	2	■
BTEC Diploma in Computing	3	■
BTEC eSports	3	■



## What level can I join?

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## Why these courses?

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

You will use industry-standard computing hardware and software.

The course is tailored to the individual as well as industry.

## Future careers

Games Developer

Programmer

Hardware Developer

Software Developer

Technician

Web Designer

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC First Extended Certificate in ICT	2	■
BTEC Computing	3	■
BTEC HNC Computing	4	■
BTEC HND Computing	5	■
NCFE Gaming	2	■
BTEC Gaming	3	■



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# Accounting

**A** Apprenticeships available.  
See page 30.



## Dartford

**Our Finance courses are perfect for anyone wishing to study accounting and finance and cover all the core accountancy skills.**

We have a high achievement rate and progression into employment, with extensive recognition amongst employers. Qualified staff have first-hand industry knowledge, offering a mature learning environment where students are valued.

You will be introduced to basic accountancy principles and techniques from costing and double-entry bookkeeping to computerised accounts in readiness for you to progress into employment in such roles as payroll administrator or accounts assistant. You will also be introduced to payroll systems, spreadsheet software and banking systems and you will develop your communication skills throughout.

After completion of our AAT Accountancy courses, many of our students secure excellent posts with local and national accountancy firms and further their careers by undertaking one of our part-time courses to continue your professional development alongside employment.

Accountancy apprenticeships are also available at Levels 2 and 3.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
AAT Accounting	2	
AAT Accounting	3	



### What level can I join?

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## Future careers

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Accountant

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Account Manager

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Accounts Payable Clerk

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Finance Analyst

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Financial Consultant

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Payroll Officer

# Legal & Office Support



## ■ Dartford

**Our Legal Secretarial course prepares you for working in a legal environment in a range of roles such as a Trainee Legal Secretary or perhaps a more administrative role like an Admin Assistant. These roles could be in a large global law firm based in London or working locally for a smaller firm of solicitors. Wherever you wish to work, you can apply the skills you learn to any corporate environment and are not limited to only working in a legal environment.**

Our Legal Secretarial course will equip you with the essential administrative and secretarial skills and legal knowledge required to gain employment. You will learn how to produce professional documents using Microsoft Office software, develop skills in planning and prioritising, work as part of a team and enhance your communication skills, all of which are necessary for a career in the modern working environment.

You will also gain an understanding of the UK legal system, civil law and criminal law, equipping you with valuable skills and knowledge for employment.

In addition to this, at Level 3, you will study for a separate qualification in Legal Studies, after which you will be able to pursue further study or training should you wish to follow that particular career path.

You will learn a range of administrative skills, sending emails, diary management, filing, scanning, photocopying, creating itineraries, and health and safety legislation.

## Future careers

Junior Legal Secretary

Legal Admin Assistant

Junior Team Assistant

Trainee Legal Secretary



## Work experience

You will have the opportunity to apply for work experience and industry placements through our connections with local businesses and London law firms which enables you to put your skills into practice. You will also have the chance to apply for employment opportunities as a result of our reputation for producing students with high achievement levels.

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### What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.

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### What are T Levels?

For information see page 22.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Legal Secretary	2	■
Legal Secretary	3	■
T- Level - Legal Services	3	■

# Construction Crafts

**A** Apprenticeships available. See page 30.

**Gravesend**

**Hadlow**

**Tonbridge**

**Our Construction courses are delivered in excellent workshop environments, allowing you to experience your chosen trade as you would in industry.**

We have strong business links with local employers, businesses and trade outlets. We have a great record for getting our students onto apprenticeships with reputable

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

Although our focus is to give you the best practical education, we also love a competition and throughout the year there will be 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.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Multitrades	1	Gravesend
Brickwork	1	Gravesend
Brickwork	2	Gravesend
Carpentry & Joinery	1	Gravesend Hadlow
Carpentry & Joinery	2	Gravesend Hadlow
Painting & Decorating	1	Gravesend
T Level – Technical qualification in Construction, Design, Surveying and Planning	3	Tonbridge

Please note that our Carpentry & Joinery courses are delivered at our Gravesend and Hadlow Campuses, not at Tonbridge.



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.

## What are T Levels?

For information see page 22.





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## Why these courses?

Within our dedicated course areas, our specialist tutors will prepare you for life as a skilled tradesperson, whether employed or self-employed, running your own business. Our facilities are just like real work places, where you will construct buildings, walls and a variety of structures, in your chosen trade of brick or wood, or learn painting and decorating techniques on a number of surfaces.

## Future careers

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Bricklayer

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Carpenter

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Maintenance Operations

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Painter & Decorator

# Electrical Installation

■ Gravesend

■ Tonbridge

**Electrical courses are delivered in our excellent industry-standard workshops which simulate real environments and give you practice of working in the electrical industry.**

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.

Having industry qualified and experienced staff is incredibly beneficial and vital to the delivery of our courses, as they are able to pass on their own personal experience to you.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Electrical Installation	1	■ ■
Electrical Installation	2	■ ■

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Our qualifications are offered through EAL, and these link to an NVQ and apprenticeship programme, which can be achieved once you gain employment within the industry.

## Future careers

Electrician

Field Service Engineer

Electrical Inspector

Maintenance Technician



### What level can I join?

Unless you have Level 1 Electrical already, you will join Level 1.



“

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

”

# Engineering



## Gravesend

**A** Apprenticeships available. See page 30.

**T** T Levels available. See page 22.

**Within our Engineering department, our aim is to help you to develop a career in engineering by providing high quality education and training in realistic working environments.**

We offer courses in General, Electrical/Electronic and Mechanical Engineering. The engineering provision includes a machine shop with welding and fabrication facilities in

addition to well-equipped electronic laboratories. We also have computer suites with computer aided design (Autodesk) software.

Our workshops, laboratories and classrooms are designed to meet the highest industry standards. All of our teaching staff have relevant industrial backgrounds, which provide a high standard of teaching that enables you to explore a wide range of engineering environments.

We offer a full range of levels starting at Level 1 through to Higher education level programmes. This means that it is possible to start learning the basic skills and develop mastery as you progress and move into employment.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Engineering	1	■
Engineering	2	■
Engineering	3	■
Engineering BTEC	3	■
T Level – Technical Qualification in Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Controls	3	■
HNC Engineering (Full Cost)	4	■

### What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.

### What are T Levels?

For information see page 22.





“

This course gained me employment after an interview was arranged here at the College.

Daniel Heard  
Extended Diploma Electrical  
and Electronic Engineering

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now**

## **Future careers**

Aeronautical Engineer

Electronics Engineer

Mechanical Engineer

Maintenance Engineer

Manufacturing Engineer

Maritime Engineer

# Motor Vehicle

■ Gravesend

■ Hadlow

**A** Apprenticeships available. See page 30.

**Our fully equipped Motor Vehicle facility offers you a unique experience of training and learning within a real garage environment. Our aim is to help you to develop a career within the motor vehicle industry by providing you with plenty of realistic, hands-on, practical experience.**

We have a fully functioning garage, diagnostic centre and workshops, which have all the latest equipment. This will enable you to gain your experience in a real world setting that will help you to progress seamlessly into the industry. All of our highly qualified staff have worked in real commercial garages and retain contact with industry. This often means we help you get work in the industry while you study.

Our courses are designed to engage and motivate learners who are interested in the maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and the various roles that are available in the retail motor industry.



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The main emphasis of our courses are on practical skills development, which takes place in our well-equipped workshops.

## Future careers

Bodyshop Prepper

Diagnostic Vehicle Technician








Mechanic

Vehicle Technician

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Please note that our Motor Vehicle courses are delivered at our Gravesend and Hadlow Campuses, not at Tonbridge.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry & Vehicle Technology	Entry Level 3	 
Diploma in Automotive Maintenance	1	 
Subsidiary Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	2	
Diploma in Auto-Electrical & Mobile Electrical Principles	2	
Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2	 
Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles	3	 
Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	2	
Motor Cycle Maintenance and Repair	3	
BTEC Diploma in Motor Sport	2	
BTEC Diploma in Motor Sport	3	



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.



# Plumbing & Heating



■ Gravesend

■ Tonbridge

**Our Plumbing Provision uses excellent industry standard workshops to provide you with an education for the trade that will simulate work in the industry.**

We have built strong business connections with local employers and have established an excellent record for getting our students onto Apprenticeships with these reputable organisations.

Our staff are all industry standard qualified so are able to use their experience to give you the best support and start to your future career in Plumbing.

