

FULL TIME COURSES

2016-17



YOUR FUTURE STARTS AT SOUTH THAMES



Every year I enjoy meeting our new students and hearing about their plans for the future. Helping our learners achieve their career goals is at the core of what we do so I am delighted you are thinking of joining us.

Choosing a college is an exciting time, but it can sometimes be difficult to know where to begin. Our guide will show you what you need to join one of our courses and what you can go on to do afterwards

Whether you want to star in a Hollywood blockbuster, start your own business, or aim for university, our courses are designed to give you the skills needed to succeed.

You'll be supported every step of the way by our teachers who are experts in their field and our industry-standard facilities will give you experience of working in a professional environment.

South Thames College has a long tradition of delivering top quality vocational courses and your success is important to us. Making sure our learners have the skills employers are looking for, means South Thames students are in the best possible position to get the job and career they want when they leave us.

So, come along to one of our open days to find out more about studying with us. I look forward to welcoming you to South Thames College in 2016.

Best wishes,

A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sue Rimmer'.

**Sue Rimmer OBE, Principal
and Chief Executive**



020 8918 7777

www.south-thames.ac.uk

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WHY SOUTH THAMES?

► **Our facilities** are just what you'd expect to find in the top industry places — from a specialist pastry kitchen to a TV recording studio with a green screen, and from commercial hair and beauty salons to a Sports England standard sports hall.

► **Plenty of progression opportunities.** We run courses from entry level up — keep on moving up with us.

► **Teachers with industry experience** — get the inside knowledge on what you want to do and be inspired by their own background.

► **Ofsted once again rated us as a 'good' college** — two inspections in a row is good going!

► **Boost your future** with our work experience and apprenticeship opportunities with companies like Sony and Mott MacDonald.

► **Show off your talent** with our help and join in one of the many competitions designed for students — including WorldSkills UK. Will you be our next national winner?





■ **Be part of our student network** — from being a student ambassador to our multi-faith board there's lots on offer if you want something more.

■ **We have university-level courses** that are flexible and affordable. And many are delivered in partnership with universities such as Kingston and Canterbury Christ Church.

■ **You're in safe hands** — we're an inclusive and vibrant college, and Ofsted rated our safeguarding and care for our students as 'outstanding'.

■ **We have whole teams** of people who are here just to support YOU. Whether it's general welfare or specific finance matters like applying for grants or loans.

■ **Specialist support** — if you have particular learning difficulties or disabilities, like deafness or dyslexia, our specialist team will make sure we support you so that there are no barriers to reaching your potential.

■ **Volunteer in the community** — most people love the satisfaction they get from helping someone out. And you'll learn new skills that are good for your future and for your CV.



Kingston
University
London

ual: university
of the arts
london



MADE FOR YOU...

We have great teaching facilities and technology, purpose built for your subject. This will make your time at the College exciting, fun and as close as possible to real working environments.



▶ Sports England standard sports hall, gym and aerobics area

▶ Commercial hair and beauty salons — you can enjoy cut price hair styling and treatments



▶ Modern plumbing, construction and engineering workshops kitted out with the latest tools

Professional car and motorbike garages

IT suites featuring the latest CAD software and 3D printers

▶ Specialist workshops to make and repair musical instruments

▶ 16mm Steenbeck editing suite





Music and TV recording studios with editing suites and green screen
Performing arts theatre and dance studio



Hospitality and Catering Academy with training kitchens, a specialist pastry kitchen and a commercial restaurant to give you experience with paying customers

Specialist science labs — make penicillin or experiment with radioactive elements



See **INSIDE** our campuses with Google Street View

Art and design studios and Mac design suites
Photography studio and dark rooms



Facilities vary between campuses

MORE THAN A QUALIFICATION

We want you to make the most of student life – you can't study all the time. So there are plenty of activities for you to join in with in your free time.

Get Out of the Classroom

Common Room

If you're between 16 and 18, you'll be able to unwind and make new friends in the common room that's run by our Enrichment Team. There are games consoles, table football, pool and table tennis, and internet access to check your email. You can also talk to the team about your course and what's going on with you.

Sport

Whether you're experienced or new to the sports on offer, we encourage you to get stuck in. You can join in with sports including basketball, football and badminton or use the gym. If you like a bit of competition

our teams, including football and basketball, enter league matches. Our women's volleyball team has won the National Plate and the men's football team has triumphed at the college regional league.

Activities

There's a huge range of activities through the year – from sports days, National Enterprise Week, Black History Month, and Interfaith weeks to Green Week. And we always kick off with a freshers' fair to help you see what's on offer inside and outside the College.





Get Involved

Volunteering

You can volunteer in a huge range of projects inside and outside the College. It's a great way to meet new people and learn skills and ideas from others. You'll have a positive impact on other people which can be a real boost for your self-esteem.

Learner Voice

If you like representing others and making a difference, you can stand as a Course Rep. You'll be elected by classmates and take their ideas and feedback to the College senior managers. How you work can help all students have a positive learning experience with us. It's great for your CV too.

Get Ready for Work

Work Experience

Last year over 600 of our students stepped out of the classroom and into the work place. Many even secured a part-time job while they were there. Work-related learning is included in most of our courses because it's so important to match course skills and knowledge with practical real life experience. Whether it's about meeting employers, working within organisations, volunteering or learning about the skills you need it's important for your future.

Student Ambassadors

Improve your customer service and problem-solving skills by becoming one of our student ambassadors. You'll have to pass an interview and be ready to work in a range of settings to become one of the team. Being able to pitch in and to behave with maturity and respect are key job skills and look great on your CV.





Get Extra Help

Tutorial Support

You'll be allocated a personal tutor who will become your guide while you're a student with us. You'll meet every week to make sure you're on track and get help with any issues you're having.

