FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

VIBRANT STUDENT COMMUNITY

EXCELLENT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

MORE THAN 90 LANGUAGES SPOKEN
Welcome to Sandwell College and we are delighted that you are considering studying at the College. Choosing the right College not only helps you improve your knowledge and skills but so much more. By coming to College, it helps you flourish as a person developing your independence, improving your study skills and building your confidence ready for your next step, whether it’s University or into employment.

Sandwell College is an exceptional College, diverse and inclusive. We have so many nationalities within our student community. 93% of our students say they feel safe and we’re proud of our achievement rates soaring above the national average at 88%. What’s more, we have fantastic resources, second to none, and our students speak with real passion about the College. Our students love studying at Sandwell College so much that the College has been ranked highest in the West Midlands for learner satisfaction, according to FE Choices survey, and shortlisted for Whatuni’s FE College of the Year 2019 Award.

Our objective is to give you the best possible transition from school to college and help you to get to the top universities and careers. I hope you’ll find this course guide helpful when making your choice for your next step and we look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Days.

Graham Pennington
Principal, Sandwell College
College allows you to develop your independence and confidence in a safe and nurturing environment. From your first day to your final day at College, there are a wide range of support services to you. We’re here for you.

Our award-winning Student Services Team will be available throughout your stay at the College to offer practical, impartial information on educational and personal matters. As soon as you arrive at College, you’ll be able to get the help you need to succeed. The team is available to advise you on:

- Personal problems
- Loans and grants
- State benefits
- Homelessness
- Childcare
- Student rights
- Visa and immigration information for international students
- Staying safe
- Access to Counselling
- Materials, uniforms, equipment and books
- Travel

For more information email welfare@sandwell.ac.uk

**STUDY LINK**

Study Link is a team that offers support to students with their coursework, literacy and numeracy skills. We offer one-to-one specialist tutor support, a drop-in service and in-class support. In this way, all our students have the opportunity to achieve regardless of ability or circumstance.

**DYSLEXIA SUPPORT**

The College is one of only a few in the country to be awarded the ‘Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark Award’ by the British Dyslexia Association, for the excellent support given to our learners.

The support offered includes: specialist assessments, one-to-one support sessions, classroom support, literacy and numeracy programmes and assistive computer software.

If you want to find out more about the support available, please contact support@sandwell.ac.uk

**ADDITIONAL NEEDS**

Additional Needs is a specialised service which offers assessments and support for learners with Specific Learning Difficulties such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, autism, Asperger Syndrome, impaired vision or hearing, reduced mobility, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, arthritis, ME. You may also want support if English is not your first language. We can offer communication support workers and interpreters for deaf students, readers/scribes and other support staff appropriate to your needs.

To find out about the support available, please contact support@sandwell.ac.uk

**PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENT MANAGERS (PAMS)**

are student champions, here to support you with your attendance and help you to resolve any problems that may prevent you from attending College.
CHOOSING A COURSE THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU
YOUR GUIDE TO QUALIFICATIONS
ENTRY LEVEL
Learning at this level involves building general knowledge and skills to give you confidence to move on to other courses or into employment.

Qualifications include:
Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3 (in a range of subjects)
Entry requirements: None

LEVEL 1
Level 1 qualifications will give you basic knowledge and skills and the ability to work with guidance or supervision. Learning at this level can start you on your career path.

Qualifications include:
NVQ1; GCSEs Grades 3-1 (Grades D-G); Level 1 Diploma
Entry requirements:
Entry Level Certificate or 2 GCSEs Grades 2-1 (E–G)

LEVEL 2
Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and can be applied to many job roles as Level 2 qualifications show employers that you’ve reached a nationally recognised standard.

Qualifications include: NVQ2; GCSEs Grades 9-4 (Grades A*-C); Level 2 Diploma; Apprenticeships
Entry requirements: 4 GCSEs Grade 3 or above (A*-D); Equivalent qualification eg: Introductory Certificate, NVQ Level 1

LEVEL 3
Learning at this level involves obtaining detailed knowledge and skills. Level 3 qualifications are appropriate for people wishing to progress to university or, in some areas, supervising and training others in their field of work as you will have reached a nationally recognised standard.

Qualifications include: NVQ3; A Levels; Level 3 Extended Diploma; Advanced Apprenticeships
Entry requirements: Level 2 Diploma – Merit or above, 5 GCSEs Grade 4 or above (A*-C). You may also need Grade 4 or above (A*-C) in Maths and English.

LEVEL 4/5/6
These are degree level courses and learning at this level involves a high amount of in-depth study. A range of degree level programmes are available to study on either a full or part-time basis at Sandwell College.

Qualifications include: NVQ4; Foundation Degree; HNC/HND; BA (Hons); Teaching Qualifications; Higher Level Apprenticeships
Entry requirements: A Levels, Level 3 Diploma, NVQ Level 3 (in a related subject)
YOUR FUTURE YOUR CAREER

At Sandwell College, we’re here to help support and guide you to get to the top universities or employers across the region and beyond. We have a dedicated Careers Hub at the heart of the College where you can find Level 6 trained careers advisers, a work experience team, the Aspire to HE team (in collaboration with the University of Wolverhampton) and a member of the armed forces.

Careers Guidance
Our advisers offer careers information, advice and guidance to support students with:

- Choosing suitable courses
- Exploring career ideas
- Understanding options including academic pathways, vocational pathways, Higher Education, apprenticeships and employment
- Making successful transitions from College into employment, education or training
- Applying to University
- Raising aspirations
- Job seeking support including writing CVs and preparing for interviews
- Our advisers take pride in offering high quality impartial advice, guidance and support
- Events and seminars for you to progress your skills.

Industry Links
Sandwell College has excellent links to industry, and our learners benefit from industry experts linked to each of our specialist areas through employer boards. Companies and organisations we work with include Jaguar Land Rover, Sandwell Council, Sandwell Hospital, The Rep Theatre, Creative Black Country, West Bromwich Albion and many more. We are part of the Black Country Careers Hub which works with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to ensure our students are ready to take their place in the world of work.

Work Experience and Placements
Many of our courses have minimum 30 hours of work experience included in the course. This provides you the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the industry and also gain practical experience for your career. Why not speak to us about our work placements and hear about the wide range of employers we work with across the region?
Music students produce professional quality recordings using industry-standard equipment at Denovo Records. Students say: “We want to enable artists to create amazing music. Our team is here to help every step of the way from recording, to mixing and mastering and finally helping to design artwork and promoting the finished product.”

Photography student Amardeep Shergill took photos of royals and A-list celebrities at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s Royal Wedding. He was selected to be in the photographers’ enclosure in the grounds of Windsor Castle as he is an Army Reserve with the 237 Royal Logistics Corps. Amardeep said: “It was unreal! I didn’t believe I was actually there!”

Art & Design students produced a massive mural, in partnership with London Midland, under the platform archway at Rolfe Street Station in Smethwick. Construction students transformed the former station master’s office into a new community exhibition room. Carpentry student Liam Stott says: “The skills that I’ve learned in the workshop can now be applied on an actual work site, and it gives me better experience as well.”

