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Your Guide to Full Time courses for 16-18 year olds.

All information in this prospectus was correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change, as we regularly review our course offer, qualifications and facilities in order to meet demand. The latest course information is always available on our website west-thames.ac.uk.

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Open Days and Tours

Meet our lecturers and students, ask questions and take a tour of our excellent facilities.

See page 2 or visit our website for details



Think you know West Thames College?

Then think again!

West Thames College is a life changing experience. It's 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'll 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 College 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 a success is just beginning and we look forward to welcoming you to West Thames College.

Tracy Aust Principal

Open Days and Tours

Meet our lecturers and students, find out more about the courses and take a tour of our excellent facilities. If you can't make the Open Day dates, we offer monthly tours for individuals and small groups.

Please book online at west-thames.ac.uk

Main campus/ Isleworth

for all courses *except* catering, construction, engineering, logistics and motor vehicle

2017

Thu 12 October, 5-7pm Sat 11 November, 10am-1pm 2018

Wed 7 February, 5-7pm Sat 24 March, 10am-1pm

Skills+Logistics Centre/Feltham

for catering, construction, engineering, logistics and motor vehicle courses *only*

2017

Thu 16 November, 4-6pm **2018**Thu 15 March, 4-6pm



Your success.



Chaima Boucetta Level 3 Aviation

Chaima started at West Thames
College studying a Level 1 in
Travel and Business and has just
completed her Level 3 in Aviation
Operations. Her ambition is to
pursue a career within the aviation
industry and has secured a place
at Coventry University to study
Airport and Airline Management.



Matt Morris and Reece Smith Level 3 Music

Reece and Matt met on the music course at West Thames College. They formed the band Made in Paradise in 2015 and have performed at venues including the O2 Academy Islington and Westfield Shopping Centre. They recently won 2nd place at a Battle of the Bands competition which gave them a 90 min headline slot at the Surrey Food Festival 2017. They will be going on to study music at BIMM Brighton and are getting ready to record more of their own songs.



Michael Dobrzanski Level 3 Applied Science

Although Michael's first love is science, he has gained a place to study Business Management at Kingston University to develop the knowledge needed to run a large science laboratory like NPL or GlaxoSmithKline.

Students enjoy a vibrant, lively environment where they aspired to the control of the control of

Class topics & activities link learning to workplace (OfSTED)

The college offers high quality

training opportunities with top local employers

Programme of study

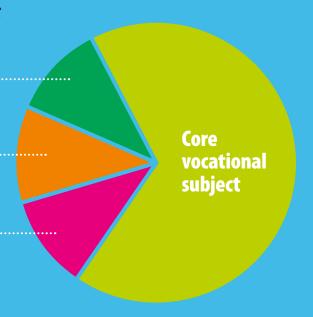
At West Thames College, you choose one core vocational subject. Alongside this, your programme of study will include:

Employability skillssuch as team work and problem solving to get you job-ready

English and/or maths depending on your GCSF 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.

























Student voice



There are several ways in which you can get involved:

Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors help to promote the college to prospective students and their parents as well as assisting at events such as our award ceremonies or parents evenings.

Student Governors

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

The Student Union

You will automatically become a member of the college's Student Union which promotes the interests and views of West Thames College 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 the students on the course and work with the curriculum managers to make improvements and to help resolve any issues.

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

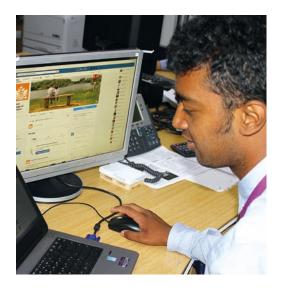


Earn as you learn



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

- · An apprenticeship typically involves you spending four days a week in a work environment gaining practical skills and one day a week study.
- 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 a Level 2 and 18-24 months for a Level 3.



Six steps to apprenticeship success

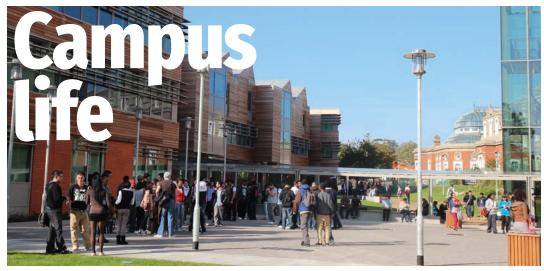
- Decide which apprenticeship area you are interested in.
- Register on the National Apprenticeship website findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk to see all the apprenticeship vacancies across the country.
- Prepare your application make sure your CV is up to date.
- Apply for positions go to the appropries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

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Visit the website to see our current apprenticeship vacancies.



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Student activities

You can 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.



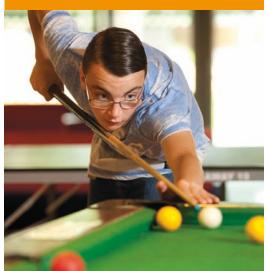
Sports

You can 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

You can watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, surf the internet, play pool, table tennis, table football and other games, or just meet with friends in our common room and café areas.

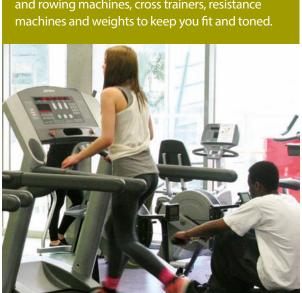






Gym

Our gym is fully equipped with treadmills, cycling and rowing machines, cross trainers, resistance







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 will help you to access the specialist support services available.

Learning Support

You will have access to specialist teachers who 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.



Business

Career **Paths**

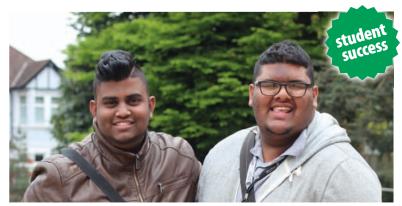
professionals

Management consultants and business analysts
Sales accounts and business development
managers
Business and financial project management



Business Administration Customer Service Team Leading Business Administration Customer Service Intermediate Intermediate Intermediate Advanced Advanced





Brendon Fernandes and Raj Quadros Business and Travel Level 1

Both secured jobs working at Heathrow.

