



# FULL TIME COURSES

FOR 16-18 YEAR OLDS • 2024/25



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### **Entry Requirements Guide**

### Level

- A successful interview. You will also need to complete an assessment for some courses.
- 2 GCSEs at grade D/3 or above, with Level 1 Functional Skills in English and Maths.
- At least 4 GCSEs at grade A\* C/9-4, a merit or distinction at Level 2 with functional skills in English and Maths. We also offer T Level qualifications, which have slightly different entry requirements. Check page 10 for more details.

All information is correct at time of publication. For most up-to-date information please visit west-thames.ac.uk

\*Number 1 College for Student Achievement based on performance for students aged 16-18, 19+ and overall Department of Education.

# COURSES



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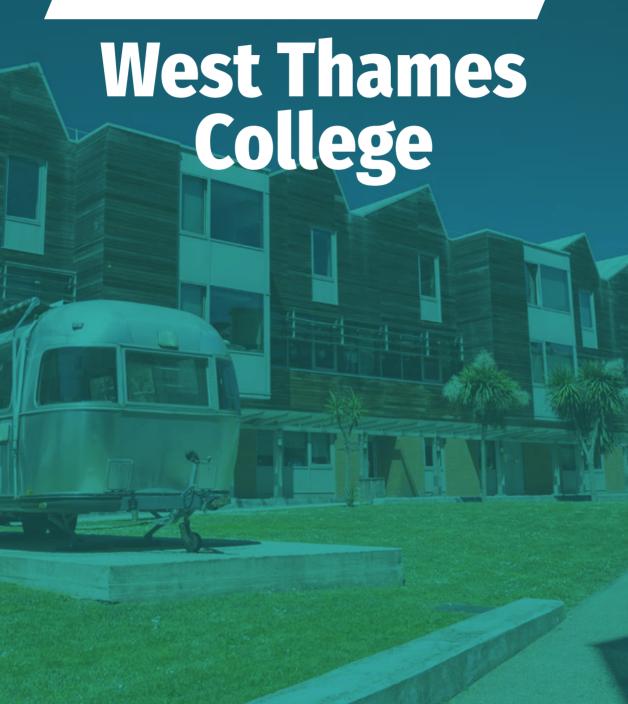
# COME AND VISIT US!

We host Open Days throughout the year where you can visit our Colleges and get a taste of College life.

**Register here:** 



# **WELCOME TO**



# We are a successful and vibrant Further and Higher Education college based in West London.

We are delighted that you are interested in studying a course with us. We have a range of vocational courses, including apprenticeships and T-Levels to give you the skills and experience you need to fulfil your goals.



- Our vocational courses are taught by industry professionals, who can share industry insights with you and links to contacts who work in the sector
- Our strong links with employers provide access to industry leaders and excellent work experience opportunities. We are proud to work with a range of employers including British Airways, Sky, GSK, and NHS.
- Our campuses include a range of state-of-the-art facilities and workshops, that were described as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted (2021), that enhance the student experience while equipping our students with the skills they need for their progression.

Above all our friendly and committed staff will give you all the support and guidance you need to succeed. The achievement rates of our students are high - we are the Number 1 College in London - which we are incredibly proud of. Our students go straight into work, or they progress into some of the top universities in the country.

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

Tracy Aust CEO & Principal

### **ABOUT US**

### **West Thames College has two campuses**

- our main campus in Isleworth and our Skills+Logistics Centre in nearby Feltham.

See our excellent facilities and meet our course leaders on an Open Day.

### **Main Campus / ISLEWORTH**

Students benefit from a range of facilities including professional salons, theatre, dance studios, music recording & TV studios, sports facilities and much more. Our extensive range of courses cover pre-entry to higher education, offering a range of opportunities for progression.

### **Isleworth OPEN DAYS**

For all courses except construction, engineering and motor vehicle.

### 2023

Wednesday 4 October, 5-7pm

Saturday 11 November, 10am-1pm

### 2024

Wednesday 31 January, 5-7pm

Saturday 9 March, 10am-1pm

Wednesday 19 June, 5-7pm

### **Register here:**







This centre includes multiple workshops and workspaces that create realistic work environments, allowing students to develop the specific skills required within the industry. You will be taught by real industry professionals, who will pass on their substantial skills and knowledge.