Elite football students are getting up to 30 hours of work experience at West Bromwich Albion FC as part of their study programme. Student Nathaniel Graham says: “This opportunity only came about because of the course I am on at Sandwell College in partnership with The Albion Foundation.”
Manvir: Trainee Pilot
- Studied Travel & Aviation
- Secured Elite Pathways Programme place

Kyle: Commercial Photographer
- Studied Level 3 - HND Photography
- Commissions for Sainsbury’s & Amazon

Luke: Regional Construction Award
- Level 2 Maintenance Operations Diploma
- Skillbuild 2018 regional heat winner

Kiah-Rose: Psychology at Aston University
- Level 3 Health & Social Care
- Distinction grades in all her modules
Amber: dream job with Jaguar Land Rover
✔️ Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
✔️ Service technician apprentice at Lancaster Jaguar

Callum: West Bromwich Albion U18 Academy
✔️ Impressed coaches and offered 6-week trial
✔️ Played against Manchester United U18 team

Maya: Diana Legacy Award
✔️ Aviation Engineering at Brunel University
✔️ Award presented by Princes William & Harry

Dovile: Award-winning Nursery Manager
✔️ Studied Level 2/3 Childcare & Education
✔️ Manages team of 15 staff & students
Our Open Days give you the chance to meet our staff and your teachers, find out more about the subject and discover the campus on one of our tours. Coming to an Open Day also lets you speak to our current students and hear about their experiences on the course.

Book your place today at one of our Open Days sandwell.ac.uk/opendays
THURSDAYS

- OCT 3, 2019, 4PM
- OCT 14, 2019, 7PM
- JAN 16, 2020
- MARCH 5, 2020
- JUNE 18, 2020

SATURDAYS

- OCT 5, 2019, 11AM
- OCT 16, 2019, 3PM
- JAN 18, 2020
- MARCH 7, 2020
- JUNE 20, 2020
GET AHEAD WITH OUR STUDYPLUS PACKAGE

Get more out of College with a free travel pass, free meals and financial support*, and ALL of this:

* See website for details
**BENEFITS**

**Study Programme**- You will be part of a study programme which will contain your chosen qualification, work experience and an enrichment programme

**Travel Pass**- Free bus or Metro pass while at college

**Free Meals**- Complete a Learner Support Fund application and you may get free meals and financial support*

**NUS Card**- Get discounts in shops and online

**ACTIVITIES**

**Free and subsidised trips, activities and events**- As part of your course or for the whole college

**Duke of Edinburgh**- Opportunity to gain your bronze, silver or gold award

**Freshers’ Fair**- Get to know the college and other students

**Students’ Union**- Run by students for students

**Sports Teams**- Eleven different sports for you to participate in

**Get fit, stay fit**- Use of the college gym

**Fundraising**- Fundraising events

**Student Council**- Be part of the Student Council

**SUPPORT**

**Quiet & Contemplation Rooms**- Provided for quiet reflection and contemplation, plus Multi-faith Chaplaincy

**Welfare Team**- Personal, practical and impartial advice

**Mentor Team**- Mentors to help you with any problems you may have

**Study Support**- Help with literacy, English & maths, numeracy skills, dyslexia, and any additional needs

**Personal Tutor**- Every student will have a tutor to provide advice, guidance and encouragement

**PROGRESSION**

**Work Experience**- Every student will have 30 hours’ work experience in their chosen career

**Careers Advice**- Careers advice to make sure you are on the right path for you

**Going to University**- Help and guidance in gaining a place at University

**Awards & Celebration**- Various events throughout the year to reward your achievements
For when you’re not studying we offer a whole range of enrichment activities which are not only good fun but help you make friends, develop new skills and add to your CV and university applications. There are trips and visits to bring your studies to life, and you can get involved in sport, the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, debating and many other activities.
Mountain biking
Rickshaw Challenge
Copa Santa, Spain
Kayaking
Fatface Project
Manchester Trip
Team Building
Disneyland Paris
Goa Beach
Desert Safari
HOW TO APPLY

Take a look at our website
See which course you like the look of. With over 100 courses to choose from we know you’ll find something you’ll love!

Come and visit us at one of our Open Days
You can take a look round our campus, speak to our expert lecturers to find out more information about the course you fancy; and if you’re not sure our careers advisors will be on hand to offer useful advice and guidance.
Apply! You can apply online for any of our courses 24/7

Or if you’d prefer you can call in and we can support you with your application. If you need any help you can speak to our friendly admissions staff by calling 0800 622 006.

After submitting your application you’ll be invited to come for an interview

This is your opportunity to ask us any questions that you’d like to know about college life, and to make sure that you’ve picked the best course for you. If you’re successful we’ll make you an offer!
EXPLORE OUR COURSES
- ANIMAL CARE & DOG GROOMING
- ART & DESIGN
- AUTOMOTIVE
- BUSINESS
- COMPUTING
- CONSTRUCTION & TRADES
- EARLY YEARS
- ENGINEERING
- ESOL
- FASHION
- FOUNDATION LEARNING
- GCSE & FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH & MATHS
- HAIRDRESSING, BEAUTY THERAPY & MEDIA MAKE-UP
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- MUSIC
- PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS
- PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM & MEDIA
- PUBLIC SERVICES
- SPORT
- TRAVEL, AVIATION & HOSPITALITY
- APPRENTICESHIPS

A CAREERS COLLEGE
ANIMAL CARE & DOG GROOMING

- One full day of experience every week at a working farm
- Use of modern fully-equipped industry-standard salons
- Members of the Pet Industry Federation
- Visit Crufts, London Zoo, Cannock Chase Horse Trekking Centre & Chester Zoo
- Work with Birmingham Dogs Home and visit Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Work with reptiles and a range of other animals at a rescue centre

LEVEL 1
Certificate in Work-Based Animal Care (City & Guilds)
No formal qualifications are needed to apply for this course.

LEVEL 2
Diploma in Animal Care (City & Guilds)
No formal qualifications needed to apply for this course. You will be expected to buy your own overalls and steel toe-capped boots for practical work.

Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants (City & Guilds)
There are no formal entry requirements. You will be expected to buy the correct PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and scissor sets from the college. A placement within a grooming salon would be an advantage but is not a course requirement.

LEVEL 3
Extended Diploma in Animal Management (City & Guilds)
You will need GCSE Grade 4/C in Maths and English and Science. You will be expected to buy your own overalls and steel toe-capped boots for practical work. Finding a suitable placement in an animal care establishment would be an advantage but is not a course requirement.

Diploma for Professional Dog Grooming Stylists (City & Guilds)
You must hold the City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants prior to enrolment. You will be expected to buy the correct PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and scissor sets from the college. A placement within a grooming salon would be an advantage but is not a course requirement.
Success!

Georgia Hudson › Level 2 Animal Care › Dudley Zoo education department
Dacee Davies › Level 2 Dog Grooming › now dog grooming assistant
Rebecca Worrallo › Level 3 Dog Grooming › now salon manager

Potential Salaries*
Zookeeper
£12k - £25k per year
Dog Groomer
£13k - £20k per year

*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
ART & DESIGN

- Work with companies and charities on live projects to express your true potential
- Experiment with a massive variety of media and disciplines, from fine art all the way to sculpture and textiles, and much more beyond
- Get your name out there in amazing public art projects like our award-winning mural at Rolfe Street station
- Visit art galleries in Liverpool, London and Manchester
- Create 2D and 3D designs in our Fab Lab

LEVEL 2
General Art and Design Diploma (Edexcel)
You’ll need a Level 1 qualification or GCSEs at Grade 3/D.

LEVEL 3
General Art and Design Extended Diploma (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above (including English) or a Level 2 qualification in a design subject.