Our full-time provision comprises Certificates and Diplomas at Level 1 and Level 2. The qualifications are offered through City and Guilds, which link to an NVQ and the Apprenticeship framework once a student gains employment within the industry.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Access to Building Services	1	■
Plumbing	1	■ ■
Plumbing	2	■ ■



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.





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## **Why these courses?**

Strong business links with  
local employers

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Industry-standard workshops

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Industry-qualified staff

## **Future careers**

Multi Trade Plumber

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Plumbing & Heating Engineer

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Water Mains Engineer

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Wet Room Fitters

# Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning



## Gravesend

**Our Refrigeration & Air Conditioning courses are delivered in excellent workshop environments allowing you to experience your chosen trade as you would in industry.**

Courses are taught by staff who are all industry qualified and will use their experience to give you the best support and start to your future.

Refrigeration & Air Conditioning courses are delivered at our Gravesend Campus, which is also the home of The Hall Training Centre. This is where we offer a range of full-cost courses, including F-Gas training. Over the years we have developed strong business links with local employers and a great record for getting our students onto Apprenticeships with reputable companies.

Our aim is to give you the skills and experience you need to carry out your role within the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning industry.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning	1	■
Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning	2	■



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.



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## **Why these courses?**

Strong business links with  
local employers

Industry-standard workshops

Industry-qualified staff

## **Future careers**

Air-Conditioning Engineer

Air-Conditioning Technician

Refrigeration Installer

Refrigeration Service Technician

# 3D, Architecture & Interior Design

■ Dartford

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**Always thinking about architecture?  
Passionate about product design?  
Interested in interior design? Curious  
about AutoCad and model-making? Then  
our 3D Design course can offer you your  
first steps into a creative career.**

Our industry led studios have Apple Mac workstations, 3D printing and CAD/CAM facilities. With us you will learn traditional drawing techniques, technical drawing, Sketch Up, Fusion 360, Adobe Creative Suite and model-making skills.

You will work on live company projects and community briefs that will challenge you and develop your skills and independence. We will prepare you for career success.

Many of our Level 3 students continue to our Level 4 course, university or a design career direct from study.

Our design students have enjoyed a variety of field trips including visits to New York, Amsterdam, Berlin and Prague to name but a few. All of our trips are created to encourage creative curiosity and are overseen by tutors. Our Level 3 course introduces you to a range of different skill-building techniques, technologies and project briefs. You'll learn each area and be able to specialise in either Architecture, Product Design or Interior Design in Year 2. Our courses have an outstanding success record and are known for enabling students to gain employment and relevant training in the creative industries.

## Courses on offer

Level

Campus

Creative Digital Design

2



Digital Design Architecture & Interior Design

3



3D Design, Architecture & Interior Foundation

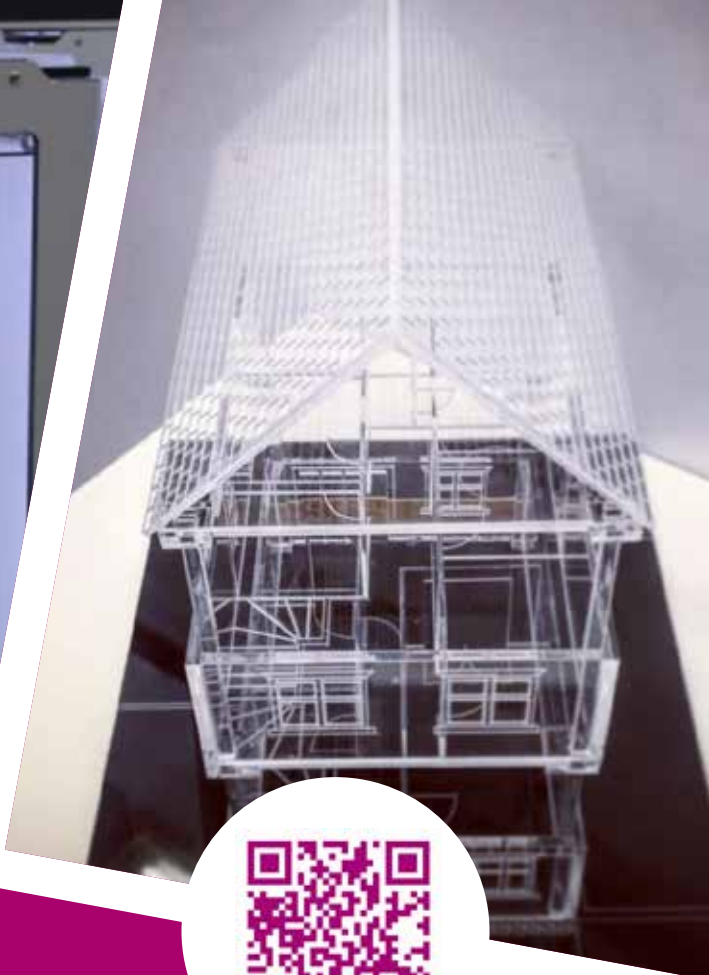
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## Future careers

Architect

Graphic Designer

Industrial Design

Interior Designer

Landscape Architecture

Product Designer

Product Design Engineer

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Instagram page:  
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# Animation & VFX

(Formerly known as MGA)

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■ Dartford

**The Animation & VFX courses offer you an exciting first step into the world of 2D and 3D animation, game art, character design and visual effects.**

These courses have been launched due to the popular demand of this area of work in the industry and the rise in interest from students that have attended our courses and will be based in the brand new, purpose built design studio consisting of animation studio and Mac studios, 3D workshop with a laser-cutter, 3D printers, graphic tablets, VR equipment and spaces for both digital and traditional work to be carried out.

If you have an interest in 2D & 3D Animation & VFX (Visual Effects) join one of our courses to start to learn and develop the essential skills you need to work in this industry. You will learn how to use leading software including Adobe Creative Suite, Autodesk Maya, Blender and C4D, no need to have previous experience just be willing to learn.

The year culminates with our 'End of Year Show' which is open to industry, local businesses, students and family. This is held at the end of each year and will give students the opportunity to show the best of their work. Students will finish the course with a portfolio of their best work which could be used for online promotion and interviews.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Creative Digital Design	2	■
Animation & VFX	3	■
Animation & VFX Foundation	4	■



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## Future careers

Concept Artist

Storyboard Artist

2D/3D Character Designer

Animator

3D Modelling Artist

VFX Editor



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# Acting

## UAL Performing & Production Arts

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### ■ Dartford

**Acting** is offered at Tonbridge Campus:  
see page 62.

**Interested in acting? Passionate about performing? Enjoy being on stage? Want to be in TV & Film? If you answered yes, then we are passionate about training you!**

Our industry professional theatres and studios provide the perfect environment to train in your chosen specialism. Our team of professionals will offer you training which is unrivalled in the country.

Working as a Theatre Company on a diverse range of productions, you will learn skills and be provided with the very best learning experience possible.

At the Miskin Theatre we recognise your creativity and your ambitions and prepare you for the next step in your training and ultimately, entry into the industry.

There are visits to theatres and film sets, plus collaboration with our beauty, hair, music and media departments, to make the course vibrant, exciting and industry relevant. Our actors get to showcase their work at a variety of theatres, festivals, competitions and professional screenings, including the British Film Institute.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Performing and Production Arts (Acting)	2	■
Performing and Production Arts (Acting)	3	■
Performing and Production Arts (Acting for Camera)	3	■
Performing and Production Arts (Acting)	4	■



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Find out more about our courses by visiting our Miskin Theatre website [www.miskintheatre.co.uk](http://www.miskintheatre.co.uk)



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.

## Future careers

Acting

Directing

Theatrical Acting

TV & Film

## What is UAL?

These courses are University of the Arts London (UAL) accredited. UAL are one of the world's leading providers of art degrees. To read more about UAL, visit [www.arts.ac.uk](http://www.arts.ac.uk)

**ual:** awarding body

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## Future careers

Acting

Backstage Staff

Costume Designer

Directing

Lighting Engineer

Set Construction

Sound Engineer

Stage Manager

Theatrical Acting

Theatre Manager

Theatre Technician

TV & Film

# Art & Design

## ■ Dartford

**Art & Design** is also offered at Tonbridge Campus: see page 66.

### We offer a range of courses specifically aimed to support our students and their talents.

We offer Level 1 and 2 Art, as well as L3 Art and Design and L4 Art Practice, all discovering ways of expressing through 2D, 3D and 4D. Our level 1 and 2 courses are an introduction to art, exploring a vast range of techniques and processes, such as drawing, painting, sculpture, design and mixed media etc.