### **Feltham OPEN DAYS**

For construction, engineering, Logistics and motor vehicle courses only.

2023

Tuesday 10 October, 5-7pm

2024

Tuesday 6 February, 5-7pm Tuesday 25 June, 5-7pm

### **Register here:**



### WHY

# WEST THAMES COLLEGE?





# RATING A 'Good' College by OFSTED, with outstanding facilities



Great WORK EXPERIENCE Opportunities



JOIN OUR
AWARDWINNING
COMMUNITY



100+ COURSES IN 24 COURSE AREAS



Courses Taught by
Industry
PROFESSIONALS

# PROGRAMME OF STUDY

At West Thames College, you choose one core vocational subject.

Alongside this, your programme of study will include:

### EMPLOYABILITY AND WORK EXPERIENCE

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

### ENGLISH AND/OR MATHS

Depending on your GCSE results

#### INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent learning to improve digital and study skills, collaborate with others and develop positive autonomous learning habits

## WORK WITH LEADING EMPLOYERS

West Thames College prides itself on its strong links with employers.

We work with a wide range of companies to provide excellent work experience opportunities as well as providing events such as Aspire. Aspire brings employers on site to run a series of masterclasses and workshops, further developing our students for their next step.









































# **T-LEVELS**

Qualifications with work placements to take you to the next level.



### **What are T-Levels?**

#### T-Levels offer:

- An alternative to A levels, apprenticeships and other 16-19 courses
- A qualification equivalent to three A Levels
- Routes for students into skilled employment, higher study or apprenticeships
- An in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days. Students get valuable experience in the workplace; employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

### How does it work?

You will spend 80% of the course in your learning environment, gaining the skills that employers need. The other 20% is a meaningful industry placement, where you put your learnt skills into action.

### What subjects do West Thames College offer?

We currently offer T-Levels in the following areas:

- Digital Production & Development
- Health



### **Digital Production, Design & Development** Level 3

- 2 year course
- 9 weeks minimum working with an employer on an industry placement

#### **Potential careers:**

- Web Developer
- Web Designer
- Software Developer
- Computer Games Tester
- Computer Games Developer
- E-learning Developer
- User Experience (UX) Designer.

### What you'll learn:

You will develop an understanding of:

- how digital technologies impact business
- the ethical and moral implications of digital technology
- using data in software design
- using digital technologies to analyse and solve problems
- digital environments, including physical, virtual and cloud environments
- emerging technical trends, such as Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Blockchain, 3D printing
- legal and regulatory obligations relating to digital technologies
- the privacy and confidentiality of personal
- the technical, physical and human aspects of internet security
- planning digital projects

Course info: 020 8326 2000

- testing software, hardware and data
- digital tools for project management and collaboration.

### Health - Level 3

- 2 year course
- 9 weeks minimum working with an employer on an industry placement

#### **Potential careers:**

- Ambulance Care Assistant
- Emergency Care Assistant
- Healthcare Assistant
- Care Worker
- Palliative Care Assistant
- Dental Nurse.

### What you'll learn:

You will develop a general understanding of health and science:

- working within the health and science sector
- health, safety and environmental regulations
- · managing information and data
- principles of good scientific and clinical practice
- core science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and

You will also learn about topics specific to health, including:

- understanding the healthcare sector
- providing person-centred care
- supporting health and wellbeing
- further knowledge of both human anatomy and physiology and of diseases and disorders
- infection prevention and control.

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to course approval.

# APPRENTICESHIPS 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.

 An apprenticeship typically involves spending four days a week in a work environment gaining practical skills and one day a week studying at the College.

### 6 steps to apprenticeship success



- Decide which apprenticeship area you are interested in.
- Register on the National
  Apprenticeship website
  www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
  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 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!

Find out more: west-thames.ac.uk/apprenticeships

# FEES AND FINANCIAL **ASSISTANCE**

### Courses are free for 16-18 vear olds

There are no tuition or exam fees for UK 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.