Multi Media Design, Graphics, Imaging and Animation - Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above, including English, and/or you’ll have completed a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

Success!

- **Rowan Crackett**  Level 3 Art & Design  created bag design for Fat Face
- **Bethany Clarke**  Level 3 & Level 4  running community arts centre workshops for people with disabilities
- **Amelia Fox**  Level 3 Extended Diploma  Fine Art Degree at University of Lincoln

**POTENTIAL SALARIES***

**PRODUCT DESIGNER**  £19K - £50K PER YEAR

**ART THERAPIST**  £26K - £48K PER YEAR

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Prepare for a career in the Vehicle Collision Repair industry or develop the industry-standard knowledge and skills required for employment as a Motor Vehicle Mechanic

Get loads of practical experience in our amazing bodywork, paint spraying or mechanical workshops

Go on visits to Jaguar Land Rover and RAF Cosford

Work on a range of student projects: Police Range Rover, Tuk Tuk and sports car build

Excellent reputation and great motor industry links

Prepare to get into universities like Birmingham City University and Coventry

BODY AND ACCIDENT REPAIR

ENTRY LEVEL 3

Vehicle Body and Paint Maintenance (City & Guilds)
You’ll come in for a chat about the course, followed by an assessment designed to make sure that this course is the right one for you. Passion and enthusiasm to work in the automotive industry are essential.

LEVEL 1

Vehicle Body and Paint Maintenance (City & Guilds)
You’ll need passion and enthusiasm to work on vehicles. You’ll need to have GCSE Maths, English and a Science at Grade 3/D or above, or Entry Level 3 Vehicle Body and Paint Maintenance.

LEVEL 2

Vehicle Body Repair (City & Guilds)
You’ll have previously completed a Level 1 Vehicle Body and Paint Maintenance qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.

Vehicle Paint Refinishing (City & Guilds)
You’ll have previously completed a Level 1 Vehicle Body and Paint Maintenance qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.

Accident Repair MET (Mechanical Electrical and Trim) (City & Guilds)
You’ll have previously completed a Level 1 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.

Success!
Alex Woods › Level 2 Accident Repair › now working for JLR design team
Josh Steward › Level 3 Body Repair › working for Central Classic Restorations
Jack Salter › Level 2 Accident Repair › working on Ferraris and Lamborghini for Individual Specialist Cars
LEVEL 3

**Vehicle Body Repair (City & Guilds)**
You’ll have previously completed a Level 2 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll also need to demonstrate technical knowledge and understanding of the repair of collision-damaged vehicles.

**Vehicle Paint Refinishing (City & Guilds)**
You’ll have previously completed a Level 2 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll also need to demonstrate technical knowledge and understanding of the repair of collision-damaged vehicles.

**Accident Repair MET (Mechanical Electrical and Trim) (City & Guilds)**
You’ll have previously completed a Level 2 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.
LIGHT VEHICLE

ENTRY LEVEL 3

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (City & Guilds)
There are no formal entry requirements. You’ll just come in for a chat about whether this course is right for you. You’ll have a passion and enthusiasm to work in the automotive industry, along with a reasonable level of Maths and English.

LEVEL 1

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (City & Guilds)
You’ll need passion and enthusiasm to work on vehicles. You’ll need to have GCSE Maths, English and a Science at Grade 3/D or above, or Entry Level 3 Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair.

LEVEL 2

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (City & Guilds)
You’ll have previously completed a Level 1 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.

LEVEL 3

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (City & Guilds)
You’ll have previously completed a Level 2 Motor Vehicle qualification. You’ll be able to demonstrate a professional attitude and have excellent communication skills.

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

PAINT SPRAYER
£18K - £30K PER YEAR
MOTOR MECHANIC
£18K - £35K PER YEAR

*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
Success!

Uniqua Brown › Level 3 Business Diploma › 5 Degree Offers from Aston & Birmingham City University

Zakaria Ahmed › Maximum Distinction* grades in all Level 3 units › Business and Finance Degree at Aston University

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

BUSINESS PROJECT MANAGER
£22K - £70K PER YEAR

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
£25K - £60K PER YEAR

*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
Massive career opportunities in banking & finance, business law, marketing, IT, retail management, and so much more

Teaching linked to current business trends and situations with live examples

Produce your own plans and marketing campaigns, and take on project manager or finance director roles in group exercises

Take part in competitions judged by local business owners and trips and add to your learning experience

Full programme of guest speakers to enhance your business knowledge

92% of our Business students progress to the university course of their choice

LEVEL 1
Introductory Diploma in Business (Edexcel)
You should have GCSEs at Grade 2/E or above, or an appropriate entry-level qualification. An appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy is also required.

LEVEL 2
First Extended Certificate in Business (Edexcel)
You will need to have either:
• Four GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above including English or Maths
Or
• An appropriate Level 1 qualification and an appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy.

LEVEL 3
90-Credit Diploma in Business (Edexcel)
You will need to have either:
• Five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including Grade 4/C or above in both English and Maths
Or
• A related BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate or Diploma at Merit or above, plus Grade 4/C or above in GCSE English and Maths.
COMPUTING

- Develop programming, networking, web development, graphics and computer systems to industry standards
- Work with employers on live software development projects
- Specialist courses designed to meet your career aspirations
- Coursework based on real life or work situations
- 95% of our Computing students progress to the university course of their choice

ENTRY LEVEL 3
Award in Using ICT (OCR)
You’ll need a basic level of English and Maths.

LEVEL 1
Introductory Diploma in Information Technology (Edexcel)
You’ll need GCSEs at Grade 2/E or above and an appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy, or an appropriate entry-level qualification.

LEVEL 2
Diploma for IT Users – Administration (OCR)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above including English or Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification and an appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy.

First Extended Certificate in IT (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above including English or Maths, or an appropriate Level 1 qualification and an appropriate standard of literacy and numeracy.

LEVEL 3
National Extended Certificate in Information Technology (BTEC Pearson)
You’ll need five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English or Maths, or an equivalent Level 2 qualification.

National Foundation Diploma in Information Technology (BTEC Pearson)
You’ll need five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English and Maths, or an equivalent Level 2 qualification (minimum Merit).

POTENTIAL SALARIES*
COMPUTER GAMES DEVELOPER
£19K - £70K PER YEAR
IT DIRECTOR
£55K - £140K PER YEAR
*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
Success!

Luke Hayward ➤ Level 3 Diploma ➤ Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Degree at Aberystwyth University ➤ Robotic Process Automation Developer for Capgemini
POTENTIAL SALARIES*

CONSTRUCTION SITE SUPERVISOR £28K - £40K PER YEAR

CARPENTER/PLUMBER £15K - £40K PER YEAR

INTERIOR DESIGNER £18K - £45K PER YEAR

*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
CONSTRUCTION

- Excellent opportunities to go into self-employment and management - be your own boss
- State-of-the-art training workshops with purpose-built bays and rooms
- Use the latest construction methods and tools
- 10,000 more jobs created in the sector between 2015 & 2020
- Learn to build what matters to people in your community, whether it's a road, a home or a school
- Loads of opportunities to gain work experience and visit construction sites

Success!

Carpentry students won hacksaw challenge set by blade manufacturer Starrett
Gold and Silver for Luke Riley and Mikael Miah in Skillbuild 2018
Liam Stott worked on award-winning London Midland project at Rolfe Street station
Conor Coughlan Level 3 Site Carpentry Kier Living apprentice

CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS FOUNDATION PROGRAMME
(Sandwell College)
There are no formal entry requirements, but you'll need to come in for a chat to see if the programme is right for you. You'll need a basic level of English and Maths, plus you'll be keen to learn in a vibrant atmosphere.

