## **West Thames College**Full time courses for 16-18 year olds





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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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## Welcome to **West Thames** College

#### Studying at West Thames College is a life changing experience.

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

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

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

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

Tracy Aust Principal

#### **See West Thames College** for yourself.

There's no better way of deciding whether we offer the right course for you than by attending one of our **Open Events**. See pages 4-5 for details.

#### Other guides

See our Part time, full time & evening courses for adults and Higher **Education** guides. Order your copy online at west-thames.ac.uk or call 020 8326 2020.



## **About us**

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



#### Main Campus / Isleworth

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

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

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



#### Skills+Logistics Centre/Feltham

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

It includes a 225m<sup>2</sup> Logistics building - allowing students to run a fully operational warehouse - together with multiple workshops and workspaces that create realistic work environments in which to learn various trade skills, from construction to car mechanics.

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

## Meetus

See our excellent facilities and meet our lecturers at an **Open Event**. Book online on our website, **west-thames.ac.uk**.

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

#### 2019

Thursday **5 December** 5-7pm

2020

Wednesday **5 February** 5-7pm Saturday **14 March** 10am-1pm Wednesday **24 June** 5-7pm

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

#### 2020

Thursday **6 February** 5-7pm Thursday **12 March** 5-7pm Tuesday **23 June** 5-7pm

Please attend the campus where the course you are interested in is running.

# Why West

**COURSES** IN **24** COURSE AREAS





**OF-THE-ART** 

**EXCELLEN** NKS WITH **EMPLOYERS** 



## Programme of study

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

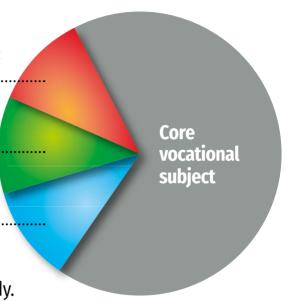
#### **Employability skills** .....

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

#### **English and/or maths** .....

depending on your GCSF results

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.













## Your career

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

Use the **QR codes** (see page 15 for help) to directly open the videos or you can find links to them on the News pages of our website: **west-thames.ac.uk/news**.



Video production by the Film Farmers: thefilmfarmers.co.uk





#### **Nadeem Chattha**

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





#### **Renee Mudhar**

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





#### Francesca Sherwood

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





#### Sabina Enu-Kwesi

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

## Your voice

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

#### **Student Ambassadors**

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

#### **Student Governors**

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

#### The Student Union

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

#### **Course Representatives**

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

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







#### Student common room

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



#### **Gym**

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



#### Hair and Beauty salon

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



## Helpand support

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

#### **Student Learning Advisers**

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

#### **Learning Support**

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

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

#### **Careers Service**

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

#### **Employability Advisers**

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

#### **Counselling**

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

#### **Welfare and Support**

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

#### **Learning Resources Centre**

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



## How to apply

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



After we receive your online application, we'll contact you to invite you into the college. Some courses may require you to bring a portfolio of your work with you or to do an audition – we will let you know if you need to do this.

#### Apply in person

Pop into our friendly Information Centre to apply in person, receive advice or book an appointment. Please call us on **020 8326 2020** to check the opening times of the Centre before setting out. If your application is successful, the college will get in touch to let you know what happens next.

#### Visiting the college

As part of the application process you will be invited to visit the college. This is a chance to find out more about your course and see our workshops and classrooms. You can also come to one of our Open Events to tour our great facilities and ask questions about our courses, or visit us during Creative Arts Season in May and June to see the fantastic work our students do on their creative industries courses.

#### **Disability Support**

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

#### **Further Information**

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

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

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# Using this guide



Each course area has examples of career/ job opportunities and typical salary ranges. Courses for 16-18s

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**Media** 1 vear

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**Creative Media Production**1 year

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

Course **progression** at West Thames

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

Creative Media Production

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

#### **Using the QR code**

#### **Course** details

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Use the step-by-step instructions, however if your smartphone doesn't have a QR app pre-installed, just visit your phone's app store and download a suitable QR reader/scanner.

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#### **Business**

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

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



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

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



#### Courses for 16-18s

#### LEVEL 1

**Business and Travel with ESOL** 1 year

**Foundation Business and Travel** *1 year* 

#### LEVEL 2

#### **Business**

1 year

#### **NCFE Business**

1 year

#### LEVEL 3

**Business and Accounting** 2 years

**Business and Marketing** 2 years

**NCFE Business** 1 year

## Course **progression** at West Thames

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



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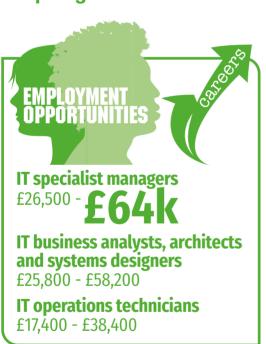
## **Computing and ICT**

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

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

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

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







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## Health, Social Care and Childcare