Business and Travel with ESOL

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Business administration, business transactions, planning for and taking part in a visit, planning for work in travel and tourism. You will also work towards an ESOL and maths qualification.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Business or Travel.

Foundation Business and Travel

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Business units cover welcoming visitors, working in business administration, recording business transactions, working in a team and managing your health at work. Travel and tourism units include the UK travel destinations, planning for a job in travel and tourism, customer service and planning for and taking part in a visit. The course includes visits and work based activities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Business or Travel or an apprenticeship.

Business

Level 2 BTEC

What will I study? Finance for business, principles of marketing, enterprise in the business world, recruitment, promoting a brand, principles of customer services, providing business support, business online and using business documentation. The course includes trips, visits and work based activities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Business, employment in a business environment or an apprenticeship.

Business

Level 2 NCFF



What will I study? How to provide administrative services, business document production, communication, understanding employer organisations, develop working relationships, marketing theory.

Duration 1 year.

Next step NCFE Level 3 Business.

Business

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? The business environment, accounting systems, business resources, managing an event, recruitment and selection process, introduction to marketing, developing teams in business, business communication, computer applications for financial management. You will have a 2 week work experience placement, go on study trips and visits to business and commercial centres, and take part in enterprise challenges.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND or degree programme, employment in a business role or a higher/degree level apprenticeship.

Business

Level 3 NCFE



What will I study? Business culture and responsibilities, customer service, documentation in a business environment, working with others, communication, running a project, starting a small business, finance for a new business, business planning and pitching.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Employment in a business role.

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Computing and ICT

Career **Paths**

Information Technology and Telecommunications professionals

IT user support technicians

IT business analysts and systems designers



ICT Intermediate

ICT Advanced







Creating Digital Products

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Developing digital information using IT, using digital communication technologies, solving technical IT problems, creating a website, developing a digital product, creating spreadsheets to solve problems. You may visit organisations which use technical equipment to understand how they are used in a work context.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Information and Creative Technology.

Creating Digital Products with ESOL

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Solving technical IT problems, creating a website, developing a digital product and creating spreadsheets to solve problems. You may visit organisations which use technical equipment to understand how they are used in a work context. You will work towards an ESOL and maths qualification.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Information and Creative Technology.

Information and Creative Technology

Level 2 BTEC

What will I study? The online world, technology systems, a digital portfolio, computer networks, creating digital animation, mobile apps development, creating digital graphics, website development and installing computer hardware.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Systems Support.

IT Users

Level 2 NCFE



What will I study? Improving productivity using IT, understanding the potential of IT, using the internet, spreadsheet software, setting up IT systems, database software and optimising system performance.

Duration 1 year.

Next step NCFE Level 3 IT Systems and Principles.

Systems Support

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? Computer systems, information systems, software design and development, computer networks, organisational systems security, database design, maintaining computer systems, spreadsheet modelling.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND or degree programme at university, employment or a higher/degree level apprenticeship.

IT Systems and Principles

Level 3 NCFE



What will I study? An introduction to communication technologies, web fundamentals, computer systems, networked systems security, web development and ICT software installation.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Employment in an IT role.

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Health, Social Care and Childcare

Career **Paths**

Child and early years officers
Senior care workers
Social workers



Health and Social Care Intermediate
Childcare Intermediate
Health and Social Care Advanced
Childcare Advanced





Sharon Acquaye

A registered nurse since 1989, is responsible for ensuring the Health and Care courses and apprenticeships meet employer needs.



Caring for a Child(ren)

Entry level CACHE

What will I study? The basic skills needed to care for a baby or young child including setting a routine, healthy lifestyles, the importance of play and learning.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Foundation Health and Social Care with Childcare.

Foundation Health and Social Care with Childcare

Level 1 BTFC

What will I study? Promoting healthy eating, creative activities for adults in care and for young children, planning for the physical and emotional care needs of children and valuing children as individuals. You will take part in practical activities, go on visits and benefit from guest speakers.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Next step Level 2 Health and Social Care or an apprenticeship.

Health and Social Care

Level 2 CACHE

What will I study? Human lifespan development, health and social care values, carrying out a research project, effective communication, equality and diversity, individual rights and healthy living. Optional units include human body systems and care of disorders, vocational experience, creative and therapeutic activities, social influences and the impact of nutrition on health and wellbeing. Work experience is a mandatory part of the course.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Health and Social Care or an apprenticeship.

Health and Social Care

Level 3 CACHE

What will I study? Effective communication, equality, diversity and rights, development through the life stages, anatomy and physiology, personal and professional development, sociological and physiological perspectives, and values and planning. Work experience is a mandatory part of the course.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HNC/D in Health and Social Care, a degree in nursing, midwifery, sociology, psychology, social work, criminology or youth work, relevant employment or a higher level apprenticeship.

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Science

Career **Paths**

Science production technicians
Laboratory technicians
Natural and social science professionals



Navjit Kaur HND Applied Biology

Having started on an ESOL course, Navjit progressed through the levels and has just finished her HND in Applied Biology.



Applied Science and Technology

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Nature and applications of energy, waves and radiation, living systems, electronics in action, healthy living, working in science and technology, scientific devices, using equipment to make observations and measurements, forensic detection.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Applied Science.

Pre GCSE Science and ESOL

Level 1

What will I study? Pre-GCSE Science, ESOL, maths, study skills and citizenship. Language support will be built into your programme and additional support is available if you need to improve your spelling, vocabulary and writing skills.

Duration 1 year.

Next step GCSEs in science subjects.

GCSE Science and ESOL

Level 2

What will I study? GCSEs in biology, chemistry, physics and maths and iGCSE in English. You will also receive tutorial support and language support will be built into your programme. Additional support is available if you need to improve your spelling, vocabulary and writing skills.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Applied Science.

Applied Science

Level 2 BTEC

What will I study? Chemistry and our earth, energy and our universe, biology and our environment, chemical substances, physical science, a practical scientific project, science and the world of work, investigating a crime scene, using mathematical tools in science, chemical analysis and detection, and science in the world.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Applied Science.