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what it is like to exhibit your own work in a professional space both digital and physically whilst working alongside your peers to make you a more independent learner as the course progresses, focusing on your chosen area of art. In the past students have had live projects working with NASA, the NHS, Cement Fields (Ebbsfleet Garden City) and talks and workshops from industry specialist

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Art & Design	1	■
Art & Design	2	■
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication	3	■
Diploma in Art and Design	4	■



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## Future careers

Curator

Fine Artist

Games Designer

Graphic Designer

Illustrator

Jewellery Designer

Print Maker

Publisher

Sculptor

University (e.g. Goldsmiths)

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# Art & Design



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# Craft & Textiles



## Dartford

**This course is aimed at the creative student who has an interest in acquiring and extending their practical 'hands-on' making skills while widening their knowledge of craft and textile disciplines.**


Along the way you will study hand crafting techniques and methods such as; pattern, illustration, mixed media, painting, book binding, fabric design, print making, photography, contextual studies, model making, costume, jewellery making, pottery, glassware, paper manufacturing—and the development of a portfolio. Projects emphasise the importance of research and the creative development of coursework—learning along the way about various influence and cultural references to allow for a more personal response.

Progressing onto Year 2 of the Extended Diploma, there will be an emphasis on you as an aspiring artist or designer to choose your own themes from which to work, with the opportunity to collaborate on live projects, exhibitions and community outreach projects for the town or local charities.

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## Can I join this course?

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication (Craft & Textiles)	3	

## Future careers

Curator

Designer

Fine Artist

Glass Maker

Illustrator

Jewellery Designer

Photographer

Pottery Maker

Print/Paper Maker

Sculptor





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## **University**

You will be given the skills to develop an outstanding portfolio which supports the majority of our students in gaining entry to some of the best universities in the country including UAL, Goldsmiths and Brighton.

## **Group Exhibition**

The growing confidence in 'making' skills and development of personal approaches to creating projects culminates in students negotiating their own contribution to a project brief centred on a group exhibition.

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# Dance & Musical Theatre

- Dartford
- Tonbridge

**Do you want to Sing, Dance and Act? If yes then look no further. We offer a vibrant, exciting and inspirational training that will allow you to follow your dreams into the performing arts industry.**

Come and train with us and make the most of the incredible training that we have on offer. We pride ourselves upon the training we deliver here at The Miskin and strive to give you the necessary platform to become the best performer you can be. We offer a versatile training that allows you to perfect your technique whilst also giving you the opportunity and confidence to perform. Our courses are tailor made and allow you to experience all styles of dance and performance including Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Commercial, Contemporary, Singing, Acting and Musical Theatre.

## Future careers

Dancer

Choreographer

Commercial Dancer

Industry

Musical Theatre Performer

Vocational Colleges & University



Here at The Miskin Theatre to make your training inspirational and exciting we like to give you the opportunity to experience as much as possible in the performing arts. Some of these things include; showcasing work at the UK's largest dance convention MOVEIT, being a part of our in-house production shows, workshops with guest teachers, theatre trips, festival performances, competitions and vocational college workshops. Over the years we have created excellent working relationships with some of the most prestigious UK colleges due to our reputation and ongoing success. It gives us great satisfaction to see our graduates continue their training at some of the finest establishments in the country and fulfil their long term goals.

## \*Miskin Creative and Performance Studios

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Performing and Production Arts (Dance and Musical Theatre)	2	 
Performing and Production Arts (Dance)	3	 
Performing and Production Arts (Musical Theatre)	3	 
Performing and Production Arts (Dance & Musical Theatre)	4	





# Graphic Design & Illustration

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**Our Graphic Design and Illustration courses take you through the various areas of design within your first year, looking at Adobe software training, advertising, branding, digital illustration, graphic design fundamentals, magazine design and layout, typographic design, material handling and technical skill-building and much more.**

After successfully achieving in your first year, the second year hones your skills whilst also looking into the historical background of Graphic Design. Within both years you'll learn

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Creative Digital Design	2	■
Graphic Design & Illustration	3	■
Graphic Design & Illustration Foundation	4	■
Graphic Design	2	■
Graphic Design	3	■

how to promote yourself as a designer, understand how the creative industries work and apply for your next steps. You'll be introduced to projects like layout design, illustration, packaging, websites, apps and you have more freedom to tailor the course to your needs. At the end of the second year you're required to showcase your work in a professional exhibition, attracting potential employers.

Throughout both years live briefs are run to give you the experience of working with clients and get you ready for the world of work. If you're creative and enjoy working in industry standard studios with a healthy mixture of digital and hand-rendered skills, this is the course for you.



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## Future careers

Advertising

Artworker

Freelance Designer

Graphic Designer

Illustrator

Layout Designer

Marketing

Web Designer

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# Fashion

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**Interested in Fashion? This course has it all to prepare you for employment in many areas of fashion such as designer, design assistant, stylist, fashion illustrator, fashion buyer, costume designer or fashion print designer, or continue your studies in higher education.**

We offer Level 1 and 2, as well as Level 3 Art Fashion, which enable you to discover ways of expressing through 2D, 3D and 4D. Our level 2 course offers an introduction to Fashion, exploring research, practical skills in sewing and print workshops, pattern cutting, surface decoration and accessories. The Level 3 course includes self-initiated projects and expands upon the skills from level 2 whilst exploring traditional to contemporary practices such as print making, fashion illustration, fashion promotion, mix media, design techniques (Including Creative Suite), and more. All courses are taught by experienced and professional artists with a link to the industry. During your time on one of our Fashion courses you will get the opportunity to express and share your ideas through creativity and get inspirations from a variety of trips. You will find out what it is like to exhibit your own work in a professional space both digital and physically

whilst working alongside your peers to make you a more independent learner as the course progresses, focusing on your chosen area of Fashion. The course culminates in a live fashion show at the end of the year. In the past students have had live projects working with Wool For School, Gloving competition, ROH the bridge Design for Opera and talks and workshops from industry specialists.

Within the Fashion department we have a range of great facilities to support your learning and creative ideas, including fully equipped workshops/ studio spaces, screen printing workshop, macs with creative software etc. You will learn technical skills to guide you towards your next educational or career choices.

## Future careers

Fashion Blogger

Fashion Designer

Fashion Illustrator

Fashion Media & Promotion

Merchandiser

Personal Stylist



Students have secured places at top fashion universities across the country



## What level can I join?

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Art & Design (Fashion)	2	
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication	3	
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication (Fashion and Textiles)	3	
Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Fashion)	3	



Students who have chosen to progress to university have had a **100% success rate.**

Marie McGovan  
Head of Curriculum, Fashion



# Media & Journalism

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**Miskin Media offers you two distinct pathways set within a professional environment to enable you to develop your career within the creative media industry.**

On our Level 3 pathways you will specifically focus on one of the following: Digital Journalism for those interested in presenting, radio, journalism and creative writing: TV & Film covers all the crew and production roles like filmmaker, director, or camera operator within the TV and Film industry.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Media	2	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
TV & Film	3	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Digital Journalism	3	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
Media	4	<div><div></div><div></div></div>

Don't worry if you don't reach the qualification requirements for the Level 3 pathway of your choice. We also offer a one year Level 2 Media course, where you will experience and develop skills across TV & film productions, creative writing and radio & audio podcasts. You will be working with a highly experienced team of industry practitioners, with real clients, in a fast-paced dynamic and exciting environment to prepare you for the Level 3 course as your progression route.

These courses will enable you to develop a digital portfolio which will improve and benefit your chances of gaining work in the relevant industries or going on to higher education in the future.

## Future careers

Blogger	News Reporting
Camera Operator	News Writing
Editing	Radio Presenting
Film/Video Directing	Radio Producer
Influencer	Sound Engineer





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on the course,  
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# Music Performance & Technology

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**Miskin Music offers an amazing opportunity to train in a professional environment as a musician, producer or sound technician through our Music Performance or Technology pathway. You will work alongside a diverse range of experienced industry practitioners in creating public performances and recordings. These will mirror the demands of the exciting and dynamic music industry.**

As well as your own performances, you will work alongside the Miskin Theatre, dance, and media companies, which will provide wider appreciation of the creative arts industry. As a music technician you will gain an insight into sound design, producing and composing for the moving image, live sound techniques, and audio production and recording skills. All of our productions embed business and management principles, which are essential for delivering and creating successful music events and recordings.

