



West Thames College

FULL TIME
COURSES FOR
16-18 YEAR OLDS



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Guide to Entry Requirements

Level 1 A successful interview. You will also need to complete an assessment for some courses.

Level 2 2 GCSEs at grade D/grade 3 or above. Level 1 functional skills English and maths.

Level 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grade A*-C / grades 9-4, a merit or distinction at Level 2 with functional skills in English and maths.

*For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition. See our website **west-thames.ac.uk** for specific course entry requirements.*

See West Thames College for yourself.

There's no better way of deciding whether we offer the right course for you than by attending one of our **Open Events**.

However, if you're unable to make an Open Event, why not join one of our **Monthly Tours**?

See pages 4-5 for details.

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Welcome to West Thames College

Studying at West Thames College is a life changing experience.

It is an opportunity to gain the skills you need to get the career you want. Students are taught by professionals with a wealth of industry experience, in excellent facilities.

You will hear directly from employers what they look for in employees and we will give you all the support and guidance you need to succeed, whether it's progressing to university or gaining employment in the job of your choice.

College is not just a place to study. At West Thames you are encouraged to develop lasting new friendships through joining one of our many sports clubs and societies, taking part in fundraising and cultural events or simply relaxing in the student common room. We are here to help you to grow socially as well as academically.

Your journey to success is just beginning and we look forward to welcoming you to West Thames College.

Tracy Aust Principal

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Other guides

See our **Adult** and **Higher Education** course guides. Order your copy online at **west-thames.ac.uk** or call 020 8326 2020.

Also, see page 64 for information about the courses and training we provide, specifically designed for **employers**.



About us

West Thames College has two centres - our main campus in Isleworth and our Skills+Logistics Centre in nearby Feltham.



Main Campus / Isleworth

The main campus has a friendly, welcoming atmosphere and combines bright, modern purpose-built buildings with the historic grandeur of Spring Grove House - once the home of Sir Joseph Banks, who sailed the world with Captain Cook.

Students also have the benefit of extensive green outdoor spaces where they can relax with friends. Picnic, anyone?

Our extensive range of courses cover pre-entry to higher levels, offering a range of opportunities for progression.



Skills+Logistics Centre / Feltham

A smaller specialised campus, this £3 million purpose-built centre provides the right training that young people need to secure good jobs.

It includes a 225m² Logistics building - allowing students to run a fully operational warehouse - together with multiple workshops and workspaces that create realistic work environments in which to learn various trade skills, from construction to car mechanics.

You will be taught by real industry professionals, who will pass on their skills and knowledge - not to mention their contacts!

Meet us



Meet our lecturers and students, ask questions and see our excellent facilities - dates below.

Can't make any Open Event? We offer Monthly Tours for individuals and small groups.

see our website
west-thames.ac.uk

Open Events and Tours at **Isleworth** are for all courses *except* construction, engineering, logistics and motor vehicle

Wednesday 6 February
5-7pm

Saturday 9 March
10am-1pm

Thursday 20 June
5-7pm

Open Events and Tours at **Feltham** are for construction, engineering, logistics and motor vehicle courses *only*

Thursday 14 February
5-7pm

Thursday 14 March
5-7pm

Tuesday 25 June
5-7pm

See our website for Open Events taking place later in 2019.

Your career

Check out the videos below which focus on the successes of former students and how their time at the college has helped them embark on rewarding careers.

Use the **QR codes** (see page 14 for help) to directly open the videos or you can find links to them on the News pages of our website: [west-thames.ac.uk/news](https://www.west-thames.ac.uk/news).

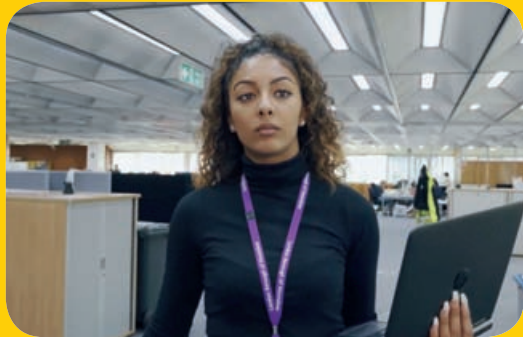


Video production by the Film Farmers: [thefilmfarmers.co.uk](https://www.thefilmfarmers.co.uk)



Nadeem Chattha

Nadeem came over to London from Germany in 2004. He joined an ESOL class at the college and progressed onto other courses, finally leaving to study for a degree. He now works as a Senior Systems IT Engineer at the college.



Renee Mudhar

Renee has been studying Travel & Tourism at the college and is now doing an apprenticeship with the London Borough of Hounslow. She is finding the apprenticeship really valuable in helping her move forward to her chosen career of becoming a lawyer.



Francesca Sherwood

Francesca studied Beauty Therapy at the college and went on to open her own salon, True Beauty Salon & Medispa, based in Twickenham. She has used the skills she learned on her course to establish her award-winning business.



Sabina Enu-Kwesi

After studying Manufacturing at the college, Sabina embarked on an apprenticeship with the Otis Elevator Company, eventually becoming a full time employee. She is continuing her education with a degree in Business Psychology at Birkbeck, University of London.

Your voice

There are several ways to get more involved with the college:

Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors help promote the college to prospective students and their parents - assisting at open events, award ceremonies, parents' evenings and other such occasions.

Student Governors

Student governors are elected by their peers to put the opinions of students to the college's governing body. They work with the other governors to improve education and teaching at West Thames.

The Student Union

You will automatically become a member of the Student Union which promotes the interests and views of West Thames students. It is run by students for students so you can also be elected to a leadership position on the Student Union Executive Team.

Course Representatives

Course Representatives give feedback from students on their course and work with curriculum managers to make improvements and help resolve any issues.

By getting involved you can help make a real difference at West Thames College.



Earn as you learn

If you want to step straight into the world of work, then choose an apprenticeship. It's the ideal way to get hands-on experience whilst studying for a qualification at the same time.