The Enrichment team

Our Enrichment Team works mainly with our 16–18 year olds. The team is made up of trained youth workers. They'll work with you and your teachers offering you informal advice and guidance so that you're fully supported during your studies.

Careers Advice

Your next steps are important to us. While our courses prepare you for your career or university, our careers advisers help with all the practical stuff. Talk to our dedicated team for advice on careers guidance including your UCAS form, advice on job-search skills, completing application forms, and preparing for job and college interviews.

Education Advice

If you've got questions about which course to take or what level to start at, talk to our independent, knowledgeable advisers. They can also help you find out the UK equivalent of any overseas qualifications you might have.



“Coming to the Enrichment Room helps me to make new friends. I also get to hear about all the extra activities around the College.”

Aishat, 17. Business student



FlexEd

Counselling

If you've got something on your mind that you want to talk about, come and speak to one of our qualified counsellors. We can talk privately about any problems or issues you might have in a confidential and non-judgemental environment.

We've helped students deal with lots of different problems including:

- stress and anxiety
- depression
- family and relationship problems
- low self-esteem
- bereavement
- abuse
- sexuality.

Just come into the Advice Centre at Wandsworth or Merton or book your appointment through the Reception at Tooting.

Get English and Maths Support

There are plenty of ways that we can help boost your English and maths skills. Literacy and numeracy are key to progressing to higher level study and good job prospects.

Read more on page 20.



SEE FOR YOURSELF



Open Days

Saturday 28 November
11am–2pm

Merton and Wandsworth Campus

Thursday 3 March
4–7pm

Merton Campus

Saturday 5 March
11am–2pm

Merton and Wandsworth Campus

Tuesday 8 March
4–7pm

Wandsworth Campus

Why not come and take a tour around our campuses? You can even try your hand at some course activities.

Book your place or find out more at www.south-thames.ac.uk/opensdays

Campus tours for school groups

If you're a teacher, careers adviser or youth worker and would like to bring in students to see the facilities, have a course taster or meet our tutors, get in touch. We're also able to visit on-site career events and school assemblies to talk about our courses.

www.south-thames.ac.uk/events or marketing@south-thames.ac.uk

Special Events

Check our events webpage for special activities and offers we run – especially at Taste Restaurant.

Visit www.south-thames.ac.uk/events



See **INSIDE** our campuses with Google Street View





**Remember
to check
which campus
your course
runs at.**

W Wandsworth Campus

Wandsworth High Street
SW18 2PP

Train: Wandsworth Town
or Clapham Junction

Tube: East Putney

Bus: 28, 37, 39, 44, 87, 156, 170, 220,
337, 485

M Merton Campus

London Road
Morden, SM4 5QX

Train: Morden South

Tube: Morden

Bus: 80, 93, 154

Tramlink: Morden Road

T Tooting Centre

71 Tooting High Street,
London, SW17 0TQ

Tube: Tooting Broadway

Train: Tooting

Bus: 44, 77, 57, 127, 131, 155, 219,
264, 270, 280, 333, 355, 493, G1

R Roehampton Centre

166 Roehampton Lane,
London, SW15 4HR

Train: Barnes

Bus: 72, 85, 170, 265, 430, 485, 493



WHERE WILL SOUTH THAMES TAKE YOU?



Performing
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JOHN BOYEGA, Performing Arts
Level 3 and our Performing Arts
ambassador. Graduated 2010

John is the new British acting talent joining the forthcoming *Star Wars* film alongside Hollywood veteran Harrison Ford. He's already appeared in *24* with Keifer Sutherland and *Half a Yellow Sun* with Oscar-nominated Chiwetel Ejiofor. "South Thames College encouraged me to pursue a career in acting. I really enjoyed my time there."

Read more stories at
**[www.south-thames.ac.uk/
mystory](http://www.south-thames.ac.uk/mystory)**

JULIETA AHMEDZE, Business
Level 3. Graduated 2014

After winning £1,000 at a student enterprise conference, Julieta's oxygen cocktail business, OxyOse, has gone from strength to strength and she's been nominated for three awards at the Great British Entrepreneur Awards. Based on a health drink her mother used, OxyOse is infused with pure oxygen. "The business plan I made in the classroom is what I'm using for OxyOse at the moment. I was also part of the Enterprise Society at College which was a fantastic way to network and build my skills."



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NATHANIEL 'TONEZ' FULLER,
Music Level 3. Graduated 2010

Nathaniel is an acclaimed drummer for stars like Rita Ora, Conor Maynard, Jessie J and recently finished a tour with Tinie Tempah. Nathaniel worked hard at College to improve his drumming, which had been a passion since he was three years-old. Head of school, Andy Cowan describes him as an, "Incredible talent who's gone on to be a world-class drummer."

ROWAN WOODCOCK MCSHERRY,
Professional Cookery Level 3. Graduated 2014

As part of his studies at our new Hospitality and Catering Academy, Rowan taught Boris Johnson how to make canapés, was mentored by the Academy's celebrity chef founding Ambassador, Bruno Loubet, and competed for medals in top competitions. "It was amazing for Bruno to give us a masterclass and supervise us catering for a charity dinner as it showed us different ways to prepare and present food." Recently he won silver (Best in Class) at the Wessex Salon

Culinaire Competition, one of the largest live culinary competitions in the UK. On top of this, Rowan completed his first work experience placement at the five star, Royal Garden Hotel in Kensington.



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and catering
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FIONA KEENAGHAN
Engineering Apprentice.
Graduated 2015

Fiona is an apprentice working with Thames Tideway Tunnel. She was awarded 'Inspirational Apprentice of the Year' in 2014 by STEMnet for her work inspiring other people into science and engineering courses. Fiona loved being an apprentice because she was given projects to manage. "At College ... you get good background knowledge and put it into practice.