### **UK leaving the EU**

16-18 year old EU students used to have the same status as UK students before the UK's withdrawal. However, there will be certain changes to fee structures and immigration status. Please therefore check with the college to clarify your situation.

### **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.

### **Ovster 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.

### Find out more: west-thames.ac.uk/financial-support

See our website west-thames.ac.uk or call our Information Centre on 020 8326 2000 for further information on fees and financial assistance.

# **OUR ALUMNI**

We are proud of our student success in the College, but also when they leave us.

Have a look at some of our Alumni and how their time at West Thames College helped them to embark on rewarding careers.

Use the **QR codes** to directly open the videos or you can find links to them on the News pages of our website: west-thames.ac.uk/news.

#### **Nadeem Chattha**



progressed onto other courses, finally leaving to study for a degree. He now works as a Senior the College.



#### **Renee Mudhar**



Renee studied Travel & and went on to do an apprenticeship with the London Borough of Hounslow. She found valuable to help her progress to a career as a lawyer.



#### Francesca Sherwood



Francesca studied Beauty Therapy at the college and went on to open her own salon, True Beauty

She has used the skills she learned on her course to establish her



#### Sabina Enu-Kwesi



Company, and then gaining a full-time job Psychology at Birkbeck, of London.

# **YOUR COLLEGE YOUR VOICE**

**JOIN STUDENT 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 anv issues.

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

# CAMPUS LIFE

### Life isn't just about learning.

West Thames College is a fun place to be, with plenty of activities and events throughout the year.

#### **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 leagues and regularly win trophies.



#### STUDENT COMMON ROOM

Watch music, sport or films on the plasma TV screens, 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. For bookings and latest offers please call the Salon on 020 8326 2201.



#### **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 Mental Health Awareness Day.





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

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

### **Student Learning Advisers**

Tutors who you will meet regularly to

### **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.

### **Learning Resources Centre**

A range of services to support your studies including books/ebooks, computers, study spaces, online learning resources and helpful staff.

#### **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

# APPLY IN THREE STEPS



## Apply online at west-thames.ac.uk

Visit our website and apply for the course

you are interested in

We will then contact you to invite you to the College for an interview, including bringing a portfolio

or taking part in an

audition

If successful, you will recieve an offer, depending on your

entry requirements

You will then be invited to come in for enrolment, which will

start in August

### **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.

# **USING THIS GUIDE**

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

#### LEVEL 1

**Digital Arts.** 1 vear

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

#### LEVEL 2

**Digital Arts** (Introduction to Animation and Games). 1 vear

#### LEVEL 3

Creative and Digital Design. 2 years **Animation and Games Design,** 2 years

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Business and financial project management professionals Up to £52,000

**Management consultants and business analysts** Up to £48.400

#### **USING THE OR CODE**

### **Course details**

See our website west-thames.ac.uk

Fast track to our courses by scanning this OR code with your smartphone.



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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.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Business project manager** Up to £75,000

**Business development manager** Up to £64,000

Financial adviser Up to £45,000

### About our **Business courses**

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 to the Houses of Parliament, Heathrow Airport or Sky.

### Student **SUCCESS**



### Paul Bromfield / Business

After he finished his course, Paul moved into a career in Financial Services. His financial career has allowed him to work in the UK and overseas. His preference has always been leading colleagues in customer facing roles and at present he is the Head of Business Development at Barclays Bank.



### **Business and Travel** with ESOL

1 vear

### **Foundation Business**

and Travel 1 vear

LEVEL

### **Business**

2 years

### **Principles of Business** and Administration

1 year

### **PROGRESSION** at West Thames

### **Business**

Level 4

### **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/3 or above. Level 1 functional skills English and maths.

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

See our website west-thames.ac.uk for specific course entry requirements.

LEVEL

### **Business**

1 vear

### **Gateway Business**

1 vear

### **Course details**

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# AND ICT

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

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

# About our **Computing and ICT courses**

You will learn in specialist ICT suites, take part in work experience and visit local businesses. West Thames College is a certified Cisco 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, such as Worldskills UK. We have strong links with local businesses such as Sky and Cisco that offer WEX and apprenticeships.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Cyber intelligence officer** Up to £50,000

**User Experience (UX) designer** Up to £50,000

**IT Support Technician** Up to £35,000

### Student **SUCCESS**





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 LIK.