Applied Science (Laboratory and Industrial Science)

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? Scientific investigation and practical techniques, perceptions of science, application of numbers, mathematics, statistics, human physiology, microbiology techniques, genetics, medical physics techniques, electrical circuits, chemical reactions, chemical periodicity, working in the science industry and organic chemistry. You will have a 2 week science-related work placement.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND in Applied Biology or a degree at university.

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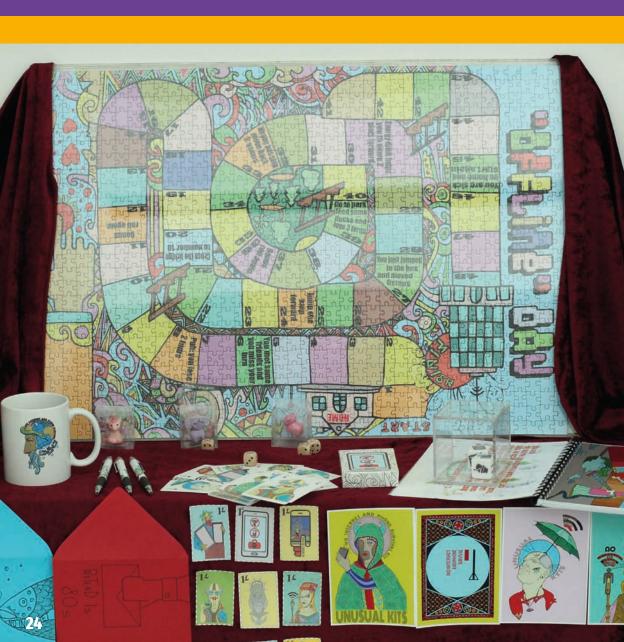
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Art and Design

Career **Paths**

Graphic designer Animator Digital painter







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Art and Design

Level 1 UAL

What will I study? Drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, creating surface relief, exploring 2 dimensions, 3D design crafts and 3D design. You will create personal projects.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Art and Design or Animation and Games Design.

Art and Design

Level 2 UAL

What will I study? 2D and 3D visual communication, photography, printmaking, graphic design, contextual references, exploring, developing and producing art and design, building a portfolio, working in the art and design industry and working with 3D design crafts. There will also be visits to museums and exhibitions.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Art and Design or Animation and Games Design.

Art and Design

Level 3 UAL

What will I study? Visual recording, materials, techniques and processes, ideas and concepts, communication through art and design, contextual influences and computers in art and design. You will use our specialised equipment and take part in practical workshops, lectures, debates, gallery visits and independent research. You will go on trips to museums and exhibitions and exhibit your work during our Creative Arts Festival.

Duration 2 years.

Next step Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, HND or BA (Hons) degree, or relevant employment.

Art and Design

Level 3-4 UAL Foundation Diploma

What will I study? Drawing, painting, printmaking, wood, metal and plastics, textiles, graphics, illustration and contextual studies, fine art, images and communication, 3D design, surface pattern and decoration. You may also study photography, computer-aided design and video. You will visit exhibitions and studios and go on a study trip. This course is normally a requirement for entry to BA (Hons) degree programmes at prestigious art schools.

Duration 1 year.

Next step BA (Hons) degree at university or art school.

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Animation and Games Design

Career **Paths**

Architectural visualisation 3D games asset developer Animator





Jason Costa Animation and Games Design Level 3

Having achieved a distinction grade at West Thames College, Jason is now studying Animation and Modelling at Hertfordshire University.

Animation and Games Design

Level 2 UAL



What will I study? Games design techniques from hand drawn to stop motion, digital graphics, concept art, game story development, computer games engines, the games industry. You will use industry standard software to create fantastic environments and beautiful animations. We make use of London's great resources with visits to industry shows, theatres, films and museums and you will showcase your work during our Creative Arts Festival.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Animation and Games Design.

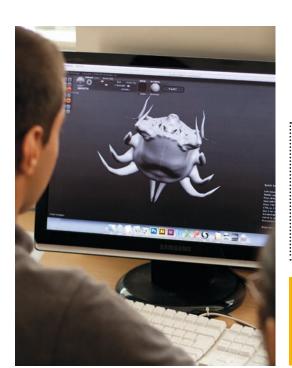
Animation and Games Design

Level 3 UAL

What will I study? 3D modelling, 2D and 3D animation, image manipulation, typefaces and letter forms, computer game engines. You will use industry standard software. We make use of London's great resources with visits to industry shows, theatres, films and museums and you will showcase your work during our Creative Arts Festival.

Duration 2 years.

Next step Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, HND or BA (Hons) degree, or relevant employment.





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Creative and Digital Technologies

Career **Paths**

Graphic designer
Web design and development professional
Creative director







Media, Digital and Creative

Level 1 UAL

What will I study? Moving image, visual effects, photography and graphic design. You will also learn the foundations of coding and web development.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Creative Media Production or Creative and Digital Technologies.

Creative and Digital Technologies (Interactive Media)

Level 2 UAL

What will I study? Interactive media design, games production, motion graphics and visual effects, moving image, photography, graphic design, coding and web development.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Creative and Digital Technologies.

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Creative and Digital Technologies (Interactive Media)

Level 3 UAI

What will I study? Digital graphics for interactive media, interactive media design and motion graphics, compositing video, photography and photographic practice, web animation, digital communication, sound in interactive media, coding and web authoring.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND in Creative Media Production, a degree course or employment in the media industry.



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Media

Career **Paths**

Graphic designers
Producers and directors
Creative directors







Creative Media Production

Level 2 UAL

What will I study? Video production, audio production, research for creative media, media audiences and products. You will do practical projects in our professional TV studio using the latest technologies in film editing, including Final Cut and Adobe Audition for radio production. You will go on industry visits, eg. to Sky Studios, take part in workshops and go to regular film screenings.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Creative Media Production.

Creative Media Production (Television and Film)

Level 3 UAL

What will I study? Single and multi-camera techniques, scriptwriting for film and factual programming, television documentary and music video production, and presenting and interviewing techniques for broadcast journalism. Theory content focuses on understanding how meaning is created by the media and how audiences are targeted. You will get practical experience using Final Cut, Adobe Premiere and Photoshop for film editing and radio production. Industrial visits are integral to the course, including local trips to Sky, BBC and Warner Bros Studios. Students recently travelled to Prague to tour the Barrandov Studio and locations for the James Bond film Casino Royale.

