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YOUR CAREER STARTS HERE

An ethical skills eco-system for the
Marches and West Midlands



TELFORD COLLEGE HAS GOT EVERYTHING YOU COULD POSSIBLY NEED FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF YOUR EDUCATION JOURNEY



Yes, of course we would say that, wouldn't we! But just look at the evidence...

Teachers who take time to understand the needs of students; a curriculum which has been tailor-made to meet the skills requirements of local employers; and an inclusive learning environment which boosts confidence, motivation and self-belief.

Those comments haven't come from us – they were made by education watchdog Ofsted when it delivered a 'Good' rating in our most recent inspection.

We are absolutely thrilled that they recognised the innovations and improvements at the college, as well as hearing about our exciting plans for continued expansion and improvement.

Here at Telford College, we believe that learning should be challenging, rewarding, and fun, ensuring that the time you spend in college is filled with milestones and memories. But it has to deliver results too.

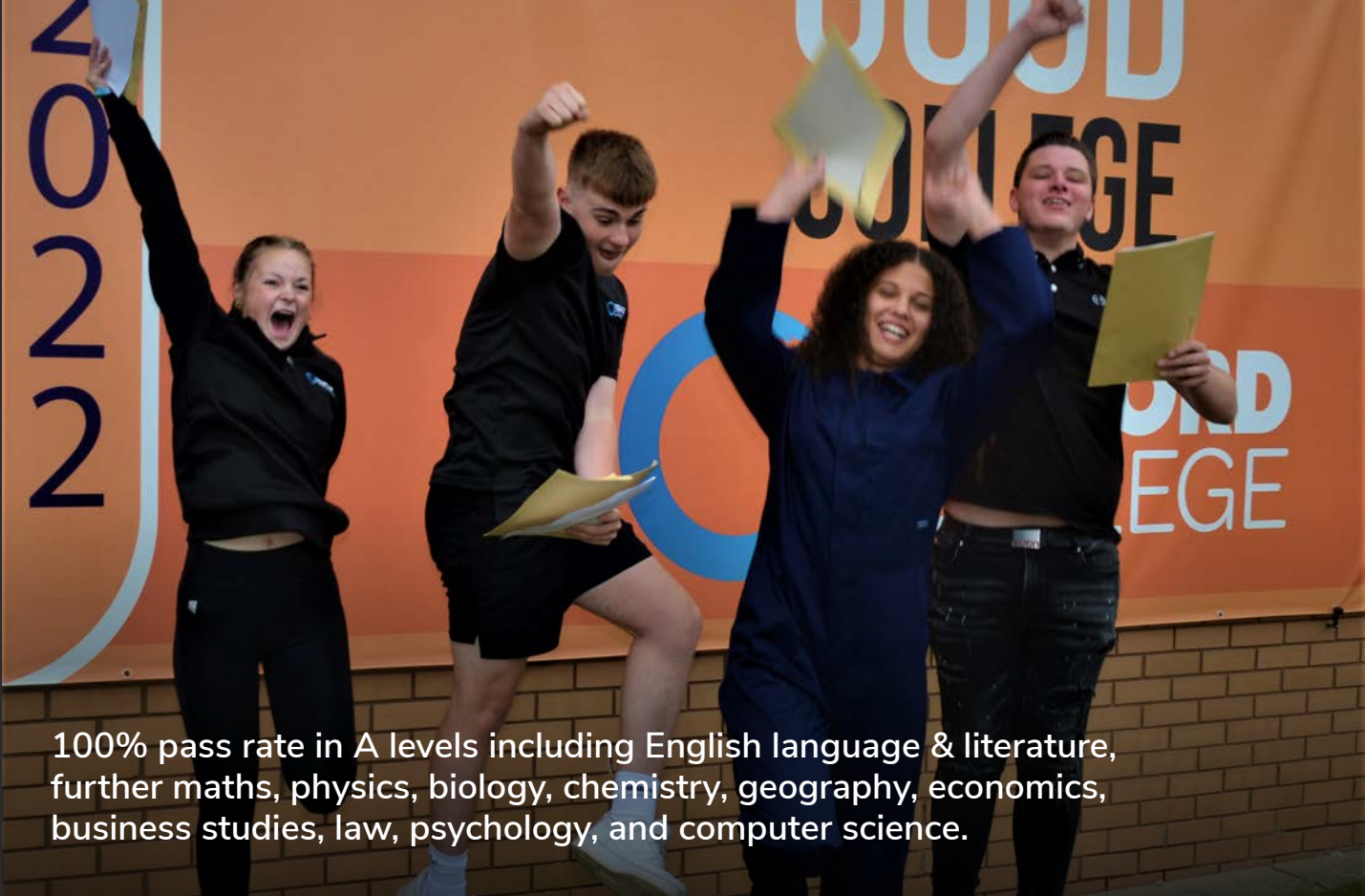
Our A level provision is rated in the top 10% in the country, and 94% of our students receive an offer from their first-choice progression destination.

Telford College opens up a world of possibilities. Many of our students have gone on to high-flying careers both at home and abroad.

We have industry-standard training facilities here on our campus, where millions of pounds continue to be invested to deliver the latest in cutting-edge, hi-tech learning.

We have also added some exciting new courses to our curriculum this year, including a Geology A level, and a pioneering new 'Future IV' programme – perfect for students interested in environmental education, and preserving our planet.

The next step of your career starts right here at Telford College... and there's no telling where it could lead.



100% pass rate in A levels including English language & literature, further maths, physics, biology, chemistry, geography, economics, business studies, law, psychology, and computer science.



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Here at Telford College, our aim is simple: To put students at the heart of everything we do.

We are the largest further education centre in Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire – which means you will find something for everyone at our university-standard campus.

From A levels and apprenticeships to higher education programmes, and the new technical and vocational T levels which are about to come on stream, we'll help you to reach your full potential, and achieve your career dreams.

Telford College is an inclusive community, where we support each other, and celebrate together.

We are growing our curriculum, expanding our facilities, and engaging with more businesses than ever before.



There has never been a more exciting time to become part of our family.

If you would like to see our facilities for yourself, or speak to some of our current students and tutors, then we'd love to see you at one of our open events.

Graham Guest - Principal and Chief Executive

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OUR FACILITIES

We've invested millions of pounds to create an innovative, technology-led, university-standard learning environment



A LEVEL CENTRE
A dedicated centre for our A level students, who celebrated 100% pass rates across a host of subject areas in 2022.



AUTOMOTIVE CENTRE
Our specialist workshops give students the chance to gain hands-on experience in an environment which mirrors the workplace.



VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY SUITE
Taking technology-led learning to the next level with cutting-edge simulators and a VR cave which can create any learning environment.



CONSTRUCTION CENTRE
This is where you'll learn painting and decorating, plastering, bricklaying, tiling, plumbing, electrical installation and carpentry.



ENGINEERING CENTRE
Everything you need for engineering, including a CAD suite, welding bays, milling stations, robotics and computer numerical control machines.



CREATIVE HUB
Art, design and media students thrive in this fresh and modern facility with high-spec Apple Macs, studios, media suites, print and dark rooms, and gallery space.



DIGITAL SKILLS HUB
The demand for digital skills has never been higher – our campuses in Wellington and Telford town centre are working closely with businesses to meet their needs.



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE ACADEMY
We have created a new industry-standard hospital suite on campus, giving you the best possible preparation for a career with the NHS or social care.



OUR COURSES

We're the largest further education centre in Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire – which means we've got something for everyone

A LEVELS

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Core Maths
- Criminology
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Fine Art
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Geology
- History
- Law
- Media Studies
- Maths
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Religious Studies
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

T LEVELS

- Digital
- Health

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL

- Accounting
- Accounting and Business
- Art & Design
- Aviation
- Beauty Therapy
- Bricklaying
- Business
- Childcare
- Coaching & Physical Education
- Construction
- Creative Media
- Electrical Installations
- Engineering
- Fitness Training & Health
- Football
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- IT
- Music
- Professional Cookery
- Public Services
- Sport
- Transport Maintenance
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Vehicle Fitting

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Accountancy
- Bricklaying
- Business Administration
- Customer Service
- Early Years Educator
- Early Years Practitioner
- Electrical Installation & Maintenance
- Engineering Technician
- Groundworker
- Highways Maintenance
- HR Support
- Information Communications Technician
- Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance
- Property Maintenance
- Road Surfacing
- Software Developer
- Teaching Assistant

FOUNDATION

- Community Leavers
- Pre-supported Internship
- RARPA Preparation for Life
- Retail & Workskills
- Supported Internship
- Volunteer Leavers
- Prince's Trust Achieve Programme



FUTURE IV: GREEN SCIENCES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Preserving the planet, protecting our oceans and nurturing the natural world for future generations can only be achieved by engaging young people in sustainability.

And that's precisely what Telford College is seeking to do with its brand new Future IV concept.

The suite of courses has been specifically designed to engage young people in environmental education and action, exploring issues such as biotechnologies, green chemistry and the complex factors which are driving climate change.

SO HOW DOES IT WORK?

With Future IV you will study three A levels – one of which will include our brand new Geology programme – as well as an extended project.

And the common denominator linking them all together will be a passion for exploring ways in which we can preserve and protect our planet, and learn from space exploration.

After all, there are far more resources available to us than those HERE on Earth. Is there life on Mars? And if so, what are the implications? How are historical climate changes on Venus impacting our own planet? The permutations are literally out of this world...

We will be working in close collaboration with employers, academics, and top universities, giving you chance to learn from a range of experts including scientists, archaeologists, geologists, and more.

There will also be plenty of opportunity to get out of the classroom and explore.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Studying the climate helps us to predict how much rain the next winter might bring, how far sea levels may rise due to warmer sea temperatures, or what the impact may be on flooding or prolonged periods of heatwave and drought.

It is also important for us to gain a clear understanding of which regions are most likely to be affected by extreme weather, or wildlife species potentially threatened by climate change.

If you have an interest in the history, evolution and future of our planet, and the challenges of finding solutions to one of the biggest 21st century issues, this is for you.

TO FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT FUTURE IV,
COME ALONG TO ONE OF
OUR OPEN EVENTS:



OUR A LEVEL PROVISION IS IN THE TOP 10% IN THE COUNTRY

You don't have to choose between academic achievement and career success at Telford College, because our A level centre offers the best of both worlds, helping you to plan for a long-term career. A standard 6th Form will focus solely on getting you to university having passed your A levels. But we take a more holistic view of our students, and want to help you to achieve for life, not just for the two years you're here. We are also proud to be part of the 'One Million Mentors' scheme, connecting students with experts from a wide range of high-flying businesses.

BIOLOGY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths with 2 GCSEs in science both at grade 6, maths grade 6 and English language grade 5

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

University laboratories, Eurofins, CPI, GSK, NFU

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree courses in biology, human biology, environmental science, physiotherapy, forensic science, medicine, nursing, dentistry, psychology and pharmacy or into employment

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Microbiologist, pharmacologist, marine research, nanotechnology, academic research, ecologist, nature conservationist

Explore the science of living organisms, understand the ever-changing field of genetic engineering and discover the issues affecting today's world. You'll develop your theoretical understanding, exploring a diverse range of topics from cellular structure and DNA through to evolution and ecosystems, using laboratory experiments and demonstrations. If you're considering a science-based career, such as medicine, physiotherapy or pharmacy, biology is the perfect specialism. All topics will be assessed at the end of the second year by examination. You'll complete a minimum of 12 internally-assessed practicals and examinations at the end of the second year.

BUSINESS - A LEVEL

GCSEs at grades 9-4 with a grade 5 in English Language and 5 in maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

GKN, Muller, Schneider Electric, Bentley, NHS, Capgemini, Shropshire Chamber of Commerce

PROGRESSING TO:

Business, economics and accountancy, psychology, or sociology, degrees, or higher apprenticeships with companies such as Rolls Royce

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Bank manager, finance director, film or TV accountant, chief financial officer, auditor, tax director, marketing consultant

With a focus on helping you to be a good decision-maker, you'll learn essential managerial skills, and techniques to help you become an analytical problem solver – with highly sought-after and transferable skills. Whatever you choose to do in the future, you'll find elements of this course hugely relevant. For example, knowledge of motivational theory will help you to work well with others, and if you have ambitious plans to start your own business, the marketing and finance topics will be particularly useful. You'll complete a minimum of 12 internally-assessed practicals, and all topics will be assessed at the end of the second year by examination.