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

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

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

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





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#### Courses for 16-18s LEVEL 1 Foundation Health and Social Care with Childcare 1 year LEVEL 2 **Health and Social Care** 1 year LEVEL 3 CACHE Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care 2 vears

## Course **progression** at West Thames

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**Early Years Care and Education Foundation Degree** 

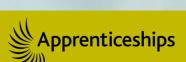
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#### Science

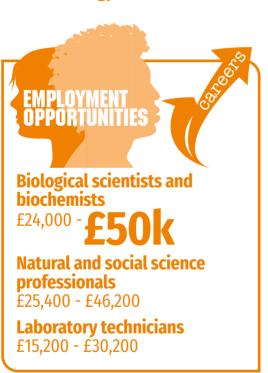
There are great careers available if you have an interest in science.

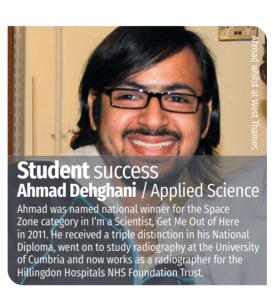
You could work in the life sciences. such as pharmaceuticals; biotech or crop research; chemical development and manufacturing: food production and development: monitoring various aspects of the environment; veterinary medicine: or use forensic science in the field of archaeology.

equipment including DNA analysis equipment and an advanced optical telescope, and we have links with local plant science industries. You will attend workshops on topics such as radiography, physics and electricity, have work experience opportunities. visit museums, universities and attend conferences, and take part in National

Science Week.

Our laboratories have specialist







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## **Art and Design**

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

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

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

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

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







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## **Animation and Games Design**

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

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

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

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



**Research and development** managers

Up to £51,000

Web design and development professionals

£17.500 - £39.800



#### **Courses** for 16-18s

#### LEVEL 1

**Digital Arts**1 year

university of the arts london awarding body

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

#### LEVEL 2

**Digital Arts** (Introduction to Animation and Games) *1 year* 

#### LEVEL 3

**Animation and Games Design** *2 years* 

**Creative and Digital Design** *2 years* 

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## **Creative and Digital Technologies**

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

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

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

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





#### Courses for 16-18s

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Digital Arts

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1 year

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**Creative and Digital Design** *2 years* 

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#### Media

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

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

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

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





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**Media** 1 year university of the arts london awarding body

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**Creative Media Production** 1 year

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**Creative Media Production**HND

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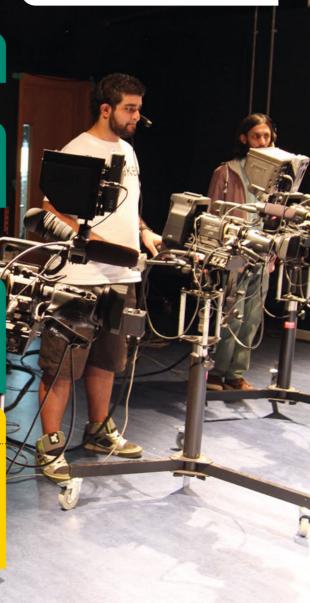


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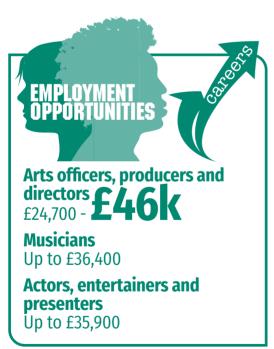
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#### MUSIC

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

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



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

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





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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.

**Dancers and choreographers** Up to F44K Arts officers, producers and directors £24,700 - £45,800 **Actors**, entertainers and presenters Up to £35,900

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

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

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



# **Courses** for 16-18s

LEVEL 2

**Performing Arts and Dance** 1 year



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

# LEVEL 3

**Performing Arts** (Acting) 1 year (90 credit diploma)

2 years (extended diploma)

## **Dance**

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

# Course **progression** at West Thames

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

Urban and Contemporary Dance Practice

HND

**Performing Arts** HND

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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.



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

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





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# **Beauty Therapy**

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

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



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

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



# **Courses** for 16-18s **Foundation Beauty Therapy Beauty Therapy** 1 vear **Beauty Therapy** Course **progression** at West Thames Take an apprenticeship or progress to an appropriate course at a higher level. **Course** details See our website west-thames.ac.uk Fast track to our Course Explorer by scanning this QR code with your phone. 1 Open your phone's camera 2 Hover over the QR code 3 Click on the banner that appears directing you to the web page Not working? Page 15 has a guide to using QR codes. **Apprenticeships** See page **60** for the steps required to take you into the world of earning and learning.