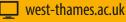
Duration 2 years.

Next step HND in Creative Media Production, a degree course at university or employment in the media industry.



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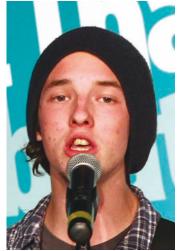
Music

Career **Paths**

Musician Actors, entertainers and presenters Sound technician







Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

Level 2 UAI

What will I study? The music profession, composing, recording, development of music, computer music production and music performance. You will make music with computers and record, compose and perform both individually and in groups. You may visit exhibitions and take part in band recording assignments or improvisation.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Contemporary Music.

Entry requirements You will have a short audition as part of your interview.

Contemporary Music (Performance/Technology)

Level 3 BTFC

What will I study? As a performer you will learn performance techniques, stage craft and song writing. You will perform at events in and out of the college including our Creative Arts Festival and Oxjam. As a music producer you will use the latest music software packages such as Logic Pro X, Protools and Reason to learn sequencing, mixing, mastering, sound recording, music composition and how to set up and sound engineer a live music event. You will produce a portfolio including an album, film scores, sound design for film and take part in live performances with a technical or performance role.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND or university degree or employment in the music industry.

Entry requirements You will have a short audition as part of your interview.

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Performing Arts and Dance

Career **Paths**

Actors, entertainers and presenters
Technicians in costume or makeup departments
Producers or directors
Dancers and choreographers





Neil Reynolds Performing Arts Level 3

Played Matt in the CBBC programme 'The Secret Life of Boys', Neil is now headlining the stage show 'Robin Hood: The Arrow of Destiny' at the York Theatre Royal.

Performing Arts and Dance

Level 2 UAL

What will I study? Dance, singing, acting, production skills, musical theatre, performing plays, devising, mask making and the performing arts business. You will get involved in productions and see professional musicals and stage shows. You may also take part in workshops with performing arts professionals.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Performing Arts or Dance.

Entry requirements You will have an audition as part of your interview.

Performing Arts (Acting)

Level 3 UAL

What will I study? Drama, singing, acting technique, voice and speech, costume design, mask and puppet work, dance, production technology and arts administration. You will work on productions and be involved in all areas from backstage to front-of-house. You'll visit a variety of performance venues and will perform in several productions throughout the year in our Endeavour Theatre.

Duration 2 years.

Next step HND in Performing Arts or BA (Hons) degree of a career in the performing arts.

Entry requirements You will have an audition as part of your interview.

Dance

Level 3 UAL

What will I study? Contemporary dance techniques (Release, Limon, Cunningham-based, Graham-based, jazz dance and urban dance styles), dance in context, choreographic principles, health and body maintenance, rehearsing, safe practice, the theoretical, social, historical and administrative aspects of dance. There will be visits to a variety of performance venues and you will perform throughout the year in our Endeavour Theatre including during our Creative Arts Festival.

Duration 2 years.

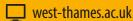
Next step HND in Dance or BA (Hons) degree or a career in dance.

Entry requirements You will have an audition as part of your interview.



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Hairdressing

Career **Paths**

Hairdressers and barbers Salon managers



Hairdressing IntermediateHairdressing Advanced





Sandra Cooper Lecturer "It's a brilliant feeling passing on your skills to students and seeing how they progress."



Foundation Hairdressing

Level 1 VTCT

What will I study? How to shampoo and condition hair, style women's hair, plait and twist hair, health and safety in the salon and how to present a professional image in a salon. You may be able to gain work experience in the college salons, go on educational visits and participate in professional training and competitions.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Hairdressing or work as a salon junior.

Hairdressing

Level 2 City & Guilds

What will I study? All aspects of European ladies' hairdressing, including client consultation, how to shampoo and condition hair and scalp, promote products and services to clients, cutting women's and men's hair, the art of dressing hair, colouring, lightening, perming and neutralising hair, and health and safety in the salon. You may participate in L'Oréal training days, visit the Salon Trade Fair, and take part in competitions and work experience.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Hairdressing, advanced apprenticeship in Hairdressing (after more work experience), part-time hair and beauty courses and/or work as a junior stylist.

Barbering

Level 2 City & Guilds



What will I study? How to shampoo and condition the hair and scalp, style hair using drying techniques, colouring, clipper and scissor work, client care and communication.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Hairdressing or a career in the barbering industry.

Hairdressing

Level 3 City & Guilds



What will I study? How to create a variety of looks using a combination of cutting techniques, promote products or services to clients, provide hairdressing consultation services and health and safety. You may participate in L'Oréal training days, visit the Salon Trade Fair, and take part in competitions and work experience.

Duration 2 years.

Next step A career in salon management or further study to become a trainer or assessor.

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Beauty Therapy

Career **Paths**

Beauty therapists
Product representative
Clinical or medical aesthetician



Beauty Intermediate
Beauty Advanced





Holly MorganBefore becoming a teacher, Holly worked as a beauty therapist in salons, spas and on cruise ships.



Foundation Beauty Therapy

Level 1 VTCT

What will I study? Facial treatments and skin care, basic manicure and pedicure and how to present a professional image in a salon. You will go on educational visits and participate in professional training and competitions.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Beauty Therapy, work as an assistant or receptionist in a beauty salon or an apprenticeship.

Beauty Therapy

Level 2 VTCT

What will I study? Facials, makeup, manicure and pedicure, anatomy and physiology, depilatory waxing, tanning, lash and brow tinting, eyebrow shaping, stock display, reception and salon administration. Visiting lecturers provide additional input and you may visit a major health and beauty exhibition.

Duration 1 year.

Next step VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Beauty Therapy Treatments to become a fully qualified beauty therapist or an advanced apprenticeship.

Beauty Therapy

Level 3 VTCT

What will I study? Electrical facial and body treatments, Indian head massage, body massage, hot stone massage, microdermabrasion for the face and body, anatomy and physiology, salon management, health and safety, administration and retail. You may visit a major health and beauty exhibition and take part in competitions.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Employment as a beauty therapist and/or study part-time specialist courses.