A LEVELS

CHEMISTRY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 with 2 GCSEs in science, both at grade 6, maths grade 6 and English language grade 4

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Procter & Gamble, Black Rock, CERN, GlaxoSmithKline

PROGRESSING TO:

BA/BSc degree with honours, degree apprenticeship, graduate diploma

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Chemical scientist, pharmacologist, research scientist

Develop your understanding of chemical concepts and the world around us in this comprehensive study of chemistry. You'll explore a wide range of topics in physical, inorganic and organic chemistry, from examining substance composition to studying atomic structure. You'll also hone your investigative skills with practical laboratory work, examining chemical reactions, substances and properties through experimentation. This is an ideal qualification for those looking to progress to university or employment in a variety of areas, particularly those seeking to follow STEM pathways. You'll complete a minimum of 12 internally-assessed practicals and examinations at the end of the second year.

COMPUTING - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including grade 6 in maths and grade 4 in English

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Rolls-Royce, Capgemini, Fujitsu, Bespoke Computing

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree courses such as artificial intelligence, computer science, mechatronics, electrical and electronic engineering, games design and games programming

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Video game designer, IT security specialist, web developer, database administrator, systems analyst, data scientist

Enhance your knowledge of computers and start problem-solving by studying and understanding software, system development, data and applications. You'll cover topics such as software design, programming, hardware communications, data structures and storage types, features and uses of software, social aspects such as security, internet use and misuse, and the implications and consequences of computer usage. Our computing and IT course is assessed by two written papers - one on computing principles, the other on algorithms and problem-solving. All topics will be assessed at the end of the second year by examination. You will also complete a computing project worth 20% of your final grade.

CORE MATHS - LEVEL 3

Entry requirements: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Capgemini, Fujitsu, NFU Shropshire, Dyke Yaxley

PROGRESSING TO:

University studies with maths as single or joint/combined degree, often with sciences – the choice is vast

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Finance director, investment analyst, statistician, chief economist, data scientist, software developer

This one-year level 3 course, equivalent to an AS in UCAS points, can only be studied alongside 3 other A levels. It will help improve your maths skills and the content is matched to the A levels that the college offers. Completing this course will help with university applications, especially for sciences, psychology, geography and economics. It is examined in two papers: quantitative reasoning and statistical problem solving.

CRIMINOLOGY - LEVEL 3

GCSE passes at grades 9-4, specifically English or an equivalent level 2 qualification. If you do not have a grade 5 or above in English Language or maths, you will study these subjects as an essential part of your timetable at Telford College

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

West Mercia Police, Telford & Wrekin Council, Shropshire and Telford law firms, Probation Service

PROGRESSING TO:

Higher or further education studies in law, or jobs with police forces, probation, civil or criminal law companies

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

MI6 agent, intelligence officer, police or private detective, probation officer, scenes of crime investigator, jury consultant, forensic scientist, customs official, fraud examiner

Are you interested in exploring the different types of crime in our society? This course – a combination of examinations and controlled assessment - offers exciting and interesting experiences that focus learning through the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in purposeful contexts linked to the criminal justice system. You'll study four units over two years and tackle questions like: how do we decide what behaviour is criminal, and what are the roles of the experts who become involved when a crime is detected? This course is assessed through controlled assessments and exams – 50% in year one and 50% in year two.

ECONOMICS - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 with a 5 in English language and 5 in maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Fujitsu, Hargreaves Lansdown, Microsoft

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree courses in economics, or jobs in business and accounting, mortgage advice, or the civil service

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Stock market trader, financial analyst, investment banker, corporate lawyer, or Chancellor of the Exchequer!

If you have a genuine interest in local and global affairs, you'll enjoy reading about current events, applying theory to the real world and discovering why some countries are more successful than others. You'll learn about markets, examine the factors that influence supply and demand, discover what leads to market failure and study why unemployment, pollution and poverty occur. You'll also study the national and international economies in a global context, so an appreciation of global news events and stories is an advantage. All topics will be assessed at the end of the second year through examination

ENGLISH LANGUAGE - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including maths and minimum grade 6 in English Language

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Local authorities, schools, NHS, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin library services

PROGRESSING TO:

English degree courses, or further studies and jobs in publishing, film, media, and academic research

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Corporate lawyer, copy editor, human resources specialist, teacher/lecturer, marketing and public relations consultant, Government agencies

This contemporary course focuses on how we use language today as individuals and members of society. You will explore the impact of gender, occupation, accent and dialect, examining social groups, power and technology. You will also study a range of texts produced by a variety of writers and speakers, and discover how they tailor their language to suit their intended audiences and purposes, creating meanings and representations. Final assessment is by a combination of examinations and coursework.

ENGLISH LITERATURE - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths and at least a grade 6 in English language

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Local authorities, schools, NHS, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin library services

PROGRESSING TO:

English literature degree courses, or jobs in events management, research, tourism, marketing, teaching

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Best-selling author, PR director, editor, archivist, interpreter, translator

Explore a broad range of poetry, prose and drama from the 14th to the 21st century in this exciting and comprehensive study of literature. Through class work, reading and independent research you will examine the ways in which writers such as Shakespeare, F Scott-Fitzgerald, Chaucer, Ibsen, Carol Ann Duffy, Khaled Hosseini and Tennessee Williams construct narratives and create characters. Final assessment is based on two examinations and coursework.



ANITA AFRIYIE AKE BOATENG

Anita joined the college after living in the Spanish region of Catalonia, studying law, psychology and criminology A levels. “I have found studying for my A levels an enjoyable experience – the staff and my fellow students have helped me to stay on track and adjust, which I’ve found really helpful. To enjoy your college journey, it’s important to choose subjects that you enjoy and that’s exactly what I’ve done during my time here.” Anita aims to pursue a legal career, with a focus on European legal studies, and become a translator. She is also interested in writing poetry - a hobby she says she wouldn’t have found the confidence to do before her Telford College studies.

FINE ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. Must show an ability in art either through GCSE Art (grade 4 or above) or level 2 BTEC Art & Design

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

British Ironwork Centre, Ironbridge Gorge Museums Trust, Midland News Association, 7Video

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree in fine art, or jobs in graphic design, media advertising, interior design, film set photographer, fashion shoot specialist, photojournalist

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Jewellery designer, TV or film animator, concept artist, museum curator, travel, food or wildlife photographer

Investigate and develop a broad range of skills and techniques with a variety of materials. You'll explore pencil, ink, paint (acrylic, water colour and oil) along with print making, and a range of drawing and painting techniques. Working from our Creative Hub, you will explore camera technology, Apple Macs and editing software, work on live creative briefs with real business clients, have guest lectures from staff from creative agencies, use virtual and augmented reality facilities. Assessment includes personal investigation and an exam based on a range of briefs.

FURTHER MATHS - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. Must have at least grade 7 in maths with an average GCSE point score of 6 or higher. Further maths cannot be taken without A level maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Dyke Yaxley, WR Partners, Chadstone accountancy

PROGRESSING TO:

Degrees in maths, physics, computer science

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Mathematician, engineering, computer coding

This extends the topics covered in the A level maths course as well as introducing completely standalone topics. It is not necessarily more difficult than the straight A level maths course, but some topics are developed in greater detail. It can be studied for just one year as an AS level or can be taken over two years as a full A level. Some of the optional content includes core mechanics (minor and major) statistics (minor and major) modelling with algorithms, numerical methods, extra pure, or further pure with technology.

100% PASS RATE LAST YEAR IN A-LEVEL BUSINESS, CHEMISTRY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, ECONOMICS, ENGLISH LITERATURE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE, FURTHER MATHS, HISTORY, MATHS, MEDIA STUDIES, PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY



ZAK WARDROPER

“I want to become a doctor, to help young people like me...” that’s the view of science student Zak, from St Georges, who was diagnosed with leukaemia at the age of 11 and is now hoping to become a doctor to help other young people in the same position. The former Telford Priory School student is studying chemistry, biology, psychology and core maths A levels at Telford College, and hoping to progress to Keele University to study medicine, with his sights set on becoming an oncology consultant or a surgeon. Zak says he particularly enjoys ‘being treated like an adult’ by the team at Telford College. “We call our teachers by their first name, we are left to organise our own time and extra studies, and we don’t get ordered around the building by a bell. I love the social aspect of college too - we can socialise with people who aren’t necessarily doing the same course or subjects that we are.”





GEOGRAPHY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. If taken at GCSE, a minimum grade 4 in geography. If GCSE geography has not been taken we'll need to discuss your options

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Royal Geographical Society, Environment Agency, Soil Association, Government agencies

PROGRESSING TO:

Higher education humanities courses. Can support many other study areas such as biology, business studies and economics

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Environmental consultant, landscape architect, cartographer, surveyor, tour guide, urban planner, conservation officer

Ideal for those fascinated by global issues and current affairs, you'll explore a huge variety of geographical elements, and discover physical geography - our environment, coastal systems and landscapes, along with urban and human elements. You will also design and complete an individual investigation, collecting data in the field and developing an exploration of your chosen issue. This investigation is worth 20% of your final grade, with the remainder made up from examinations.

GEOLOGY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, plus 2 GCSEs in science

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Forestry Commission, British Field Studies Council, National Trust properties

PROGRESSING TO:

University studies with geology, environmental science, geophysics or geochemistry degrees, or environmental/geological survey jobs

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Environmental scientist, laboratory technician, geologist, archaeologist, hydrologist, and senior posts with the British Geological Survey, or Environment Agency

If you have an interest in the history, evolution and future of our planet, and the challenges of finding solutions to 21st century climate change, this is for you. You'll learn about the earth's structure and make-up, take part in field studies and experiments, discover about geohazards and how analysis of fossils can chart the evolution of our planet. On this very practical course, you will also explore ways in which the challenges of flooding and heatwaves can be tackled by building scientific expertise.

HISTORY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. If taken at GCSE, a minimum grade 4 in history. If GCSE history has not been taken, we'll need to discuss your options with you

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunnycroft, Attingham Park, National Trust, English Heritage, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin museums

PROGRESSING TO:

Degrees in history, politics, law or teaching, or jobs as a researcher, museum curator, teacher, or Government officer

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Archivist, lawyer, author, researcher, publicist, lecturer, TV or film producer

You'll study the significant events and personalities of the past, building on the historical skills developed during GCSE study. You'll refine your analytical skills, learning how to examine historical sources and communicate your knowledge. Studying two units in the first year, Germany circa 1918-89 and Spain circa 1930- 78, you'll establish a thorough understanding of history as a discipline and carry out your own independent research in a historical enquiry worth 20% of your overall grade, the remainder is of the assessment is exam-based.

LAW - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 with a grade 5 in English Language and 5 in maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, Lanyon Bowdler, FBC Manby Bowdler, Martin-Kaye, Aaron & Partners, Crown Prosecution Service, magistrates' courts

PROGRESSING TO:

University degree or work-based apprenticeship – both routes can lead to jobs as a solicitor, barrister or legal executive

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Crown court judge, chief legal officer, intellectual property specialist, corporate or employment lawyer, law firm partner

Crime, human rights, education, employment, privacy, and consumer protection all play a key role in our everyday lives. And no matter what career you may be considering, knowledge of the law will be an invaluable asset and will give you a head-start over your competition. The course provides a thorough and fascinating insight into several critical areas of UK law. You will study five modules over two years: the English legal system, nature of law, criminal law, tort law, and contract law. All topics are assessed through examination at the end of the second year.

MATHEMATICS - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. Must have at least grade 6 in mathematics, with an average GCSE point score of 5.5 or better. If your average GCSE point score is less than 5.5, you must have an 8/9 in GCSE mathematics

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Capgemini, Fujitsu, NFU Shropshire

PROGRESSING TO:

University studies with maths as single or joint/combined degree, foundation degree, or vocational courses – the choice is vast

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Mathematician, engineer, computer programmer. The language of the universe, mathematics offers progression into limitless fields

The course includes algebra, calculus, geometry, statistics and mechanics, giving you an insight into the way the world works, analysis techniques and ways of developing your problem-solving skills. At the end of the second year, students will be assessed by three external examinations: pure and mechanics, pure and statistics, and finally pure and comprehension, which involves answering questions about a mathematical article.

MEDIA - A LEVEL

5 GCSES at grades 9-4

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

BBC Introducing, Wellington Orbit, Midland News Association, Headline Publishing, Lighthouse in Shrewsbury, Nova FM

PROGRESSING TO:

Media studies, cinematics or photography degrees, graphic design agencies, news organisations, radio, TV, video or events companies

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Movie maker, music or video director, film producer, entertainment venue owner, arts officer

If you are interested in how the media works, how messages are communicated, and you like to work independently and use varied technology, then this is the course for you. You will look at nine different forms: TV, film, radio, magazines, advertising, internet and online media, music videos, newspapers, and video games. The flexibility of this course means it can appeal to different student tastes. You will gain an understanding of how each media is constructed, the industries involved, and how messages are read by audiences. You will produce your own media product worth 30%, and the rest of the topics are assessed through examinations at the end of the second year.