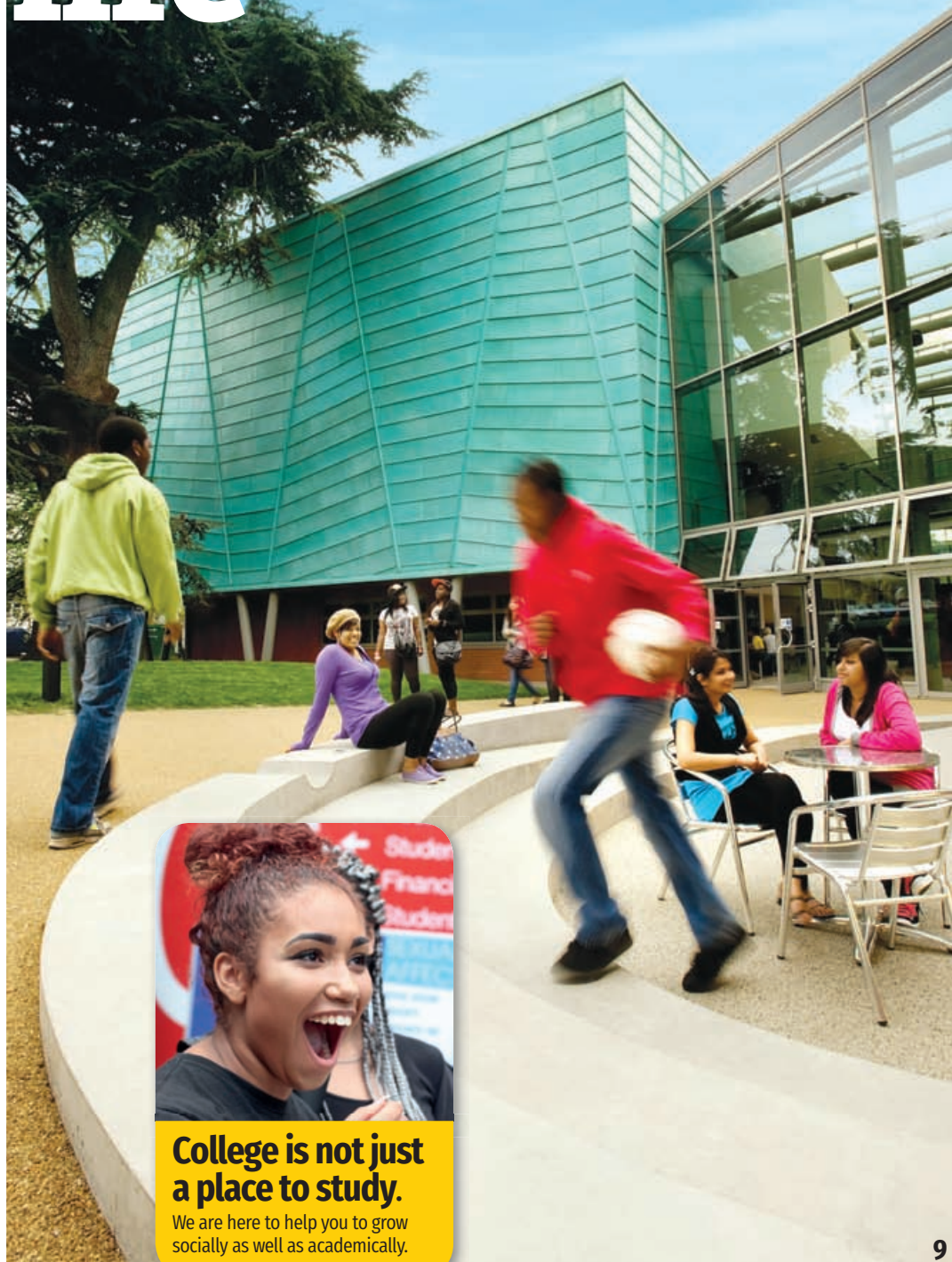
- An apprenticeship typically involves spending four days a week in a work environment gaining practical skills and one day a week studying at college.
- You will receive a salary of approximately £200 per week, depending on the job you are doing and your employer.
- Apprenticeships last on average 12-15 months for Level 2 and 18-24 months for Level 3.

6 steps to apprenticeship success

- 1** Decide which apprenticeship area you are interested in.
- 2** Register on the National Apprenticeship website www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship to see all the apprenticeship vacancies across the country.
- 3** Prepare your application – make sure your CV is up to date.
- 4** Apply for positions – go to the apprenticeship tab on our website or visit the National Apprenticeship Service.
- 5** Attend an interview if your application is successful.
- 6** Get the job! Start work and train at the same time.



Campus life



**College is not just
a place to study.**

We are here to help you to grow
socially as well as academically.



Student activities

Get involved in a variety of clubs and societies, to build on your existing interests or to explore new ones.

You can take part in tournaments, talent shows, trips, competitions, fundraising activities and cultural awareness events, such as Black History Month and World Aids Day.



Sports

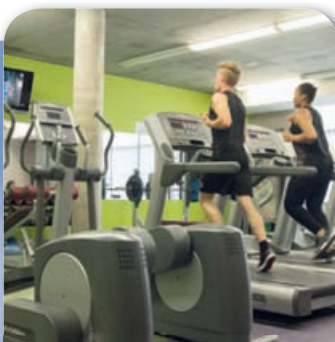
Play football, badminton, netball, basketball, cricket, table tennis, volleyball, Zumba, boxing and much more in our sports hall and outdoor pitches.

We take our sport seriously – our successful college teams play in competitive leagues and regularly win trophies.



Student common room

Watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, go online, play pool, table tennis, table football and other games, or just meet with friends in our common room and café areas.



Gym

Our gym is equipped with treadmills, cycling and rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance machines and weights to keep you fit and toned.



Hair and Beauty salon

Get thoroughly pampered with a beauty treatment or new hairstyle and buy professional products for a fraction of the normal cost. See our website for the latest special offers or call the salon on 020 8326 2201.



Help and support

You will have access to a range of support services throughout your time at the college.

Student Learning Advisers

Tutors who you will meet regularly to monitor your progress, attendance and assist with any issues. They can also help you access specialist support services.

Learning Support

Specialist teachers provide support outside the classroom to help improve literacy and numeracy, study skills and tackle assignments.

We believe all students should have fair and equal access to their chosen learning programme and all aspects of college life. If you have a disability or learning difficulties, we will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that college facilities are accessible and that all your learning and support needs are met.

Careers Service

Our team of independent careers advisers will help you make the right decision for your future and identify the skills you need to succeed.

Employability Advisers

These advisers will help you prepare for the world of work and equip you with the skills employers need.

Counselling

Talk through problems or stressful situations in complete confidence with a professional counsellor.

Welfare and Support

Contact our team for practical financial advice and help with bursaries and entitlements.