LEVEL 1
Basic Construction Skills (Property Maintenance) Diploma (City & Guilds)
There are no formal entry qualifications, but all applicants will be interviewed and take an initial assessment. You will also complete a dexterity test on one of our taster days. You'll see what the course is like and whether it's a good match for you.

LEVEL 2
Maintenance Operations Diploma (City & Guilds)
You'll need to have a recognised Level 1 Certificate. You'll also be asked to attend an initial interview and be assessed on your level of English and Maths.
Carpentry

**LEVEL 1**

Carpentry & Joinery Diploma (City & Guilds)
No formal qualifications are necessary, although you will need to be good at practical work. You’ll be invited to come in to discuss the programme and your career goals.

**LEVEL 2**

Site Carpentry Diploma (City & Guilds)
You need to have achieved Level 1 in Carpentry & Joinery or the City & Guilds Basic Construction Skills Certificate in Carpentry.

**LEVEL 3**

Site Carpentry Diploma (City & Guilds)
You’ll need a minimum of three GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above, including English and Maths, or a Level 2 Diploma in Site Carpentry. You’ll also be invited in for a chat about the course.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION**

**LEVEL 1**

Electrical Installation Diploma (City & Guilds)
You’ll need to complete an initial assessment and have a minimum Grade 3/D in GCSE Maths and English.

**LEVEL 2**

Electrical Installation Diploma (City & Guilds)
You’ll need to complete an initial assessment and have a minimum Grade 4/C in GCSE Maths and English.

**PAINTING & DECORATING**

**LEVEL 1**

Painting & Decorating Diploma (City & Guilds)
No formal qualifications are necessary although you will need to be good at practical work. You’ll be invited to come in to discuss the programme and your career goals.

**LEVEL 2**

Painting & Decorating Diploma (City & Guilds)
You’ll need a Level 1 Diploma in Painting & Decorating or the City & Guilds Basic Skills Certificate in Painting & Decorating.

**LEVEL 3**

Painting & Decorating Diploma (City & Guilds)
You’ll need a minimum of four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, or an equivalent Level 2 qualification (Cskills or City & Guilds). You’ll also be invited in for a chat about the course.

**PLUMBING**

**LEVEL 1**

Plumbing Diploma (City & Guilds)
You don’t need any experience - you just need to be serious about having a go and seeing if plumbing is the right career for you. You’ll be invited to come in to discuss the programme and your career goals.

**LEVEL 2**

Plumbing Diploma (City & Guilds)
You should have a Level 1 Plumbing qualification or equivalent. You’ll also be asked to come in and be assessed on your level of English and Maths.

**CONSTRUCTION**

**LEVEL 3**

National Foundation Diploma in Construction and the Built Environment BTEC (Pearson)
You’ll need a Level 2 qualification in a vocational subject and Grade 4/C or above in English and Maths, or five GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above including English and Maths.
EARLY YEARS

Great work experience opportunities in the Childcare and Early Years industries to prepare you for your career and university

Visit the Black Country Living Museum for a Victorian classroom experience – comparing today’s schools to the past

Explore the Science Gardens and interactive games at the Thinktank in Birmingham

End of year trips to places like Disneyland Paris and Italy

Team building exercises solving challenging puzzles with an escape room experience!

See a pantomime at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton, with activities linked to the show

LEVEL 1

Caring for Children Award/Certificate/Diploma (CACHE)
The only entry requirement we set is that you should be at least 14 years old.

LEVEL 2

Introduction to Early Years Education and Care Certificate (CACHE)
You’ll need Maths and English GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above. We interview all applicants to make sure the course is right for them. You’ll also need a DBS check to complete work placements as part of your course.

Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning (CACHE)
You’ll need to be at least 16 and have GCSE Maths and English at Grade 3/D or above. You’ll also need to be working or on a practical placement in a learning environment (school or college) for the duration of the course, as you’ll need to demonstrate competence in both skills and knowledge.

LEVEL 3

Childcare and Education Certificate and Diploma (Early Years Educator) (CACHE)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, in academic subjects, two of which must be in English and Maths, or a Level 2 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Childcare and Education, or NVQ in Childcare Learning and Development. You’ll also need a DBS check to complete work placements as part of your course.

Diploma in Supporting Teaching and Learning (CACHE)
You’ll need to be at least 16 and have GCSE Maths and English at Grade 4/C or above. As you need to show competence in both skills and knowledge, you’ll need to be working or be on a practical placement in a learning environment (school or college) for the duration of the course. At Diploma level, we recommend you complete a total 200 hours of placement in a real work environment.
Success!

Dovile Baikauske › Level 3 › Fireflies Nursery Manager and national Nursery World award winner

Olivia Steele › Level 3 › Childhood Studies degree at Birmingham City University, focusing on a career in Play Therapy

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

NURSERY MANAGER £23K - £45K PER YEAR
PLAY THERAPIST £25K - £41K PER YEAR

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POTENTIAL SALARIES*

ELECTRONICS ENGINEER
£21K - £65K PER YEAR

AEROSPACE ENGINEER
£20K - £60K PER YEAR

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Success!

Siraj Etel > ESOL > Level 3 Extended Diploma > Aerospace Engineering at Coventry University > Lecturer

Maya Ghazal > Level 3 Extended Diploma > Aviation Engineering at Brunel University
Purpose built design suite
Build and test electronic circuits and use simulation software
Use industrial specified software: AutoCAD, Fusion 360, Automation and Labview Multisim
Gain practical machining, welding and bench skills and learn Mechanical Systems, Electronic and Electrical Systems, Hydraulics and Pneumatics and Manufacturing Methods
Helpful and highly qualified staff
Visits to universities, exhibitions, local companies, Coventry Motor Museum, RAF Cosford, plus activities like go karting and mountain biking
Guest speakers from industry and work experience placements
Engineering students have gone on to study at Aston University, University of Birmingham and Coventry University and many more to study Aerospace Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechatronics and even Accounting & Finance degrees!

LEVEL 1
Engineering (City & Guilds)
You’ll need GCSE English and Maths at Grade 3/D.

LEVEL 2
Diploma in Engineering – Manufacturing Technology (City & Guilds)
You’ll need four GCSEs, including Maths and English at Grade 4/C or above, plus two other relevant subjects at Grade 3/D or above. We’ll also consider other BTEC based qualifications.

LEVEL 3
Diploma in Engineering (City & Guilds)
You’ll need a Level 2 qualification in Engineering and/or GCSE Grade 4/C in English and Maths, along with another two GCSEs in a related subject. The course requires a minimum of 30 hours’ work experience. The college will assist with your placement, but students are encouraged to find their own as part of industrial familiarisation. For those looking for an apprenticeship, this may prove an opportunity to secure a place at the end of the course.

BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering (Pearson)
You’ll need five GCSEs, including Maths at Grade 5-6/B, English at Grade 4/C or above and three other relevant subjects at Grade 4/C or above. Alternatively, you’ll need a Level 2 Diploma in Engineering at Distinction grade with GCSE Maths at Grade 4/C and English at Grade 4/C. Experience shows that a high Mathematics grade is an advantage for this course and you will need to discuss this further with your tutor. The course requires a minimum of 30 hours’ work experience. The college will assist with your placement, but students are encouraged to find their own as part of industrial familiarisation. For those looking for an apprenticeship, this may prove an opportunity to secure a place at the end of the course. You can achieve the Foundation Diploma in Engineering at the end of the first year.
ESOL

- Improve your English and get more out of life in the UK!
- Opportunities to prepare you for vocational courses such as Health & Social Care, Sport, Public Services and Business Administration
- Develop your employability skills and improve your chances of getting a job
- Guest speakers from West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Services, Red Cross and many more
- Take part in team building activities and trips to London, Birmingham, German Christmas Market, Liverpool, West Midlands Safari Park
- Booster classes to stretch and challenge you

16-18 ESOL
STEP UP TO LEVEL 1

TRINITY SKILLS FOR LIFE
There are no formal entry requirements. You will take an English assessment to find out what your current level of English is in the four skill areas: Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, and to identify areas that you need to develop. You will also be assessed for Maths and ICT to identify your level. For your first visit to college you will need to bring your passport, or Home Office documents/visas, full address and your parents’/carers’ telephone numbers. If you are looked after by Social Services you will need to bring a letter from Social Services, which clearly states your name, date of birth and address, your legal status in this country and contact details for your social worker.

Success!

Rebaz Mohammed  ›  ESOL Entry 3
›  ESOL Level 2  ›  Level 3 Sport Studies
Klaudia Zochowska  ›  ESOL 16-18
›  Level 3 Travel & Tourism
Ausly Akedika  ›  ESOL Entry 1/2/3
›  Level 3 Business  ›  Business Degree at University of Worcester
NEXT MOVES
OTHER VOCATIONAL COURSES IN COLLEGE
EMPLOYMENT
FASHION

- Explore your creativity for Fashion Design in state-of-the-art studios
- Experiment with hands-on training to develop your fashion illustration skills
- Be amazed by exciting fashion designers and enjoy inspiring visits to see their work
- See your unique fashion designs come to life on the catwalk

LEVEL 3
Fashion National Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Edexcel)
Five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English, and/or a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

POTENTIAL SALARIES*
FASHION DESIGNER £20K - £80K PER YEAR
DESIGN ASSISTANT £14K - £23K PER YEAR
*Figures illustrated are a guide only.

Success!

Lauryn Patterson › Level 3 › Fashion Design at Birmingham City University
Gabrielle Nwenwu › Level 3 › Fashion & Fashion Marketing at University of Derby
Samantha Mutambu › Level 3 › Fashion Communication and Promotion at Nottingham Trent University

Insta-glam! Share your ideas on our social media channels

Realise your potential and progress to an exciting fashion career
Our students have an excellent record of progressing to other courses

Supported Internship programme giving you opportunities to work with external partners such as the NHS and Sandwell Council

We’ve represented the West Midlands in the National Championships

One of our lecturers won Volunteer of the Year award in the Albion Foundation Disability category

We have a multi-sport partnership with Sandwell Special Olympics and now run our own satellite basketball club

Annual Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Bronze Award expeditions and award ceremony

We run a series of vocational taster sessions across the year

FOUNDATION LEARNING

You won’t need to make a formal application but experienced members of staff will conduct assessments to determine your individual requirements. You may have an Educational Health Care Plan (or be in the process of completing one).

LEARNING PATHWAYS

(Gateway)

You’ll need to complete initial assessments to understand your appropriate learning level, from Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 3. If successful, you’ll be placed on the suitable curriculum tailored to your needs.

Success!

Joshua Whiston Foundation Learning Level 2 Animal Care progressing to Level 3 Animal Management

Raees Hussain NHS Supported Internship working in Sandwell Hospital’s Finance Office
We have a fantastic track record of helping our students achieve their dream careers!

Our results for resit GCSEs are higher than the national average

Enthusiastic specialist teachers who will teach you throughout the year and are determined to get you that pass!

Our Functional Skills results are 16% higher than the national average

You’ll also improve your skills through your main programme of study with the support of your lecturers

All of our study programmes include English and Maths

We’re number 1 in the UK for our cohort size
**GCSEs in English and Maths at 9-4 or A*-C?**
Continue to study English and Maths – No need to take another exam

**GCSEs in English and Maths at 3 or D?**
Resit your GCSEs at college

**GCSEs in English and Maths at 2/1 or E/F/G?**
Study Functional Skills until you reach Level 1
➢ Take GCSE English and Maths

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**Victoria Firkins, Performing Arts**
“I got into Newman University as I passed my English. I started in Foundation Studies and then moved on to Performing Arts.”

**Kelep Mensah, Computing**
“I got a 5 in Maths. Tutors in Sandwell College are the best.”

**Mamta Rani, Travel & Tourism**
“I’ve learnt new Maths topics like trigonometry and would now like to continue to progress to higher level Maths. Charmaine is a helpful, patient, understanding teacher.”

**Gisela Mensah-Fawry, Art & Design**
“My English & Maths GCSE courses have prepared me for my future and are considered a priority for qualifications. My teachers have helped me to achieve goals. One of the greatest things I have experienced in life was to attend a college where I have received quality education.”

**Michael Hayes, Health & Social Care**
“Maths is now my best friend!”

**Lele Tankam, Performing Arts**
“Maths has helped with being more logical in general and English has really helped with getting a better understanding and analysis of scripts in Performing Arts; looking deeper into the meaning. The whole experience at Sandwell College has been really amazing.”
State-of-the-art professional training salons and high-tech media make-up room with vanity mirrors and workstations to create your own TV, film and theatre characters!

Two golds, two silvers and two bronzes in the 2019 NHF Awards at Blackpool Winter Gardens!

Real clients for you to practise on under close supervision by our highly experienced and dedicated staff

External training with global hair colour brand Matrix to stretch and challenge your skills

Watch characters brought to life with prosthetic wigs and theatrical make-up at Harry Potter World Studios

Bring out your competitive streak in our college competitions

Create your own hair and make-up styles for theatre audiences including employers, and work alongside our Performing Arts students backstage

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**POTENTIAL SALARIES**

- **Salon Manager**
  - £18K - £30K PER YEAR

- **Beauty Therapist**
  - £12K - £20K PER YEAR

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LEVEL 2
Diploma in Hairdressing (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day.

Hairdressing VRQ (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day. Alternatively, you’ll be advised of other courses available to you.

Barbering Certificate (VTCT)
You’ll be invited to a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day. If you don’t meet the course requirements, we can advise you of other courses available to you. A minimum of Level 1 ESOL is required.

LEVEL 3
Diploma in Hairdressing (VTCT)
You must hold a Level 2 qualification in Hairdressing. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be offered a conditional place, as you’ll need to do a trade test and places will be offered based on the results.

Hairdressing VRQ (VTCT)
You must hold a Level 2 qualification in Hairdressing. GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be offered a place on the same day. Alternatively, you’ll be advised of other courses available to you.
HAIRDRESSING,
BEAUTY THERAPY & MEDIA MAKE-UP

LEVEL 2

Award in Make Up (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.

Award in Mehndi Skin Decoration (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.

Award in Skin Tanning Techniques (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.

Award in Threading (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.

Diploma in Beauty Services (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day.

Diploma in Beauty Therapy (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day.

Diploma in Nail Technology (Gel) (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day. Alternatively, you’ll be advised of other courses available to you.

NVQ Award in Eyebrow & Eyelash Tinting (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.
Success!