And I won't have any debt as my company pays for my education."



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CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

Where to start	If you have no GCSEs or formal qualifications	If you have GCSEs at grade E–G or have an Entry Level qualification	If you have mainly D grades at GCSE or have a Level 1 qualification
	ENTRY LEVEL	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2
	<p>Courses at this level provide lots of support and help you to develop your personal and work skills.</p> <p>If you're successful at this level move up to Level 1.</p>	<p>These qualifications will give you practical experience either at College or through work experience.</p> <p>Progress from here to Level 2.</p>	<p>Build the skills and knowledge that employers want. Some courses at this level include work experience.</p> <p>Success here will lead to Level 3 or better job prospects.</p>
	<p>Qualifications available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills for Working Life • ESOL 	<p>Qualifications available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTECs • NVQs • City & Guilds 	<p>Qualifications available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BTECs • NVQs • City & Guilds • Apprenticeships • GCSEs • Vocational courses at our Business Centre

Confused about where to start?

Look at our quick-check guide below for help. Don't forget you can make an appointment with our impartial careers or education advisers to talk about your options.

We run courses in a wide range of subjects. Check for the subject area that interests you and then look at what courses are available.

And remember – we add new courses all the time so talk to us or check online to see what's available.

020 8918 7777

www.south-thames.ac.uk

Maths and English

Whatever job you're looking for, employers need you to have a good standard of maths and English. At some point you'll have to fill in paperwork or work with customers or suppliers so a basic level of maths and English is essential.

Maths and English will be part of vocational courses for all students aged 16–19.

If you have A*– C grades at GCSE or have a Level 2 qualification

LEVEL 3

These courses give you advanced-level skills combining practical knowledge and theory. If you want to go on to higher education or higher-level employment, this is an essential level.

Move up to Level 4 or better work prospects.

Qualifications available:

- BTECs (Extended)
- NVQs
- City & Guilds
- Apprenticeships
- Access to HE

LEVEL 4+ Higher Education

This is equivalent to degree-level study and we have lots of courses to choose from. Level 4+ qualifications give you far better work prospects and can take you onto higher study.

Qualifications available:

- HNCs / HNDs
- Foundation degrees
- BA degrees
- MAs and MBAs
- EDSML

UCAS points

BTEC Level 3 diploma grades	UCAS points	A-level grades
D*D*D*	420	A*A*A*
D*D*D	400	A*A*A
D*D D	380	A*A A
D D D	360	A A A
D D M	320	A A C
D M M	280	A C C
M M M	240	C C C
M M P	200	C C E
M P P	160	C E E
P P P	120	E E E

Entry requirements are given as a guide only and may be altered at any stage up to and including enrolment. Additional competency assessments may be required and we try to provide notice of this where possible. Completing one level, with us or at another institution, is no guarantee of being accepted onto a higher-level course. Each application is assessed on its own merits.

BUSINESS CENTRE

Our dedicated Business Centre works with employers to train their workforce and help grow their business at minimum cost. We offer work-based training programmes, apprenticeships, traineeships, vocational courses and courses for the unemployed.

We're one of London's largest training providers and have established contacts with industry from local hair salons to regional companies like Thames Tideway Tunnel and multinational businesses such as Balfour Beatty.

If you're a business looking for a cost-effective way to train your staff or an individual looking for career-focussed training, get in touch to see how the Business Centre can fit your needs.

Whether you're local and looking to boost the skills in your workforce, or you're looking for work and want to build your skills, contact us to find out how we can help.



Gibbs Estate Agents in Colliers Wood is one of many local employers we've supported. We helped director Greg Gibbs deliver a traineeship — a program designed to help young people who want to get an apprenticeship or job but don't yet have appropriate skills or experience. His trainee Stephanie (pictured) has now progressed onto a business administration apprenticeship within the company.

Call us on 020 8918 7272 or email business@south-thames.ac.uk to find out more

Read on to find out more about:

- APPRENTICESHIPS
- TRAINEESHIPS
- EMPLOYABILITY COURSES
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING

EMPLOYABILITY COURSES

We work with local job centres on short training programmes that give work skills training to unemployed people.

Courses include:

- **Health and social care**
- **Hospitality – with food safety**
- **Retail**
- **Cleaning**
- **Construction – with CSCS Card**
- **Door supervision – with SIA Licence**
- **IT.**

We also help in writing CVs, interview skills and job search classes to get people back into work.

If you're out of work and claiming Jobseeker's Allowance, speak to your Jobcentre Plus adviser who can refer your application to us.

If you just want to find out more about the courses you can reach our employability team on:

020 8918 7272

employability@south-thames.ac.uk

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The Business Centre also runs a selection of part-time, job-focussed courses if you're 19 or older and want to develop your skills. You don't need any GCSEs to get onto a course but you do need to be in work or volunteering because part of the assessment is looking at how you perform in a professional environment. Earn a Level 2 or Level 3 qualification in course areas including:

- **Health and social care**
- **Dental**
- **Team leading and management**
- **Children and young people workforce**
- **Business and administration**
- **Hospitality and catering**
- **Facilities (including management, security and cleaning)**
- **Construction**
- **Engineering**
- **Retail**
- **Customer service**
- **IT.**

Depending on your age and other circumstances, these courses could be part paid for.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprentices can earn and learn at the same time with days spent in work and some at College.

You'll develop skills and get an industry-recognised qualification to give you a head start at work. Our team matches apprentices to companies and develops training programmes to suit the needs of the business they're working with. So if you're not in a job already, don't worry, we can use the apprenticeship matching service to try to find you something. And we can help with any paperwork too.