The Miskin Voice is an exciting course tailored to the needs of the contemporary singer. The course is available at Level 2 and Level 3, and covering singing styles from pop to rock, R'n'B to Soul. Miskin Voice will allow you to train in professional, live and studio environments.



## Future careers

Music Producer

Music Technician

Music Tutor

Singer/Songwriter

Sound Engineer

Vocal Coach

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Music Performance	2	 
Miskin Voice	2	
Music Technology	2	
Music Performance	3	 
Miskin Voice	3	
Music Technology	3	
UAL Music	4	



# Photography

- Dartford
- Tonbridge

**Want to work in the highly visual world of Photography? Love looking at life through the lens? Then these are the courses for you.**

We offer Level 2, 3 and 4 photography programmes, each level has been designed to introduce learners to the fundamental elements of photography, followed by specific project briefs, materials, process and techniques. For example, our one year, level 2 qualification has a slant toward the use of multimedia, which introduces learners at this early stage to the various progression routes within the creative industries.

Our level 3 course is a two year course, with the focus in year one on the historical and material processes specifically related to the medium. Throughout the year you will be introduced to various genres and techniques, such as studio, documentary, still life and darkroom – year one is experimental and gives you the room to explore and discover what you enjoy and what your specialist area might be. Year two of the level 3 is where you become more independent, there will be set briefs but also self-initiated projects, that give you the opportunity to take control and develop your own specialist practice. During the year you will refine your studio, darkroom, digital and editing skills, you will also take part in 'live' work and outreach projects, giving you the chance to work in a professional setting and to consider what the right progression route for you. All of our courses are taught by experienced and professional photographers and artists with a diverse skillset.



The Level 4 is a one year intensive course looking at the creative industries, building your portfolio, exploring theoretical and practical elements to get you ready for employment, university, apprenticeships, or whatever path you may choose to take. Within the photography department we have a range of great facilities to support your learning and creative ideas, including fully equipped studio spaces, analogue facilities, booking making software, a printing workshop, industry standard macs and access to the creative cloud. You will learn an abundance of technical skills to guide you towards your next educational or career choice.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Art & Design (Photography)	2	■ ■
Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication (Photography)	3	■ ■
Foundation Diploma in Art and Design (Photography)	4	■ ■





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## Future careers

Darkroom Technician

Events Photography

Fashion Photographer

Photographic Digital Editor

Photo Journalist

Wedding Photographer

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# Technical Theatre

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**Interested in set construction and design? Passionate about creating effects on stage? Or are you interested in lighting, sound and costume? Do you want to crew large scale productions and find out what it takes to bring a production to life?**

If you answered yes, then we are passionate about training you. At The Miskin Theatre we aim to build confident, driven and creative theatre technicians who have a passion for the arts.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Performing and Production Arts (Technical Theatre)	2	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span>
Performing and Production Arts (Technical Theatre)	3	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> <span style="color: #800080;">■</span>
Professional Diploma in Technical and Production Practice for the Creative Industries	4	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span>



Our industry professional theatres and workshops provide the perfect environment to train in your chosen specialism. Our team of professionals will offer you a training which is unrivalled in the country.

Through working as part of a technical crew on a diverse range of productions you will learn skills such as prop design and making, costume construction, set design and building, lighting design for concerts and shows and leading a crew as a stage manager. At the Miskin theatre you will be provided with the very best learning experience possible where we recognise your creativity and your ambitions to prepare you for the next step in your training.



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## **Future careers**

Directing

Lighting Engineer

Set Construction

Sound Engineer

Stage Manager

Theatre Manager

Theatre Technician

TV & Film

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# Early Years



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**See yourself working with children? If you are interested in a fulfilling and rewarding career that will enhance your own unique qualities, then this is the direction for you!**

From an Early Year's Practitioner through to a Primary School Teacher the beginning of your career will start here with us. You can then choose to venture into employment or to continue into Higher Education and to build on the solid foundations that you have gained with us.

Here at North Kent College you will learn how a child develops holistically and be able to utilise your own skills to provide the best care and education for the individual needs of the child.

Our courses are taught by Early Years sector professionals that understand the importance and impact of Early Years education and care on the lifelong outcomes for children. Combined with the real-life work experience placements, to give you the hands-on professional training, you will have both the knowledge and skills to have a positive impact on children's lives.

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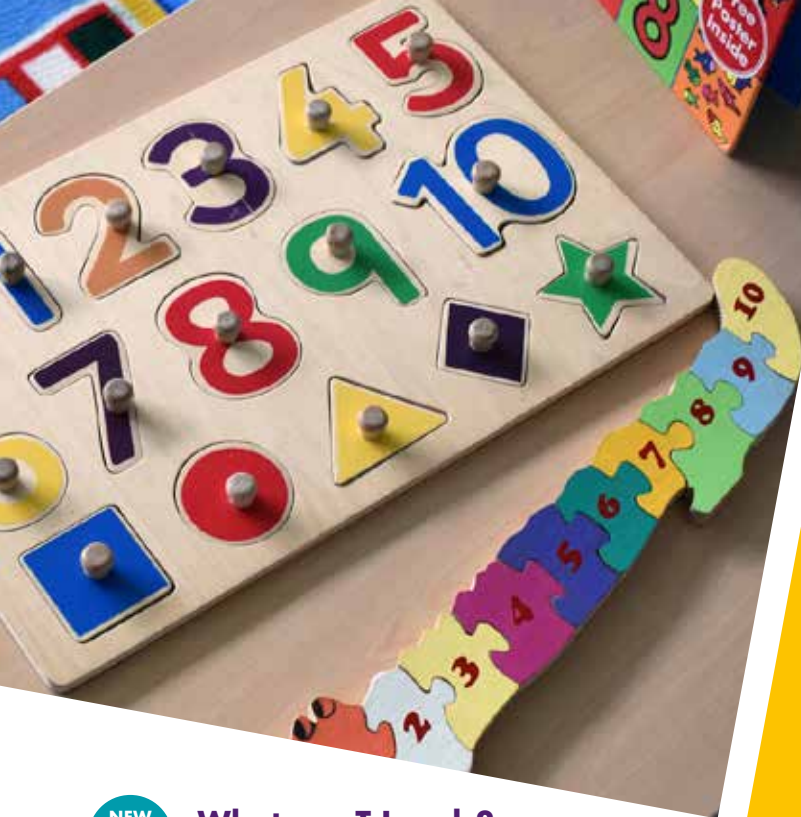
Your time with us will include a combination of practical and theory lessons, visits, guest speakers and our developing NKC Forest School, which we are sure will open your eyes to the love of outdoors. These combined experiences will ensure a deep and meaningful connection to the world and an understanding of the endless possibilities for children.



Forest school originated in Scandinavia in the 1950s, founded in its open-air culture way of life, 'friluftsliv', which translates into free air life. Forest school is an approach to learning that takes children into the great outdoors whatever the weather to explore the natural environment. Forest school is a long-term, nature-based outdoor learning program that focuses on holistic development and growth in children.

Here at North Kent College Early Years, we incorporate Forest School sessions into each of our courses. These sessions are led by our Forest School Leader who demonstrates the key principals of Forest School. This enables our learners to understand the importance of a nature-based curriculum for children.





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Our teachers are very supportive, no one is ever put behind, we always find when we have a question, we have it answered so everyone is up to speed.

Forest school is amazing for children so again it gives us multiple opportunities to learn about things we will be teaching when we go onto our future careers.

Belle Carrad, Level 3 Early Years

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Courses on offer	Level	Campus
CACHE Early Years	2	 
CACHE Early Years Workforce	3	 
CACHE Early Years Certificate	3	 
CACHE Early Years Diploma (EYE)	3	
CACHE Certificate in Childcare & Education	3	
T - Level - Education and Childcare	3	 

## Future careers

Au Pair Nanny

Early Years Practitioner

Nanny

Nurse

Play Therapist

Special Educational Needs

Speech Therapist

Teacher

# Health & Social Care

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■ Tonbridge



**Do you want to work in the Health and Social Care sector? They require skilled professionals who care for people in private and public organisations. The industry offers experiences that give a great sense of personal fulfilment, job satisfaction and rewarding careers.**

Practitioners within the sector are passionate and hard-working individuals who need to be prepared to

work long hours, shifts and manage stressful and often emotional situations. Therefore individuals interested in joining health and social care need to be naturally caring, good listeners, hard-working and have enthusiasm and ambition to work in the sector.