Learning Resources Centre

A range of services to support your studies including computers, study spaces, online and offline resources and helpful staff.



**We have an excellent
reputation for the
additional support we
give to our students.**

Using this guide



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising accounts managers and creative directors
£22,900 - **£51k**

Marketing associate professionals
£17,700 - £37,400

Graphic designers
£18,200 - £32,800

Each course area has examples of career/job opportunities and typical salary ranges.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Creative Media Production
1 year

LEVEL THREE

Creative Media Production (Television and Film)
2 years

Courses are listed by level, with available West Thames College course progression, including our Higher Education offer.

Course progression at West Thames

LEVEL TWO > LEVEL THREE

HIGHER EDUCATION

Creative Media Production
HND

For course details, either visit our website or scan the QR code to directly access our Course Explorer.

Course details

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Using QR codes

You must have a smartphone with a camera and a QR reader application. If your smartphone doesn't have an app pre-installed, just visit your phone's app store and download a QR reader/scanner.

Step-by-step

- 1 Open the QR code app.
- 2 Hold your phone over the QR code so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen.
- 3 The app should automatically scan the code and open the website, however it may be necessary to confirm an action.

Programme of study

At West Thames College, you choose one core vocational subject. Alongside this, your programme of study will include:

Employability skills.....

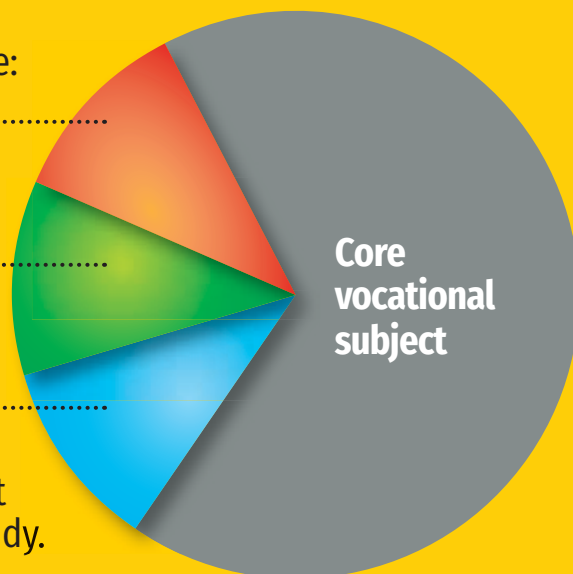
such as teamwork and problem solving to get you job-ready

English and/or maths

depending on your GCSE results

iLearn

learn how to make the most of digital technology, an important life skill and vital for further study.



Work with leading employers

West Thames College prides itself on its strong links with companies. We have over 500 contacts with businesses and because our students make such a good impression, they have many opportunities for jobs, work experience and internships.



Business

Studying a business course at college can be the first step towards a career in areas such as sales, marketing and public relations (PR), accounting, management or human resources (HR).

Sales careers include visual merchandising and working in a buying/purchasing department. Marketing and PR involves promoting the products and the positive image of the company itself. Management and HR help to keep an organisation running efficiently, including hiring and retaining the right people.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sales accounts and business development managers
£25,100 - **£80k**

Management consultants and business analysts
£23,000 - £57,400

Leisure and travel service occupations
Up to £25,500

Our courses enable you to explore these roles, learn about the business environment, and decide where your own interests lie.

You will engage with businesses such as Coca-Cola and Goldman Sachs and go on industry visits, e.g. to the Houses of Parliament, Heathrow Airport or Sky.



Student success **Zobia Baqi / Computing**

Zobia studied for an HND in Computing at the college in 2011, then completed her degree at Roehampton University before joining Goldman Sachs as a consultant in client reporting. She was invited back to the college to speak at a recent HE awards ceremony (pictured).

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Business and Travel with ESOL

1 year

Foundation Business and Travel

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Business

1 year

NCFE Business

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Business

2 years

NCFE Business

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST
OR AN APPRENTICESHIP

HIGHER EDUCATION

Business Studies

HNC/HND

Course details

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Apprenticeships

See page 8 for the steps required to take you into the
world of earning *and* learning.


Computing and ICT

From smartphones and Wi-Fi to hashtags and instant messaging, technology dramatically affects the way we communicate.

If you're interested in supporting people who use computers, understanding how digital information is spread, or solving problems with technology, then consider one of our courses in Computing and ICT.

You will learn in specialist ICT suites, take part in work experience and visit local businesses. West Thames College is a certified Cisco and Microsoft Academy, giving you the chance to gain additional qualifications which are in high demand in the industry.

You can get involved in live briefs and competitions, e.g. Worldskills UK, and we have strong links with Kingston University to help you to progress to higher education.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

IT specialist managers
£26,500 - **£64k**

IT business analysts, architects and systems designers
£25,800 - £58,200

IT operations technicians
£17,400 - £38,400



Student success
David Hollands / ICT

David achieved the highest ICT exam results in the whole country whilst studying at West Thames College, despite leaving school with no GCSEs. He gained a First Class Honours Degree in Computer Science at Royal Holloway University and is now a manager in Data Analytics at KPMG UK.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Creating Digital Products

1 year

Creating Digital Products with ESOL

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Information and Creative Technology

1 year

IT Users

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Systems Support

2 years

IT Systems and Principles

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST
OR AN APPRENTICESHIP

HIGHER EDUCATION

Software and Apps Development

HNC

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Health, Social Care and Childcare

Working in health and social care or childcare is a great way to make a difference, by helping people individually or driving improvements in society.

These careers are emotionally challenging but can also be highly rewarding. To thrive you must be able to build strong relationships with others, your colleagues, patients and service users.

Our courses have high success and progression rates and you will learn hands-on skills in a purpose built teaching room with specialist care equipment.

You will undertake work placements in health and care settings, such as children's nurseries and care homes, and we have strong links with Kingston University if you wish to progress to a degree programme after your course.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Social services managers and directors
£22,900 - **£43k**

Social workers
£21,700 - £37,100

Child and early years officers
£15,400 - £27,100



Courses for 16-18s

ENTRY LEVEL

Caring for Children

1 year

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Health and Social Care with Childcare

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Health and Social Care

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Extended Diploma in Health and Care

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

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OR AN APPRENTICESHIP

HIGHER EDUCATION

Early Years Care and Education

Foundation Degree

Course details

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Apprenticeships

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Science

There are great careers available if you have an interest in science.