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Makeup

Career **Paths**

Makeup artists Makeup demonstrators Retail makeup professionals







Hair and Media Makeup Studies

Level 2 VTCT

What will I study? Photographic makeup, dressing hair, client consultation for hair services, shaping and colouring eyebrows, applying makeup and themed face painting. You may visit a cultural city abroad and West End theatre productions, enter national makeup competitions and attend the International Makeup Artist Trade Show (IMATS).

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Theatrical Media Makeup or Makeup Design and Hairstyling or into employment.

Makeup Design and Hairstyling

Level 3 BTFC

What will I study? Day and period makeup, makeup for performers, special effects, facial hair attachments, wigs, prosthetics and body painting. You will visit West End theatre productions and have work placements. You can enter national makeup competitions and attend the International Makeup Artist Trade Show.

Duration 1 year.

Next step You can progress to the 120-credit Diploma or the second year of the 180-credit Extended Diploma. You can also go into employment.

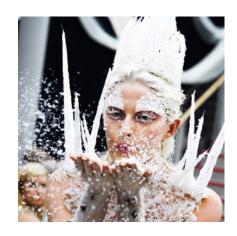
Theatrical Media Makeup

Level 3 VTCT

What will I study? Media and camouflage makeup, basic airbrush skills, fashion and photographic makeup, basic prosthetics, creative hair styling, facial hair and wigs, health and safety and client care. You may visit a cultural city abroad and West End theatre productions, enter national makeup competitions, attend the International Trade Makeup Show (IMATS) and have work placements in hair salons, theatres or with makeup artists.

Duration 1 year.

Next step HND in Specialist Makeup or employment in hair salons, as a makeup demonstrator, or in TV or in the media as a makeup artist.



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Sport

Career **Paths**

Sports coaches, instructors and officials Sport and leisure assistants Sports players





The West Thames College basketball Team

The team was crowned the AoC Sports Men's Division 2 Basketball League Winners 2017.

Foundation Sport with Public Services

Level 1 BTFC

What will I study? Sport units include taking part in exercise, fitness and sport, and investigating the body systems. You will play sport in our sports hall and outdoor pitch and take part in fitness activities. Public Services includes public service careers, improving your health and fitness for entry into the uniformed public services, personal skills and practical teamwork. You will study Sport from September to December and then Public Services from January to June.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Sport or Uniformed Public Services.

Sport

Level 2 BTEC

What will I study? Anatomy and physiology, practical sport, fitness and psychology for sport. You can also gain qualifications in first aid, lifeguarding and coaching.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Sport or employment.

Sport

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? Fitness programming, sports coaching, sports development, fitness testing, anatomy, physiology, psychology, talent identification and practical individual sports. There will be visits to sporting venues and centres of sporting excellence.

Duration 2 years.

Next step A degree programme at university or employment.

Brentford FC Elite Development programme

Level 3 BTFC

What will I study? Exercise planning, analysis of performance, anatomy and physiology, sports nutrition and psychology which you'll study at the college for a recognised BTEC qualification. You will develop your footballing skills with Brentford FC's Academy coaching staff and play competitive matches against other Academy teams in a league.

Duration 2 years.

Next step Study at university, sign a professional contract with Brentford or with another club.

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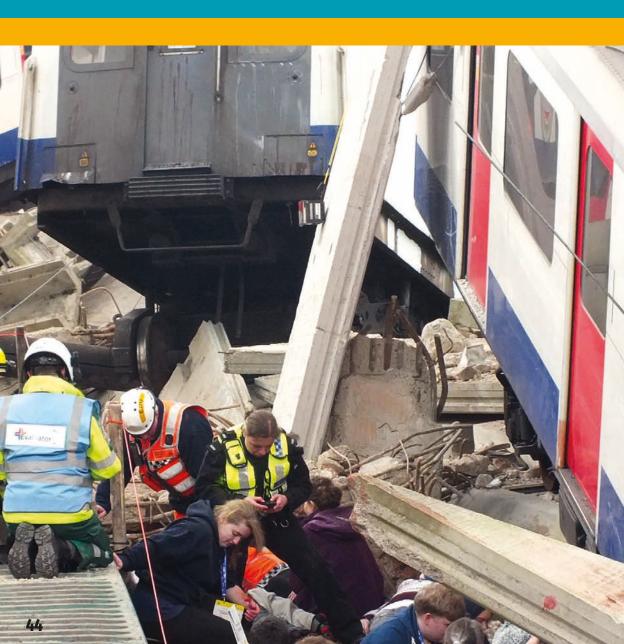
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Uniformed Public Services

Career **Paths**

Metropolitan Police officer Royal Marine Paramedic





Adam Latrache

Served in the armed forces before becoming a teacher. "Teaching allows me to share my passion and enthusiasm with young people."



Foundation Public Services and Sport

Level 1 BTFC

What will I study? Public Services includes improving your health and fitness for entry into the uniformed public services, personal skills, practical teamwork and public service careers. There will be visits, talks and practical sessions led by guests from the uniformed services. Sport units include taking part in exercise, fitness and sport, and investigating the body systems. You will study Sport from September to December and then Public Services from January to June.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Uniformed Public Services or Sport.

Uniformed Public Services

Level 2 BTEC

What will I study? Crime and its effects on society, attending emergency incidents in the public services, public service skills, improving health and fitness for entry to the uniformed services, career planning for the public services, adventurous activities and teamwork for the public services and employment in the uniformed public services. Residentials form an essential part of the course and there will be visits, talks and practical sessions led by guests from the uniformed services.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Uniformed Public Services or employment in the public services.

Uniformed Public Services

Level 3 BTFC

What will I study? Team leadership, citizenship and diversity, discipline, physical preparation, international institutions, human rights, impact of war, conflict and terrorism, outdoor and adventurous expeditions, crime and its effects on society, responding to incidents, planning and management of major incidents. The college has close links with Isleworth fire station, giving students the opportunity for 'real' public service training. We recommend that all students join a local cadet force.

Duration 2 years.