The academic work ensures that you have the knowledge and understanding to support care practice and allow progression on to further study.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Health	1	■
NCFE Health	2	■
NCFE Health	3	■
CACHE Diploma in Exploring the Caring Sectors	1	■
CACHE Dip in Health Care	2	■
BTEC Diploma in Health	3	■
T - Level - Healthcare	3	■ ■

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## **Future careers**

Counsellor

Midwife

Nurse

Paramedic

Psychologist

Physiotherapist

Residential Care Worker

Social Worker

## **Industry Placements**

Our courses are based on practical experience gained through work placements that offer hands-on care work to give a real insight into how the sector works and completing academic coursework in college.

# Beauty & Spa Therapy

■ Dartford

■ Tonbridge

**We offer a wealth of courses to meet the needs of the ever-changing and constantly evolving beauty industry.**

Studying with us will allow you to develop your skills by gaining hands-on professional experience with real clients in our on-site commercial salons, spa & make-up studio. Within beauty therapy courses you will be able to gain skills to include facial treatments, manicure, pedicure, waxing, eye treatment, tanning and nail art.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Beauty	1	■
Beauty	2	■
Beauty	3	■
Introductory Diploma in Beauty Therapy	1	■
Beauty Therapy	2	■
Beauty & Spa Therapy	3	■
Level 4 – please ask for information regarding our Level 4 Beauty Courses		



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As you progress you will be able to develop those skills and your employability choices by studying body massage, facial and body electrical treatments and spa therapy treatments.

You will work and train with industry professionals in a range of salons and spas.

## Future careers

You could become a beauty journalist or a therapist in range of settings including:

- Commercial salons
- Cruise ships
- Destination/day spas
- Hotels
- Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.



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My plan after Level 2 is to progress onto Level 3, and after that I'd like to work in a salon, I have just landed a placement through my course

We learnt about the inner body and hair structure. It's really informative and you learn things you didn't even know before.

Beauty Student

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## Our Facilities

North Kent College boasts fantastic training facilities to include: sauna, steam rooms, vichy shower (water massage) system. Students are able to offer high quality treatments to the public at lower prices, whilst gaining a nationally recognised qualification.

“It is all about employability and these type of facilities are fundamental.”

Emma Mackay  
Manager of Hair and Beauty  
City and Guilds

# Hair, Media & Theatrical Make-up



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**We offer a wealth of courses to meet the needs of the ever-changing and constantly evolving beauty industry.**

Studying with us will allow you to develop your skills by gaining hands-on professional experience with real clients in our on-site commercial salons, spa & make-up studio.

Within Hair & Media Make-up you will be able to gain skills to include body art design, the art of colouring hair, the art of dressing hair and the art of photographic make-up. Make-up artists are given the opportunity to work on film sets, live theatre and photographic shoots.

## Future careers

High Fashion Make-Up Artist

Salon Make-Up Artist

Theatrical Make-Up Artist

TV & Film Make-Up Artist

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Media Make-Up	2	■
Media Make-Up	3	■
Theatrical Make-Up	3	■
Hair & Media Make-Up	2	■



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Level 3 Make-Up prepares you to be as creative as you possibly can for any area of the industry you are looking to explore or venture into.

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I love doing the technical and practical part of the course.

From this course, you can go on to so many places, I think it's a really good course to do.

Hair, Media & Theatrical Make-up students

# Hairdressing

**A** Apprenticeships available. See page 30.



- Dartford
- Gravesend
- Tonbridge

**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.**

Studying Hairdressing with us allows you to develop your skills and experience in our purpose-built salons. Our tutors are highly qualified hairdressers and barbers, with a wealth of industry knowledge and experience, including salon ownership and bespoke training.

You will be taught everything from basic to advanced hairdressing. We believe that your skills and knowledge will better develop by learning in a practical environment, which you will gain through working with real clients in our academy hair salons. As well as covering essential elements of theory work, units include monitoring and controlling safe working practices, practical skill development in cutting, styling, colouring and colour correction techniques. Skills learnt in the academy will dramatically improve your employment prospects.

## Future careers

- Barber
- Colour Technician
- Hair Influencer
- Hair Stylist
- Salon Assistant

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Hair	1	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> <span style="color: #90EE90;">■</span> <span style="color: #800080;">■</span>
Hair	2	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> <span style="color: #90EE90;">■</span> <span style="color: #800080;">■</span>
Hair	3	<span style="color: #008080;">■</span> <span style="color: #90EE90;">■</span> <span style="color: #800080;">■</span>
Barbering	2	<span style="color: #800080;">■</span>

## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.





**Become  
work-ready  
for any  
salon**



**Proud to be  
the only Lee Stafford  
salons in Kent!**

You will receive training in up to **24** fundamental skills and techniques which you will learn to what Lee calls 'Michelin standard'. Once accomplished in these techniques, you are then encouraged to use your creativity with no bounds. These skills will then be tested in national competitions with other FE Colleges across the UK during the academic year.

# Hospitality & Catering

- Gravesend
- Tonbridge



**Our Hospitality and Catering programmes will help you to develop a career in one of the fastest growing and most dynamic industries in the United Kingdom. Our programmes of study will build on the knowledge and skills that you require, for a rewarding career within the Hospitality industry.**

Hospitality and Catering courses are offered in our modern, professional catering facility which are based at the Gravesend and Tonbridge Campuses. These include industry

standard kitchens and service areas, functional restaurants, which are open to the public and highly-equipped classrooms. You will be taught by specialists, who are able to pass on first-hand experience of working within the industry.

On completion of your programme of study you will be able to begin a career as a Chef, Food and Beverage personnel, Supervisor or Manager. Our programmes are enriched and supported with relevant trips, events and guest speakers, making the overall learning experience stimulating and exciting.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Professional Food Service Diploma	1	■ ■
Professional Chef's Diploma	1	■ ■
Advanced Professional Chef's Diploma	2	■ ■
Advanced Professional Food Service Diploma	2	■ ■
Professional Cookery	3	■



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.



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## Future careers

Catering Assistant

Host/Hostess

Restaurant Assistant

Sous Chef

## 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 sort after professions. Good hospitality is in huge demand. Starting on an NKC programme will give you the skills and experience to move straight into employment.

”

Duncan Weetman  
Head of Curriculum:  
Catering & Hospitality



# Public Services

- Gravesend
- Dartford
- Tonbridge



**Do you want to have a career that enables you to make a difference in your community and help others whilst having varied and challenging work days that are never the same? Working in the Public Services can offer this exciting and worthwhile career opportunity.**

Gain the skills, experience and knowledge that will enable you to develop a career in the fire

service, police, prison service, civilian roles in the uniformed services or armed forces.

The personal skills that you will develop, teamed with the knowledge and understanding that you will gain, will set you up perfectly for the career you wish to embark upon. Our courses also include a range of day trips, careers talks, visiting speakers and residential trips.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
NCFE Uniformed Services	1	<span style="color: #00CED1;">■</span>
NCFE Uniformed Services	2	<span style="color: #00CED1;">■</span> <span style="color: #90EE90;">■</span>
NCFE Diploma in Policing (Level 3 16–18 only)	3	<span style="color: #00CED1;">■</span>
NCFE Public Services Diploma – Military / Community	3	<span style="color: #00CED1;">■</span> <span style="color: #90EE90;">■</span>
NCFE Diploma in Uniformed Services	3	<span style="color: #800080;">■</span>



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“

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

”



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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!

# Science

**Apply  
now**

■ Tonbridge

**The Applied Science pathway gives you the opportunity to further develop your skills in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.**

**Previous students have gone on to further study and careers in Astro Physics, Criminology, Chemistry, Bio Sciences, Dental Hygiene, Genetics, Laboratory Technicians, Nutrition, Paramedic Science, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Scientific Research, and Veterinary School.**

Explore a broad, balanced range of topics in all three sciences. You will learn about the principles and practicalities of working in a scientific setting and the practical applications of biology, physics, chemistry and maths.

#### **This includes:**

- Principles and applications of science
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques
- Science investigation skills
- Laboratory techniques and their applications
- A variety of additional subject specific units in Biology, Chemistry or Physics

## **Courses on offer**

## **Level    Campus**

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Science

3



### **What level can I join?**

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## What's next?

Progress into higher education including degree courses in subjects such as pharmacy, biotechnology, environmental science, engineering or start your career.



## Why study science?

'Science helps our understanding of the world around us. Everything we know about the universe, from how trees reproduce to what an atom is made up of, is the result of scientific research and experiment.'

Human progress throughout history has largely rested on advances in science. From our knowledge of gravity to cutting-edge medicines, students of Science have shaped our modern world.'