Leanne Elkington › Level 3 Beauty Therapy › Therapist at Village Hotel Spa
Jasmeen Akhtar › Front Cover silver medal winner in Blackpool NHF 2018 competition

LEVEL 3

NVQ Award in Single Eyelash Extensions (VTCT)
There are no formal entry requirements.

Beauty VRQ (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage but you must hold a Level 2 in Beauty Therapy. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day. Alternatively, you’ll be advised of other courses available to you.

Diploma in Massage Therapy (VTCT)
GCSE English and Maths are an advantage but you must hold a Level 2 in Beauty Therapy. You’ll take part in a group interview, where you’ll be able to ask questions after the course has been discussed. This is followed by a one to one interview. If you meet the course requirements you’ll be given a place on the same day. Alternatively, you’ll be advised of other courses available to you.

Extended Diploma in Production Arts (Theatrical Hair, Make-up & Design) (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above (which can include a BTEC Level 2 or equivalent in a relevant subject).
Success!

**Majestee Connor-Paul** › Completed Levels 1, 2 & 3 › Secured Northampton University place to study Sociology and Criminology

**Kiah-Rose Sargant** › Completed Level 3 with Distinctions in all modules › Studying Psychology at Aston University

**POTENTIAL SALARIES***

**MIDWIFE**
£22K- £48K PER YEAR

**SOCIAL SERVICES MANAGER** £35K - £75K PER YEAR

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HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- Second biggest employer in the UK; NHS is the fifth biggest employer in the world
- Amazing facilities including a fully equipped hospital simulation ward to demonstrate your skills
- Exclusive taster days with a range of universities and hospitals to help you with your career prospects
- Great relationships with employers providing you with work experience
- Build your employability skills through work placements at hospitals, residential care homes, schools, nurseries, day care centres and many other settings
- Dedicated team with a wide range of industrial skills and experience including Nursing, Social Work and Children’s Services
- Many students progress to university degrees in Sociology and Criminology, Paramedic Science, Nursing and more
- Midwifery partnership with Birmingham Women’s Hospital

ENTRY LEVEL 3

Foundation Learning in Health and Social Care – BTEC Certificate in Vocational Studies/Employability Skills (Edexcel/ASDAN)
There are no formal entry requirements, but ideally you’ll have GCSE Grade 1/G or Entry Level 2 in Maths and English.

LEVEL 1

Introductory Diploma in Health and Social Care (Edexcel)
You’ll need GCSE Maths and English at Grade 2/F or Functional Skills Maths and English at Entry Level 3.

LEVEL 2

Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care (Edexcel)
You’ll need GCSE Maths and English at Grade 3/D or Functional Skills Maths and English at Level 2.

LEVEL 3

National Foundation Diploma/Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (Edexcel)
You’ll need five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English and Science.

Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care (NCFE/CACHE)
You’ll need six GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including Maths or English.

Health & Social Sciences Academy: Diploma in Health and Social Care and Extended Certificate in Applied Science or Psychology (Edexcel)
You’ll need five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including Maths, English and Science.
MUSIC

- You’ll have access to a functioning recording studio: our very own recording label!
- You’ll have the creative freedom to tailor your performance repertoire
- We offer you opportunities to work with and learn from music industry professionals
- Highly qualified tutors with professional industry experience supporting you to pursue your path to performance
- You’ll have the opportunity to perform in a minimum of three full scale productions each year in a variety of performance venues

LEVEL 2
Diploma for Music Practitioners (RSL)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above, including English, or you’ll need to have successfully completed the Level 1 Diploma or equivalent. Experience is also taken into account. Equipment will be provided but you may wish to invest in your own equipment in the future, so funding is available for families on low income.

LEVEL 3
Extended Diploma for Music Practitioners (Performance) (RSL)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above and/or a Level 2 Music qualification. Experience is also taken into account. Equipment will be provided, but you may wish to invest in your own equipment in the future, so funding is available for families on low income.

Extended Diploma for Music Practitioners (Technology) (RSL)
You will need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, and/or a Level 2 Music qualification. Equipment will be provided but you may wish to invest in your own equipment in the future, so funding is available for families on low income. Experience is also taken into account.

POTENTIAL SALARIES*
- BROADCAST ASSISTANT
  £18K - £29K PER YEAR
- SOUND ENGINEER
  £15K - £40K PER YEAR
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All prospective students will be invited to attend an audition workshop before being offered a place.
PERFORMING & PRODUCTION ARTS

- We are a Leadership College for creative and cultural skills
- Specialist training in acting, singing and dance techniques to enable you to improve your unique skillset
- Free audition for top drama school ALRA
- Take part in a nationwide theatre festival run by the National Theatre and act or direct at professional UK theatres
- Highly qualified tutors with professional industry experience supporting you to pursue your path to performance
- Opportunity to perform in a minimum of three full scale productions each year in a variety of performance venues
- Advice and guidance on applying and auditioning for drama schools and professional work
- Perform for over 1000 local school children in our annual pantomime
- Close collaboration with our Film and TV course, with the chance to create publicity photos, a show reel and a voice reel completely free of charge

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

- TALENT AGENT
  £15K - £100K PER YEAR
- COMMUNITY ARTS WORKER
  £16K - £28K PER YEAR

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LEVEL 2

Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (BTEC)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 2/E or above, including English, or you’ll need to have successfully completed the Level 1 Diploma or equivalent.

Extended Certificate in Production Arts (BTEC)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 2/E or above, including English, or you’ll need to have successfully completed the Level 1 Diploma or equivalent.

LEVEL 3

Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting) (BTEC)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English, and/or a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Dance) (BTEC)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English, and/or a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) (BTEC)
You’ll need four or more GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English, and/or a Level 2 qualification or equivalent. All prospective students will be invited to attend an audition workshop before being offered a place.

Extended Diploma in Production Arts (Technical Theatre) (BTEC)
You’ll need four or more GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English, and/or a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

Extended Diploma in Production Arts (Theatrical Hair, Make-up & Design) (BTEC)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above (which can include a BTEC Level 2 or equivalent in a relevant subject).
PHOTOGRAPHY
FILM & MEDIA

- Professional standard lighting studio and darkroom facilities
- Valuable guidance and support from staff with real industry knowledge
- Industry-ready knowledge from digital and darkroom studies
- Practical, real use of professional standard cameras and media equipment
- Work experience with city design agencies
- Work with professional theatre-makers
- Highly qualified tutors including theatre directors and actors
- Week-long residential trip to expand and improve your skills

LEVEL 2
General Art and Design Diploma (Edexcel)
You will need a Level 1 qualification or GCSEs at Grade 3/D.

LEVEL 3
Photography – Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above, including English, and/or you’ll have completed a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.

Creative Media Production – Extended Diploma (Film & TV) (Pearson)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above.

Multi Media Design, Graphics, Imaging and Animation - Extended Diploma in Art and Design (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above, including English, and/or you’ll have completed a Level 2 qualification or equivalent.
Success!

Amardeep Shergill › selected to photograph Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

Kyle Francis › HND › Commercial photographer with commissions for Sainsbury’s & Amazon

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

PHOTOGRAPHER
£14K - £50K PER YEAR

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
£16K - £50K PER YEAR

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POTENTIAL SALARIES*
POLICE OFFICER
£20K - £60K PER YEAR
FIREFIGHTER
£22K - £42K PER YEAR
*Figures illustrated are a guide only.

Success!