Next step A degree programme or employment in the fire service, police, armed forces or related civilian occupations.

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West Thames College Uniformed Public Services students took part in Exercise Unified Response – Europe's largest disaster training exercise to test the emergency services response to mass casulties.

Travel

Career **Paths**

Travel agents
Aircraft pilots and cabin crew
Leisure and travel service occupations







Balwant Dhaliwal

"My background is working for major tour operators and luxury hotels in front of house operations."

Foundation Travel and Business

Level 1 BTFC

Lecturer

What will I study? Travel and tourism units include the UK travel destinations, customer service, planning for and taking part in a visit and planning for work in travel and tourism. Business units cover working in business administration, recording business transactions, working in a team and welcoming visitors. You will study Business from September to December, then Travel and Tourism from January to June.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Travel and Tourism or Business.

Travel and Tourism

Level 2 BTFC

What will I study? UK destinations, customer service, planning simple trips in the UK using different modes of transport, European holiday destinations and developing business skills. The course includes trips and industry visits and work based activities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Aviation Operations or Travel or find work in a relevant sector.

Cabin Crew

Level 2 NCFF



What will I study? Making passenger announcements, cabin service, aircraft emergency situations, working as cabin crew, airline health, safety and security, dealing with passengers.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 in Travel and Tourism, or employment in the sector



Aviation Environment

Level 2 City & Guilds

What will I study? Aviation security, aviation communication, airport check in, support flight operations, health and safety in the aviation industry.

Duration 2 years.

Next step Level 3 Aviation Operations or Travel and Tourism or employment.

Travel and Tourism

Level 3 BTFC

What will I study? Investigating travel and tourism, the UK as a destination, customer service, management skills, communication and presentation skills. You will also do specialist units such as long haul travel, marketing, hospitality operations and airfares and ticketing. You may visit the World Travel Market, take part in British Airways workshops and have work experience opportunities.

Duration 2 years.

Next step Study for an HND, university degree or gain employment.

Aviation Operations

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? The UK aviation industry, marketing, customer services, airport and airline commercial operations, airline and airport economics, health, security, ramp handling, airfares and ticketing, the environmental impacts of aviation and preparing for employment. You may go on trips and visits and take part in British Airways workshops and other work experience opportunities.

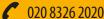
Duration 2 years.

Next step Study for an HND, degree programme or employment in the aviation industry.

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ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages





ESOL for 16-18s

Edexcel Skills for Life

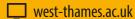
What will I study? If English isn't your first language, then this is the course for you. We offer a vibrant ESOL Threshold programme of study for 15 – 18 year olds, which will help you improve your English and progress onto a range of courses or jobs. Whether you already have a good understanding of English, or only know a few words and need to start from the beginning, we have an ESOL programme of study for you.

Duration 1 year.

Next step When you are ready you can go on to higher level vocational or academic qualifications at the college. We offer Foundation Level 1 courses with ESOL support in Business, Travel, ICT and Science.



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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.





Roberto De Abreu

Project SEARCH at GlaxoSmithKline After completing his extended work traineeship, Roberto has secured paid employment in the document management department at GSK House.

Entry to Vocational Education

Edexcel and City & Guilds Functional Skills and Edexcel PSD qualifications

For young people with mild or moderate learning difficulties who would benefit from support to help make the transition to further learning.

What will I study? You will develop your communication, numeracy and interpersonal skills, decision making and problem solving abilities and study art and design, catering, ceramics, sport, IT and photography, engineering and construction. Work experience and a residential experience are an important part of the course.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Skills for Work and Life or a Level 1 Foundation course. You can also go on to training or employment, Project SEARCH at GlaxoSmithKline or the London Borough of Hounslow or a supported internship.

Skills for Work and Life

Edexcel and City & Guilds Functional Skills and Edexcel PSD qualification, related to employability

This course is for young people with moderate or specific learning difficulties.

What will I study? You will work towards qualifications in English and maths and study art and design, drama, catering, work skills, sport and IT. You will have work experience and a residential experience.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Progression to Work or another college course. You can also go on to training or employment.

Progression to Work

Edexcel Vocational, PSD and Functional Skills qualifications

For students with learning difficulties who wish to get a job or supported employment.

What will I study? This course is designed to help you move out of the college environment and into the world of work. It develops your work skills, independent living skills and basic skills in literacy and numeracy. Work experience is an important part of the course. You will go on local visits using public transport and you can get involved in sport and social activities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Employment opportunities or further vocational study.

Learning for Independent Living: Continuing Personal Development

Personal progression towards Edexcel Entry Level 1

For students with severe and complex learning difficulties who would benefit from learning in small groups in a supportive environment.

What will I study? The course is based around the development of communication and life skills and social and community awareness. We actively encourage independence and making decisions through a range of practical activities such as running enterprises, drama, sports and art. Students have a personal tutor and the use of specialist facilities to meet their individual needs.

Duration 1-2 years.

Next step Appropriate progression will be discussed with your tutor, careers adviser and relevant social services.

Learning for Independent Living and Work: Skill Builders

Edexcel City & Guilds Entry 1 and PSD qualifications

For young people with learning difficulties who would benefit from learning in small groups in a supportive environment.

What will I study? You will learn about your community, build up confidence towards independent living, develop your creative and IT skills. You will gain a City and Guilds numeracy and literacy qualification. Work experience is an important part of the course and you will gain enterprise skills in the café business. You will go on local visits using public transport and you can get involved in sport and social activities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Another college course or supported employment.

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Project SEARCH is a supported internship programme for young people with learning disabilities/difficulties, which supports their move from education to employment.









Project SEARCH with GlaxoSmithKline

Entry Level 3 City & Guilds qualification in Employability Skills

What will I study? Getting to know the place of work and study and recognising and building on your personal strengths, demonstrating positive attitudes and behaviours for learning and work, looking for suitable jobs and making applications. You will be based at GlaxoSmithKline for 5 days a week where you will study your qualification. You will take part in 3 job rotations for the year for example in Security, The Post Room, Meeting Rooms, Restaurant, Reception, Office Admin and IT.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Once you've completed your academic year you will be supported to find paid work.

