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A guide for parents

Your Guide to our
college and its
provision.



Welcome to West Thames College

At West Thames College, we understand how important you are as a parent or carer when a young person is considering coming to college.

This booklet provides an insight into West Thames College and how we aim to give your son/daughter the best experience possible whilst we help them to prepare for their working life. Our students achieve great things, we have strong industry links, incredible facilities and a safe and supportive environment.

If you have any queries about West Thames College or the application process, please contact our Information Centre on **020 8326 2000**.

Or come to one of our open days or monthly tours to get a feel for the college – see the events page on our website for more information.



Marjorie Semple
Principal

A good job starts here

We go the extra mile to give young people the right skills to start a rewarding career.

Our Programme of Study

At West Thames College we don't just equip our students with the core vocational skills they want but we also enrol them on a broad programme of study to ensure that they have all the skills they need to succeed. These include:

- Employability skills, such as team work and problem solving.
- English and/or maths depending on GCSE results.
- iLearn to learn how to make the most of digital information.

Our links to industry

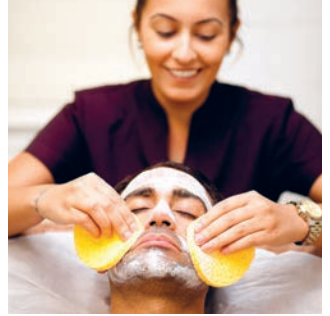
Work experience, industry competitions, field trips, visits to trade shows and exhibitions, and talks, demonstrations and workshops led by industry are key ingredients in our courses. What's more, most courses are taught by industry professionals, who will pass on their skills, knowledge and contacts to your son/daughter.

Advice and guidance

Our independent careers team will help your son/daughter make the right decision for their future and identify the skills they need to achieve their ambitions.

West Thames College prides itself on its strong links with companies. We have hundreds of contacts with businesses.





College SUCCESS

Following a very successful Ofsted inspection in April 2014, West Thames College is now officially one of the highest achieving colleges in London.

We were awarded an overall grade 2 Good with several areas graded as Outstanding (grade 1), including Leadership and Management of the college. *To read our full Ofsted report visit our website west-thames.ac.uk/en/about-us*

Over 90% of our students achieve their qualification and many gain employment in the job of their choice or continue their education at top universities around the country.

Student SUCCESS

“The college engages in excellent work to foster students’ progress to employment.”

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Marwa Buni Uniformed Public Services Level 3

Marwa was the first of six students in her group to become a fully qualified Police Officer.



Jeff Neston Gomes

Engineering Level 3

Jeff has been offered an unconditional place at Brunel University to study Mechanical Engineering with Aeronautics.

Harry Parr HND Dance

Harry is one of our exceptional talents. He performed at the Royal Albert Hall in May 2015 in a new community opera, ‘The Freedom Game’. Harry is going on to study at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, an internationally renowned centre of excellence.

Safe and supportive

West Thames College is renowned for its friendly, welcoming atmosphere. You can rest assured that your son/daughter will be in a safe learning environment with all the support they need to enjoy their time at college and succeed with their studies.

All students have a weekly tutorial and one-to-one support from their student learning advisor who will be with them every step of the way, ensuring they stay focussed and on track.

We'll keep you up-to-date with their progress too at parents' evening and other events throughout the year.



“Students enjoy their courses and feel safe in the college.”

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Amazing facilities

With our state-of-the-art buildings, surrounded by landscaped lawns and the beautiful grade II listed Spring Grove House as the centrepiece, we have one of the best campuses in London, if not the country.

Our **Isleworth campus** offers a fully-equipped TV studio and music editing suites, photography and animation studios, IT suites, science laboratories, a professional theatre and performance studios, commercial hair and beauty salons and makeup studios, sport and fitness facilities and an amazing Learning Resources Centre.

The **Feltham Skills Centre** is our specialist training centre for trade skills. It has impressive construction, engineering and motor vehicle workshops and professional cookery training kitchens.