ANDREEA MOISE

The former Charlton School student, originally from Romania now living in Hadley, says Telford College has helped her to build confidence, and find the courage to express herself. “Being alongside an amazing group of teachers makes your journey enjoyable. I came to England in 2019 when I was 16 years old, which was a hard time as my English wasn't the best, but Telford College helped me to find my confidence and courage to express myself. Telford College does not just give your freedom, it gives you a friendly atmosphere - and most importantly a safe space.” Andreea has her sights on a career in biomedical science, working as a clinical scientist.

PHILOSOPHY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Faith groups, Shropshire and Telford local authorities, law firms, TACT, Citizens' Advice, NHS

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree of higher education, or jobs in teaching, law, nursing, human resources, marketing, and media

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Government policy analyst, psychologies, management consultant, marketing director, aid worker, charity administrator

This will stretch your mind and challenge you 'to think outside the box' on contemporary issues and long-held beliefs. You'll study philosophy of religion, ethics and developments in religious thought. You will build a knowledge and understanding of complex philosophical and ethical arguments, evaluate philosophical texts and their relevance in the 21st century, analyse moral dilemmas and suggest solutions by applying ethical theories. This will suit those with good written and comprehension skills, an interest in class discussion and written assessment. All topics are assessed through examination at the end of the second year.

PHYSICS - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

RAF Cosford, SDE Technology, The Smithers Group, Tesa Technology

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree or higher education courses, often in conjunction with maths, chemistry, biology or geography

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Government scientist, F1 motor racing engineer, astronaut, nuclear engineer, computer hardware specialist, aerospace engineer, laboratory manager

This gives you the opportunity to explore big questions - how did the universe begin and how will it end? What holds the parts of an atom together? Is there a theory of everything? It is ideal if you have an inquisitive mind and good problem-solving skills, with practical experiment work and research. You'll apply your knowledge to new situations, grow an understanding of the links between theory and experimentation, and learn practical skills in the laboratory. You will also use maths to solve problems. You will complete a minimum of 12 practical assessments and all topics are assessed through examination at the end of the second year.

DID YOU KNOW? 94% OF STUDENTS RECEIVE AN OFFER FROM THEIR FIRST CHOICE UNIVERSITY

PSYCHOLOGY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths. Grade 6 is preferred in maths and science

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Learning Community Trust, NHS, West Mercia Police, Samaritans, AFC Telford United

PROGRESSING TO:

Degree in psychology, or furthering your education in a related field such as counselling, education, or social work

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Clinical psychologist, forensic analyst, occupational therapist, sports psychologist

If you have ever asked yourself similar questions about how and why people behave in the way that they do, then this is for you. Positioned between traditional science and humanities subjects, and drawing on many aspects of these areas, psychology can be chosen as part of a large number of A level combinations. Over the course of the two-year exam-based programme, you will cover areas including cognitive, developmental, biological, social and 'abnormal' psychology. The ethical implications of psychological research will also be discussed. All topics are assessed at the end of the second year through examination.

SOCIOLOGY - A LEVEL

5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Local MP offices, Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils, NHS, probation service, Wrekin Housing Group

PROGRESSING TO:

A variety of careers such as teaching, social work and social policy making, law, journalism and the civil service

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Corporate lawyer, management consultant, market research specialist, policy analyst, media planner

If you have an interest in other people's lives, attitudes and behaviour, and are open to having your own ideas challenged or challenging the ideas of others, this course could be for you. You will analyse modern society, critically assess different views on the way society works, and explore themes of socialisation, culture and identity, social differentiation, and power and stratification. For this exam-based course, which combines well with business and humanities such as law and history, you need an open, enquiring mind. All topics are assessed at the end of the second year through examination.

APPLIED SCIENCE - BTEC

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Smithers Group, AstraZeneca, BUPA, NHS, FIS, Protolabs

PROGRESSING TO:

Science-based degree, higher apprenticeship or employment

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Biomedical engineer, chemical technician, radiation therapist, forensic scientist, radiographer, microbiologist

This course leads to a BTEC Extended Diploma in Applied Science Level 3, equivalent to three A levels. You will enhance your knowledge and understanding of science, through both theoretical study and practical experimentation, and gain a broad range of skills which will benefit you in future employment, such as communicating and working within a team, laboratory techniques, science investigation skills, learning to conduct independent investigation and timekeeping. You will be assessed through a combination of exams and internally assessed projects.

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AVIATION AND ENGINEERING

AVIATION - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

RAF Museum Cosford, PDG Helicopters, Radius Aerospace

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 aviation would be the usual next step, but a level 3 engineering or general engineering apprenticeship are also suitable options

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Aerospace manufacturing, aircraft maintenance or mechatronics technician

This is a one-year access course for level 3 Aviation, for students interested in a career in aviation or engineering maintenance. Candidates develop and practise the skills to carry out aviation and engineering maintenance tasks on both mechanical and electrical components. This course includes working in engineering, principles of engineering technology, principles of maintenance technology, maintenance of mechanical devices and equipment, principles of electrical and electronics technology, and maintaining electrical equipment and systems. This is a level 2 Engineering Maintenance qualification delivered by aviation staff with a focus on aircraft mechanical and electrical systems.

STUDENTS STATED THEY ARE DEVELOPING SKILLS THEY NEED TO START THEIR CAREER OR PROGRESS IN THEIR NEXT STEPS

EMMA FEARNETT

Emma initially enrolled on an electrical installations course before a tutor recommended looking at an engineering apprenticeship in the food industry, where she could earn and learn at the same time. She says: "My favourite part is learning new skills. I had never welded, turned or milled – it's different but I've enjoyed it." She is looking to use the knowledge she has gained so far to progress towards a management role.

AVIATION - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Collins Aerospace, MOOG aircraft group, Radius Aerospace

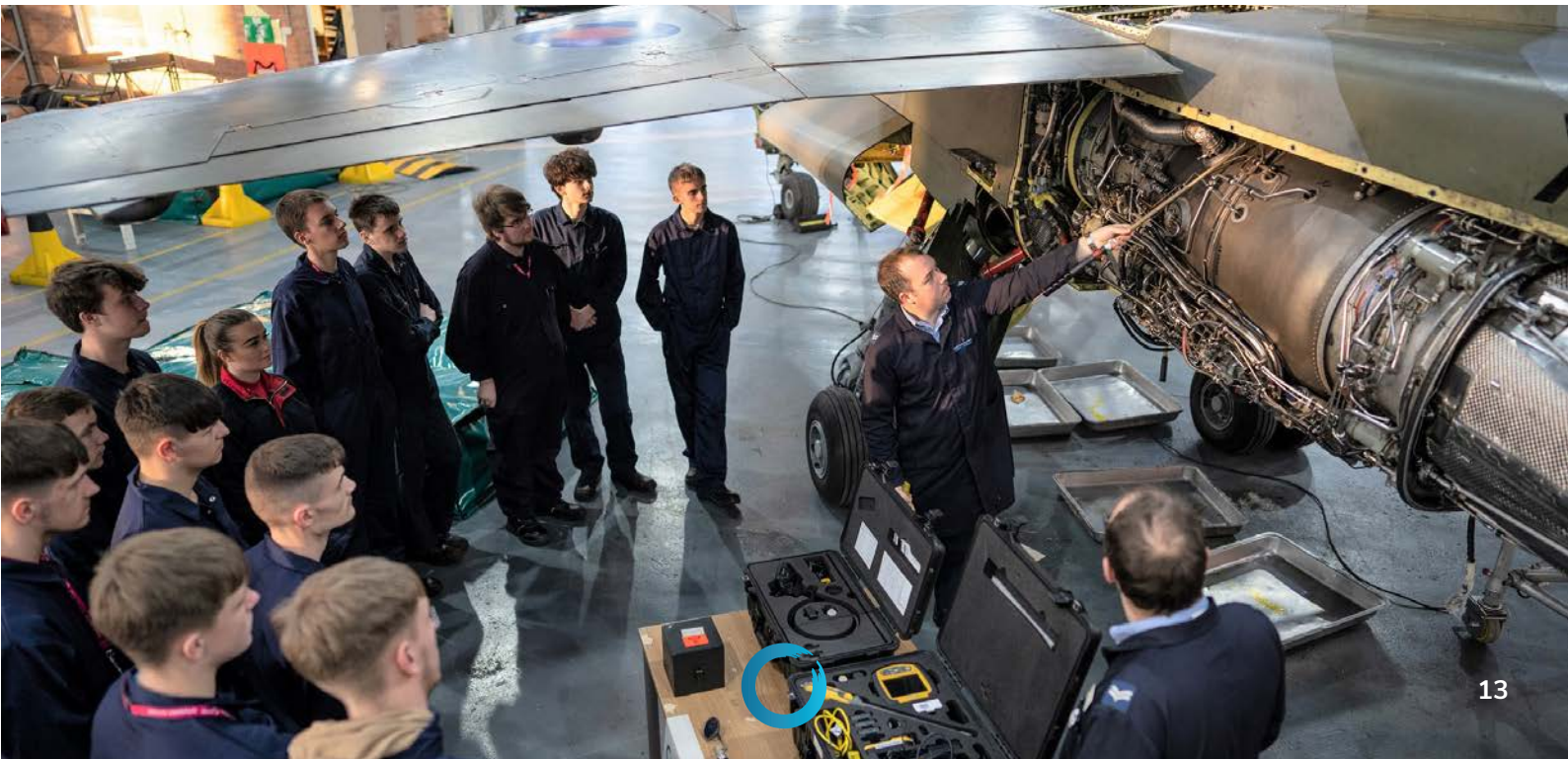
PROGRESSING TO:

Trainee aviation engineer, trainee CAD designer, higher apprenticeship, or a degree course with a foundation year

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Aeronautical engineering technician, aerospace fitter, or aerospace design engineer, working with employers such as the Royal Air Force

The Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering course is delivered in two 1-year blocks. Year one is an Extended Certificate in Engineering and covers general engineering units such as engineering principles and product design and manufacture. This makes it a suitable course for those who wish to pursue a career in general engineering at a later point. Year two covers the additional units required for the Aeronautical Diploma and specialises in aeronautical units such as gas turbine engines, propulsion systems and mechanical systems. These units are supported by trips to RAF Cosford and the RAF Museum to view different aircraft types and their component parts and to use facilities such as the wind tunnel.





BEN FELTON

Former Telford Park student Ben is learning his trade with LS Engineering, and is hoping to stay with the Halesfield-based company when his apprenticeship is complete, working as a welder. "It's a good way to learn on the job, not based completely in a classroom," he says. "I love the chance to be at work, developing my welding and other skills."

ENGINEERING - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

AceOn specialist battery manufacturers, Iconsys automated technology solutions, Protolabs digital manufacturers

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 engineering diploma, engineering operative apprenticeship, or jobs with local employers such as Denso Manufacturing UK, Avara Foods, and Borgers Ltd

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Mechatronics maintenance technician, design technician, or manufacturing technician

The world of engineering, manufacturing and maintenance is always evolving to keep pace with new innovations. This one-year course will help to develop your knowledge and understanding of the role of engineers, and gain practical skills to benefit your career. It will suit you if you're looking for a career in engineering and want to develop the skills gained from other qualifications. Units include working in engineering, mechanical and electrical maintenance, cutting and forming metal, CAD and an introduction to electronics.

ENGINEERING - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Saint-Gobain PAM, Engiinia Ltd, Adeco Ltd

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 engineering, engineering apprenticeships, or employment with local companies such as Avara Foods, Epson, and Moveero (formerly GKN)

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Mechatronics maintenance technician, manufacturing technician, design technician

This one-year course is ideal if you're a school leaver with some engineering knowledge and experience who would like a deeper understanding of the role of a modern engineer. You will learn about the role of an engineer, what it means to be employed in the engineering sector, what kinds of material engineered products are manufactured from, and why. You will also use complex machines to manufacture component parts from material such as mild steel and aluminium. The skills and knowledge you gain are ideal for employment as an apprentice in the engineering sector.