Entry requirements You must be aged 17-24 with learning disabilities / difficulties and want to gain the skills and experience needed to secure and keep a paid permanent job. You must meet the business needs within GlaxoSmithKline, be committed to a 5 day week programme and be an independent traveller or be undertaking travel training.

How to apply Please complete the Project SEARCH application form which can be downloaded from our website or by contacting the college.

Project SEARCH with the London Borough of Hounslow

Entry Level 3 City & Guilds qualification in Employability Skills

What will I study? Getting to know the place of work and study and recognising and building on own personal strengths, demonstrating positive attitudes and behaviours for learning and work, looking for suitable jobs and making applications. You will be based at the London Borough of Hounslow for 5 days a week where you will study your qualification. You will take part in 3 job rotations for the year for example in Security, The Post Room, Meeting Rooms, Restaurant, Reception, Office Admin and IT.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Once you've completed your academic year you will be supported to find paid work.

Entry requirements You must be aged 17-24 with learning disabilities/difficulties and want to gain the skills and experience needed to secure and keep a paid permanent job. You must meet the business needs within the London Borough of Hounslow, be committed to a 5 day week programme and be an independent traveller or be undertaking travel training.

How to apply Please complete the Project SEARCH application form which can be downloaded from our website or by contacting the college.





Catering

Career **Paths**

Catering and bar managers Restaurant and catering managers Chef



Professional Cookery Hospitality Services Professional Cookery Hospitality Services Intermediate Intermediate Advanced Advanced







Foundation Catering

Entry 3/Level 1 VRQ

What will I study? How to use a variety of ingredients and equipment and develop the skills to produce food in a commercial environment. You will gain qualifications in RSH Essential Food Hygiene and CIEH Basic Health and Safety, which are essential for the catering industry. Work experience opportunities may be available. You will study VRQ Entry 3 from September to December and then NVQ Level 1 from January.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Professional Cookery or an apprenticeship.

Professional Cookery

Level 2 NVO

What will I study? Storing, preparing and cooking food, maintaining a safe, hygienic and secure working environment, handling knives, presenting food, kitchen documentation, ordering stock, meeting nutritional needs, school meal requirements. You will gain qualifications in RSH Essential Food Hygiene and CIEH Basic Health and Safety. You will visit trade shows and enter competitions, and there will be work experience opportunities.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Professional Cookery, employment in the catering industry or an apprenticeship.

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Construction and Building Services

Career **Paths**

Painters and decorators
Construction and building trades supervisors
Production managers



Carpentry and JoineryIntermediatePainting and DecoratingIntermediatePlumbing and HeatingIntermediateSite CarpentryAdvanced





Warehousing and Storage

Level 1 Edexcel



What will I study? Pick, wrap and pack goods in a logistics environment, assemble orders for dispatch, moving and handling goods, using equipment to move goods, health and safety.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 course, an apprenticeship, or find employment.

Construction (Multi-Skills)

Level 1 BTEC

What will I study? Practical skills in brickwork, carpentry, joinery, plumbing, electrical installation and construction drawing, working in construction and health and safety. It focuses on practical work although there will also be sessions in the classroom.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 course, an apprenticeship, or employment in the construction sector.

Electrical Installation

Level 1 City & Guilds

What will I study? Wiring and terminals, fabrication techniques, electrical science and technology. You will have the opportunity to go on trips and hopefully undertake some work experience.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Electrical Installation or Level 2 Engineering.

Painting and Decorating

Level 1 Cskills

What will I study? The storage of materials and equipment, erecting and dismantling working platforms, working efficiently, preparing the work area, preparing surfaces, applying paint, applying wallpapers, and applying basic specialist paint finishes. You may go on trips and visit trade shows such as The Building Exhibition.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Painting and Decorating, employment or an apprenticeship.

Carpentry and Joinery

Level 1 Cskills

What will I study? Building methods, construction technology, basic woodworking joints, maintaining and using hand tools, safe working practices and preparing and using portable power tools.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery, employment or an apprenticeship.

Plumbing

Level 1 City & Guilds

What will I study? Safe working practices, environmental and sustainability measures, site preparation, above ground drainage, copper, plastic and low carbon steel pipework, installation, repair and maintenance of plumbing systems and plumbing science.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Plumbing, an apprenticeship or find employment.

Electrical Installation

Level 2 City & Guilds

What will I study? Principles of electrical systems, electrical installation technology, health and safety and installation of wiring systems. You may go on trips and visit trade shows such as The Building Exhibition.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Certificate, employment or an apprenticeship.

Plumbing and Heating

Level 2 City & Guilds

What will I study? Domestic pipework used in plumbing, hot and cold water, central heating pipework, electrical safety, environmental awareness and health and safety in the workplace. You may go on trips to plumbing exhibitions and visit trade shows.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Diploma, employment or an apprenticeship.

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Engineering

Career **Paths**

Civil engineers

Design and development engineers

Engineering technicians





Sabina Enu-KwesiEngineering Level 3
In the third year of her apprenticeship with Otis Elevator Company.



Service and Maintenance Engineering

Level 1 IMI

What will I study? Vehicle maintenance processes and procedures, electrical foundation skills in an engineering environment, introduction to machining engineering materials, introduction to projects in an engineering environment and health and safety. You will take part in a practical engineering or motor vehicle project. We arrange work experience opportunities where possible.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Engineering or Electrical Installation, an apprenticeship or employment in the industry.

Engineering

Level 2 IMI

What will I study? Computer-aided engineering, interpreting and using engineering information, mathematics for engineering, investigating an engineering project, and machining engineering materials. Industrial visits will let you see the work that engineers do so you can think about the career you're interested in.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 Manufacturing Engineering, employment or an apprenticeship.

Manufacturing Engineering

Level 3 BTEC

What will I study? Engineering drawing, computer aided design, machining, metallurgy, electrical and electronic principles, computer aided manufacturing, principles and applications of electronic devices, further mathematics and the theory of flight.

Duration 2 years.

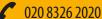
Next step HND or BSc degree at university, employment or an apprenticeship.