“Students benefit from high quality accommodation and learning resources.”

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Student life

There's always something happening at West Thames College.

We actively encourage students to take part in exciting activities which are both fun and educational – from charity fundraising events and competitions, to raising awareness about issues that affect young people.

Your son/daughter can take part in sport and fitness activities too, from basketball to zumba – just for fun, or they can play competitively in one of our successful teams.

These activities will enhance their learning and help them develop into a responsible, culturally-aware, well-rounded adult.



Higher Education

Studying Higher Education at West Thames College makes perfect sense.

We offer:

- **Practical vocational courses**

Our specialist courses ensure students have the skills employers are looking for preparing our students for a rewarding career in their chosen field.

- **A successful future**

Most of our students gain employment in their chosen field of study as a direct result of their course or they progress to university to top up their HND or Foundation degree to a full honours degree or post-graduate qualification.

- **Extra support**

Our class sizes are purposefully small meaning students have more quality time with their lecturer.

- **Excellent value for money**

High quality courses, yet our fees are lower than most university fees.



Our courses

As well as providing a range of FREE courses for 16-18 year olds, West Thames College also offers:

- Courses for 14-16 year olds
- Higher Education courses
- Full and part time courses for adults aged 19+
- Courses for businesses
- Apprenticeships

For more information visit our website.

We offer over 20 Apprenticeship programmes – perfect for those who want to earn while they learn: Business & Accountancy, Care Professions, Catering & Hospitality, Construction Trades, Hair & Beauty.

West Thames College Carpentry student Liam Ryan (pictured right) secured an apprenticeship with contractors AJ Morrisroe & Sons Ltd, working on the new multi-million pound Sky campus in Osterley. Liam has been named as Sky/Mace Apprentice of the Year 2015.

 Apprenticeships

Visit us




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Travel


Isleworth Campus

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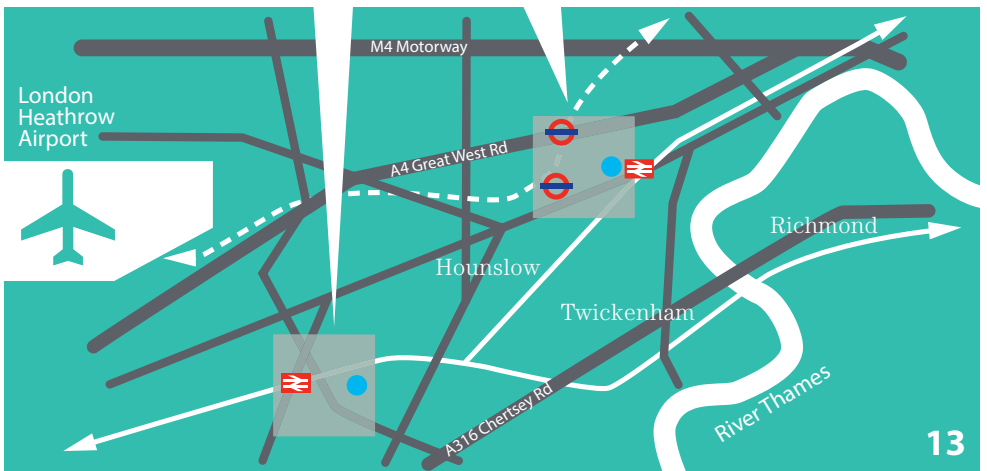
-  **Rail** Isleworth Station (5 minutes walk).
-  **Tube** Osterley or Hounslow East Stations (Piccadilly Line), then 10-15 minutes walk, or by bus from Hounslow Bus Station.
-  **Bus** 110, 117, H37, 235 and 237 buses stop outside the college.

Feltham Skills Centre

77 Boundaries Road Feltham TW13 5DR

-  **Rail** Feltham Station (10 minutes walk).
-  **Bus** 285 and 490 buses stop on Uxbridge Road.

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



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