ENGINEERING EXTENDED DIPLOMA - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Rheinmetall BAE Systems Land, Muller Dairies UK, Moveero (formerly GKN Wheels)

PROGRESSING TO:

Trainee maintenance or design engineer jobs across a range of sectors including engineering, food production and the NHS

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Manufacturing engineer, maintenance engineer, product design engineer

On this two-year course you will gain the knowledge, understanding and skills to prepare for employment, a higher apprenticeship or further education in the engineering field. The course is designed by BTEC and is widely respected by employers. It covers engineering disciplines that are vital for anyone serious about seeking employment as an engineer or progressing to higher education. Subjects such as engineering principles, working safely as a team, product design & manufacture and quality principles are taught alongside specialist electronic and maintenance units that make use of the expert staff and advanced teaching equipment in our cutting-edge Discovery Centre. Successful completion of the first year awards the BTEC Foundation Diploma in Engineering with the second year topping up to the Extended Diploma in Engineering.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

This is a four-year apprenticeship, attending college two days a week for the first three years. In the final year you will build a portfolio to demonstrate your competence, culminating in a final assessment and opportunity to apply for professional EngTech registration. A typical job on this level 3 apprenticeship would be mechatronics maintenance technician, ensuring that plant and equipment perform to the required standard to meet production targets regarding safety, quality, delivery and cost. Workload can cover installation, testing, fault finding and the ongoing planned maintenance of complex equipment. This requires a blend of skills, knowledge, and occupational behaviours across electrical, electronic, mechanical, fluid power and control systems disciplines.

BUSINESS

BUSINESS - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 including maths and/or English

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford College, Purple Frog, Ricoh, Schneider UK Ltd

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 extended diploma in business

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Business services assistant, project officer, finance assistant, client services officer, human resources advisor, marketing assistant, customer services advisor, and business administrator

If you are looking for a course that will prepare you for a successful career in the world of business, give you the opportunity to further your education and qualifications, or to teach you the basics of what you need to eventually start your own small business, then this is for you. The level 2 First Extended Certificate in Business will teach you the essential communication, project management, customer service, online, and financial planning skills required to be a success, no matter what industry you want to work in. It develops your core skills, and places you in real-life scenarios, giving you a skill-set that all future employers will value. With a mix of compulsory modules to teach you the fundamentals of business, and optional units that allow you to specialise your knowledge, you will be able to tailor your course to suit your ambitions. This will usually take around one year to complete if studying full time.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE ASSISTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Chief financial officer, chartered accountant, auditor, bookkeeper, credit controller, financial analyst

This level 2 apprenticeship last approximately 15 months. An accounts and finance assistant is an integral part of a company's team, responsible for helping with junior accounting duties. These could include basic book-keeping activities, working with sales and purchase ledgers, running calculations, and recording of cash and data entry. You will learn about software packages such as Sage, TaxCalc, Xero and QuickBooks. 20% of the working week will involve off-the-job college training.



BUSINESS - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 and above including English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Purple Frog Systems, Shropshire Festivals, Epson, Barclays, Young Enterprise

PROGRESSING TO:

HNC/HND in business, here at Telford College

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

HR assistant, office manager, events co-ordinator, sales and marketing assistant, accounts assistant, banking clerk, customer service team leader, trainee manager

The two-year course allows you to develop a broad range of business knowledge and core skills, plus the opportunity to tailor your study so you can focus on a particular specialisation. You will undertake compulsory modules such as the business environment, marketing, and communication, which will give you a solid grounding, but then be able to study additional modules such as management accounting, internet marketing, recruitment and selection, international business, and contract law. It's this level of specialisation that makes this the perfect course for those who know the particular area of work or study they wish to progress to, and is a highly respected route into employment or an apprenticeship.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Company director, team leader, operations director

This level three apprenticeship involves 20% of off-the-job training, either in the workplace or at college. The role may involve working independently or as part of a team in developing, implementing, maintaining and improving administrative services. You will be responsible for supporting and engaging with different parts of the organisation and interacting with internal or external customers, with a focus on adding value, and improving your employer's efficiency.

HR SUPPORT - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

HR director, business owner/partner, human resources consultant

This level 3 apprenticeship lasts around 18 months and involves attending college as well as learning in the workplace. The role involves handling day-to-day queries and providing HR advice, as well as working on processes ranging from recruitment through to retirement. You will use HR systems to keep records, provide relevant HR information to the business, and work with managers to keep the company on top of HR changes.



BERNARDO MAGALHAES

Originally from Portugal, Bernardo is a former Lakeside Academy student who chose AAT accountancy, moving from level two to level three, before returning to Telford College six years later for degree-level studies. He says: "I didn't know what I wanted to do before I started at Telford College, but the staff helped me choose a course that suited me - and they were very right. I don't think I could have picked a better place to be honest - the tutors know and do what's best for you and it worked out in my favour because I passed all my exams first time with great grades, just like the rest of the class."



AAT ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 4 including maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

KPMG, PwC, Muller, Epson, Stanton Ralph

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 AAT

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Accounts administrator, accounts assistant, accounts payable clerk, purchase/sales ledger clerk, accounting technician, finance assistant

This is ideal for anyone wishing to study accountancy and finance alongside a range of complementary business and employability skills. The purpose is to offer the foundation accounting knowledge needed to progress to employment or further study in accountancy and finance, alongside business and personal skills that are transferable to any sector and additional business knowledge relevant to accountancy. The foundation diploma enhances employability and is particularly suitable for young people studying full time. Students should choose this if they are interested in developing transferable business and personal skills alongside their core accountancy skills and are looking for a full-time programme. This qualification will usually take around a year to complete if studying full time.

AAT ACCOUNTING - LEVEL 3

Foundation Diploma in Accounting & Business Level 2 at Merit or above

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Jaguar Land Rover, PwC, Midland Heart

PROGRESSING TO:

A potential stepping-stone to take into employment or further education such as the AAT Professional Diploma in Accounting

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Chief financial officer, chartered accountant, auditor, bookkeeper, credit controller, financial analyst

This course provides students with the specialist knowledge and skills required for progressing either to employment in an accounting or finance role, or to enable progression to further study in accountancy and finance. This qualification is a progression route for students who have achieved the AAT Foundation Diploma in Accounting and Business. It is a full-time course helping those looking to gain the skills required to move into a career in accounting and finance. The accountancy skills developed through this qualification will enable a student to seek employment with confidence and to progress to the next level of learning. Students will develop skills including mastery of complex financial processes, such as final accounts, reports and returns, spreadsheet use for accountants, VAT returns and professional ethics.

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ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Accounts clerk, cashier, finance assistant, purchase ledger clerk, auditor, bookkeeper, credit controller, financial analyst

This level 3 apprenticeship lasts around 18 months. During the first year you will complete On Programme Learning assessments for advanced book-keeping, final accounts preparation, management accounting and costing. An Assistant Accountant provides support to internal and external customers and will work mainly within practice or the finance function of the organisation. You will learn how to use the organisation's own bespoke accounting software packages in addition to more generic programmes such as Sage, TaxCalc, QuickBooks, and Xero.

CUSTOMER SERVICE - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Company director, marketing and communications manager, customer care manager, business consultant

Your main responsibility on this level 2 apprenticeship will be to provide high-quality service to customers which will be delivered from the workplace, either digitally or by visiting the customer's premises. This will include dealing with orders, payments, offering advice, guidance and support, meet and greet, sales, resolving problems, after care, service recovery or gaining insight through measuring customer satisfaction. You may well be the first point of contact and work in any sector or organisational type – so you'll need excellent customer service skills and product or service knowledge. 20% of the working week will involve off-the-job college training.

DIGITAL - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1, including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, IT contractors, local schools

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 digital, leading through to Level 3 digital or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Software developer, data scientist, IT manager, systems analyst, network and IT infrastructure architect

If you're passionate about information technology, this prepares you for an ideal future. You'll be introduced to a variety of career opportunities while continuing to study English and maths, developing transferable and sector-specific skills that will ease your progression into further learning. It's an assignment-based qualification covering aspects such as digital information and communications, using applications and creating and using websites. All students will benefit from work experience talks and some will benefit from industry-specific work placements. You'll also have weekly tutorials covering a wide range of activities to develop broader skills such as CV writing, interviews and money. This course includes tuition on being organised, developing a personal progression plan, working with others, and researching topics.

DIGITAL MAPPING

Our level three students have created interactive digital maps for two of Shropshire's leading visitor attractions.

They captured dozens of images around Blists Hill Victorian Town in the Ironbridge Gorge, and Attingham Park near Shrewsbury as part of their second-year hardware course. It was a huge undertaking – to create the digital maps, each team had to take an average of around 200 images, which all then had to be pieced together back at college to turn into an interactive guide.

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DIGITAL - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3, including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

DB Computing, Aktrion, Capgemini

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 digital or T level digital production, design and development or infrastructure technician apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Software developer, programmer, analyst, computer technician, project manager, website designer and games developer

This is an exciting course focused on a wide-ranging understanding of the IT sector with both practical and written elements where you will have opportunities to get hands-on with the latest technologies, gaining a nationally-recognised qualification in computing. We aim to improve your future employment prospects by helping you to develop work-ready skills, ensuring you are able to undertake work experience in partnership with recognised computing employers and ensuring you have successfully achieved your English and maths. This course covers a variety of industry related topics including communicating in the IT industry, working in the IT industry, computer systems, and IT security.

DIGITAL - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4, including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Enta Technology, Bischof and Klein, Bespoke Computing

PROGRESSING TO:

Network engineers, programming or web designers

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Data scientist, IT manager/ director, systems analyst, network and IT infrastructure architect, game and software architect

IT is transforming the way we live, work and socialise. This dynamic two-year course develops your understanding of the skills and key principles required for a future in computing. You will get an insight into the IT sector as a whole investigating how technology is developing, and cover a wide range of units with opportunities for practical and project-based work, recognising the need to incorporate specialist pathways. This is designed to support your move into university or employment and includes exam-based units, practical course work and the opportunity to take part in an industrial placement with a well-recognised computing company. If studying the software pathway, maths at grade 4 is a requirement.



MOHAMAD ALMUSTAFA

Mo is a former Ercall Wood student who started on level two computing hardware, and progressed onto level three. He is hoping for a career in cybersecurity, and says: "The practical side of the course is my favourite - I like taking computers and hard drives apart to see what makes them work. I would really recommend the IT hardware course; you are a lot more independent and treated more maturely at college. The teachers are great, they guide us towards our future and help us achieve our goals."

DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT - T LEVEL

A minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above, including maths and English

This two-year course has been designed to give students the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to progress into skilled employment or higher level technical study in the digital sector. It introduces to key industry topics such as programming, coding, development engines, the use of data and the different platforms of digital delivery. You will also learn about the potential security risks organisations face and how to analyse problems and identify solutions through computer programs, as well as building specialist knowledge surrounding the role of a software development technician. The course is delivered 80% in a classroom setting and 20% via a work placement consisting of a minimum 45 days in industry. The T level is assessed through assignments, exams and practical projects that demonstrate the applied knowledge, skills and behaviours specified in the framework.

INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Software developer, programmer, analyst, computer technician, project manager, website designer and games developer

This is a level 3 apprenticeship lasting approximately 18 months, training you to become one of the first points of contact at your employer for IT incidents and requests, as well as resolving technical issues, troubleshooting, and learning about operating systems, hardware and application issues. You will train on different IT systems and services, learning about networking, server operating systems, and computer programming. Achieving this apprenticeship will enable you to apply for RITech professional recognition.

CATERING

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs grades 2-1 including English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Old Orleton, Hadley Park House Hotel, The Pheasant at Admaston

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 professional cookery, or junior chef positions

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Michelin-starred chef, restaurant or bistro owner, catering company director

If you have a passion for food, cooking and good service, we have a three-year pathway, starting here. This practical, skills-based course will build your knowledge and skills for preparing and cooking dishes through working in a real-life kitchen and restaurant environment at our on-site facility The Orange Tree. You will be completing practical cooking activities and assessments, plus written assignments and short answer papers. The course focuses on a wide range of culinary skills and cooking methods, to gain a good sound basis of knowledge for the fundamentals of cooking. Students are encouraged to develop their individual flare and creativity. Units include boiling, poaching, and steaming, baking, grilling, and roasting, stewing, and braising, deep and shallow frying, and safe knife skills.

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - LEVEL 2

A full level 1 hospitality and catering qualification. Plus, grades 9-4 in English and/or maths and a grade 9-4 in food technology or equivalent

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Maltings at Ironbridge, Mercure Hotel in Albrighton, The Fallow Field

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 professional cookery, commis chef or chef de partie. Some students go on to work on cruise liners

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Michelin-starred chef, restaurant or bistro owner, catering company director, head chef, sous chef

This is the second year of our three-year pathway, for students with an existing level 2 qualification in hospitality and catering who want to take their skills to a higher level. It focuses on food commodities such as fruit and vegetables, meat and offal, fish, and shellfish. Students are encouraged to be creative and are very much hands-on with their dishes. There is greater involvement with restaurant sessions and service to the public, and catering students take part in various competitions throughout the year. Industry placement is a requirement throughout the course to gain real-world insight into the industry. Students are trained by well qualified and highly ambitious staff. Enrichment opportunities from industry specialists and trips to exhibitions are also offered. Good communication, writing skills and finance are at the core of the hospitality and catering industry.