You could work in the life sciences, such as pharmaceuticals; biotech or crop research; chemical development and manufacturing; food production and development; monitoring various aspects of the environment; veterinary medicine; or use forensic science in the field of archaeology.

Our laboratories have specialist equipment including DNA analysis equipment and an advanced optical telescope, and we have links with local plant science industries.

You will attend workshops on topics such as radiography, physics and electricity, have work experience opportunities, visit museums, universities and attend conferences, and take part in National Science Week.




EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Biological scientists and biochemists
£24,000 - **£50k**

Natural and social science professionals
£25,400 - £46,200

Laboratory technicians
£15,200 - £30,200



Student success
Ahmad Dehghani / Applied Science

Ahmad was named national winner for the Space Zone category in I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here in 2011. He received a triple distinction in his National Diploma, went on to study radiography at the University of Cumbria and now works as a radiographer for the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Pre GCSE Science and ESOL

1 year

LEVEL TWO

GCSE Science and ESOL

1 year

Applied Science

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Applied Science

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

HIGHER EDUCATION

Applied Biology

HNC/HND

Course details

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Art and Design

Careers in Art and Design can include areas such as prop design, web design, or packaging design for the food and drink industry, or fine arts such as jewellery design, sculpture, painting and photography.

You can work on a freelance basis, as part of a design agency, or in the design department of a large company.

Our courses are accredited by the University of the Arts London, one of the top universities in the world for art and design.

We have well-equipped specialist studios for photography, fine art, 3D design, fashion and graphics and our teachers are practising designers with industry experience.

Students exhibit their work to the public at our annual Creative Arts Festival and progress to top universities and art schools such as Goldsmiths and Central St Martin's.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Arts officers, producers and directors **£46k**
£24,700 -

Graphic designers
£18,200 - £32,800

Artists
£18,900 - £28,300



Manny posing in front of some of his work at a show

Student success
Manny Melotra / Photography

After his West Thames College course, Manny progressed to a BA in Commercial Photography at the University of West London and then a Masters in Commercial Photography at Arts University Bournemouth. He won the **Best Individual Photographer** award from Free Range in 2017 and had his first solo exhibition at The Old Truman Brewery.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE **LEVEL TWO**

Art and Design

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Art and Design

2 years

LEVEL THREE/FOUR

Foundation Diploma in Art and Design

1 year

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Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

Course details

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Animation and Games Design

Animators are in very high demand in the UK and can be employed in areas of the entertainment industry such as TV, film or video games.

Their work involves creating 2D and 3D models of characters, props and scenery, using CGI software to add movement, and making sure that animation integrates seamlessly with dialogue and music.

This type of work requires both artistic talent and technical skills, which students will develop in our multimedia suites using industry standard software such as Maya, Mudbox, Unity, After Effects and Photoshop.

We believe that students need to be engaged in every aspect of this subject and foster imaginative skills to feed back into their design work – and the courses are also designed to be fun!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

careers

Programmers and software developers
£30,000 - **£52k**

Research and development managers
Up to £51,000

Web design and development professionals
£17,500 - £39,800



Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Animation and Games Design

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Animation and Games Design

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

FROM LEVEL TWO > LEVEL THREE

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Creative and Digital Technologies

Creative and digital media includes online platforms, TV, radio, console games and more.

People who work in this industry can be responsible for creating content, creating websites or apps, coding, designing and testing games, using a camera or capturing sound.

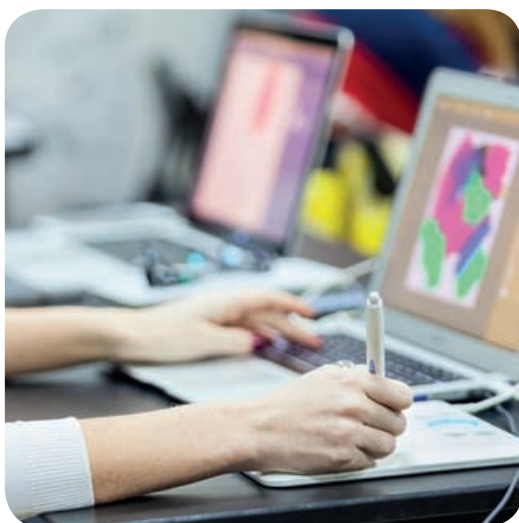
It's a hugely important part of the UK economy with great career opportunities. On our courses you will use professional software including Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, After Effects and InDesign, and work on Apple Macs for editing and production.

Links with top employers will give you opportunities to gain work experience and to work on live briefs.



The infographic features a purple silhouette of a person's head with curly hair. Inside the head, the words 'EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES' are written in white. A curved arrow points from the head towards the right, with the word 'careers' written along its path. Below the head, three job roles are listed with their corresponding salary ranges.

Job Role	Salary Range
Advertising accounts managers and creative directors	£22,900 - £51k
Web design and development professionals	£17,500 - £39,800
Graphic designers	£18,200 - £32,800



Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Media, Digital and Creative 1 year

LEVEL TWO LEVEL THREE

Creative and Digital Technologies (Interactive Media) 1 year

Course progression at West Thames

L3 ANIMATION AND GAMES DESIGN OR
CREATIVE MEDIA PRODUCTION (TELEVISION
AND FILM)

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Media

From TV and film to the internet and radio, media is everywhere, both entertaining and influencing us. Employers in this field look for people who are enthusiastic, versatile and able to build relationships within a team.

Job roles can involve working on content or in administration, behind the scenes as a technician, director, researcher or producer, or in front of the camera as a broadcaster or radio presenter.



Advertising accounts managers and creative directors
£22,900 - **£51k**

Marketing associate professionals
£17,700 - £37,400

Graphic designers
£18,200 - £32,800

When you study on our courses you will use our TV studio with professional cameras and chroma key sound effects, sound recording studios with ProTools HD, Logic Pro and surround sound, digital video editing suites with Final Cut Pro, audio/MIDI music production suites and multimedia suite.

You will perform and engineer live gigs, work on live briefs, get involved in our Creative Arts Festival, and gain exciting work placements so that you will be prepared to find employment in leading media and production companies around London.