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

# Sport



## Tonbridge

Additional sports courses are offered at Dartford. See pages 102–109 for more information.

**The department of Sport Performance and Coaching provides students with the opportunity to develop a well-rounded approach to the sports industry.**

Academic qualifications are provided by Pearson and NCFE and cover levels from 1–4\*, this enables us to support the academic needs of all students. There are considerable practical elements to the department, these allow for students to develop their understanding around

coaching, fitness, and high-performance sport. Our football academy provides male and female players the opportunity to train and compete in structured leagues training sessions are delivered by a team of highly skilled coaches. We are passionate around student enrichment, the ability to represent the college in a variety of sports and undertake trips and visit form an integral part of the curriculum.

\* Only Levels 1-3 are delivered at our Tonbridge Campus.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Introductory Diploma in Sport	1	■
NCFE Diploma in Sports Coaching	2	■
NCFE Dip in Sports and Physical Activity	3	■



### What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.





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now**

## **Future careers**

Gym Instructor

Leisure Management

Personal Trainer

PE Teacher

Sports Psychologist

Sports Coach

“

Describe your college experience  
in less than ten words.

**Excellent,  
informative, fun  
and challenging.**

Dan Archer, Sports Studies

”

# 79 Sport Mentoring

Apply  
now



 Dartford

**79 Sport Mentoring is a programme introduced to support the athletic and academic journey of young people at North Kent College. For those students competing at county, regional, national, or international level who wish to study alongside their athletic commitments this is the programme for you.**

We have identified that there is a lack of support for athletes competing at the highest level when they are not training and competing in their chosen sport, NKC is an accredited TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) Dual career site. This accreditation identifies that we can support the student with their academic studies for them to build a career when their sporting journey is over, we hope this will only happen when the athlete has achieved their ultimate goals, we are very aware that an athlete cannot compete forever.

Our programme has many layers which is why we believe it is totally unique, our offer includes: Academic qualifications: Level 2 or Level 3 Sport Coaching & Sport Science, units will include, psychology, nutrition, fitness training and programming, fitness testing and anatomy and physiology. Excellent links to University: This includes scholarships in the USA should the individual meet the criteria as well as strong links to UK Universities who match our desire to support athletes.

All students will be provided with a detailed calendar of extracurricular activities which will include: Psychology in Sport, Nutrition for elite performance, UKAD (UK Anti-Doping) seminar, Injury prevention and rehabilitation, Mindfulness and meditation for sport performers, Drug & Alcohol awareness and Interview techniques.

## Courses on offer

## Level

## Campus

Sport Mentoring – Sport Science

3





## Future careers

Professional Sport/Athlete

PE Teacher

Sports Coach

**Can I join  
this course?**



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If you would like to look at the work we do please follow us on instagram:

**@79sports (79  
Sport Mentoring)**

# Football Academy

Girls & boys

■ Dartford

**Are you serious about being the best footballer you can be? If you think you've got what it takes to dedicate yourself to a scheme with professional standards, then North Kent College's Football Academy is the place for you.**

If you are aged 16 to 18 and have serious aspirations about playing football at the highest level whilst continuing your academic studies, then contact us today. We offer football opportunities for male and female players to train and play in structured leagues. In 2021 a new partnership with PUMA teamwear as our official sponsor as well as Science in Sport (SIS) to provide high quality training wear and recovery products to maintain high performance through the season.



## What level can I join?

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The aim of the scheme is to attract students between the ages of 16 and 18 who are football enthusiasts and want to improve both their academic qualifications and their progression in football. It provides an opportunity to gain a recognised educational qualification, to receive high quality coaching from UEFA 'A' and 'B' Licensed Coaches and to play a high standard of competitive football.

The football programme enables you to demonstrate your talents against schools, colleges and football academies throughout Kent and beyond as well for you to fulfil your potential in both the classroom and on the football pitch.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
NCFE Football Coaching	2	■
NCFE Football Coaching	3	■





**Apply  
now**

## 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, with the football provision delivered on our own high quality pitches.

## Future careers

- Football Coaching
- Football Management
- Performance Analyst
- PE Teacher
- Playing Scholarship



# Personal Training & Sports Therapy



## Dartford

Our Personal Training & Sports Therapy Department has exceptional facilities at the Dartford Campus, 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 and Sport Science has seen impressive growth in the last ten years and continues to support the educational and

sporting needs of students, which attracts people of all abilities from North Kent and South London.

The personal training industry continues to grow with many people employing personal trainers to help them achieve their fitness and weight goals. Learners will need to be ‘people centred’, dynamic and good communicators.

We have progression opportunities available on to our fitness programme.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
NCFE Working in Sport	2	<div></div>
NCFE Sport & Exercise Science	3	<div></div>
Active IQ Diploma in Sports Massage Therapy	3	<div></div>
NCFE Personal Training	3	<div></div>
VTCT Cert in Education and Training	4	<div></div>



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## **Future careers**

Gym Instructor

Personal Trainer

Sports Nutritionist

Sports Therapist

PE Teacher

“

This course is a lot more practical than GCSE. GCSE was more theory based but here you get to use the machines.

Sophie, Level 1 personal training

If you are into the gym environment this course will be so beneficial. There is so much you learn here that you don't learn in GCSE sport.

Max, Level 2 Personal Training

”

# Sport, Performance & Coaching

■ Dartford

■ Tonbridge

**Sports Coaching courses provide students with the opportunity to develop a well-rounded approach to the Sports industry.**

Through developing Sporting Skills & Tactical Awareness and a development of personal fitness through training.

You will receive an introduction to healthy exercise & nutrition and how to teach people to participate in sport.

We'll show you how to plan, deliver & evaluate an activity session and be an excellent Sports Coach. A qualification in sports coaching will give you the opportunity to take an active role in the development, instruction and training of individuals and teams rather than just standing on the sidelines.



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## Future careers

Gym Instructor

PE Teacher

Leisure Management

Sports Psychologist

Personal Trainer

Sports Coach





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## What level can I join?

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can join, please see page 20.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Intro Diploma in Sport	1	■
NCFE Diploma in Sports Coaching	2	■
Sport Mentoring – Sport Science	3	■
NCFE Football Coaching	3	■
VTCT Certificate in Education & Training	4	■

# Events Management



## Dartford

**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.**

The Events and Hospitality course will build the skills, confidence required to work in this sector. The industry offers a diverse and exciting work environment with many links to employers within the sector. Learners will experience working

at live events, gain an insight in working the hospitality environment, which includes experience behind the scenes and front of house. So, if you are interested in working in a varied, fast paced environment, within hotels, venues, corporate and leisure events, this is the course for you.

Hospitality and events are closely linked with travel and tourism, we develop learners knowledge of international hospitality through residential trips and localised trips to embed hospitality event awareness, in addition to introducing you to a variety of businesses that support this exciting and dynamic sector.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Hospitality & Event Planning	2	
QCF BTEC Hospitality & Event Management	3	
CTH Diploma in Tourism Management	4	



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“

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.

I've secured myself a role as the Events Assistant within the Marketing department at North Kent College and Hadlow College following the completion of my course. My next steps are to get the experience within all different sectors of events and to build my knowledge and improve on the job.

”

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

## Future careers

Business Development

Corporate Hospitality

Event Planner/Management

Event Coordinator

Food & Beverage Service

Front of House Operations

Hotel Management

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.

# Travel & Tourism

■ Dartford

■ Tonbridge



## Want to work in a fast-paced industry?

**Our reputation with major tour operators and travel agencies is excellent. Our amazing facilities, complete with our very own mock cabin and engaging learning spaces, will inspire you to excel in a dynamic industry.**

We offer practical courses that focus on specific industry areas and developing skills to help you gain employment in your dream job.

Our courses are taught by industry professionals, which gives you first-hand knowledge and experience from people who have worked in the industry to enable you to develop to your full potential.

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Vocational Studies - Travel & Tourism	1	■
NCFE Travel & Tourism	2	■
NCFE Travel & Tourism	3	■
NCFE Extended Diploma in Travel & Tourism	3	■
CTH Diploma in Tourism Management	4	■
NCFE Diploma in Travel & Tourism	2	■
NCFE Diploma in Travel and Tourism	3	■



## What level can I join?

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## **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.

## **Future careers**

Cabin Crew/Ground Crew

Hotel Management

Resort Representative

Tour Guide/Travel Agent

# Access to Higher Education



## Gravesend

**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.**

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.

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.