So if you're 16 or older, get in touch now.

**Call 020 8918 7272 or email
apprenticeships@south-thames.ac.uk**



“Being an apprentice has given me opportunities to move ahead quicker and with more confidence. Working with a major employer like Morgan Sindall has opened up experiences that I wouldn't have got by studying full-time but I wanted to keep up my studies too. I'm really glad that my secondment to BBMV on the Crossrail project has helped me grow and learn on the job.”

REGINA TUMBLEPOT

Crossrail Apprentice
of the Year 2013



APPRENTICESHIPS

- **Accountancy** (see pg. 60)
- **Building Services Engineering** (see pg. 65)
- **Business Administration** (see pg. 43)
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- **Hospitality Services** (see pg. 95)
- **Plumbing** (see pg. 73)
- **Professional Cookery** (see pg. 98)
- **Social Media for Business** (see pg. 43)



TRAINEESHIPS

If you're 16-24 years old, unemployed and not sure how to find work, then our new traineeship programme could help you get work experience with an approved employer in the sector you want to work in. You'll get:

- Support with interview skills, CV writing and job applications
- Preparation to be an apprentice and be work ready – learn and earn
- English and maths training – if you don't have a GCSE grade C or above already
- Work-specific qualifications and taster courses in construction, hairdressing, health and social care, childcare and business
- Traineeships last from two weeks to six months and you'll be guaranteed either a job interview or exit interview.

Financial help is also available.

Get in touch on 020 8918 7272 or apprenticeships@south-thames.ac.uk

**We support around
350 apprentices and
trainees in over 20
industries at any
one time**

ENGLISH AND MATHS

We can help you improve your English and maths.

If you're 16 to 18 and studying full-time, then these will be part of your course anyway. If you're 19+ we can also run English and maths courses alongside subjects like Access (see page 25) to make sure you're ready to progress to the next stage of your learning journey – which for Access would be a university course.

You can also just study English and maths on their own. Maybe

it's been a while since you left school and you want to improve your job prospects. Or maybe you want to help your own children with their schoolwork and need more confidence to do that. Talk to us to see what's available.

English and maths courses are often free though you'll need to meet our entry requirements and do an assessment to get onto a course. And space is always limited because they're so popular.



AS PART OF ANOTHER COURSE

If you're 16-18 and studying full-time with us, then English and maths will be part of your course.

If you don't already have GCSE grade A*-C then we'll try to move you towards that goal. If you do already have top grades in GCSE then English and maths will still be part of your studies as literacy and numeracy are essential skills for the job market and you should be challenged to improve your English and maths all the time.

We also run a tailored course to help raise English and maths skills alongside key business and IT skills. This can help improve your ability to either progress to a higher-level course or to find work. Ask us about our 'Passport to Study and Work' programmes if you're between 16 and 20 and are looking for extra help.

And don't forget that if you're taking one of our popular Access courses (see p25), you may also get English and maths help alongside your course.



AS A STANDALONE COURSE

If you want to study English or maths, we've got several courses that could be just right for you. You don't have to be taking another course with us to take this course and you can study just English, just maths, or English and maths at the same time.

English

You can take a GCSE with us or learn at 'Functional Skills' level and work up to a GCSE in time if you want. Functional Skills runs from Entry Level through to Level 2 and we'll give you a short assessment to put you on the right course. We run our English classes in the morning, afternoon and evening and also some Saturdays, they may be one or two days per week. After your assessment, we'll tell you which level you can study at and put you in a group with students of a similar ability to give you the best learning experience.

Maths

You can take a GCSE with us or learn at 'Functional Skills' level and work up to a GCSE in time if you want. Functional Skills runs from Entry Level through to Level 2 and we'll give you a short assessment to put you on the right course. Our maths classes run in the morning, afternoon and evening and also some Saturdays, they may be one or two days per week. After your assessment, we'll be able to put you in a group of people with similar abilities to give you the best learning experience.

And if you're studying at Functional Skills level, the course includes an IT qualification too!

Visit www.south-thames.ac.uk/english to find out more or to book an assessment.

Please note this is one of the most popular courses at the College and we sometimes have to operate a waiting list.

ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Our English for International Students courses and qualifications help you to live, work and study in the UK and improve your international career opportunities. Many of our English courses can be studied alongside our other courses.

Recognised quality

- We are a member of English UK, the national association of accredited English language centres
- Our English courses meet the quality standards of Accreditation UK and are accredited by the British Council
- The majority of our students take Cambridge English examinations and the British Council / Cambridge IELTS
- All our courses are included in the quality assurance procedures of UK state education

- Our English Department was rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted, which is the UK Government's inspecting body for all schools and colleges
- We have a maximum class size of 22, though often our classes are smaller
- Students have access to online, audio and visual resources for practise outside of class.

Visit www.south-thames.ac.uk/EIS



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

If English is your second language and you live in Britain permanently you'll find our English courses helpful for your life, work or study. We offer nationally recognised qualifications at six levels: Beginner, Entry Levels 1 to 3 and Levels 1 and 2. And you can choose to study in the daytime or the evening.

ESOL for 19 years and older

Merton, Tooting, Wandsworth and Roehampton

This course focuses on your English. Through exercises in speaking, listening, reading and writing with our experienced ESOL tutors you'll build your confidence and practise English for everyday situations. With class outings and group activities, we make sure that learning is enjoyable as well as educational.

ESOL for 16-18 year olds

Merton and Wandsworth only

When you learn English with our experienced ESOL tutors you also study IT, personal and social development, job skills and maths.