Miranda whilst at West Thames

Student success
Miranda Evans / Media

Miranda, a former Level 3 Creative Media Production student, had a work placement at The 86th Floor Media, then was promoted to full-time production co-ordinator. She now travels across Europe producing short films and videos.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Creative Media Production

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Creative Media Production (Television and Film)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

LEVEL TWO > LEVEL THREE

HIGHER EDUCATION

Creative Media Production

HND

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Music

The UK music industry is diverse and fast-moving and there are many opportunities for those with passion, talent and drive – and not just performers, either.

The wide range of careers in music includes songwriting, live entertainment, music education or production, artist or tour management, promotion or journalism. There's also a career to be made in composing music for films, TV and theatre.



Arts officers, producers and directors
£24,700 - **£46k**

Musicians
Up to £36,400

Actors, entertainers and presenters
Up to £35,900

At West Thames College you'll gain the skills you need in our well-equipped music technology production suites and recording studios, using the latest software such as Logic Pro X, Pro Tools and Reason.

You will go on industry visits, e.g. to EMI and the Royal Opera House, and organise, engineer and perform in live gigs such as Oxjam and the Creative Arts Festival. Previous students have forged successful careers as musicians or gone on to work for Sky, Kiss FM and Richmond Theatre.



Rodell whilst at West Thames

Student success
Rodell Sorzano / Music

After studying dance at West Thames, Rodell won a Performing Arts scholarship to Leicester De Montford University. He is now a successful songwriter, musician and producer who has performed at carnivals including Notting Hill, and was the headline act at Soca Frenzy in London and the Labour Day Carnival in New York.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

LEVEL TWO > LEVEL THREE

Course details

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The level two course is accredited by the University of the Arts London Awarding Body, the only specialist art, design and creative industries awarding organisation in England.



Performing Arts and Dance

Careers in performing arts and dance are challenging but highly rewarding, with a host of job opportunities both offstage and in the spotlight.

An entire team is needed to create a performance: not just actors and dancers but directors, producers, set designers, choreographers and lighting technicians.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dancers and choreographers
Up to **£44k**

Arts officers, producers and directors
£24,700 - £45,800

Actors, entertainers and presenters
Up to £35,900

Our fantastic facilities include dance studios and a 140-seat theatre with professional sound and lighting rig. Our teachers have exceptional industry experience and you will take part in workshops led by directors and industry professionals.

You will have work experience opportunities and go on visits to prestigious West End venues such as Sadler's Wells, the Donmar Warehouse and Lyric Theatre Hammersmith.

We have a great record for success, with previous students starring in film, TV and theatre roles, performing in dance companies and on ITV's Britain's Got Talent, or finding work behind the scenes as technicians or in costume and makeup departments.



Josephine whilst at West Thames

Student success
Josephine Balfour-Oatts /
Performing Arts

Josephine was awarded a place at the National Youth Theatre, graduated from the University of Bristol with a BA (Hons) in Drama and is now a theatre critic for Exeunt Magazine and in the team at A Younger Theatre.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Performing Arts and Dance

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Performing Arts (Acting)

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Dance

1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

Course progression at West Thames

LEVEL TWO > LEVEL THREE

HIGHER EDUCATION

Performing Arts

HND

Dance

HND

Course details

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straight to our Course Explorer



ual: university
of the arts
london
awarding body

These courses are accredited by the University of the Arts London Awarding Body, the only specialist art, design and creative industries awarding organisation in England.

Hairdressing

Hairdressing isn't just about working in a salon – if you have the talent and a good work ethic, hairdressing skills can take you around the world, behind the scenes at fashion shows or into careers in film, TV or theatre.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors
Up to **£27k**

Hairdressers and barbers
Up to £17,200

Our courses have high success rates and are staffed by teachers with extensive professional experience. You will train in our professional hair salons, which are open to the public to give you opportunities to develop your client handling skills, and take part in industry visits and exhibitions in the UK and overseas.

Our students take part in and often win national competitions and we've hosted WorldSkills UK competitions in our own salon. Links with L'Oreal ensure that students use the best products. Our alumni work as hairstylists and wig dressers in West End shows, on TV, feature films, catwalk shows and advertising campaigns.



Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Hairdressing

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Hairdressing

1 year

Barbering

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Hairdressing

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

Course details

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Beauty Therapy

No matter what your interests, there's a career path in beauty therapy to suit you. Teachers at West Thames College have professional industry experience and our beauty salons are open to the public, giving you opportunities to develop your client handling skills and master the latest treatments.

You will also learn about salon management, administration and retail, preparing you for a range of different job roles.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Therapy professionals
Up to **£39k**

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors
Up to £26,600

Beauticians and related occupations
Up to £17,700

You'll take part in national competitions such as WorldSkills UK as well as college competitions sponsored by local businesses. We have links with Dermalogica, Fake Bake, MAC and other cosmetics companies to ensure that you're experienced in using professional products.

Students who have trained with us have gone on to work as beauty therapists, spa therapists, makeup artists, cruise ship therapists and salon owners.



Student success
Francesca Sherwood / Beauty Therapy

After the course Francesca went on to open her own salon, True Beauty Salon & Medispa, based in Twickenham. She has used the skills she learned on her course to establish her award-winning business.

Francesca in her salon

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Beauty Therapy

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Beauty Therapy

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Beauty Therapy

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

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Apprenticeships

See page 8 for the steps required to take you into the
world of earning *and* learning.

Specialist Makeup

Our professional specialist makeup courses have an outstanding reputation – our students have won the prestigious IMATS competition 5 times and the World Body Painting Championships twice.

We have exceptional success rates and to get a place, you must apply early and have an excellent portfolio.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Advertising and public relations directors
Up to **£70k**

Freelance makeup designer
Average £300 per day

Counter makeup artist
£13-25K, plus commission

You'll work in our professional makeup studios and 140-seat theatre and learn from professional, award-winning teachers with extensive industry experience. You will take part in UK and overseas competitions and we have fantastic industry links with Illamasqua, MAC, Makeup Forever, L'Oreal and Charles Fox, ensuring that you use the best products.

Our alumni have gone on to work on music videos and TV ads, for magazines and the Royal Ballet, on theatre productions such as The Book of Mormon and Jesus Christ Superstar, The Crown on Netflix, HBO's Game of Thrones, and films including Fantastic Beasts and Guardians of the Galaxy.