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY - LEVEL 3

A full level 2 hospitality and catering qualification. Plus, grades 9-4 in English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Restaurant Severn in Ironbridge, The Shrewsbury Arms, Mercure Hotel at Albrighton

PROGRESSING TO:

Supervisory roles in the hospitality and catering industry, executive head chef, business owner

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Michelin-starred chef, team member with Marco Pierre White or Gordon Ramsay restaurant chains

The final year of our three-year pathway is for students with an existing level 3 qualification in hospitality and catering who want to take their skills to a higher level. The focus is on management and supervisory roles, running a successful business, exploring gastronomy, worldwide cuisine, food safety. Industry placement is a requirement throughout the course to gain insight into the industry and start to network to achieve employment on gaining their qualification. Students are trained by well qualified and highly ambitious staff. Enrichment opportunities from industry specialists and trips to exhibitions are offered.



PHOEBE-OLIVIA BRADDOCK

The former Ercall Wood School pupil originally visited Telford College for dyslexia support classes, but the wide range of classes made her curious to find out what else the college had to offer. She started on level one catering, and has worked her way up to level three. "The catering course really caught my eye. Even if you aren't sure the catering industry is for you, it's a great starter course for so many careers. It teaches you skills such as hygiene which can be transferred to science, customer service skills, business, and paperwork skills."

CONSTRUCTION AND AUTOMOTIVE

BRICKLAYING - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Blockleys Bricks, Michelmersh Bricks

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 studies, or apprentice bricklayer

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Company owner, building control officer, building services engineer, building site inspector

This qualification allows candidates to learn, develop and practise the skills required for a bricklaying career. Working in our designated construction centre, you will be taught by qualified, experienced staff with many years of trade experience, using professional quality tools in an environment which simulates real-life building work. Areas of study include: Principles of building construction; information and communication; health and safety; producing thin joint masonry and masonry cladding; building solid walling; isolated and attached piers; interpreting working drawings; constructing cavity walling forming masonry structures. You can progress into employment, to City & Guilds qualifications, an apprenticeship Level 2 NVQ diploma in Trowel Occupations, or the Level 3 diploma in construction.

BRICKLAYING - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

McPhillips, Pryce Builders, Pave Aways

PROGRESSING TO:

City & Guilds courses, apprenticeships, or Level 3 construction

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Company owner, building control officer, building services engineer, building site inspector

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BRICKLAYING - APPRENTICESHIP

English and maths GCSE at grade 3 or above, or functional skills level one

This is a level two apprenticeship typically lasting 24-30 months, although the timescale may reduce if you already have relevant skills. You will learn how to lay bricks, blocks and other types of building components in mortar to construct and repair walls, foundations, partitions, arches and other structures such as chimney stacks. You might also refurbish brickwork and masonry on restoration projects. The range of sites and projects that bricklayers get to work on include large commercial developments, new housing sites, alterations, extensions and restorations. A bricklayer may work one-on-one, or collaborate with other trades on larger jobs.

CONSTRUCTION - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Prestige Barns, Vortex Cleaning, JSB Building, Balfour Beatty, and Carrera Construction

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 construction

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Civil engineer, housebuilder, site manager, commercial manager, designer

You will be introduced to the world of construction at our dedicated training facility with its full-scale workshops. The course is run by qualified, experienced staff who have all had industry-based experience in their specific vocational areas. They will guide and assist you during the course and help you to fully understand the particulars of this profession. State-of-the-art workshops, equipped with professional quality tools, means that you will be learning in an environment which simulates a real-life building site. The course includes health, safety and welfare in construction; painting and decorating; plastering, block paving, and concrete finishes; basic plumbing and carpentry (locks, latches and woodwork joints). You will also be given the opportunity to gain a CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) card and take part in work experience placements.

CONSTRUCTION - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Prestige Barns, Vortex Cleaning, JSB Building, Balfour Beatty, and Carrera Construction

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 course, or junior construction and building maintenance roles

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Building surveyor, civil engineer, structural engineer, construction contracts manager

This course is aimed at learners who are keen to start a career in the construction industry. It will appeal to anyone who wants to explore the practical elements of the building service and general construction sectors. You'll gain good hand and employability skills through a wide range of practical elements, and cover some theory areas of the construction industry too. This qualification is ideal for anyone looking to work in construction or building maintenance. You will experience taster sessions in many construction areas and develop basic knowledge to help set you on the path to a skilled career. The course includes health, safety and welfare in construction; principles of building; painting and decorating; plastering; and plumbing & carpentry repairs.

CONSTRUCTION - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, or full Level 2 vocational qualifications with merit or above

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Prestige Barns, Vortex Cleaning, JSB Building, Balfour Beatty, and Carrera Construction

PROGRESSING TO:

Electrician, civil engineer, road worker, carpenter, roofer or fitter

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Construction director, civil engineer, independent housebuilder, site manager, commercial manager, building consultant

On this extended diploma course, you can gain your Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card and undertake work experience. You will study a wide range of topics and units including health, safety and welfare in construction and the built environment, sustainable construction, mathematics in construction and the built environment, science and materials in construction and the built environment. You will also learn more about building technology in construction, graphical detailing in construction and the built environment, measuring, estimating and tendering process in construction, setting out process in construction and civil engineering and building surveying in construction. This mainly classroom-based course offers unique training from industry experts and can lead to careers in areas such as architecture, land surveying, building control, civil or structural engineering and building management.

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International brick supplier Michelmersh – owner of the Blockkeys Bricks site in Telford - helps our students to build their careers in the construction industry by providing us with valuable resources for training. They donate thousands of bricks to our training centre, as well as opening up their premises for students to enjoy valuable factory tours. Our students get to see first-hand how bricks are formed out of clay from the quarry, before being compressed and heated in kilns ready to be machine-packed and banded for delivery.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OPERATIVE - APPRENTICESHIP

A minimum of 3 GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and the ability to work more than 30 hours a week

This level two apprenticeship runs for a minimum of 12 months, and equips you with transferable skills to progress into roles such as specialist electrical or plumbing, or supervisory and management roles like facilities management, across a wide range of sectors. The primary role of a property maintenance operative is to optimise the condition and quality of a building and ensure it is kept in a safe working condition. You will learn the mechanism of buildings including electrical, plumbing, plant, safety systems and equipment. They will provide first and immediate response to fault finding, whilst maximising quality and ensuring cost-effectiveness for the customer.

GROUNDWORKER - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

This level 2 programme is typically delivered over 18 months, and includes 12 weeks of training at Telford College. The training is based on block release with the apprentice attending for one week every month. Groundworkers are the first trade onto a construction and civil engineering site and work closely with supervisors and engineers in interpreting design specifications to prepare the site ready for structural building works to take place.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SUPPORT - APPRENTICESHIP

A minimum of 3 GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and the ability to work more than 30 hours a week

This level 2 programme is scheduled to be delivered over 18-24 months with 12 weeks of training at Telford College. The training is based on block release, attending college one week every month. Highways maintenance operatives work for a variety of companies in the private sector such as gas, electric and water utilities companies, local authorities and highways maintenance specialists. Your primary role will be maintaining the highway infrastructure providing vital maintenance and safety services that benefit local communities, such as pothole repairs.

ROAD SURFACING OPERATIVE - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

This level two apprenticeship typically runs for 15-18 months, giving you the skills to fulfil a multi-disciplinary role which is critical to the country's infrastructure. Working as part of a team, you will be responsible for the surfacing, resurfacing and improvement of vast stretches of the public and privately-owned highway network, covering all road types from motorways to residential streets. You will learn about various road surfacing techniques including the application and use of primers, epoxy or thermoplastic resins, bituminous emulsions, and various types of aggregate.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS - LEVEL 2

GCSE grade 4 maths, and minimum grade 3 for English or science

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Shropshire Electrical Supplies, Denmans, Edmundson Electrical

PROGRESSING TO:

Industrial work and domestic contractors, trainee electrical engineer, further education or apprenticeship

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Electrical engineer or technician (typical salary £50,000+)

This course is made up of five units and during the academic year, learners will study a combination of classroom-based theory and a broad range of practical tasks in our well-equipped electrical workshop. This prepares you for the examinations and assessments you'll need to complete to achieve your diploma qualification. Units include health and safety in building services engineering, principles of electrical science, electrical installations technology, installation of wiring systems and enclosures, and understanding how to communicate with others within building services engineering. You will need to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) on the course in line with industry expectations, and provide some of this yourself. The course also involves some working from stepladders, extension ladders and scaffolding, and using hand and power tools.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

An installation electrician works on the installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of low voltage electrical and electronic devices and appliances. This level 3 apprenticeship is typically four years. During the first three years you will attend college one day per week and work towards an electrotechnical qualification; in the final year you will build a portfolio to demonstrate competence, culminating in a final assessment to qualify as an installation electrician with the opportunity to apply for registration as EngTech by the Engineering Council. Electricians install, maintain and repair electrical systems in industrial, commercial and domestic environments.

TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1 including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Tyre fitting companies and independent garages

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 vehicle maintenance study or level 2 vehicle fitting, leading through to level 3 vehicle maintenance

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Vehicle body repairer, breakdown engineer, motor vehicle fitter

This course is an ideal starting place if you have a love for cars and would like to have a technical career in automotive engineering. This qualification covers the basic technical skills you'll need for today's motor vehicle repair industry. The course includes practical aspects of light vehicles, construction and routine maintenance, operating principles of engines, tyres, brakes, steering and suspension, transmission system, and electrical/electronic systems. You will be continuously assessed throughout the course, this will involve both practical and theoretical aspects to enable you to complete unit assessments on-line and practical assessments at the end of each unit. Successful completion of this course can lead to the Certification in Vehicle Maintenance level 2.



DAVID PRICE

The former Mary Webb School student from Pontesbury signed up on a level three automotive apprenticeship, working with Plough Garage. "My favourite part is being in a modern workshop environment," he says. "I'm a co-driver for rally cars, and during lockdown I realised that there's more to life and you've got to do a job you really enjoy. I got in touch with Telford College who set me on the apprenticeship path, and in the future I'm hoping to become an MOT tester."



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - LEVEL 2

GCSE grade 3 or above in maths and English

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Archers Auto's, NRT Specialists, New Street Car Centre, AGF Motors, and MOTs Are Us

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 vehicle maintenance or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

This course builds on the knowledge and skills you will have developed on automotive level 1 courses, as a starting point to lead to level 3 vehicle maintenance

This course builds on the knowledge and skills you will have developed on automotive level 1 courses. Your technical training will continue to help you acquire the essential knowledge you'll need to become a service technician. You'll be working on light vehicles and the course will cover the theory and practical aspects of routine vehicle maintenance, removal and replacement of engine units and components, electrical auxiliary units, and chassis units and components. The course includes vehicle fitting procedures; transmission systems; chassis systems; and electrical systems. You will experience the latest automated test lane for MOTs, a chassis dynamometer, engine testing and fault diagnostics, computerised four-wheel alignment and Snap-On tools and equipment.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, or Functional Skills level 2 qualification

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Archers Auto's, NRT Specialists, New Street Car Centre, AGF Motors, and MOTs Are Us

PROGRESSING TO:

Specialist electronic systems and diagnostics roles, or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Globe-trotting jobs with motor racing teams or high-end manufacturers such as Aston Martin, Lotus, and Bentley

This course provides you with a range of skills including the diagnosis of complex system faults and advanced systems operation. You will gain the essential knowledge for diagnostic technicians working on light vehicles (cars and vans) in all types of garages, dealerships and maintenance depots. You will be working on hi-tech rigs and live vehicles, and will use the latest diagnostic tools for diesel and petrol vehicles. The course includes diagnosis of complex system faults; advanced systems operation; multi-step diagnostic repair; and transmission systems. Assessments will be through a combination of practical experience on motor vehicles and rigs, online tests and written assignment. Our incredible facilities on site include the state-of-the-art £3.5 million Automotive Centre, which houses three specialist workshops, and the college has strong links with local dealerships and garages.