**24** Course info: **020 8326 2000 west-thames.ac.uk** 



### **ICT Systems Support PC Maintenance**

1 vear

**ICT Systems Support -PC Maintenance with ESOL** 1 year

### **Computing**

2 years

### **Networking and** Cybersecurity

1 vear



### **Digital Production, Design & Development**

2 years



### Information and **Creative Technology**

1 vear

### **Digital and IT Skills**

1 year

### **Course details**

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### Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an apprenticeship course at a higher level.

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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.

# About our **Health, Social Care and Childcare courses**

Our courses have high success and progression rates and you will develop the knowledge and skills relevant to the Health and Social Care industry.

You will undertake work placements in health and care settings, such as residential homes, pharmacies, children's nurseries and care homes for people with disabilities so you can develop experience in the industry. Alternatively we have strong links with a number of universities if you wish to progress to a degree programme after your course.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Social services managers and directors** Up to £68,000

Counsellor

Up to £47,000

**Adult Nurse** Starting at Band 5 £40,000

### Student **SUCCESS**

Beata Korabiowska / Health & Social Care

After leaving the College, Beata



worked at a Local Council as a Care Assistant. Once leaving this position, she took on many different public service roles and is now moving towards becoming an interpreter and a Polish translator.



**NCFE CACHE Certificate in** Introduction to Health, **Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings** 

1 vear

**LEVEL** 

**NCFE CACHE Extended Diploma in Health** and Social Care

1 vear



Health

2 years

### **Entry requirements**

**LEVEL** 

### **NCFE CACHE Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care**

1 vear

### **Course details**

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Childcare

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

You could work in 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.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Pharmacologist** Up to £50.000

**Biochemist** Up to £50,000

Laboratory technicians Starting at Band 5 £26,000

### About our **Science courses**

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. You will gain work experience, visit museums, universities and attend conferences, and take part in National Science Week

### 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. He received a triple distinction in his BTEC at West Thames College. He then progressed to university to study Radiography at the University of Cumbria. He now works as a radiographer for the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



### **OCR Cambridge Technical Certificate** in Applied Science

1 year

### Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our Higher Education course:

### **Applied Biology** HNC/HND



### **Pearson BTEC National Extended Diploma in Applied Science**

2 vears

### **Course details**

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### **Entry requirements**

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LEVEL 3 At least 4 GCSEs at grades A\*-C/9-4, one of which must be in Science, a merit or distinction at Level 2 Science. You must also have at least a pass at grade D/3 for GCSE maths.

See our website **west-thames.ac.uk** for specific course entry requirements.



# **DESIGN**

Careers in Art and Design can include areas such as prop design, web design, 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.

### About our **Art and Design courses**

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.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Arts administrator** Up to £30,000

**Graphic designer** Up to £35,000

Model maker Up to £31,000

### Student **SUCCESS**

Anne-Claire Pickard /
Art & Design

Anne-Claire Pickard completed a Foundation BTEC Degree in Art & Design and then completed a BA (Hons) Degree in Graphic Design at Arts University Bournemouth. At present she is Head of Design at a media company managing the design and production department.



### **Creative Design**

1 year

# Creative and Digital Design

2 vears

### **Course progression** at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our Higher Education course:

### **Art and Design**

Foundation Diploma

### **Creative Design**

1 year

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# **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.

# About our **Animation and Games Design courses**

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!

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Computer games developer** Up to £70,000

Software developer Up to £70.000

App developer Up to £55,000







### **Digital Design**

1 vear



## Animation and Games Design

2 years



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

### **Digital Design**

(Introduction to Animation and Games) 1 year

### Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.

### **Course details**

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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.

### About our Creative and Digital Technologies courses

It's a hugely important part of the UK economy with great career opportunities. On our courses vou 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 while working on live briefs.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Web designer Up to £40,000

Web developer Up to £60,000

**IT Project Manager** Up to £60,000





### **Digital Design**

1 vear

### **Course** progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an apprenticeship course at a higher level.



### **Digital Arts**

(Introduction to Animation and Games) 1 vear

## Animation and Games Design

(Introduction to Animation and Games) 2 vears



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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.

### Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Audio visual technician** Up to £35,000

Radio Broadcast Assistant Up to £29,000

**TV or film sound technician** Up to £35,000

### About our **Media courses**

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 Final Cut Pro, audio/MIDI music production and multimedia suites.

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.

### Student **SUCCESS**

#### Dylan Curtis / Creative Media



Dylan studied Creative Media Production and graduated with a Higher National Diploma in Film and Television. Currently he has established his own freelance company that hire and work with other creatives to bring client visions and ideas to life.



# **Creative Media Production**

1 year

#### Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our **Higher Education course**:

#### **Creative Media Production** HNC/HND



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# **Creative Media Production**

(Television and Film) 1 year (90 credit diploma) 2 years (extended diploma)

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The UK music industry is diverse and fastmoving and there are many opportunities for those with passion, talent and drive.

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

# About our

**Music courses** 

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 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 had successful careers as musicians or gone on to work for Sky, Kiss FM and Richmond Theatre.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Journalist Up to £40,000

**Music promotions manager** Up to £65,000

Music teacher Up to £43,000

# 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.

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#### **Music and Media**

1 year



# Contemporary Music

(Performance/Technology) 1 year (90 credit diploma) 2 years (extended diploma)



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#### **Contemporary** Music

(Performance/Technology) 1 vear

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# **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.

# About our **Performing Arts and Dance courses**

Our 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 gain work experience in the industry and visit 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, performing in dance companies and

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Community arts worker** Up to £29,000

**Stage manager** Up to £48,000

Costume designer Up to £35,000

## Student **SUCCESS**

Jack Norris /
Performing Arts



After completting his course, Jack studied Physical Drama at St Mary's University, and graduated with First Class Honors. Currently, he is working as an actor and movement director with some of the UK's leading physical theatre companies as well as in film.

featuring on ITV's Britain's Got Talent, as well as finding work behind the scenes as technicians or in costume and makeup departments.



# **Performing Arts** (Acting)

1 year

#### Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our Higher **Education course:** 

#### **Acting** Level 4

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# **Performing Arts**

1 year (90 credit diploma) 2 years (extended diploma)

#### Dance

1 year (90 credit diploma) 2 years (extended diploma)

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# **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.

# About our **Hairdressing courses**

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, so you can develop your customer service skills, as well as taking part in industry visits and exhibitions in the UK.

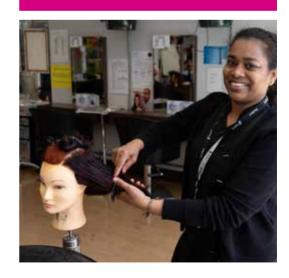
Our students have gained a lot of success and often win local and national competitions, as well as hosting WorldSkills UK competitions in our own salon. Links with L'Oreal ensure that students use the best products.

Our alumni have worked as hairstylists and wig dressers in West End shows, on TV, feature films, catwalk shows and advertising campaigns.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Hairdressing and beauty salon managers and proprietors Up to £27,000

**Hairdressers and barbers** Up to £30,000



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# Foundation Hairdressing

1 vear



#### Hairdressing

1 year

#### Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an apprenticeship course at a higher level.



## **Hairdressing**

1 year

#### **Barbering**

# Hair and Media Makeup Studies

1 year

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# **BEAUTY THERAPY**

No matter what your interests, there is 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 vour client handling skills and master the latest treatments.

You will also develop skills in salon management, administration and retail, preparing you for a range of different job roles.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Consultant Up to £25,000

**Nail technician** Up to £25.000

#### About our **Beauty Therapy courses**

You will learn how to perform a range of professional beauty treatments in our modern, well equipped training salons within this exciting industry.

We have links with various employers and industry leaders such as Dermalogica, Fake Bake and MAC.

After leaving the College, students have become beauty therapists, spa therapists, makeup artists and cruise ship therapists, as well as opening their own salons.

#### Student SUCCESS

**Francesca** Sherwood / **Beauty Therapy** 



After her 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.