Loren with her winning creation in the IMATS competition

Student success
Loren Huckin / Makeup

Loren won first prize in the student competition at the top industry show, IMATS (International Make-Up Artist Trade Show) in 2011. She is a freelance makeup artist with experience in fashion shoots, theatre musicals and music videos. Her clients include Aurora Fashions, OK! Magazine and ITV.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL TWO

Hair and Media Makeup Studies

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Makeup Design and Hairstyling

1 year

Theatrical Media Makeup

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

HIGHER EDUCATION

Specialist Makeup

HND

Course details

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Sport

Do you enjoy being active or have a passion for sport? Working in the sport and active leisure industry is a great way to combine doing what you enjoy with paid work.

There are a wide range of careers to choose from: sports journalism, photography or advertising, working as a personal trainer or in sports nutrition, coaching or being a referee – not to mention playing a sport professionally.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

careers

Leisure and sports managers
£17,600 - **£37k**

Sports coaches, instructors and officials
£16,300 - £28,200

Sports and leisure assistants
Up to £17,700

Our experienced sports professionals will develop your skills and help you gain qualifications in sports leadership, lifeguarding or coaching. You'll use our sports hall, fitness suite and outdoor pitches, and take part in activities such as camping, canoeing, orienteering, abseiling and climbing.

You'll go on trips and visits, e.g. to London stadiums and health clubs, and take part in work experience, and you can also join one of the college's successful sports teams.



Student success
Noah Amissah / Brenford FC Elite Development Programme

After studying with West Thames, Noah won a soccer scholarship to Manhattan College, situated in the Bronx county of New York. Wearing the no 9 shirt, Noah is well regarded in the college's Jaspers team.

Noah whilst at West Thames

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Sport with Public Services

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Sport

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Sport

2 years



Community
Sports
Trust

LEVEL THREE

Brentford FC CST Elite Development Programme

2 years

Study at college and develop your footballing skills with Brentford FC's CST coaching staff and play against other teams in a league.

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST OR THE BRENTFORD FC CST PROGRAMME

Course details

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Uniformed Public Services

Prepare for a career in one of the uniformed services – including the fire service, paramedics, police or armed forces – with our Public Services courses.

Our staff have experience in these fields and will help you build the skills you need to succeed.

You will take part in unique enrichment opportunities – such as investigating a homicide in a Hydra training suite – and outdoor activities like scuba diving, camping, canoeing, orienteering, abseiling and climbing. Visits will be arranged, e.g. to the Intelligence Services or UK Border Force to learn how counter-terrorism dogs are trained.

Alumni from these courses have gone on to work in the Metropolitan Police, fire department, Royal Marines, Parachute Regiment, MI5, in youth offending teams and the ambulance service as a paramedic.



Police officers (sergeant and below)
£30,000 - **£49k**

Public services associate professionals
£21,800 - £41,100

Sports coaches, instructors and officials
£16,300 - £28,200



Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Public Services and Sport

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Uniformed Public Services

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Uniformed Public Services

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

Course details

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Travel, Tourism and Aviation

Our location close to Heathrow makes West Thames College the ideal place to study travel, tourism and aviation.

Careers in this industry are varied: you might work at a theme park, heritage site or other visitor attractions, in passenger transport such as aviation and rail, accommodation services in hotels, hostels or holiday parks, organise outdoor activities or co-ordinate tours, just to name a few.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Aircraft pilots and flight engineers
Up to **£118k**

Air travel assistants
Up to £27,600

Travel agents
£13,300 - £26,200

We have close links with British Airways for work experience placements, workshops and guest speakers. Students visit the World Travel Market exhibition and have opportunities for trips in the UK or overseas to London tourist attractions, European cities, hotels and theme parks.

You will gain IATA qualifications, essential for a career in this industry.



Student success
Anand Joshi / Aviation Operations

Anand was selected as a Meet and Greet Host based at Heathrow Airport for the London 2012 Olympics. He went on to Buckinghamshire New University and is now a passenger service supervisor at the Japanese airline, All Nippon Airways.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Foundation Travel and Business

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Travel and Tourism

1 year

Cabin Crew

14 weeks

Aviation Environment and Cabin Crew

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Travel and Tourism

2 years

Aviation Operations

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

A HIGHER LEVEL FROM THE ABOVE LIST

HIGHER EDUCATION

International Travel and Tourism Management (Aviation)

HND

Course details

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ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

Improving your English can help you get more out of life in the UK. It will also help if you want to study, improve your CV, find a job or just become more confident using the language.

ESOL courses are designed for anyone whose first language is not English.

You will learn speaking, reading and writing skills and go on trips to London museums and tourist attractions, such as the Houses of Parliament.

Supportive teachers will help you build your confidence so that you can progress quickly and gain qualifications. You'll then be ready to go on to a vocational course or to study for GCSEs or A Levels.



The infographic features a green silhouette of a person's head with curly hair. Inside the head, the words "EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES" are written in white. To the right of the head is a green arrow pointing upwards and to the right, with the word "careers" written in white along its shaft. Below the head, there are three categories of employment opportunities, each with a salary range:

- Authors, writers and translators**
Up to **£37k**
- Teaching and other educational professionals**
£16,000 - £36,000
- Speech and language therapists**
Up to £30,700



Courses for 16-18s

ASCENTIS **SKILLS FOR LIFE**

ESOL for 16-18s

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

OUR ESOL STUDENTS PROGRESS TO OTHER
COURSES AT THE COLLEGE, INCLUDING:

- BUSINESS AND TRAVEL WITH ESOL
- CREATING DIGITAL PRODUCTS WITH ESOL
- PRE GCSE SCIENCE AND ESOL
- GCSE SCIENCE AND ESOL

Course details

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Supported Learning

Our Supported Learning courses are designed for all abilities and will build confidence, independence, social and personal skills in a supportive environment.

We have state of the art equipment and well-designed purpose built areas conducive to learning, and a sensory room for students with complex or profound disabilities.



Government agencies, other employment support organisations and schemes such the Project SEARCH programme run by the college, provide work experience and help students enter into long term employment.

West Thames College is itself a 'Disability Confident' employer. This accreditation is awarded to employers who have committed to supporting disabled people.



Students can run a coffee shop, play football in the Surrey LDD league, and take part in drama workshops. Courses benefit from small class sizes and students will take part in community opportunities and a varied range of enrichment activities.

Work experience is available at GlaxoSmithKline and the London Borough of Hounslow through Project SEARCH, a programme that has been recognised as one of the best of its kind in Europe.



Student success
Roberto De Abreu / Project SEARCH
After completing his extended work traineeship at the GlaxoSmithKline global headquarters in Brentford, Roberto has secured paid employment in the document management department at the company.