VEHICLE FITTING - LEVEL 2

GCSE grades 3-2 for maths and English

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Kwik-Fit, National Tyres

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 vehicle maintenance or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Senior roles at main dealerships such as Ford, Audi, VW, Seat, Renault, or Peugeot

As a fast-fit technician, you will repair and replace tyres, batteries, exhausts, and brakes, and carry out wheel alignment while the customer is on site. You will learn to work quickly and precisely, and will develop the skills required to be able to communicate clearly and comfortably with customers. This course is ideal for anyone looking to kick-start their motor vehicle career. It will give you the opportunity to develop your practical skills while gaining a better understanding of the fast-fit industry at the same time. The course will be assessed through IMI E-Portfolio assignments, online multiple-choice knowledge tests, and practical observations. You will learn from experienced tutors who are industry-trained professionals with a range of specialisms.

MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNICIAN - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week

This level three service and maintenance apprenticeship typically runs for 36 months. You will attend college for six hours a week, and be assigned a workplace mentor who will help with your training. You will learn to service and repair light vehicles, replace components, solve complex faults, use diagnostic methods and equipment. You can also further develop your skills by gaining MOT tester status or specialist hybrid and electric vehicle qualifications.

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WHAT WE OFFER

Foundation Learning is suitable for students who are supported by an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and who require additional support to prepare for employment. The programmes of study within Foundation Learning focus on preparing students for employment and adult life, through a mixture of relevant qualifications and non-qualification activity.

RARPA PREPARATION FOR LIFE

No formal entry requirements

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Onsite at Telford College's pop-up shop

This programme is for students who require ongoing support through adult social care when they leave college. This course is for students who want to prepare for supported internship and employment. Students are usually mainstream or special school leavers aged 16 have an identified SEN need and supported by an EHCP usually assessed at Milestone 7 – Entry level 2. Students learn communication and calculation, community participation and volunteering, work-related learning (retail and customer service or WEX), travel awareness and independent living, domestic skills, and hobbies, leisure and socialising (at The Willow Tree Centre only). Qualifications focus on work skills, maths and English. Willow Tree Centre students may have an additional diagnosis of profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD), complex needs and/ or challenging behaviour. There are no formal entry requirements for the course which is perfect for students who want to develop employability skills and transfer these skills into the workplace.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

No formal entry requirements

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

External placement such as The Place Theatre, Next, The Orbit, PDSA

PROGRESSING TO:

Students will transition into employment following this programme – typically within customer service or retail, voluntary or paid

There are no formal entry requirements for this course, which is perfect for students who want to develop employability skills and look at ways of transferring these skills into the workplace. There is a mixture of accredited and non-accredited learning on this programme, where qualifications will focus on work skills, maths and English. Elements on the course include functional skills qualifications or communication and calculation, and you will also look at external work-related learning, travel awareness and independent living and employability skills. Students must be supported by an EHCP to access the funding for this programme.

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FOUNDATION LEARNING

WORK SKILLS

No formal entry requirements

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Some external placements but mainly on site such as the college's pop-up shop

PROGRESSING TO:

Future destinations course or level 1 courses at Telford College and apprenticeship options

This course is for students who would like to prepare for the supported internship and employment. Usually for mainstream or special school leavers, aged 16, with an identified SEN need, who would be assessed as entry level 1-2. Students will usually be supported by an EHCP. There is a mixture of accredited and non-accredited learning, and qualifications will focus on work skills, maths and English. It covers functional skills qualifications or communication and calculation, community participation and volunteering, internal and external work-related learning, travel awareness and independent living, and employability skills.

PRINCE'S TRUST ACHIEVE PROGRAMME



No formal entry requirements

This 12-week programme is designed to help young people turn their lives around and move into employment, education or training by building social skills, boosting confidence, and making new friends. It is aimed at people aged between 16 and 19 who are not currently in education or employment. You will receive help with CV writing, job hunting, and get involved in community work which will boost your transferable skills in areas such as basic first aid and food hygiene. You'll also receive a nationally-recognised qualification in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills on completion of the course. The course is free, and does not prevent you from claiming Jobseekers' Allowance. Help could be available to cover travel expenses. All of the things you do through the Achieve programme will count towards a recognised Prince's Trust qualification for your CV or UCAS form.

JOSH BICKFORD-SMITH

Foundation student Josh, a former Burton Borough School student from Newport, made such a success of his placement at the Bowring Café in Wellington that they offered him a permanent job. Manager Jo Davies said: "We supported Josh for his last academic year with Telford College to help him gain knowledgeable work experience within the catering industry, and offered him a permanent position due to his enthusiasm and commitment to the work. Josh is extremely loved by all our customers."

CREATIVE AND MUSIC

MUSIC - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or maths. You will also be required to audition or provide a recorded portfolio

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Spotify, plus local schools, venues and events

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 music

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Performing artist, music producer, instrument tutor

The BTEC level 2 Diploma in Music Industry Skills is a one-year course that offers skills development in music – both performance and production. You will develop a practical understanding of the music industry, as well as a broad range of skills such as: composition and song writing, performing in a band, organising live events, using recording studios, and music production. Taught by experienced and passionate music tutors in our industry-standard music centre, you will get advice and expertise to help you succeed in your future career. Industry links with the BBC, professional musicians and technicians and local music venues provide amazing opportunities and insight. Your course will conclude with a big music project and a plan for self-promotion in the industry.

MUSIC - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or maths and ideally a GCSE or level 2 music qualification. You will also be required to audition or provide a recorded portfolio.

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

BBC radio, UK music festivals, recording studios

PROGRESSING TO:

Higher education, apprenticeship, or jobs such as professional session musician, live sound engineer, or songwriter

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Sony Music, Live Nation Radio, TV and live event performer

This two-year course has pathway options for either music performance and production, or a specialist route solely in music production; all taught in our state-of-the-art music centre. On both pathways you will develop technical knowledge and understanding of how to create music, from initial planning through to final production. You'll get hands-on with projects in music studio production, live event management, group performance, and music and sound for film and TV. You'll learn about all the employment opportunities available in the music industry. You will be taught by passionate tutors and guest lecturers, both with extensive industry experience, who will encourage you to broaden your skillset to be an employable, all-round, modern musician/ music technologist. You will be assessed through written and performance-based assignments.

ART & DESIGN - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and maths. You will also be required to provide a basic portfolio/sketchbook of your artwork at interview

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The National Trust, Wrekin Arts Society, freelance commission work

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 art & design, higher education or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Tattoo artist, fashion designer, artist

The OCR level 2 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Art and Design is a one-year full time vocational course where you will learn a range of art skills from drawing, painting, printing, graphics, and textiles - alongside research skills, reading, writing and presentation techniques. You will work through four different projects, each developing your creative thinking and problem-solving skills and allowing you to produce artistic outcomes you can be proud of. Including a project where you produce your own artwork to sell. This is good preparation to progress onto the level 3 course, further developing your artistic ability on your way to a creative career.

KEELY ARCHBOLD

Keely, from Shifnal, deferred from a pathway of sports and football to pursue her dream of a music career with us - and the former Idsall School student is delighted with how it has turned out. She is now studying songwriting at the prestigious Leeds Conservatoire, and says: "I came here because friends of mine had secured places at Leeds College of Music and Liverpool, and watching them performing at their own gigs inspired me to do the same. I have loved the staff and the course here, which really improved my skills as a musician and prepared me well for the next steps. I'd say to anyone thinking of studying music at Telford College to just go for it."

ART & DESIGN - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or maths and GCSE or level 2 Art qualification. You will also be required to audition or provide a recorded portfolio.

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The National Trust, Wrekin Arts Society, freelance commission work

PROGRESSING TO:

Higher education, apprenticeships or employment in the creative industries

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Graphic or interior designer

The BTEC level 3 National Diploma in Art and Design Practice is a two-year full-time vocational course, equivalent to three A levels. Diverse assignment briefs will explore a range of art and design specialisms, such as painting, graphics, and fashion design, all taught in our specialist creative hub, with university standard facilities. Through various creative projects, you will develop transferable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by higher education and employers, such as communication, project management, confidence, and problem solving. You will work to creative briefs from real-world clients such as the National Trust and the NHS, producing a portfolio to showcase your skills to universities and potential employers.



BBC RADIO STARS

Our music students have received glowing praise for the songs they have been writing and recording in the college's industry-standard studio facilities. Their work is played regularly on BBC radio, as well as being performed at various music venues across the region. Michaela Wylde, who produces and presents the BBC Introducing in Shropshire show, said: "The team here have been championing amazing music coming out of Telford College. The students have been producing a wide range of diverse, well-produced and high-quality music that we have loved."

LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION...

Telford College has a close partnership with the Wellington Orbit cinema, giving students fabulous opportunities to get involved in a wealth of real-world projects. When the cinema launched a new networking group for vloggers, podcasters and movie makers, our media students Corey Clark and Callum Wiggin, who were completing work experience at the cinema, produced a video teaser to help promote the launch.

CREATIVE MEDIA - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 2 or above including English and maths and ideally an IT/media-based subject.

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Spotify, Ofcom, BBC, Wellington Orbit

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 creative media, higher education or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Film director, graphic designer, games designer, senior roles at BBC, ITV, Sony Pictures, Netflix

You will develop your technical skills in film production, video editing, animation, graphic design, and photography. Through working on exciting, practical projects, you will also develop your research, organisational and communication skills, as well as becoming an independent, creative professional. You will have access to our extensive collection of video and still cameras, as well as audio equipment, foley studio and greenscreen room. You'll develop skills in using Adobe software programs such as Photoshop, Illustrator and Premiere Pro.

CREATIVE MEDIA - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or maths, and some experience in creative media

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Ofcom, BBC radio, sports team marketing

PROGRESSING TO:

Ideal preparation for higher education, apprenticeships such as digital marketing, and jobs as video editor, photographer, or social media manager

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Social media director, graphic designer, application developer

On this two-year course you will develop technical skills in graphic design, photography, filming and video editing and work with real-world clients to creative briefs and produce a portfolio to showcase your skills to universities and potential employers. Taught by experienced, skilled tutors and guest lecturers, you will gain a valuable, working insight into the creative industries. Examples of projects covered are making music videos, TV advert/ident production, social action projects – where you work with a local business/charity to their brief, producing short films, soundtrack production, creating infographics and guides, and live event support. You will use our extensive collection of video and still cameras and audio equipment, foley studio and greenscreen room, and complete an industry placement.

HAIR AND BEAUTY

HAIR & BEAUTY - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1 including English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Salon or reception assistant at several local businesses

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 hairdressing or level 2 beauty therapy, leading through to level 3 hairdressing or level 3 beauty therapy

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Salon owner, beautician to film and TV stars

This is the first step on a three-year study journey with us. You will learn the underlying principles and practical skills required for the industry by working in a real-life salon environment at The Retreat, our on-site salon with two highly equipped hair salons and three beauty salons, completing practical assessments on your peers, and potentially members of the public. You will be expected to complete written assignments and online exams. Units include shampooing, and conditioning, consultation, styling, and dressing hair, plaiting, and twisting hair, basic manicure treatments, nail art, head massage and skin care. You will study aspects of health and safety, reception duties, and customer care. Students also take part in hair competitions.

HAIRDRESSING - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs grades 3 or above including English or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Regis, KLF, Sweetcheeks

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 hairdressing or level 3 beauty therapy

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Senior roles at hair and beauty wholesalers, or top hair brands such as Wella, L'Oreal, and Matrix

On the second year of our three-year pathway, you will build your knowledge of the underlying principles and practical skills, and also study the everyday aspects of running a hairdressing business. Your skills will be developed through working in a real-life salon environment at The Retreat, with practical assessments on members of the public. You will also be expected to complete written assignments and online exams. The course allows you to show off your creativity and flair and includes colouring, cutting, shampooing, and conditioning, consultation, styling, and dressing hair. You will also study aspects of health and safety, reception, and customer service. All students also take part in hair competitions.

HAIRDRESSING - LEVEL 3

A full level 2 hairdressing qualification NVQ or equivalent, plus GCSE at grade 4 or above in English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Toni & Guy, Francesco Group, Rizzo's

PROGRESSING TO:

University, spa management, colour specialist, employment on cruise liners, or theatrical/media hair and make-up

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Celebrity stylist, art director, or spa management with brands such as Elemis, Champneys, Royston & Blythe, Wella, HeadMasters

This stage is for students who have an existing level 2 qualification in hairdressing who want to take their skills to a higher level. It combines advanced and creative techniques to further develop your practical skills and flexible skills for a career in hairdressing. You will be working in a real-life salon working environment at The Retreat, completing practical assessments on members of the public, and also be expected to complete written assignments and online exams. The course focuses on developing your skills to ensure you are work-ready and includes advanced cutting skills, advanced colour services including colour correction, creativity styling and hair up. All students also take part in hair competitions.