#### **Foundation Beauty Therapy**

1 year



#### **Beauty Therapy**

1 year

#### Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.



#### **Beauty Therapy**

1 vear



#### **Advanced Beauty** Therapy

1 year

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# **SPECIALIST MAKEUP**

Our professional specialist makeup courses have an outstanding reputation – our students have won the World Body Painting Championships twice.

# About our **Specialist Makeup courses**

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 a range of competitions as well as benefit from our fantastic industry links with Illamasqua, MAC, Makeup Forever, L'Oreal and Charles Fox. We also use makeup kits by Revolution Makeup, ensuring that you use the best products on your course.

Our alumni have gone on to work on music videos and TV and magazine adverts, as well as working on West End Shows such as The Book of Mormon and Jesus Christ Superstar, as well as in TV and Film productions such as The Crown on Netflix, HBO's Game of Thrones, and films including Fantastic Beasts and Guardians of the Galaxy.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Freelance makeup designer Average £300 per day

**Counter makeup artist** £13-25K, plus commission

# Student **SUCCESS**

Alix Brewer / HND Specialist Makeup



Since leaving the College, Alix worked as Head of Makeup on a short indie film called Blood Means Nothing, for which she won the Best Special Makeup award at Indie Short Fest, part of the Los Angeles International Film Festival.



# Hair and Media Makeup Studies

1 vear



# Theatrical Media Makeup

1 year

## Course **progression** at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level, including our Higher **Education course:** 

#### **Specialist Makeup** Level 4

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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 range of careers to choose from such as, sports journalism and photography, personal training, sports nutrition and coaching, or you can play your chosen sport professionally.

# About our

**Sport courses** 

Our experienced sports professionals will develop your skills and help you gain qualifications in sports leadership and coaching. You'll use our sports hall, fitness suite and outdoor pitches, and take part in activities such as coaching and a wide variety of sports.

You'll go on trips and visits to London stadiums and health clubs. Also you can join the college's successful sports teams.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Leisure and sports managers** Up to £37,000

Sports coach Up to £28,000

**Sports and leisure assistants** Up to £21.000

# Student **SUCCESS**

Jan Žambůrek / Sport and Public Services



Former West Thames College student Jan, not only secured a professional contract for the Brentford FC first team, but he made club history by being one of the youngest players born this century to play in the Championship for the club.



## Foundation Sport with Public Services

1 vear



#### **Sport**

2 years

#### Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level or the Brentford FC CST Programme.



#### Sport

1 vear



## Brentford FC CST Elite Development **Programme**

2 vears

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

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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.

# About our **Uniformed Public Services courses**

You will take part in unique enrichment opportunities and outdoor activities like camping, canoeing, orienteering, abseiling and climbing. You will also visit the Crown Court to have first-hand knowledge of the legal system and variety of roles within the organisation.

Alumni from these courses have gone to work for the Metropolitan Police, fire departments, Royal Marines, Parachute Regiment, MI5 and the ambulance service as a paramedic.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Police officers (sergeant and below)** Up to £41,000

Paramedic
Up to £39.000

RAF air officer Up to £39,000





## Foundation Public Services and Sport

1 vear



# **Uniformed Public Services**

1 vear



# Uniformed Public Services

2 years

#### Course progression at West Thames

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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, or in the aviation and rail sectors, accommodation services in hotels, hostels or holiday parks, organise outdoor activities or co-ordinate tours, to name just a few.

# About our **Travel, Tourism and Aviation courses**

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 to London tourist attractions, European cities, hotels and theme parks.

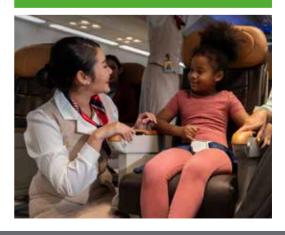
You will gain the specific skills and knowledge required for a career in this industry.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Cabin crew
Up to £30,000

**Travel agent** Up to £27,000

**Tourist attraction general manager** Up to £45,000





# Business and Travel with ESOL

#### **Foundation Business and** Travel

1 year



#### Travel and **Tourism**

2 years

#### **Aviation** Operations

2 vears



#### **Travel and Tourism**

1 vear

# Aviation and Cabin Crew

1 year

#### Course progression at West Thames

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#### (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.