You study three days a week at our Wandsworth or Merton Campus. To practise your English in different settings, and to help you make friends, we have plenty of class trips. You can also use our Enrichment Rooms and sports facilities on campus.

We have regular parents' and carers' evenings too.

Book your assessment

You'll need to take an assessment so we can test your level of English and recommend the best course for you. This will be at the campus you want to study at. Go to www.south-thames.ac.uk/ESOLtest to book a time and date that suits you – slots go very quickly and sometimes there may be a waiting list.

Visit www.south-thames.ac.uk/ESOL



“I came to the UK from Pakistan and decided to study ESOL at the College as I spoke little English.

“I started at Entry 2 and then progressed to Entry 3. Now my English is good enough to be on my Business Level 2 course. The teaching methods were easy to follow and made the learning more straightforward.

“Because my ESOL class was full of different nationalities, I learnt about different cultures from my new friends at the same time as improving my English.

“Eventually I want to be an accountant.”

ATIQA, ESOL

24 or older? Your course could be free!

If you're 24 or over, you could get government money to fund a Level 3 or Level 4 course and **pay nothing upfront!**

And If you go straight on to complete a higher education course **your loan is wiped off automatically.**

The 24+ Advanced Learning Loan covers your tuition fees and you only pay it back when you're earning over £21k. You'll receive a minimum of £300 towards your fees. It's not means tested and you don't have to be in work to get the loan. And if you go straight on to complete a uni-level course, the loan is wiped off!

To find out more, speak to Student Services:

020 8918 7777
student.services@south-thames.ac.uk

24+
ADVANCED
LEARNING
LOANS

For full information see:
www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans

You can get independent financial advice from the Money Advice Service:
www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk

Choose your course:

- Accounting AAT – Level 3 and 4
- Art and Design Foundation Diploma (FAD) – Level 3 and 4
- Beauty Therapy – Level 3
- Business BTEC Extended Diploma – Level 3
- Electrical Installation courses – Level 3
- Engineering BTEC Extended Diploma – Level 3
- Fashion and Textiles UAL Extended Diploma – Level 3
- Hairdressing (Cutting and Styling Specialists) VRQ Diploma – Level 3
- Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair City & Guilds Diploma – Level 3
- Patisserie and Confectionery NVQ Diploma – Level 3
- Plumbing City & Guilds Diploma – Level 3
- Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools – Level 3
- Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-Up VRQ Diploma – Level 3

And ANY of our Access courses!



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

**Looking
for a new
career?**

Many popular careers need you to have a degree so if you've missed out on university, an Access course could get you back on track.

Our Access to nursing course, for example, could be your first step to a job in nursing or in healthcare science, as a physiotherapist, paramedic or a dental therapist. It's never too late to start your training and any experience you can bring will be an asset.

So, if you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

Government loans could cover your fees and we can give you help in English and maths too.

Do you want to be a:

- **Teacher**
- **Nurse**
- **Lawyer**
- **Social worker**
- **Film or TV producer**
- **Fashion designer**
- **Business executive, manager or entrepreneur?**



“ My course has been I would definitely recommend South Thames College – I am so grateful to the College, my time here has really built up my confidence.”

TEMI, studied Access to Nursing, now at King's College, London



ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Level 3

Entry requirements:

You'll need to show knowledge of the subject and a commitment to research and study at this level.

Many universities ask for GCSE English and maths A*–C as well as your Access certificate for entry onto their courses so ideally you'll have these already. If you don't already have A*–C in GCSE English and maths, you can take an English and/or maths assessment with us and still get onto our Access course depending on your results. You can look at our English and maths courses online or ask for more information at your interview.

If you haven't got the entry requirements for an Access course, check out our Preparation for Access on page 29.

Assessment:

Assessments take place throughout the course with essays, assignments, presentations, tests and exams. To gain the Access Diploma you'll need to achieve 60 credits with a minimum of 45 at Level 3.

Next step:

Progress to a university course in a relevant subject. You should always check the entry requirements for the courses and universities you are interested in.

Don't forget that South Thames runs plenty of university-level courses so there could be something here that fits your career plans.

Business

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB020

You'll study specialist business units including marketing, planning, strategy, operations, business environment, human resources and finance, as well as IT, to prepare you for university study. Tutorial sessions will help you with your UCAS applications and there is also a focus on the development of study skills to give you everything you'll need to succeed at degree level. You'll cover many different approaches to learning including research, observation, written assessment, peer assessment and individual and small group presentations.

Law

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB024

You'll study specialist law units including legal research skills, criminal law, tort, sources of law and common contract/employment law to prepare you for degree study. Tutorial sessions will help you with your university applications through the UCAS system. Access training focuses on developing study skills to equip you for the requirements of higher education. This course is ideal if you're interested in studying law at university.

**PAY
FOR YOUR
COURSE WITH
A GOVERNMENT
FUNDED 24+ LOAN.**

The loan is not means tested and is **WIPED OFF** if you go straight on and finish a university course.

See page 24
for details.

Fashion

Access to Higher Education Diploma (London College of Fashion)

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB439

We're running this course with our partner University of the Arts London (UAL): London College of Fashion. If you want a career in fashion, this course will help you prepare to study at university level. As part of our partnership with UAL, successful learners will be guaranteed an interview at UAL for an undergraduate course.

Topics include:

- Fashion theory
- Fashion design
- Studio practice
- Pattern-cutting and drawing techniques
- Study skills.

You'll learn how fashion changes, how the new season's range is put together and what inspires the designers. How trends are influenced and shared has changed hugely with blogging and Instagram and this course will help you understand the different sides of the industry. You'll learn how fashion works from first inspiration to creating a must-have item.

Assessment: In addition to the assessment method shown on the right, your work will be reviewed with the London College of Fashion tutors and you will receive feedback on how to present your work portfolio.