Rytis Reinys › ESOL › Level 1/2/3 Public Services
› now studying Criminology degree
Wendy Cooper › Level 3 Public Services - Distinction
› prison officer apprenticeship with G4S
Jordan Owen › Level 3 Public Services
› now in the British Army
PUBLIC SERVICES

- Pursue your career in one of the Uniformed Public Services, such as the Police Service, Fire Service, Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Prison Service, or UK Border Agency
- Excellent links with Public Services sector employers including the Army, Fire Service, Paramedics and Police
- Progress to university degrees in Policing or Criminology
- Meet the Marines: climb a 30ft wall, ride a Zodiac boat, weaponry, first aid and much more
- Overnight residential and outdoor activities: white water rafting, rock climbing in the Peak District and mountain biking at Cannock Chase
- Visit Shrewsbury Prison: take the journey of a prisoner and see the cells and hanging room
- Meet guest speakers from the Police, Army and the Fire Service and take part in work experience placements
- Junior Streetwatch Patrol with West Midlands Police - first in the UK!

LEVEL 1
Introductory Diploma in Public Services (Edexcel)
There are no formal entry requirements but ideally you’ll have Entry Level 3 in Maths and English. You just need to be keen about the course and motivated to take part in activities.

LEVEL 2
Diploma in Public Services (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English.
There are two pathways for this level:
Emergency Services and Law Careers Academy
Military and Outdoors Careers Academy.

LEVEL 3
Diploma/Extended Diploma in Public Services (Edexcel)
You’ll need five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English.
There are two pathways for this level:
Emergency Services and Law Careers Academy
Military and Outdoors Careers Academy.

APPLY ONLINE
sandwell.ac.uk
SPORT

- Sport specific coaching qualifications in basketball, football, cricket, rugby and athletics
- Job opportunities coaching with West Bromwich Albion Foundation and Virgin Active Gyms
- Successful students have gone on to gain degrees at universities like Gloucestershire, Worcester, Newman and Wolverhampton
- Massively successful football and basketball education and coaching programme in partnership with West Bromwich Albion
- Relevant work experience placements to develop your industry experience
- Experience top level coaching first-hand with trips to St George’s Park and Barcelona
- Carry out your own practical research in university sports science laboratories
- Visits to London fitness expos and fitness testing at local universities
- Fantastic overseas trips to USA, Spain, Goa and coaching links with USA and Europe

LEVEL 1

Sport Foundation Studies (Edexcel)
There are no formal entry requirements. You just need to come in for a chat about the course. A criminal records check is needed for you to attend school placements.

LEVEL 2

Sport Extended Certificate (Edexcel)
You’ll need GCSEs at Grade 3/D or above, a BTEC Level 1 Introductory Diploma, or Level 1 City & Guilds NVQ in a related area. You’ll also need to come in for a chat about the course. A criminal records check is needed for you to attend school placements.

LEVEL 3

Health & Fitness Academy – Personal Training (Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above or equivalent. You must also demonstrate a high level of commitment and enthusiasm during the interview process. You’ll need to purchase college Sport uniform, which you’ll be expected to wear during all lessons at college.

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

FITNESS INSTRUCTOR
£14K - £30K PER YEAR
SPORTS PHYSIOTHERAPIST
£23K - £45K PER YEAR

*Figures illustrated are a guide only.
Success!

Fay Bridges › Silver BTEC Sport Student of the Year › UK Colleges Volleyball Cup and Commonwealth Games Handover Ceremony

Kaie Chambers-Brown › Fastest 100m time (10.35) in UK › won England U20 Championships bronze › Selected for World Junior Championships
LEVEL 3

Basketball Education & Coaching Extended Diploma (Pearson Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above or equivalent, although lower entry qualifications may be accepted if you do further study alongside the programme. You’ll need to purchase college Sport uniform, which you’ll be expected to wear during all lessons at college.

Cricket Education & Coaching Programme, linked to Edgbaston (Pearson Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above, including English and Maths, although lower entry qualifications may be accepted if you do further study alongside the programme. You’ll be required to purchase college Sport uniform, which you’ll be expected to wear during all lessons at college.

Rugby Education & Coaching Programme, in partnership with Stourbridge RFC (Pearson Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C and above, including English and Maths, although lower entry qualifications may be accepted if you do further study alongside the programme. You’ll be required to purchase college Sport uniform, which you’ll be expected to wear during all lessons at college.

Sport Extended Diploma (Pearson Edexcel)
You should have a minimum of four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, a BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Sport (ideally at Merit standard) or NVQ Level 2 in a related area. You will also need to come in for a chat about the course. A criminal records check is needed for you to attend school and community programme placements.

The West Bromwich Albion Foundation Male/Female Football Education & Coaching Programme (Pearson Edexcel)
You’ll need four GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English and Maths, although lower entry qualifications may be accepted if you do further study alongside the programme. You’ll also need to pass assessment at an open football trial.

LEVEL 4/5

Sport HNC/HND (Coaching and Sports Development) (Pearson Edexcel)
You’ll need 64 UCAS points or MPP Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport/Sport Exercise Science, plus five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above (or equivalent) that should include a form of Maths and English. All applicants will be invited to interview.
TRAVEL, AVIATION & HOSPITALITY

- Stunning Boeing 737 aircraft cabin on campus to develop your aviation knowledge and skills
- Previous students have progressed into employment with major companies such as Emirates, Premier Inn, Ramada Hotels and Swissport
- Prepare for university degrees in Tourism Management, Cruise Management or Aviation Management
- Work experience opportunities leading to paid work in the travel and hospitality industries; placements with organisations such as Premier Inn, Co-Operative Travel and Black Country Living Museum
- On-site day-to-day hospitality experience at West Bromwich Albion Football Stadium
- Lots of exciting overseas and UK study trips to destinations such as Goa, Florida and Alton Towers

Aviation Operations on the Ground Certificate (NCFE)
You’ll need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. A good level of written and spoken English is a must, and learners should also demonstrate the ability, interest and desire to work in the Aviation industry.

Introduction to Cabin Crew Certificate (NCFE)
You’ll need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. A good level of written and spoken English is a must, and learners should also demonstrate the ability, interest and desire to work in the Aviation industry.
Success!

Manvir Kaur ➔ Level 3 Travel ➔ trainee pilot on the Elite Pathways Programme

Gurpreet Singh ➔ Level 3 Travel ➔ Birmingham City University place offer

POTENTIAL SALARIES*

TOUR MANAGER
£16K - £30K PER YEAR

VISITOR ATTRACTION
GENERAL MANAGER
£22K - £50K PER YEAR

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LEVEL 1

Travel Study Programme (Pearson Edexcel)
There are no formal entry requirements for this course, although you will need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. You’ll need to demonstrate a desire to work in the Travel and Tourism industry and the ability to write and converse in English.

LEVEL 2

Travel Study Programme (NCFE)
You should have five GCSEs at Grades 3-2/D-E, including English. You’ll need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. You’ll need to demonstrate a desire to work in the Travel and Tourism industry.

LEVEL 3

Aviation Academy (Pearson Edexcel)
You must have five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English and Maths, or equivalent qualifications (including a full Level 2 qualification in Travel and Tourism). You’ll need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. You’ll need to demonstrate a high level of commitment and enthusiasm during the induction process.

West Bromwich Albion Hospitality Academy (Pearson Edexcel)
You must have five GCSEs at Grade 4/C or above, including English and Maths, or equivalent qualifications (including a full Level 2 qualification in Travel and Tourism or Hospitality). You’ll need to attend an interview with the course tutors and be assessed on your level of Maths and English. You’ll need to demonstrate a high level of commitment and enthusiasm during the induction process.