Courses for 16-18s

PRE ENTRY

RARPA (Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement)

- **PATHWAY 1** LEARNING FOR LIVING
- **PATHWAY 2** PROGRESS TO INDEPENDENCE
- **PATHWAY 3** INDEPENDENT LIVING LIFE

ENTRY LEVEL ONE

Skillbuilders Certificate in Personal Progress

BTEC Certificate

ENTRY LEVEL TWO

Entry to Vocational Education

Skills for Work and Life

Access to Employment

PRE-PROJECT SEARCH (PPS) EXTENDED
AWARD IN EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

ENTRY LEVEL THREE

Entry to Vocational Education Certificate

Progression BTEC Certificate

Course progression at West Thames

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THE PROJECT SEARCH PROGRAMME

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London Borough
of Hounslow

ENTRY LEVEL THREE

Project SEARCH with GlaxoSmithKline/ London Borough of Hounslow

Project Search is a work-based programme for young people with learning disabilities, which supports their move from education to employment.

Students have an extended work experience placement at either GlaxoSmithKline or the Hounslow Civic Centre, taught by a West Thames College teacher and supported by a full-time job coach.

Construction, Building Trades and Logistics

There is a huge range of career choices in the construction industry which can involve designing, planning and project management as well as hands-on practical work.

Construction is about designing and building the environment around us, with a number of different organisations working together. So you could be employed by a large or small company, or how about being your own boss as a self-employed tradesperson?

Our specialist construction workshops at the **Skills+Logistics Centre** are equipped for all the trade skills: plumbing, carpentry, painting and decorating and electrical installation.

Our highly skilled tutors have experience in the building trades and you will work on live briefs and building projects. We have close links with local employers such as BAA, Osborne, the Notting Hill Housing Association and British Gas to help give you a route into employment.



**EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES**

careers

Production managers and directors in construction

£20,600- **£60k**

Plumbers and heating and ventilating engineers

£19,800-£34,200

Painters and decorators

£15,300-£25,700

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Warehousing and Storage

1 year

Construction (Multi-Skills)

1 year

Plumbing

1 year

LEVEL ONE LEVEL TWO

Electrical Installation

1 year

Painting and Decorating

1 year

Carpentry and Joinery

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Plumbing and Heating

1 year

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Apprenticeships

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world of earning *and* learning.



Engineering

Engineering is behind everything – from your smartphone to the shoes on your feet. Engineers and technicians are in high demand in the UK and it's a well-paid career option that spans every sector, from sports to space.

As an engineer you will use maths and science to turn ideas into reality, working anywhere from buildings in your community to space aircraft in aerospace engineering.

We have industry standard engineering workshops at the **Skills+Logistics Centre**, a CNC room with computer-controlled and laser cutting machines, and a logistics training facility to provide training for this thriving local industry.

Students take part in National Science Week and live projects such as WorldSkills London. Our location close to Heathrow Airport and our links with employers such as Nissan, Brompton Bikes, Network Rail and British Airways give you access to great work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Production managers and directors in manufacturing
£20,000- **£97k**

Design and development engineers
£25,300 - £51,400

Aircraft maintenance and related trades
Up to £35,400



Student success
Sabina Enu-Kwesi / Manufacturing

After studying Level 2 and Level 3 Manufacturing at the college, Sabina embarked on an apprenticeship with the Otis Elevator Company, eventually becoming a full time employee. She is continuing her education with a degree in Business Psychology at Birkbeck, University of London.

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Service and Maintenance Engineering

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Engineering

1 year

LEVEL THREE

Manufacturing Engineering

2 years

Course progression at West Thames

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Motor Vehicle

The motor industry is undergoing rapid change and sustainable growth in both public and private transportation and it's a great area to build a long-term career – whether in design, service, manufacturing or sales.

The government is committed to the UK becoming a world leader in electric and driverless technologies which means that there will be exciting opportunities for those with experience and skills in the motor vehicle industry.

Our fully functional garage workshop at the **Skills+Logistics Centre** has industry standard equipment, providing a realistic work environment.

Our courses are taught by highly experienced motor trade professionals and you'll get careers advice from guest speakers, ensuring that you have the skills and experience to progress to an apprenticeship, further qualifications or a job in the industry.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

careers

Metal working production and maintenance fitters

£17,300- **£46k**

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

£16,000 - £31,000

Vehicle and parts salespersons and advisers

Up to £20,800

Courses for 16-18s

LEVEL ONE

Service and Maintenance Engineering

1 year

LEVEL TWO

Motor Vehicle Maintenance

1 year

Course progression at West Thames

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OR AN APPRENTICESHIP

Course details

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Apprenticeships

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Next steps

West Thames College HE awards ceremony 2018



After your course you will be ready to find a job or start an apprenticeship. If you decide to continue your studies, West Thames College offers a range of Higher Education courses to build on your existing qualifications.

So why stay with us?

- A higher level qualification will improve your chance to progress in the competitive jobs market.
- Our friendly staff will continue to give you all the support you need throughout your course.
- Our Higher Education courses are designed to give you practical skills, delivered by professional lecturers with industry experience. You will receive a high ratio of direct teaching time so that by the end of your studies you will be ready for the job market.
- With a two year course you'll only have to pay two years' tuition fees. You will then have the option of progressing directly to the second or final year of a university honours degree course or finding a job of your choice.

To find out more, see our website or call **020 8326 2020** to request a copy of our Higher Education Guide.

Our HE courses

HNC

Higher National Certificate

1 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Business Studies
- Software and App Development

HND

Higher National Diploma

2 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Business Studies
- Creative Media Production
- Dance
- Performing Arts
- Specialist Makeup
- International Travel and Tourism Management (Aviation)

Foundation Degree

- FdA Early Years *2 years*
in partnership with Kingston University

Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector

- Teaching English Language to Adults
- Diploma in Education and Training (DET)/
Professional Graduate Certificate in
Education (ProfGCE)
in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University



Course details

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Fees and financial assistance

Courses are free for 16-18 year olds

There are no tuition or exam fees for UK/EU students on further education courses who start their course when they are under 19 years. However, students taking re-sits may be required to pay the exam registration fee.

DBS Check

For Health and Social Care and Childcare courses, you will need to pay for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before you are accepted onto the course.

Materials

On some courses there will be a charge for specialist kits and materials. Please ask for details at enrolment.