CAROLINE WILLIAMS

Caroline's stylish work on our fast-track hairdressing course earned her a place in the final of the Concept Hair Learner of the Year awards. She decided to return to college to pursue her new-found passion, which was a departure from her previous career in banking, and various secretarial roles. She says her story proves that it is never too late to learn fresh skills. "The course is amazing, and I really enjoy it. The teachers are absolutely brilliant, and so supportive - I wish I'd done this years ago."

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BEAUTY THERAPY - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Q Hotels, Body and Mind in Wellington, Glow Beauty Salon at Trench

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 beauty therapy or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Cosmetology specialist, beauty journalist, event manager for a top brand

The first stage of a two-year pathway prepares you for a career in the beauty therapy industry. You will build your knowledge, skills, and experience providing treatments to clients, and study the everyday aspects of running a beauty business. Your skills will be developed in our a real-life salon environment at The Retreat, by completing practical assessments on members of the public. You will also be expected to complete written assignments and online exams. This course includes treatments in skin care, manicures, pedicures, waxing, makeup, and a variety of eye treatments (tinting, shaping false lashes). You will also study aspects of anatomy and physiology, health and safety, reception skills and personal development. You are required to complete work experience within the beauty industry.

BEAUTY THERAPY - LEVEL 3

A full level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification NVQ or equivalent, plus GCSE grade 4 or above in English and/or maths

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Ragdale Hall Spa, Telford Hotel & Golf Resort, Body & Mind

PROGRESSING TO:

Senior beauty therapist, salon manager, mobile or cruise liner therapist

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

London Wellness Academy – the cruise ship franchise – Elemis, Champneys, or Deborah Mitchell at Heaven, beautician to the stars and former Telford College student

This one-year course is for students who have an existing level 2 qualification in beauty therapy and want to take their skills to a higher level. It combines advanced electrical facial treatments and a variety of massage disciplines to develop flexible skills for a career in beauty therapy. All students will study anatomy and physiology, health and safety, personal development and promotion of services and products. Your skills will be developed in our real-life salon working environment at The Retreat, completing practical assessments on members of the public. You will also be expected to complete written assignments and online exams. The course includes facial electrotherapy (including microdermabrasion & microcurrent), body massage, stone therapy, pre-blended aromatherapy, and Indian head massage. Industry placement is a requirement throughout the course.

SHOWCASING SKILLS

Our hairdressing students get the chance to bring creativity and glamour to the campus by showcasing their skills in an annual competition. Level two and three students create striking looks in a choice of categories, including festival, red carpet, carnival, and avant-garde. The categories are judged by external judges from the industry, with trophies, certificates, and prizes on offer. Students source their own models, outfits, accessories and create a mood board to showcase their look on the day.

HEALTH, EARLY YEARS AND EDUCATION

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - LEVEL 1

4 GCSEs at grades 2-1, and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, care homes, schools and community groups

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 health and social care, leading through to either level 3 health and social care or T level health or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Nursing, midwifery, paramedic, social worker, counsellor

This qualification will develop your knowledge and awareness of the types of provision in the health, social care and children's and young people's sectors. The course covers principles and values, health and safety, and working with others. You will learn essential transferable skills such as good communication, and develop a real understanding of the health and social care sector thanks to our links with local providers. The course includes understanding the principles and values in health & social care, service provision and roles, awareness of protection and safeguarding; and an introduction to communication. You can also take functional skills maths and English alongside this foundation level course, and if you complete it successfully, you can progress on to level 2 Health & Social Care or Childcare.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - LEVEL 2

5 GCSEs at grade 3 or higher, and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, Princess Royal Hospital, TACT, care homes and schools

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 health and social care, T level health or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Nursing director, midwifery, paramedic, social worker, counsellor

On this course, you will learn about the varied types of work within the health and social care sectors, as well as more about the roles played by industry professionals. You'll also cover key areas of current practice in health and social care depending on the career you're working towards. The course includes equality, diversity and rights in health and social care, human growth and development, safeguarding in health and social care, and communication in health and social care. A work placement is a mandatory part of your course, and you can also study GCSE or functional skills maths and English alongside your qualification.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE - LEVEL 3

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English (level 2 functional skills English also accepted) and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Telford & Wrekin Council, Princess Royal Hospital, Morris Care, Coverage Care

PROGRESSING TO:

Degrees in nursing, midwifery, paramedic science, or senior roles in the NHS or private healthcare sector

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Care service owner, nursing director, senior social worker or counsellor.

This two-year course gives you the opportunity to learn from health and social care experts, and to take part in work-related learning on placements in the community. These placements will give you a competitive edge and can open the door to higher education or employment. The course includes equality, diversity and rights; human growth and development, safeguarding, and communication. Practical sessions will take place using our on-site resources including our 'hospital room' where you can try out new skills in a safe environment before going out into your placement setting. You'll have a placement co-ordinator and assessment will be on a unit-by-unit approach including internally-assessed assignments and two externally marked. In year two, there's also a short answer exam on anatomy and physiology. You can take GCSE maths alongside this course too.

HEALTH - T LEVEL

A minimum of 5 GCSEs grade 4 or above, including maths, English and science

This two-year, level 3 health technical qualification gives students the knowledge and skills to progress into employment, higher education or higher apprenticeships. It combines classroom learning (80%) and meaningful industry placements (20%). The technical qualification is split into two component parts – the core component covers topics such as the principles of good clinical practice, infection control, managing information and data, health and safety with core science alongside demonstrating person centred care skills, team working and reflective evaluation. Embedding of English, mathematics and digital content is throughout. For the occupational specialism component, students choose one of these pathways: Supporting the Adult Nursing Team, Supporting the Midwifery Team, Supporting the Mental Health Team, Supporting the Care of Children and Young People, Supporting the Therapy Teams. Assessments are a combination of written exams, practical activities and case studies which will take place in our clinical ward, simulating real work environments.

CHILDCARE - LEVEL 2

5 GCSEs at grade 3 or higher, and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Local nurseries and primary schools including SEN schools.

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 childcare or apprenticeships

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Nursery play assistant, school or nursery teacher, paediatric nurse

This course is five days a week – two of which are spent on work placement. If you want to work with children and you are very practical, this is the perfect course for you. It's an introduction to the role of an early years practitioner, supporting children's play and development. You will need to complete a minimum of 250 placement hours. The course includes roles and responsibilities of the early years practitioner, health and safety of babies and young children in the early years, equality, diversity and inclusive practice in early years settings, and safeguarding protection and welfare of babies and young children in early years settings. GCSE or functional skills maths and English can be taken with this course.



THE MARCHES
EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Telford College is part of the Marches Education Partnership, a collaboration of education and training organisations, working together on an ambitious skills-boosting project to provide valuable support for the health and social care sector across the region.

For details about the latest range of upcoming courses, see marches-education.co.uk

ADAM AMOO

Health care worker Adam, from Stirchley, was so inspired by the work of county paramedics that he decided to change his life, with the help of Telford College. "I enjoyed my health care role, but I knew I had more to give, and so I attended an open event at Telford College to talk to tutors about where to start." He enrolled on an on a health and social care course with us which led to him to studying paramedic science at the University of Wolverhampton. "I absolutely loved the Telford College course, the content, and the tutors - and I'm really looking forward to the future."

CHILDCARE - LEVEL 3

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, one of which must be in English (level 2 functional skills English also accepted) and a clean DBS check

WORK PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Local nurseries and primary schools including SEN schools.

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 extended diploma or jobs as early years educator, family support worker, learning mentor, teaching assistant or university-level studies

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Nursery director/owner, senior teaching role, nanny to the stars

If you're looking to work with children (from birth to five years old and gain knowledge of those up to seven years old, then this two-year course is designed for you. It includes 60% college-based and 40% practical work placements with continuous assessment. The course includes the physical, social, spiritual, moral and emotional care of children, play and structured learning, health issues, and food and nutrition – and if you complete it successfully, you'll be an Early Years Educator. Practical sessions will also take place in our on-site childcare centre where we have toys and games you can familiarise yourself with before you go out on placement. You will be assessed through a combination of methods, including a visit from your assessor in placement giving you the opportunity to showcase your skills in a real-life setting. GCSE maths can be taken alongside this course.



EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-3 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week.

This is a level two apprenticeship which would typically be completed within 12 months. You will be working and interacting directly with children on a day-to-day basis supporting the planning of and delivery of activities, purposeful play opportunities and educational programmes. You will also interact with parents, children, colleagues and wider multi agency professionals and partners such as health visitors, social workers and speech and language therapists, combined with college studies.

TEACHING ASSISTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and employed in a suitable role of at least 30 hours a week.

This level three apprenticeship typically last around 18 months. The role of the teaching assistant is to support a class teacher to enhance the learning of pupils. You will ensure pupils understand the work set, know their learning objectives and stay on task in order to make progress, and promote self-belief, social inclusion and a high self-esteem. You will develop strategies to support and encourage pupils to move towards independent learning and gain a detailed understanding of safeguarding.

PAMELA THOMAS

Teaching assistant Pamela, from Lawley, began studying a Level 2 supporting teaching and learning course, progressing onto Level 3. She has also published a book, called The Trials and Tribulations of Being a Parent. "Everything I've been through with my children has inspired me to help other children and that's why I started the course at Telford College. My classmates and tutors have been a real support - my only goal with the whole process was to help others who may be struggling. I am particularly enjoying the Level 3 course as it's more in depth and delves more into the psychological side of child development. I'm also picking up tips on how to support children in the best way which is fundamental in my job."

EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR - APPRENTICESHIP

A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 including English and maths, and ability to work at least 30 hours a week

This level 3 apprenticeship typically lasts around 18 months. Early years educators, and other job roles such as nursery nurses and childminders, are highly-trained professionals who play a key role in ensuring that young children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. They work within a range of settings including full day care, children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes and homes as childminders. You will learn the expected patterns of children's development from birth to 5 years, and understanding of further development from age 5-7. You will have opportunities to progress to higher education in early years, youthwork and playwork, Special Education Needs co-ordinator (SENCO), or Safeguarding and Physical Activity and Nutrition Co-ordinator (PANCO).

DID YOU KNOW? WE ALSO OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF ADULT EDUCATION COURSES
TELFORDCOLLEGE.AC.UK/APPLY





SPORT AND PUBLIC UNIFORMED SERVICES

ON PARADE: Our public uniformed services students were praised by Shropshire's deputy lieutenant at a ceremony commemorating HM Queen Elizabeth II

SPORT & PUBLIC SERVICES - LEVEL 1

Subject to interview – but an interest in sport and public uniformed services is essential

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 2 Extended certificate in sport or public services level 2

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Recreation assistant, customer service advisor, sports retail assistant

This course is the perfect introduction to the sport and public services industry. You will get the chance to learn all aspects of the industry and the potential opportunities you can progress on to. You will learn key independent skills and make progression plans as you map out your career paths with the advice and guidance of our expert team. You will get the chance to take part in major sporting events, attend uniformed services parades and meet guest speakers from both industries. This course – a mixture of theory and practical exercises – is the perfect starting point for anyone considering a career in sport or public services.

SPORT - LEVEL 2

3 GCSEs at grade 3 including English or maths

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 extended diploma – through various routes

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Recreation assistant, lifeguard, leisure centre manager, golf club greenkeeper, customer service adviser, sports retail assistant

Build your knowledge and skills with this one-year extended certificate course. You will learn about the vast choice of roles available in the sports sector and get hands-on experience of running sporting events and even mock interviews. You will learn about the body, training and how to improve physical fitness and mental wellbeing. You will understand the importance of leading a healthy and active lifestyle as well as the impact sport has on society – making it a vehicle for positive social action – and be part of that movement.

FOOTBALL – LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or maths

PROGRESSING TO:

Sports-based degree at university, or employment

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Academy coach, self-employed business owner, teacher, professional sport, analyst, community development officer

Our excellent football provision gives you the chance to play, study and achieve with an action-packed curriculum and fixture list. We travel all over the country competing against other colleges as well giving you first-hand coaching, officiating and organisational experience. We host local school events here at the college, giving you the chance to host and run local competitions. The two-year course includes lots of great trips and visits and the chance to meet a whole host of professional coaches and others in roles across the football industry. We have a long list of alumni that have gone on to become professional coaches, achieving high level FA badges as well as their sports coaching-based degrees.



JILL SCOTT

Telford College has been championing female football for many years, and has some of the best indoor and outdoor facilities in the area. England legend Jill Scott, a member of the victorious Lionesses squad at Euro 2022, brought her football roadshow to our sports dome, helping to coach the next generation of stars.