## Future careers

Nurse

Psychologist

Residential Care Worker

Social Worker

Midwife

Paramedic

Counsellor

Physiotherapist

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
Access to Nursing & Healthcare	3	



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“

I know people who have previously attended this course, who are now qualified nurses. This inspired me, also that they also spoke of the support and encouragement given by the college, tutors and fellow students...This has all proven to be true.

The standard of teaching in my opinion is excellent, coupled with genuine support from all the tutors.

Absolutely I would recommend studying the access course, especially to anyone who is over 40 and thinks they may have left it too late. It's never too late.

Rowan Reid, Access to Nursing and Healthcare Professionals

”



# Hadlow College

## Kent's Only Rural and Land-Based College

Our main campus is set in beautiful surroundings within a large managed estate including over 265 acres of prime arable land, woodland, cross-country course, sports facilities, natural river habitats, commercial farms, established show gardens and horticultural glasshouses, lakes and other natural habitats.

Lying 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.

The farm has a working beef herd of around 50 head of cattle plus more than 600 sheep and arable land that is used for growing maize and wheat. We have over 60 horses in support of our Equine Studies that also include Equine Sports Therapy and rehabilitation.

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.







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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.

In addition to the main site, we also have the Royal Borough of Greenwich Equestrian Centre, which opened in 2013. Here students can benefit from a wide range of custom-built facilities and study at a site that is part of the London 2012 Olympic legacy.

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, Land and Wildlife 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 first-hand and speak to our tutors.

# Agriculture



## Hadlow Campus

**Through practical experience on the College farms as well as working on machinery and in our workshop facilities, you will gain an in-depth understanding of the skills needed to work within the Agricultural industry.**

You will be involved in all aspects of the farming year - including lambing, shearing, ploughing and harvest - and assist with the College's beef herd. We also have close links with local dairy farms so you'll get all the experience of dairy herd management as well. Our beef herd forms part of the College's wider re-generative farming strategy that helps improve the environmental credentials of the farm and provides excellent learning for students. By studying a course in Agriculture, you

can become part of an industry which is key to the production of food, preservation of the countryside and ongoing survival of the rural economy. The Agricultural team have a array of experience ranging from crop, soil, plant, livestock, machinery and business management, and bring this knowledge and experience to the delivery of the courses.

The courses have a mixture of practical and theory and are delivered making use of the excellent Agricultural facilities.

### Partnerships

We also have great partnerships with local establishments such as FGS, Burdens farms, Park Farm, JPF Farms and Bore Place Farm (Organic Dairy).

Courses on offer	Level	Campus
BTEC Diploma in Agriculture	2	■
BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Agriculture	3	■
BTEC National Extended Diploma in Agriculture (Top Up)	3	■
T - Level - Agriculture, Land Management and Production	3	■

### What level can I join?



For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.

### What are T Levels?

For information see page 22.





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## **Future careers**

Farm Worker

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Shepherd

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Stockperson

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Assistant Farm Manager

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Agriculture Inspector

Herdperson

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Agriculture Contractor

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Agriculture Engineer

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Groundcare Engineer

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Tractor Driver



# Agricultural Engineering



## Hadlow Campus

Through practical experience in the College workshops, as well as working on machinery restoration projects for local farmers, students gain an in-depth understanding of the skills they need to work within the Agricultural engineering industry.

Students are involved in all aspects of engineering – including welding, fabrication, servicing, engine and transmission rebuilds, hydraulics and suspension systems, restorations, machinery operations and ploughing. The course has a mixture of practical and theory and is delivered making use of the excellent Agricultural workshop facilities and machinery training yard.



## Future careers

Agricultural Engineer  
or Technician

Groundcare Engineer  
or Technician

Self-Employed Engineer  
or Technician

Truck/Bus Engineer  
or Technician

Workshop Manager

Machinery Contractor

Dealership Technician

### Courses on offer

### Level

City & Guilds Agricultural Engineering

2

City & Guilds Sub Diploma Agricultural Engineering

3

City & Guilds Diploma Agricultural Engineering (Top Up)

3



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on what level you  
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# Animal Management



## Hadlow Campus

**Providing a comprehensive introduction to all aspects of animal care, students will benefit from a mix of theory combined with a large degree of practical work in our custom-built animal management unit.**

Students will learn about the structure and function of the animal body, animal welfare, animal health and nursing. Throughout the courses, students are required to complete work experience to develop practical skills, both on the animal unit and externally. Undertaking practical duties

as part of their course, students benefit from a wide range of experiences and opportunities to work with both exotic and domestic animal species.

Students are involved in all aspects of husbandry and management from planning animal collections, designing and maintaining enclosures to day-to-day animal care within an animal collection set up as a commercial enterprise. Students benefit from using the most up-to-date equipment in the aquaria, pet trade and zoological fields.



### Courses on offer

### Level

### Campus

BTEC Introductory Diploma in Animal Management

1



BTEC Diploma in Animal Management

2



BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Animal Management

3



BTEC National Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Top Up)

3



T - Level - Animal Care and Management

3



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### What are T Levels?

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## **Future careers**

Animal Boarding Establishments

Pet Shops

Animal Trainers

Animal Behaviour

Animal Management Instructors

Animal Welfare Inspectors

RSPCA Inspectors

Veterinary Nurses

Animal Conservationists

Animal Keepers



# Equestrian Studies

## Greenwich Equestrian Centre

**By studying an equine course at Hadlow College, you can become part of an industry which, with approximately 900,000 horses and 2 million riders in the UK, constantly needs well trained and devoted individuals to give expert care and tuition.**

Facilities at the Royal Borough of Greenwich Equestrian Centre include: 20 internal stables, indoor and outdoor riding arena, mechanical horse, equine therapy centre (with pool, hydro treadmill, spa and solarium), specialist classrooms / labs and treatment / demonstration areas. There are horses ranging from school masters and ex-competition horses to young-stock, ensuring students are able to progressively develop their skills during the course. Students receive excellent support from a team of highly qualified teaching staff with extensive and diverse experiences within the equine sector. The experience of training with excellent resources, combined with high expectations, both in lessons and during practical duties, gives every student the best opportunity to achieve.

Students have exceptional opportunity to gain genuine hands on practical experience as well as ride and compete quality horses. They gain knowledge and develop their practical skills in horse husbandry, horse handling, grooming,



application of tack and equipment, feeding and routine yard management. Students will also study horse behaviour and welfare, anatomy and learn how to work a horse correctly on the flat, and over fences, if the riding option is chosen. In addition to the development of vocational skills, students will develop transferable skills such as; team work, effective communication, presentation skills and problem solving. Students benefit from field trips to a variety of events and significant equine establishments. In the past these have included; The New Forest, Windsor Horse Show and The King's Troop. Opportunity is also given to students to compete and help at College run using our horses.

### Courses on offer

### Level

BTEC Diploma in Equine Studies

2

BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Horse Management

3

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Horse Management (Top Up)

3





**Delivered  
at our  
Greenwich  
Equestrian  
Centre**

## **Future careers**

Assistant Yard Manager

Yard Manager

Event Organiser

Riding Instructor

Racing

Competition Rider

Equestrian Transporter

Therapy Centre Assistant

Welfare Officer

Equine Veterinary Nurse

Retail

Freelance Coach/Rider/Practitioner

Competition Groom

Nutritionist

# Equestrian Studies



## Hadlow Campus

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Our Equine Unit at Hadlow has extensive facilities including two indoor arenas, a large outdoor arena and stabling for 64 horses. As well as a complete range of show jumps, there are also cross country fences suitable for students training at Level 3 and above. There is a horse walker, high speed treadmill and an extensive range of practical teaching resources.

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significant equine establishments. In the past these have included; The New Forest, Windsor Horse Show and The King's Troop. Opportunity is also given to students to compete and help at College run using our horses.

### Courses on offer

### Level

BTEC Introductory Diploma in Equine studies

1

BTEC Diploma in Equine Studies

2

BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Horse Management

3

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Horse Management (Top Up)

3



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## Future careers

Assistant Yard Manager

Yard Manager

Event Organiser

Riding Instructor

Racing

Competition Rider

Equestrian Transporter

Therapy Centre Assistant

Welfare Officer

Equine Veterinary Nurse

Retail

Freelance Coach/Rider/Practitioner

Competition Groom

Nutritionist

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# Fisheries Management



## Hadlow Campus

**The fisheries team has an array of experienced lecturers ranging from freshwater fishery management specialists, construction, marine, fish health and disease, angling, fish farming and aquatics specialists. All have worked in the industry in various sectors and bring this knowledge and experience to the delivery of the course.**

Students will develop and enhance a range of skills including the practical fishery management skills and design, communication, knowledge of fish biology and health, disease identification and treatment, management of aquatic environments and the interactions that occur. Angling knowledge and skills are also developed whilst considering a range of angling skills and opportunities.