Financial Support

We may be able to offer support to help pay for course-related expenses if students can demonstrate financial hardship. Ask for our Student Guide to Financial Support, or talk to a member of staff at the course interview.

Oyster cards

Full-time students and apprentices living in London may be eligible for free or discounted travel. For further information visit tfl.gov.uk.

Free College Meals

You may be entitled to free college meals if you or your family are on a low income. Please ask for details at enrolment.

College Nursery

Our college nursery offers full and part-time places for children aged 3 months to 5 years, providing a safe and stimulating learning environment for children while their parents study. Funding and subsidies may be available, but places are limited. For an application form and more information please contact the nursery on **020 8326 2318**.



How to apply

Apply online at
west-thames.ac.uk

Location

Isleworth

Start Date

09/09/2019

Mode

Full Time

Apply

Select the course you want to study, click the **Apply** button and complete the form.

Apply in person

Pop into our friendly Information Centre to apply in person, receive advice or book an appointment. Please call us on **020 8326 2020** to check the opening times of the Centre before setting out.

Enrolment

If applying in August or September, please come to the college during our open enrolment sessions. You will then be able to have an interview and enrol at the same time (subject to places being available). Enrolment dates will be advertised on our website from July.

Your interview

If your application is successful you will be invited to an interview. Some courses may require you to bring a portfolio of your work with you or to do an audition. You should receive notification of an interview within 28 days of submitting your application. We usually interview between November and June for courses starting in September.

Disability Support

If you have a physical, mental health or sensory impairment and/or learning disability, please let us know when you apply so that we can make arrangements for you.

Further Information

Find more information about all of our courses on our website **west-thames.ac.uk**.

If you are not sure which course is right for you, please call **020 8326 2020** to arrange an appointment with a careers adviser.

Guide to Entry Requirements

Level 1 A successful interview. You will also need to complete an assessment for some courses.

Level 2 2 GCSEs at grade D/grade 3 or above. Level 1 functional skills English and maths.

Level 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grade A*-C / grades 9-4, a merit or distinction at Level 2 with functional skills in English and maths.

*For some courses you will be required to show a portfolio or have an audition. See our website **west-thames.ac.uk** for specific course entry requirements.*

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Courses for Business

West Thames also runs courses and provides training specifically designed for employers.

Contact our Business Services department on 020 8326 2268 for a guide or more information.



Polish film crew on location in Spring Grove House

Our Isleworth campus includes historic Grade II listed **Spring Grove House**, former home of Sir Joseph Banks who sailed the world with Captain Cook.

Most of our courses for employers take place in the building and it is available for conference hire and as a filming location.

Accessibility

Website

For help in optimising your experience using our website, please visit the Accessibility page:

west-thames.ac.uk/governance/policies/accessibility

Print

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Travel

Skills+Logistics Centre/ Feltham

77 Boundaries Road TW13 5DR

 **Rail** Feltham Station

 **Bus** 285 and 490 buses stop on Uxbridge Road


Owing to extensive Feltham Station improvement works, there will be various local road closures and bus diversions until the end of 2019.


See hounslow.gov.uk/felthamworks for more information.

Main Campus/ Isleworth

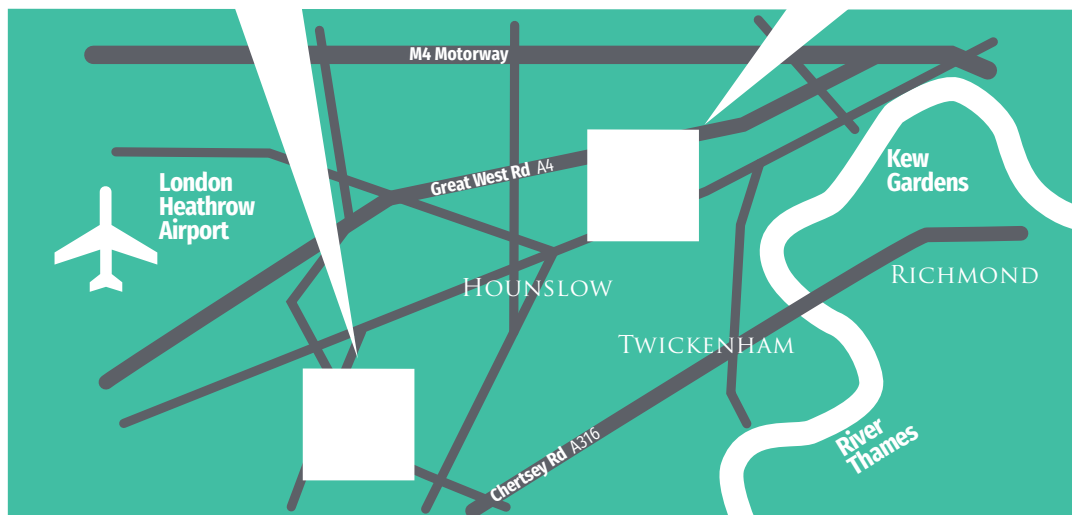
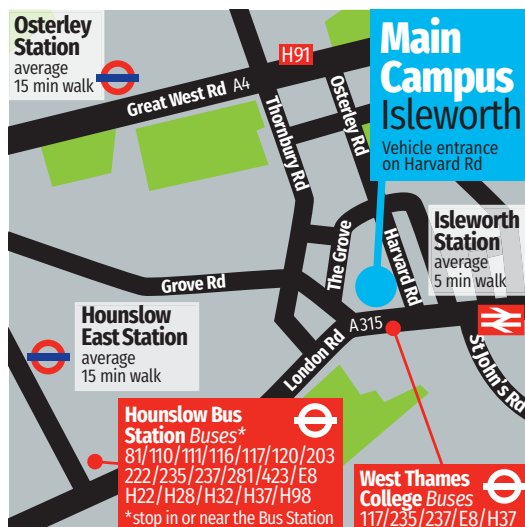
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 **Rail** Isleworth Station

 **Tube** Osterley or Hounslow East Stations (Piccadilly Line), then average 15 minute walk, or bus from Hounslow Bus Station.

 **Bus** 117, 235, 237, E8 and H37 buses stop outside the college.

Car parking Feltham Limited spaces.
Isleworth Part-time evening and disabled students only.





LEARNERS FEEL **HAPPY,**
SAFE & ENJOY THEIR TIME
AT COLLEGE **IMMENSELY**