COACHING AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English or maths

PROGRESSING TO:

Sports-based degree at university, or employment

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

PE teacher, director of sport, sports development co-ordinator, primary school teacher, sports coach, business owner

Leadership is a key skill in the sports industry and this course is perfect for bringing out your 'inner leader'. The extended diploma course is designed for anyone who aspires to become a teacher or leader within the industry. You'll get hands-on experience right from the start as we host several school sports competitions, including regional finals for sports hall athletics. We'll assist you with getting work experience in local schools and even provide opportunities to achieve nationally-recognised qualifications such as coaching badges and first aid courses, making you more competitive when seeking employment. This course has a great track record of students going on to become PE teachers, sports coaches, business owners and even a head teacher or two.

FITNESS TRAINING & HEALTH - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or maths

PROGRESSING TO:

Sports-based degree at university, or employment

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Strength and conditioning coach, personal trainer, fitness coach for professional sports teams, physiotherapist, osteopath

Looking for a career in fitness, wellbeing or even rehabilitation and physiotherapy? Then this is the course for you. We'll give you the chance to also become a fully-qualified fitness instructor and become first aid and sports massage qualified. This course has a long track record of students that have progressed on to careers in physiotherapy, personal training, sports rehabilitation and even junior doctors. You will take an in-depth look at the human body, how it works and how we can care for it and get the best from it. If you've enjoyed PE or biology at school, then this course will take you to the next level of understanding. Our industry experts have a wealth of experience in the fitness and leisure industry and our state-of-the-art treatment rooms are the perfect environment to learn how to treat members of the public.

95% OF OUR STUDENTS PROGRESS INTO THEIR CAREER, HIGHER EDUCATION, APPRENTICESHIPS OR OTHER TRAINING

PUTTING SKILLS TO THE TEST

Our public uniformed services students often get the chance to put their fitness, stamina, problem-solving and team-building skills to the test.

We enter teams into various competitions, including challenges run by British Army outreach experts, and the Midlands Army Challenge which is held at Parsons Barracks in Donnington. These events are always a

great chance to test the initiative and team-building efforts of our students . . . and we regularly return home with silverware!

PUBLIC SERVICES - LEVEL 2

4 GCSEs at grade 3 or above

PROGRESSING TO:

Level 3 public services or an apprenticeship

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Senior roles in the uniformed services including submariner, firefighter, or Royal Marine

This one-year introductory course is designed to prepare you both physically and mentally for employment in the public uniformed services. Our lecturers have a wealth of knowledge from working in the uniformed services, so can give you first-hand advice and guidance to guide you into your ideal role. We have a long-standing record of students progressing on to successful careers including the Royal Marines, Royal Navy and police force. The daily routine includes drill and physical training followed by a mixture of practical and theoretical sessions. Visiting speakers provide up-to-date information about career possibilities and the application process for their service. This is the course for you if you enjoy a structured physical training programme, chance to learn from the experts, competitive sport, teamwork, discipline and drills.

PUBLIC SERVICES - LEVEL 3

4 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including maths or English

PROGRESSING TO:

University studies, or specialist training with armed forces, police or fire authorities

ASPIRATIONAL CAREERS:

Scotland Yard, Ministry of Defence, Prison Service, senior roles in the Army, Navy, RAF, police and fire services

Building on the groundwork of the level 2 programme, this will prepare you for potential employment in one of the public uniformed services. Again, the daily routine includes drill and physical training followed by a mixture of theory and practical sessions, tailored towards developing communication, self-confidence and leadership skills. Our students love our communications and major incidents units, giving the knowledge and understanding of how to co-ordinate support and resource emergency services in a simulated road traffic collision. Outside the classroom, you'll experience outdoor activities such as kayaking, raft building and climbing as well as physical training, ensuring you are ready to meet the fitness requirements for any uniformed service. Units are assessed throughout the year by assignments, coursework, observation of practical activity.

T LEVELS: THE FUTURE OF TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL LEARNING

If you prefer a more vocational approach to learning, there is an exciting new option for post-GCSE education.

T levels are a new generation of qualifications, offering a more practical alternative to A levels, and form an important part of the Telford College curriculum from 2023.

Each T level is equivalent to three A levels, and features a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience.

They include at least 45 days of industry placement with a local employer, focused on developing the practical and technical skills required for each chosen career.

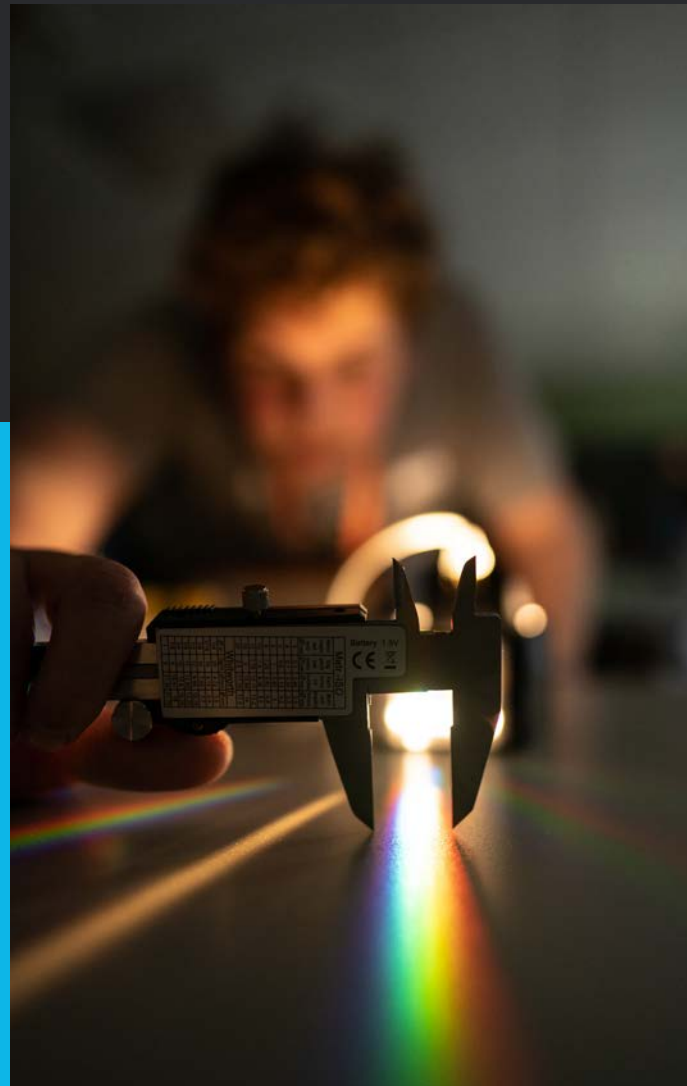
From September 2023, Telford College will be offering T levels in Digital and Health.

And from 2024, this will be followed by T levels in a range of other course areas, including Business, Engineering, Construction, Art & Design, Media, Accounting, Hair, and Catering.

T levels are based on similar standards to apprenticeships, and have been designed with leading businesses and employers to deliver the knowledge and skills that people need.

We are working closely with a number of local businesses to ensure that students will be able to gain the highest quality industry placements in their chosen fields.

By developing the courses in collaboration with employers and businesses, we can make sure that the content meets their skills needs – and prepares students for work, further training, or study.



SO HOW EXACTLY DOES IT ALL WORK?

When students pass their T level, they get a nationally-recognised certificate showing the overall grade achieved – pass, merit, distinction or distinction*.

It will also provide details of what has been learned on the course to help a move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.

The T Level will be worth UCAS points – a T Level Distinction* is worth the same as 3 A levels at A* – and will also be recognised by universities and other education providers so students can choose to continue studying if they wish.

Like A levels, there are no tuition fees required to study a T level if students start before they are 19.

T levels give students valuable experience in the workplace; and employers get early sight of the new talent in their industry.

T level students will typically spend 80% of the course in the classroom, and the other 20% in a meaningful industry placement, where they put their newly-learned skills into action.

Entry requirements for T levels will be broadly similar to A levels. Prospective students will usually need to have at least GCSE grade four in English and maths (plus science if you are choosing a health or science option).

If you are interested in moving to a T level course in September, but are currently on another course, that's not a problem.

Telford College is also running a level two T level transition qualification, which is designed to give students extra study time and preparation for the start of their chosen T level pathway.



DIGITAL INNOVATION IN TELFORD'S 'STATION QUARTER'

Telford College will soon be opening a new Digital Skills and Enterprise Hub in the heart of Telford town centre.

State-of-the-art technology will deliver a new, dynamic and exciting way of learning in the town's fast-developing 'Station Quarter'.

The aim is to provide skills for some of the UK's fastest growing and best-paid business sectors, creating a pathway for well-paid jobs.

The curriculum will offer digital studies in topics such as computer science, infrastructure and digital support – from level 1 all the way up to level 5.

There will be courses for students aged 16-18, as well as part-time adult programmes and apprenticeships.

Maths courses including Functional Skills and GCSE for adults will play a key role in helping to meet the Government's levelling-up agenda, and the centre will also be home to computer science and further maths studies for pre-16 pupils . . . which will see the college working in close partnership with local schools.

Why a focus on maths and digital? Because they are a vital pathway to higher quality and better paid career opportunities for the people of Telford.

It opens up careers in sectors such as cybersecurity, AI and robotics, virtual and augmented reality, cloud computing, wireless technologies, 5G innovation, and a whole lot more.



A number of maths-related courses are already being delivered by the college on the site of the Station Quarter development, at Addenbrooke House in Telford town centre.

It is perfectly situated, just a few minutes' walk from the town's railway and bus stations, making it easy to reach on public transport.

The skills hub project is part of a joint venture with a number of partners including Telford & Wrekin Council, and the college will be working in close partnership with key local employers.

We want to attract and retain young people, help upskill residents of all ages and support businesses to grow.

The Station Quarter will create a perfect environment for thinking outside the box, pushing boundaries, and encouraging entrepreneurs.

It also makes the college even more accessible to people across the borough.

Statistics show that young people in Telford & Wrekin have aspirations which are lower than the national average. We are committed to working with our partners to change this.

This new Station Quarter project has the potential to open more people's eyes to what is possible, here in the town.

The world is changing fast – and Telford College at the forefront of an exciting and ambitious education evolution.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE? TO READ ABOUT
OUR ROLE IN THE 'STATION QUARTER', SEE:
[TELFORDCOLLEGE.AC.UK/JOIN-US/
ABOUT-OUR-APPROACH/STATION-QUARTER](https://telfordcollege.ac.uk/join-us/about-our-approach/station-quarter)**



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

In certain circumstances, we may be able to help you to cover the costs of studying at Telford College.

Funds are available through one of two Government-backed bursaries – enhanced or discretionary.

You may be eligible for an enhanced bursary worth up to £1,200 per academic year if you:

- Are classed as a ‘Looked After’ child by the Local Authority
- Have been ‘In Care’ and now classed as a ‘Care Leaver’
- Receive Income Support or Universal Credit in your own right
- Receive both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments in your own right

Students are not automatically entitled to £1,200 per year; we assess each application to identify an actual financial need.

If you do not qualify for an enhanced bursary, you may still be entitled to discretionary funds to help with the cost of coming to college.

Eligibility is dependent on household income. If you are aged 16-18 we will need to see the income of your parents or carers. If you are over 18 and living with parents or carers, we will want to see your own personal income.

A discretionary award may be able to help towards the following:

- Travel expenses
- Kit/uniform
- Books essential for your course
- Materials essential for your course
- Professional fees (including AAT registration fees)
- Exam fees (including one resit fee)
- Travel expenses for university visits (up to a maximum agreed)
- UCAS fees
- Educational visits and workshops
- Help with childcare fees when you are at college or placement
- College meals (certain criteria apply)

FOR MORE DETAILS ON OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGES, SEE:
[TELFORDCOLLEGE.AC.UK/JOIN-US/SUPPORT](https://telfordcollege.ac.uk/join-us/support)



TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

We have teamed up with public transport operator Arriva to bring you better-than-ever bus routes, making travel to and from college as easy as possible.

Full timetable details can be found at www.arrivabus.co.uk

The nearest bus stops for the college are, Wellington Telford College on Haybridge Road and Wellington Whitehouse Hotel on Watling Street.

Our Haybridge campus is also within easy walking distance of Wellington railway station, and the Wellington bus station. Full rail travel timetable details can be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk

For our new hub at Addenbrooke House in the Station Quarter, Telford Central railway station, and the main Telford town centre bus station are both just a few minutes’ walk away.

You may be eligible for financial support with getting to college.



OPEN EVENTS FOR 2023

February 15th

March 22nd

May 24th

June 21st




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