Entry requirements: See panel on page 26.

Materials fees: You may need to buy some materials as part of this course. We try to keep information on materials and related costs of these up-to-date but know that errors may appear. Please confirm with us directly if you think this is going to be a problem so you confirm information before joining a course.

Next step: As part of this course, you're eligible to apply to University of the Arts, London through our progression agreement with them. This helps you with feedback on your portfolio and interview preparation. We will help and support your applications either directly or through UCAS and you can take part in our partnership progression scheme with the UAL, which means that all successful learners will be guaranteed an interview at UAL for an undergraduate course.

Media

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB025

This course combines theoretical and practical approaches to the study of modern media technologies. It will also prepare you for university by teaching you study and IT skills. You'll learn how to write features and news articles, make digital films, study and evaluate how media messages are constructed and the different ways that they shape both the world and how we make sense of it. If you've ever wanted to explore 'what is media?' then this course is ideal for you. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course, and you'll get help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system.

You'll be expected to study extra hours outside of the class in order to manage strict work deadlines and to cope with the workload on this intensive course.



Level 3

Health and Human Sciences

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB022

You'll study chemistry, physiology, physics, study skills, English, maths, nutrition and IT. Many different approaches to learning are used including individual and small/large group work. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course and you'll also get help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system.

Humanities and Social Sciences

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB023

You'll choose three subjects from a list that includes: historical studies, literature, linguistics, sociology and psychology. The programme will help you to develop critical thinking, reflection, analysis and of course the academic skills – all of which will prepare you for independent study at university. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course, and you'll receive help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system.

Nursing

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB026

You'll study nursing, physiology, study skills, social psychology, English, maths, nutrition and IT. Many approaches to learning are used including individual and small/large group work. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course. Health and social care courses like this open up a huge range of career options to you. If you're an international student, please note that many UK universities will not accept you for a nursing degree if you are here on a visa.

Social Work

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB027

You'll study psychology, social policy, sociology, study skills, maths, English and IT. In addition to this, tutorial sessions will help you with your university applications through the UCAS system.



PREPARATION FOR ACCESS

Level 2

Teaching (Education Studies)

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB021

This course is ideal if you want to go to university and follow a career in education but don't yet have the academic qualifications. Recognised by universities across the UK, you'll focus on the essentials of teaching and develop your knowledge of core subjects.

You'll be expected to study extra hours outside of the class in order to manage strict work deadlines and to cope with the workload on this intensive course. Your tutors will help you through your course units and with your UCAS application and university interview. You'll take units in education studies, research, essay writing, IT and two of the following:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- History
- Literature
- Linguistics and original writing.

If you want to study primary teaching at university you'll take a short placement in a school alongside your course.

Assessment: You'll be assessed by essays, written assignments, presentations throughout the course and also take exams. You need to gain 60 credits in total, with 45 at Level three, to achieve the qualification.

Entry requirements: You'll need to show a commitment to teaching and have GCSE A*–C in either English or maths with a minimum grade D in the other. If you're planning to teach in a primary school, you'll also need GCSE science to meet university entry requirements. You should always check the entry requirements for the courses and universities you are interested in progressing onto.

Next step: If you want to progress onto teaching, you'll need a GCSE in maths, English and science at A*–C.

Business, Law, Media and Humanities

Preparation for Access to Higher Education

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB045

This course helps you develop study skills, knowledge and confidence so that you'll be ready to progress to an Access course.

Assessment: Continual assessment and exams.

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry requirements but you'll need to show a commitment to study and demonstrate maths and English at an appropriate level, which may be by an assessment with us.

Next step: Progress on to the Access course or one of the many business courses we offer.

Nursing, Health Sciences and Social Work

Preparation for Access to Higher Education

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB399

As part of the pre-Access programme you can study for this Level 2 diploma in health and social care and functional skills (English, maths and IT).

Assessment: Continual assessment and exams.

Entry requirements: There are no formal entry requirements but you'll need to show a commitment to study and demonstrate maths and English at an appropriate level, which may be by an assessment with us.