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# ecialist Makeup

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

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



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

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





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# Sport

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

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



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

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



# Courses for 16-18s

# LEVEL 1

Foundation Sport with Public Services

1 year

LEVEL 2

**Fitness and Exercise** 

1 year

LEVEL 2

**Sport** 

1 year

LEVEL 3

**Sport** 

2 years

Course **progression** at West Thames

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

# **Course** details

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# LEVEL 3

Brentford FC CST Elite Development Programme

2 years

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



### **Entry requirements**

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# **Uniformed Public Services**

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

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



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

**Public services associate** professionals

£21,800 - £41,100

**Sports coaches, instructors** and officials

£16,300 - £28,200

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

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





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# **Travel, Tourism and Aviation**

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

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



We have close links with British Airways for work experience placements, workshops and guest speakers. Students visit the World Travel Market exhibition and have opportunities for trips in the UK or overseas to London tourist attractions. European cities, hotels and theme parks. You will gain IATA qualifications, essential for a career in this industry.



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# Courses for 16-18s

# LEVEL 1

**Business and Travel with ESOL** 1 year

**Foundation Business and Travel** *1 year* 

# LEVEL 2

**Travel and Tourism** 1 year

**Travel with Cabin Crew** 14 weeks

**Aviation and Cabin Crew** *1 year* 

# LEVEL 3

**Travel and Tourism** 

2 years

**Aviation Operations** 2 years

Course **progression** at West Thames

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# **ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

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

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

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

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



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

Teaching and other educational professionals

£16,000 - £36,000

**Speech and language therapists** Up to £30,700





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# **Supported Learning**

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

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

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

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





# Courses for 16-18s

# PRE ENTRY

**RARPA** (Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement)

Learning for independent living: continuing personal development.

# **ENTRY LEVEL 1**

Learning for Independent Living and Work: Skill Builders

# **ENTRY LEVEL 2**

**Entry to Vocational Education** Skills for Work and Life

**Access to Employment** 

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

# ENTRY LEVEL 3

**Entry to Vocational Education** 

# Course **progression** at West Thames

Progress to an appropriate course at a higher level.





# **ENTRY LEVEL 3**

# 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.



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# **Construction and 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 how about being your own boss as a self-employed tradesperson?

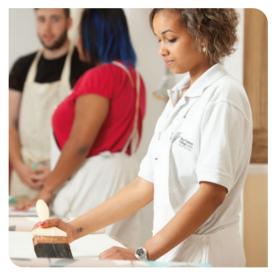
**Production managers and** directors in construction £20,600-**Plumbers and heating and** ventilating engineers £19.800-£34.200

**Painters and decorators** 

£15,300-£25,700

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

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



# Courses for 16-18s

# LEVEL 1

**Construction** (Multi-Skills) 1 vear

**Plumbing** 1 year

Electrical Installation
1 year

**Painting and Decorating** 1 year

**Carpentry and Joinery** *1 year* 

## LEVEL 2

**Electrical Installation** 1 year

**Painting and Decorating** 1 year

**Carpentry and Joinery** 1 year

**Plumbing Studies** 1 year

LEVEL 3

**Civil Engineering** 2 years



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

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# **Engineering**

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

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

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

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

Aircraft maintenance and related trades
Up to £35,400

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

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





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# **Motor Vehicle**

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

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Metal working production and

Metal working production and maintenance fitters

£17,300-**£46**k

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

£16,000 - £31,000

Vehicle and parts salespersons and advisers

Up to £20,800

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

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





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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**

## HNC

Higher National Certificate *1 year course* 

Software and App Development

### HND

**Higher National Diploma** 

## 2 year courses

- Applied Biology
- Creative Media Production
- Performing Arts
- Software and App Development
- Specialist Makeup
- Urban and Contemporary Dance

## **Foundation Degree**

 FdA Early Years 2 years in partnership with Kingston University



# Earn as you learn

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

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





# 6 steps to apprenticeship success

- **1** Decide which apprenticeship area you are interested in.
- 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.
- **5** Attend an interview if your application is successful.
- **6** Get the job! Start work and train at the same time.

# Feesand financial assistance

## Courses are free for 16-18 year olds

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

## **DBS Check**

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

## **Materials**

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

# **Financial Support**

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

## **Oyster cards**

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

# **Free College Meals**

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

# **College Nursery**

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



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# **Travel**

# **Skills+Logistics Centre/**

**Feltham** 

77 Boundaries Road TW13 5DR

Rail Feltham Station

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

Car parking Feltham has limited spaces for students.

# **Main Campus**/

Isleworth

London Road TW7 4HS

Rail Isleworth Station

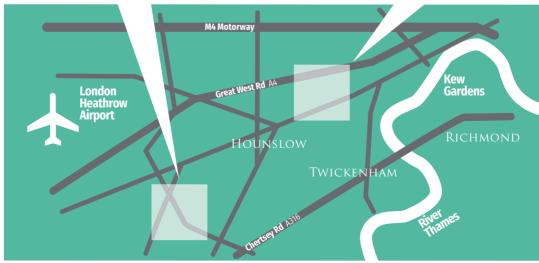
Tube Osterley or Hounslow East Stations (Piccadilly Line), then average 15 minute walk, or bus from Hounslow Bus Station.

**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.







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