LEVEL 4

HNC Diploma in International Tourism and Tourism Management (Pearson)
You will need to be at least 18 years old and have achieved at least two A Levels at Grade C or above. The equivalent BTEC National Diploma or similar level qualification is also acceptable.
APPRENTICESHIPS
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS
Apprenticeships are jobs which combine work and training. You’ll earn a wage, develop your skills, update your CV and experience, and start on the career ladder.

Apprenticeships can last anything from one to four years (seven years at Degree and Masters Level) and they’re suitable for school leavers finishing their GCSEs and A Levels, those who are working, people looking to upskill and reskill at any age, or to start afresh in a new career.

You receive first-hand knowledge and support – you really can get a head start in your future career.

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WHAT APPRENTICESHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?
With over 25 different Apprenticeships available, we’ll help you decide which is most suitable for you.

Not sure? Ask us about traineeships. These are programmes designed to provide a taste of work in the industry that interests you the most. Traineeships also come with a training bursary paid weekly.

HOW TO GET AN APPRENTICESHIP – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
As part of the Apprenticeship process you will need to attend an interview with an employer, but don’t worry as we’re here to help you prepare.

After you apply we’ll invite you in for an initial interview and assessment. It’s your chance to make sure the Apprenticeship you’ve chosen is right for you and your future plans, and to ask any questions you might have. We will then help you to prepare for your Apprenticeship interview – perfecting your interview skills and techniques, so you’re confident when you meet with an employer.

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**LEVEL 2**

**Vehicle Body and Paint Intermediate Apprenticeship**
This programme is ideal for young people who wish to go into the accident repair business or who are already working in the automotive industry.

**Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Intermediate Apprenticeship**
You’ll cover routine vehicle maintenance, removing and replacing engine units and components, or valeting vehicles.

**Mechanical Electrical and Trim Intermediate Apprenticeship**
You’ll learn how to remove and fit trim components, electronic components and measuring devices used in the automotive environment.

**LEVEL 3**

**Vehicle Body and Paint Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll work with vehicles that have been damaged in accidents and as a technician you will complete the repair process from start to finish.

**Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll learn how to diagnose and rectify vehicle engine and component faults, overhauling mechanical units or inspecting vehicles.

**Mechanical Electrical and Trim Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll be inspecting vehicles or removing and reinstating vehicle trim fitments following accidental damage.
ENGINEERING & TRADES

ENGINEERING

LEVEL 2
Performing Engineering Operations Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to carry out engineering activities, work safely, and how to fit and maintain equipment as well as how to use technical information.

LEVEL 3
Engineering Maintenance Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll play a key role in carrying out planned and emergency fault diagnosis and maintenance on mechanical equipment.

Engineering Technical Support Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll provide technical support and expertise for all areas of the Engineering and Manufacturing function.

Engineering Toolmaking Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll play a key role in dealing with the manufacture and maintenance of tools, jigs, dies, fixtures and moulds.

Fabrication and Welding Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll learn essential fabrication and welding engineering skills such as safety, engineering communications and teamwork, as well as specialist technical knowledge and skills.

TRADES

LEVEL 2
Performing Manufacturing Operations Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to set and operate machines during production, ensure machines and equipment used for production are maintained and how to quality inspect completed products.

Painting and Decorating Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll cover how to paint internal and external areas and how to use a variety of wall covering products.

Plastering Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to apply different kinds of plaster to prepare ceilings and walls for decorating.

Carpentry and Joinery Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll develop skills used in the construction of buildings through installing fixing components, erecting structural components and producing non-structural carpentry work.

LEVEL 3
Carpentry and Joinery Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to manufacture doors and frames, manufacture stairs with turns, and how to set up and use fixed and transportable machinery.
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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
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LEVEL 2

Warehouse Operative
Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to pick, wrap and pack goods in logistic operations, process orders for customers, move and handle goods, and check stock levels and records.

Customer Service
Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to understand customers, how to deliver customer service, how to resolve customer service problems and how to communicate with customers in writing.

Business Administration
Intermediate Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to provide administrative support for meetings, event organisation, and how to use a variety of software including Excel and specialist software which may be specific to the company you work in.

LEVEL 3

Business Administration
Advanced Apprenticeship
You’ll learn how to manage your personal and professional development, contributing to business improvement, delivering presentations, and how to create bespoke business documents.

LEVEL 4

Business Administration
Higher Apprenticeship
You’ll learn a range of strategic administrative and management skills from budget management through to promoting innovation.

LEVEL 5

Operational /Departmental Manager
Apprenticeship Standard
You’ll be taken through the skills, knowledge and behaviours required to be a team leader which will include: operational and project management, finance, leading and managing people, building relationships and communication.
CARE, DENTAL AND SCHOOL SERVICES
You need:
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**LEVEL 2**

**Adult Care Worker Intermediate Apprenticeship**
You’ll be a frontline member of staff who will help adults with care and support needs to achieve their personal goals and live as independently and safely as possible.

**Childcare Intermediate Apprenticeship**
You’ll learn how to contribute to the support of children and young people’s development and their health and safety.

**Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Intermediate Apprenticeship**
You’ll be working under the direction of a teacher to prepare the classroom for learning, and working with groups of pupils or individuals who may need extra support.

**LEVEL 3**

**Lead Adult Care Worker Advanced Apprenticeship**
By providing leadership, guidance and direction at the frontline of care delivery you will be instrumental in improving the health and wellbeing of those receiving care and support.

**Childcare Early Years Educator Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll work to understand children’s early years education and development, and how to promote play and learning in the early years, as well as supporting children’s outdoor play.

**Dental Nursing Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll gain knowledge in dental and regional anatomy, respiratory and circulatory systems, as well as health promotion and disease prevention. This apprenticeship can lead to registration with the General Dental Council as a qualified dental nurse.

**Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools Advanced Apprenticeship**
You’ll be a member of learning support staff working in the classroom in a variety of roles from learning support assistant to team leader.
By Metro
West Bromwich Central tram station is right next to Central Campus, making Birmingham City Centre or Wolverhampton easily accessible by Metro. Trams stop frequently throughout the day. For more information visit www.westmidlandsmetro.com

By Bus
Central Campus is just a two minute walk from West Bromwich bus station, served by buses from across the West Midlands. For more information visit www.nxbus.co.uk

By Train
Sandwell & Dudley Station in Bromford Lane, West Bromwich, is just five minutes away from Central Campus by bus or taxi. Connecting buses to West Bromwich bus station regularly pass the station entrance.

By Car
From North and South: Leave at M5 (J1).
From East: M6 (J8) to M5. Leave at M5 (J1).
From Junction 1 follow the signs to West Bromwich town centre. Continue straight to the end of High Street and turn left past the Premier Inn hotel. As you approach the traffic lights, Central Campus is directly opposite, on the corner of Spon Lane. A number of pay and display car parks are located near the college.
Free Metro travel or Free Bus travel (with option to top-up to both) for all 16-18 full-time students. See website for conditions and details.

We’re right next to West Bromwich bus station and Metro station, and clearly visible from the M5. Birmingham city centre, Dudley, Harborne and Great Barr are all only four miles away.

Direct bus routes to Central Campus:
4, 4H, 4M, 5, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 47A, 48, 48A, 49, 74, 79, 80, 80A, 89, 121, 289.

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