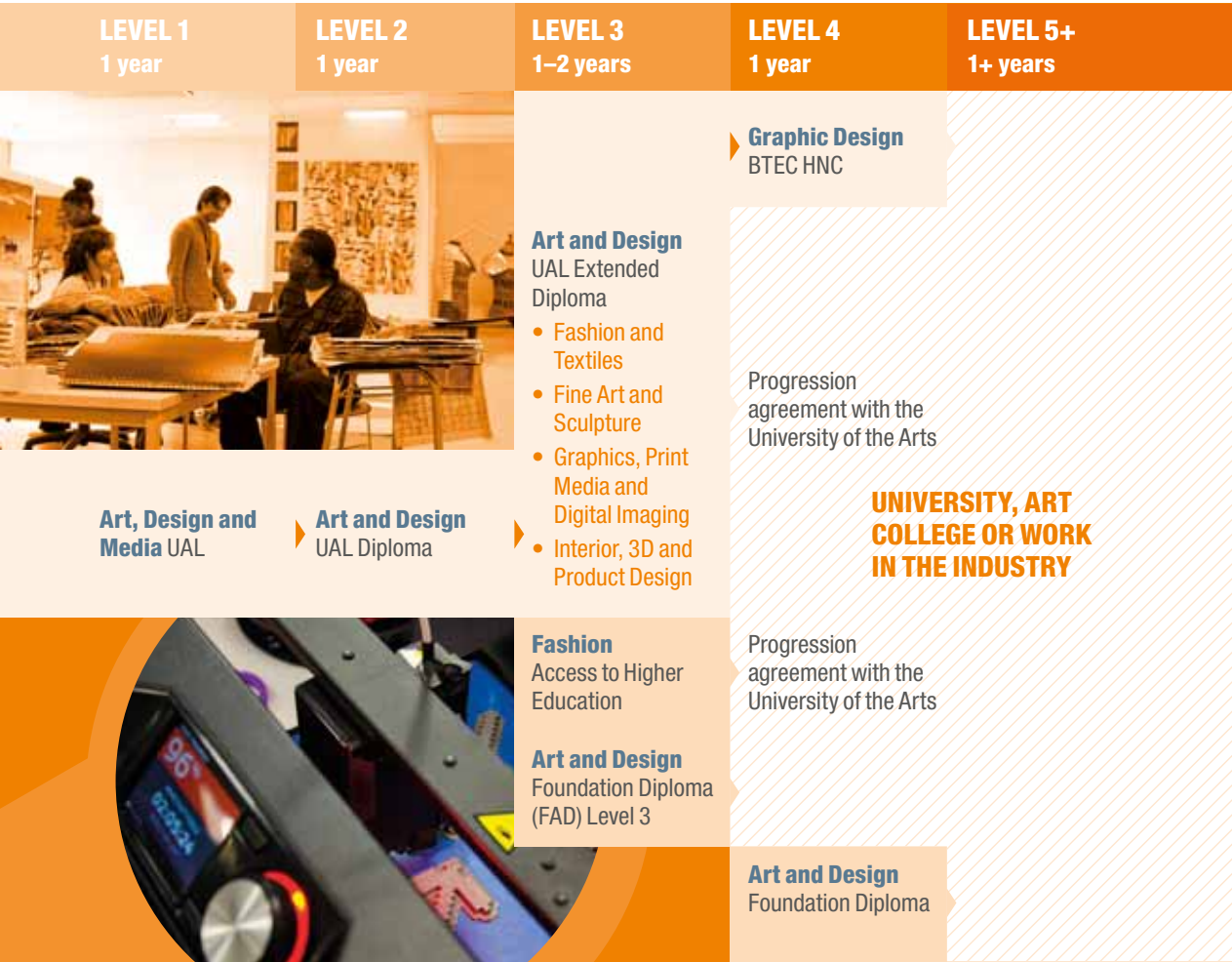
Next step: Progress on to the Access course or other Level 3 programme eg nursing, social work or health science.

ART, DESIGN & FASHION



career paths:
artist, designer-
maker, fashion
designer,
interior designer,
merchandise,
photographer, and
many more





Many of our courses are run with University of the Arts London (UAL).

UAL is Europe's largest specialist arts and design university. It has launched many high profile creative and cultural careers, including world famous fashion designers like Stella McCartney and Christopher Kane and:

- **More than half of all Turner Prize nominees**
- **Over half of the designers named British Designer of the Year**
- **More than a third of the 40 artists named in the Catlin Guide's most promising graduate artists**
- **12 winners of the Jerwood Photography Awards.**

MATERIALS FEE:

You'll buy an art kit and this provides a variety of resources worth more than the cost – payment is assessed on your circumstances.



Art, Design and Media

University of the Arts London
Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB487

To help you be a better artist, you'll study a variety of techniques and processes helping you focus on more advanced subjects as you progress through the levels. The course is a great introduction to art, design and media and will help build your skills ready for future study or work. During the course you'll have the chance to create your own animation, organise your own photo-shoot and design your own accessories.

You must complete all set projects before completing a self-directed end of year final project. Units include:

- A project in 2D or 3D
- Drawing and painting
- Printmaking
- English and maths.

Assessment: Continuous assessment and coursework, including exhibitions.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience. You'll also need to show some art and design work at interview, which could include sketchbooks, drawings, etc. If you don't have examples of your previous work, we may ask you to complete some practical tasks as part of your interview to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: You can progress to our Level 2 course in art and design.

Level 2

Art and Design

University of the Arts London
Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB488

If you want to get started in art and design, this course helps you look at the creative process and principles of art and design but not in a rigid course structure. Your projects, which last from two to six weeks, help you apply new skills in more and more complex ways to push your learning.

And there'll be plenty of visits to galleries, museums and exhibition spaces to open up your eyes to new ideas and practices.

Assessment: Assessment will take place at the end of each project, every four to six weeks. You'll also be assessed through individual and group presentations.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification with appropriate levels of English and maths. You'll also need to provide a portfolio of art and design work at interview – which could include sketchbooks, drawings, etc. If you don't have a portfolio, we may ask you to complete some practical tasks as part of your interview to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: Move up to our Level 3 course in art and design run with the University of the Arts London and build your skills.

tutor profile:

EDDIE SMITH,
Art and Design Lecturer

Our tutors have real world experience and add to their knowledge all the time. As well as teaching, Eddie is an artist in his own right. In 2013, he was shortlisted for the prestigious Jerwood Drawing Prize, beating competition from 3,000 other entrants. His entry explored how a mark on paper can move to a 3D installation. After the opening exhibition in London, his artwork toured the UK along with 75 other shortlisted pieces.

"It was a great opportunity to show my students the process of entering art competitions, and hopefully will motivate and inspire them to get their work out there too."





MATERIALS FEE:

You'll buy an art kit and this provides a variety of resources worth more than the cost – payment is assessed on your circumstances.



Level 3

University of the Arts London Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

Choose to study ONE of these exciting art and design pathways:

- Fashion and Textiles
- Fine Art and Sculpture
- Graphics, Print Media and Digital Imaging
- Interior, 3D and Product Design

See the course descriptions that follow for details about each course.

Assessment: Continuous assessment and coursework, including exhibitions.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You must also show a portfolio of your art and design work at interview, which could include sketchbooks, drawings and samples. If you don't have this, the interview panel will give you tasks to complete for interview.