Knowledge of and practical skills of current aquaculture methods are learnt and developed along with a range of environmental science areas and subjects. We also have strong partnerships with The Environment Agency, Angling Direct, London Councils, Cotington Lakes, Manor Fisheries and Coombe Bank Fisheries.

## Future careers

Fish Farm Worker

Assistant River Keeper

Assistant Fish Farm Manager

Aquatic Retail Assistant

Fishery Manager/Bailiff

Aquatic Retail Manager

Courses on offer	Level
City & Guilds Technical Certificate in Land & Wildlife Management	2
City & Guilds Advanced Diploma Technical in Land & Wildlife Management	3
City & Guilds Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land & Wildlife Management (Top Up)	3



## What level can I join?

For information on what level you can join, please see page 20.





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# Floristry



## Hadlow Campus

**Our floristry courses are designed to allow students interested in a career in the floristry industry to develop the confidence, ability and skills they need whilst studying or working.**

Course structure focuses on the development of floristry practical skills alongside the associated underpinning knowledge of design theory. This ensures our students develop good vocational, practical and employability skills. The subject involves conditioning and maintaining fresh flowers, foliage's and plants and being able to develop floristry techniques and design principles. It will also involve learning a popular range of flower, foliage and plant names as well as an introduction to creating displays to promote floristry goods and services.

All aspects of retail practices such as a business management and marketing, trends and event floristry are included. Duties will also be carried out maintaining the College floristry facilities where students will develop their knowledge alongside their practical skills. The floristry staff have a wealth of experience



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within the team ranging from the highest level floristry design skills with the associated underpinning knowledge to ensure every learner can achieve their optimum personal best and to be a successful retail florist. All have current industry knowledge in various sectors and bring this knowledge and experience to the delivery of the course. These courses are aimed at someone who wants to either gain employment in the floristry industry or progress onto a higher level floristry course.

## Future careers

Florist

Display Merchandiser

Florist Manager

Floral Buyer

### Courses on offer

### Level

City & Guilds Technical Certificate in Floristry

2

City & Guilds Advanced Technical Diploma in Floristry

3





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# Horticulture

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**Brand new sustainable  
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## Hadlow Campus

**Do you enjoy being outside, or growing your own food? If so Horticulture is for you. Our courses cover a wide range of Horticultural subjects and will help students who wish to pursue a career in Production Horticulture, Garden Design, Hard and Soft Landscaping and Amenity Horticulture.**

Horticulture has been part of Hadlow for 50 years and as such we have built a reputation in the industry as one of the leading education providers. As a student you will benefit from the vast network of contacts we have of industry links which is comprised of former students and companies who take students on in work experience placements year after year. The horticultural team have an array of experience from head gardener to commercial production management.

All have worked in the industry in various sectors and bring this knowledge and experience to the delivery of the course. Students benefit from a wide range of links with commercial nurseries, research institutes, organic producers, public and privately owned gardens as well as exposure to the retail world through our on-site garden centre.

## Future careers

Nursery Assistant

Garden Centre Sales Assistant

Assistant Gardener

Estate Gardener

Landscaper

Groundsperson

Landscape Contractor

Fresh Produce Assistant

### Courses on offer

### Level

BTEC Introductory Diploma in Horticulture (and Floristry)

1

BTEC Diploma in Horticulture

2

BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Horticulture

3

BTEC National Extended Diploma in Horticulture (Top Up)

3



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# Land & Wildlife Management



## Hadlow Campus

**This course has a mixture of practical and theory lessons and is delivered to make use of the excellent resources we have on site and the range of experience within the faculty team. This qualification covers the skills and knowledge required for you to enter employment in the countryside sector specialising in land and wildlife management industries.**

This qualification gives you the opportunity to study a range of specialist technical practical skills and gain knowledge that builds upon the skills required for working in the countryside management sector such as estate maintenance skills, population surveys, safe use of equipment and machinery with further areas of study such as land use and recreation. It will enable you to develop specialist skills such as woodland and coastal habitat management, river fishery management and habitat management learning on our large estate.

This is a one-year, full time qualification. Practical and theory lessons will take place throughout your study programme and we work with local employers who will contribute to the delivery of your qualification by providing talks and offering work experience. In addition, trips will occur to support your learning experience. The course is assessed via internally set assignments and externally set exams.



You can progress onto a Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Year 2) Countryside or Fisheries stream. HE to study towards careers in fisheries management, conservation and biodiversity.

### Courses on offer

### Level

City & Guilds Advanced Technical Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Fisheries)

3

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside)

3



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## **Future careers**

### Countryside Pathway Routes

Countryside Ranger

Countryside Warden

Volunteer Manager

Estate Supervisor

Boundary Contractor

### Fisheries Pathway Routes

Fish Feed Manufacturing &  
Development Officer

Fisheries Consultancy Assistant

Fisheries Manager

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# 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.

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## 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 help our students get through their courses to succeed.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## SEN Support

The Learning Support & Inclusion team provides support to students who have an EH&CP (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.



# Student Financial Support



**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 1 child only for students aged 20 or above. Students under the age of 20 should apply to the National Care to Learn Scheme for assistance with childcare



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

# Getting to College



**It's really easy to get to North Kent College and we are always striving to find the best deals for our students, whether you live locally to Dartford, Gravesend or Tonbridge.**

Dartford students – Catch a FREE shuttle bus from Dartford Station to the Dartford Campus and back. (Timetable will start in September. The shuttle bus service does not run during the holidays or enrolment.)

For students travelling from a London Borough, you can apply for the 16+ Oyster or 18+ Oyster Card through the Transport for London website. This will give free/discounted travel on buses within London up to and including Dartford (Zone 8).

For students travelling from Kent (you must live in Kent) you can apply for the KCC 16+ Travel Saver Card through the Kent County Council Website.

For students aged 16-17 who travel by train outside of London, you can apply through National Rail for a 16-17 Travel Card, which reduces the cost of a ticket by **50%** for 16 & 17 year olds.

Students aged 18+ who require to travel by train outside of London can apply for the 16-25 Railcard which gives a 1/3 off rail fares.

Students travelling from East Sussex can apply for the 3i-d card in order to pay reduced fares for bus travel. A unique Organisation code (UOC) is required to apply for this card. The UOC for the Hadlow region is HAD231 and for the West Kent (Tonbridge) region it is WES93A. To apply please visit the 3i-D CitizenCard website.

**The following websites, will give further information on travel discounts and full terms and conditions:**

- [nationalrail.co.uk](http://nationalrail.co.uk)
- [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk)
- [tfl.gov.uk](http://tfl.gov.uk)
- [citizencard.com](http://citizencard.com)
- [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)





# How does College work?

**College is different to school in both the approach and type of education taught. Schools tend to focus on A Level pathways while College focuses on vocational, hands-on learning to give young people the skills they need to gain employment or go on to university.**

Not only are courses delivered in exceptionally high commercial-standard learning environments, from workshops, to salons, kitchens and theatres, but they are taught by industry-experienced tutors with a focus on giving students the expertise that employers need – we're dedicated to helping our students gain employment or progress into higher education on completion of their courses.

For students wanting to start work at 18 we strongly recommend a vocational programme to learn the skills employers want rather than the academic A Level route.

College courses generally run over 3 or 4 days per week which allows students to undertake work placements or work experience, giving them additional employment skills and to earn money. We work closely with employers to offer industry placements alongside your course.

Remember, young people must stay in education or training until 18 years of age, but that doesn't mean they must stay at school – there are alternatives: studying at College, or on-the-job training through an apprenticeship.

# How to apply

## 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 all of our campuses.

## When to apply

Applications open late in September 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 letter 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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# Timeline

## September 2022

### Start thinking about your options.

Grab a School Leavers' Guide and browse through our course offer – also online at [www.northkent.ac.uk](http://www.northkent.ac.uk)

## October – November 2022

### 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 2022 – February 2023

### 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 Events you can book online.

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## February – March 2023

### 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 2023

### 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 2023



### 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 2023

### Welcome to North Kent College!

Congratulations you are now a fully fledged NKC student! Its' 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 2023

### 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 2023

### 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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Oakfield Lane,  
Dartford, Kent DA1 2JT

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Lower Higham Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2JJ

**Tonbridge Campus**  
Tonbridge Road,  
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