#### About our **ESOL** courses

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.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Authors, writers and translators** Up to £37,000

Teaching and other educational professionals Up to £43,000

Speech and language therapists Up to £50,000

#### **Ascentis Skills** for Life

**ESOL for 16-18s** 

1 vear

#### 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

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# **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 purposebuilt areas for learning. This includes a fully equipped kitchen and café, a beautiful large garden and horticulture area as well as business administration and art rooms. We also have a dedicated classroom and a sensory room for students with complex or profound disabilities.

# About our **Supported Learning courses**

Through our vocational curriculum, students study hospitality and catering and run our Bubble Café. They also study gardening and horticulture and business administration with enterprise.

Our students play football in the Surrey LDD league, and feature small class drama workshops. Courses benefit from small class sizes and students will take part in community events as well as a range of enrichment activities.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Government agencies, other employment support organisations and schemes such as 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.

Work experience is available at GlaxoSmithKline Brentford 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.



#### RARPA

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(Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement)

Learning for independent living and personal development.



#### **Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders**

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.

#### Course progression at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.



#### **Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders**

Pre-Project Search (PPS) Extended Award in Employability Skill



**Entry to Vocational Education and Skill Builders** 

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# **CONSTRUCTION & BUILDING TRADES**

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 even being your own boss as a self-employed tradesperson?

# About our **Construction and Building Trades courses**

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 Telford Homes and Flannery, Volker Fitzpatrick, Ecoworld Homes (Nantly House), Countryside Homes and Engi.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

**Plumber** Up to £40,000

Painter and decorator Up to £32,000

**Site manager** Up to £45,000



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#### Construction

(Multi-Skills) 1 year

#### **Plumbing**

1 year

#### **Electrical Installation**

1 vear

#### **Painting and Decorating**

1 year

#### **Site Carpentry**

1 year



#### **Electrical Installation**

1 vear

#### **Site Carpentry**

1 year

#### **Painting and Decorating**

1 year

#### **Plumbing Studies**

1 year



#### **Carpentry and Joinery**

1 vear

# **Course progression** at West Thames

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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.

# About our **Motor Vehicle courses**

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

We have amazing links with employers such as Trust Ford, Kwit Fit, AA, RAC, Halfords and Peugeot, as well as taking students on trips to Mercedes World and Land Rover.

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.

# Careers/salary **EXPECTATIONS**

Mechanic
Up to £35.000

**Garage manager**Up to £36.000

Car sales manager Up to £70,000

## Student **SUCCESS**

#### Ismail Hussein / Motor Vehicle

Ismail completed his
Motor Vehicle course and then progressed
into work at Kwik Fit as a tyre fitter. During
his time at the College he developed his
confidence, as well as foundation skills
in maintenance, that helped him become
career-ready.





# Vehicle Systems Maintenance

1 vear

# Introduction to Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

1 year part-time

#### Course progression at West Thames

Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.



# Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles

1 year

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#### After your course you will be ready to go onto university, find a job or start an apprenticeship.

#### So why stay with us?

- A higher level qualification will improve your chance to progress in the competitive jobs market
- 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.
- Our friendly staff will continue to give you all the support you need throughout your course.
- ★ With a two year course you'll only have to pay. two years' tuition fees. You will then have the option to progress to the second or final year of a degree course or finding a job of your choice

#### Our HE courses

#### HNC

**Higher National Certificate** 1 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Creative Media Production
- Production Media Makeup

#### HND

Higher National Diploma 2 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Creative Media Production
- Software and App

#### **Foundation Degree**

• FdA Early Years 2 years in partnership with Kingston

#### **Teacher Training**

- Diploma in Education and Training
- (DET) 2 years in partnership with Canterbury Christ **Church University**

#### **UAL Diploma**

- Specialist Makeup

Find out more: west-thames.ac.uk/higher-education

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#### **Main Campus** Isleworth

London Road TW7 4HS



#### 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**

Isleworth is available for part-time evening and disabled students only



77 Boundaries Road TW13 5DR



#### Rail

Feltham Station



#### Bus

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



Car parking
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