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Motor Vehicle

Career **Paths**

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians
Metal working production and
maintenance fitters
Vehicle and parts salespersons and advisers
Engineering technicians



Motor Vehicle Mechanics Intermediate







Service and Maintenance Engineering

Level 1 IMI

What will I study? Vehicle maintenance processes and procedures, electrical foundation skills in an engineering environment, introduction to machining engineering materials, introduction to projects in an engineering environment and health and safety. You will take part in a practical engineering or motor vehicle project. We arrange work experience opportunities where possible.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 2 Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Engineering or Electrical Installation, an apprenticeship or employment in the industry.

Motor Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 IMI

What will I study? Tyre, brake, steering and suspension systems, fault diagnosis and routine maintenance; engine fault diagnosis; transmission fault diagnosis; electrical and electronic systems fault diagnosis; health and safety. We arrange work experience opportunities where possible.

Duration 1 year.

Next step Level 3 IMI qualification, an apprenticeship or employment in the industry.



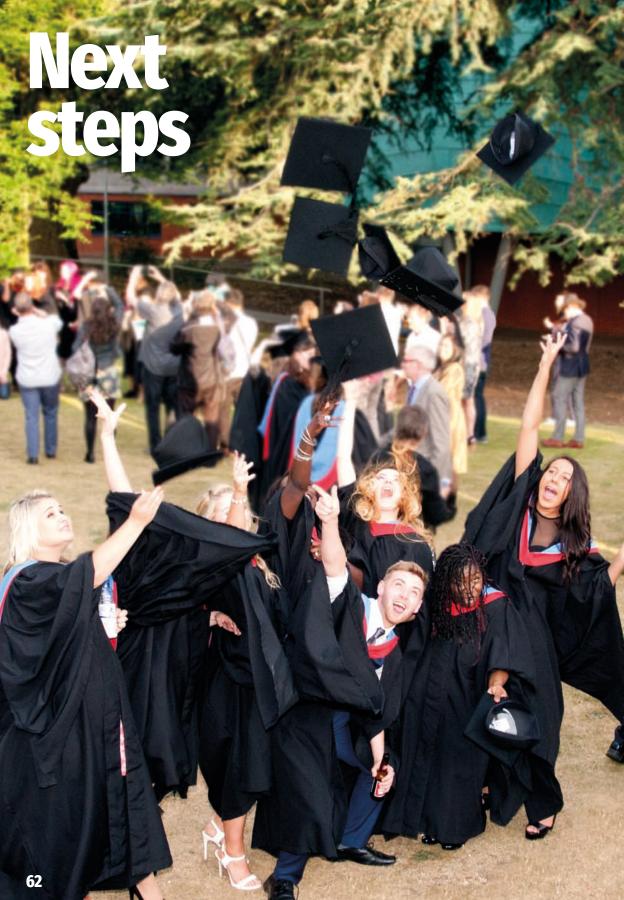
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After your course you will be ready to find a job or start an apprenticeship. If you decide to continue your studies, West Thames College offers a range of Higher Education courses to build on your existing qualifications.

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

HNCs and HNDs

Higher National Certificate 1 year Higher National Diploma 2 years

- · Applied Biology
- · Health and Social Care
- · Dance
- Performing Arts
- · Creative Media Production
- Specialist Makeup
- · Software and App Development

Foundation Degree

· FdA Early Years 2 years

Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector

- · Teaching English Language to Adults
- Diploma in Education and Training (DET)
 / Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (ProfGCE)

Higher Level or Degree Apprenticeships

- · Level 5 Care Leadership and Management
- Level 6 BA (Hons) Chartered Manager
 Degree with University of West London
- Level 6 BSC (Hons) Digital and Technology Solutions Degree with University of West London

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Fees and financial assistance

Courses are free for 14-18 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 any 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.

Oystercards

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**.

Open Days and Tours

Meet our lecturers and students, ask questions and take a tour of our excellent facilities.

See page 2 or visit our website for details

How to apply

Apply online at west-thames.ac.uk

Simply select the course you want to study, click the Apply Now button and complete the online form. You can apply online from October 2017 until the end of July 2018.

Apply by post

Download the application form from our website or pick one up from our Information Centre. Please return the completed form to:

Admissions West Thames College Isleworth Middlesex TW7 4HS

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 website for specific course entry requirements.



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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.

Applications

If you are a late applicant (applying in August/ September), please come to the college during our open enrolment sessions in August 2018. 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.

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 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.

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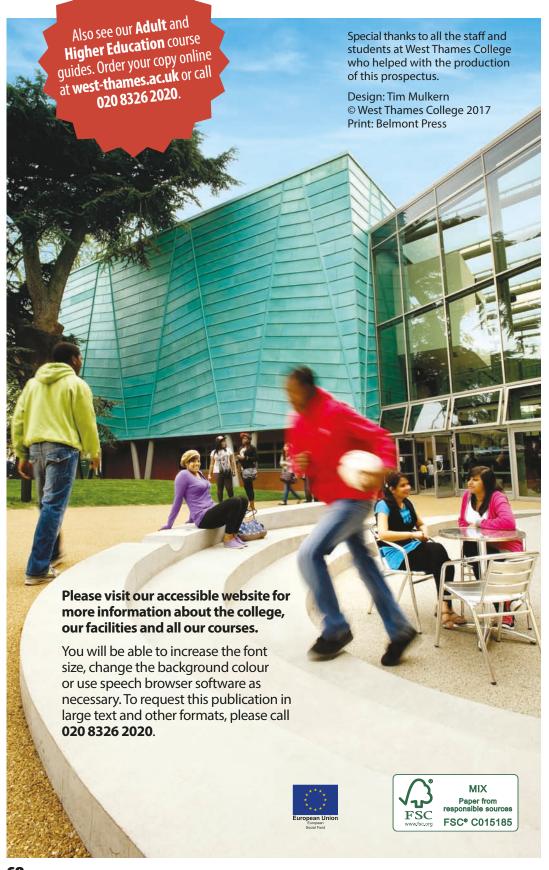
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Travel

Skills+Logistics Centre/ Feltham

77 Boundaries Road TW13 5DR

Rail Feltham Station (10 minutes walk).

Bus 285 and 490 buses stop on Uxbridge Road.

Main Campus/Isleworth London Road TW7 4HS

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



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







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