Next step: As part of this course, you're eligible to apply to University of the Arts, London through our progression agreement with them. This helps you with feedback on your portfolio and interview preparation. You can also progress to the HNC in Graphic Design here at South Thames College or to an art and design degree at university or art college. You can also look for related work in a range of art, craft and design specialisms.

FASHION AND TEXTILES

CODE: CB489

Are you the next fashion icon or entrepreneur? Can you work under pressure to tight deadlines and deliver top quality products with innovative ideas? You'll develop skills to produce and market your own range of jewellery, clothes and home accessories to support you into work in jobs like visual merchandising, stylist, retail display, pattern cutter, tailor or prop and costume making for theatre and film. At the end of the course you'll have a professional portfolio of digital and traditional disciplines to present for further study or work.

FINE ART AND SCULPTURE

CODE: CB489

This is your chance to get involved in live briefs and competitions and begin to market yourself in the artistic industries. We'll help you build your portfolio for further study or work. Studying fine art and sculpture will help you develop a variety of experimental and traditional material to make statements about yourself and the world around you. You'll get a broad understanding of the subjects through techniques and processes to include portraiture, scenery painting for film and theatre as well as sculptural modelling for forensic and medical research. You'll present your work for commission, public art spaces, competition, scholarships and exhibition. At the end of the course you'll have a professional portfolio of digital and traditional disciplines to present for further study or work.

GRAPHICS, PRINT MEDIA AND DIGITAL IMAGING

CODE: CB489

Are you ready for the fast-paced and competitive world of digital imaging mixed with print media? You'll create artwork that covers magazine layout, infographics, design, mixed media approaches and illustration as well as motion graphics and specialist software skills.

You'll present your work for commission, public art spaces, competition, scholarships and exhibition. At the end of the course you'll have a professional portfolio of digital and traditional disciplines to present for further study or work.

INTERIOR, 3D AND PRODUCT DESIGN

CODE: CB489

Be imaginative, creative and innovative to become the next design icon. You'll be working on industry-standard design briefs and live projects to develop the skills needed to be successful in studio display and design, exhibition display, theatre, TV and set design, product design, as well as domestic and commercial interiors.

You can also focus your skills on bespoke design for creative sectors such as festivals, music and film industry, bands and clubs.

You'll present your work for commission, public art spaces, competition, scholarships and exhibition. At the end of the course you'll have a professional portfolio of digital and traditional disciplines to present for further study or work.

See also
**Film,
Media and
Multimedia**
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Access to Higher Education

Fashion

Access to Higher Education
Diploma (London College of
Fashion)

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB439

If you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

We're running this course with our partner University of the Arts London (UAL): London College of Fashion. If you want a career in fashion, this course will help you prepare to study at university level. As part of our partnership with UAL, successful learners will be guaranteed an interview at UAL for an undergraduate course.

Topics include:

- Fashion theory
- Fashion design
- Studio practice
- Pattern-cutting and drawing techniques
- Study skills.

You'll learn how fashion changes, how the new season's range is put together and what inspires the designers. How trends are influenced and shared has changed hugely with blogging and Instagram and this course will help you understand the different sides of the industry. You'll learn how fashion works from first inspiration to creating a must-have item.

See page 25 for full details

Art and Design

Foundation Diploma (FAD)
Level 3 or 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB490, CB525

This is a great course if you've already turned 18 and want to get on track for art and design at university. The foundation diploma prepares you for specialist art and design studies either at art college or university. The course is challenging and intensive and you'll build on your skills as well as discover plenty of new ideas, media and ways of learning.

You'll explore a broad range of disciplines in fine art (drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, fashion, surface design, 3D sculpture, spatial design, graphic design and illustration) with growing independence until your final projects. Most of the course is based on practical work, so you'll respond to simulated briefs and meet deadlines. You'll develop your critical independence and ability to respond in a thoughtful and creative way while meeting the needs of the brief. You'll also study art history and contextual studies projects where topics include:

- Exploratory stage research
- Recording and responding
- Media experimentation
- Preparation and progression
- Pathway stage information and interpretation
- Personal experimental studies
- Extended media development
- A final major project.

If you study at Level 4, your final project and written work will be assessed at a higher level, and against slightly different marking criteria. We will discuss the different levels with you and what will work best for you at interview.

Assessment: Continuous assessment and coursework.

Entry requirements: Depending on whether you study at Level 3 or Level 4, you'll need GCSEs grades A*-C in maths and English and a Level 3 qualification, eg an A-level, which will ideally be art and design related (or equivalent). If you're an older student, you might have a Level 2 qualification and some appropriate work experience so talk to us about how we can help find a route onto this course for you. You must be 18 years or older. You'll need to bring a portfolio of your recent art and design work to interview. If you don't have one, you'll be set tasks by the interview panel.

Next step: Progress on to the HNC in Graphic Design at South Thames College or on to a range of higher level courses at an art college or university.

Higher Education

Level 4

Graphic Design

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE252

Cover the diverse disciplines in the creative industries, such as print to motion graphics, photographic work, typography, illustration and editorial and web design. You'll learn the essential skills of visual communication and draw on inspiration from all areas of art and design, and through your own life experiences, to develop your individual visual style. This is a practical course with time specific and industry-related briefs.

Progress onto a HND, degree or work in a range of graphics or related roles, including ad designers and illustrators.

See website for full details



“ I wanted to change my career and do something that I loved, and my course has changed my life completely. It's only been two years but I have achieved so much and I'm really excited to move forward. I couldn't have done it all without the support of the college.”

LISA, Art and Design Level 3



MATERIALS FEE:

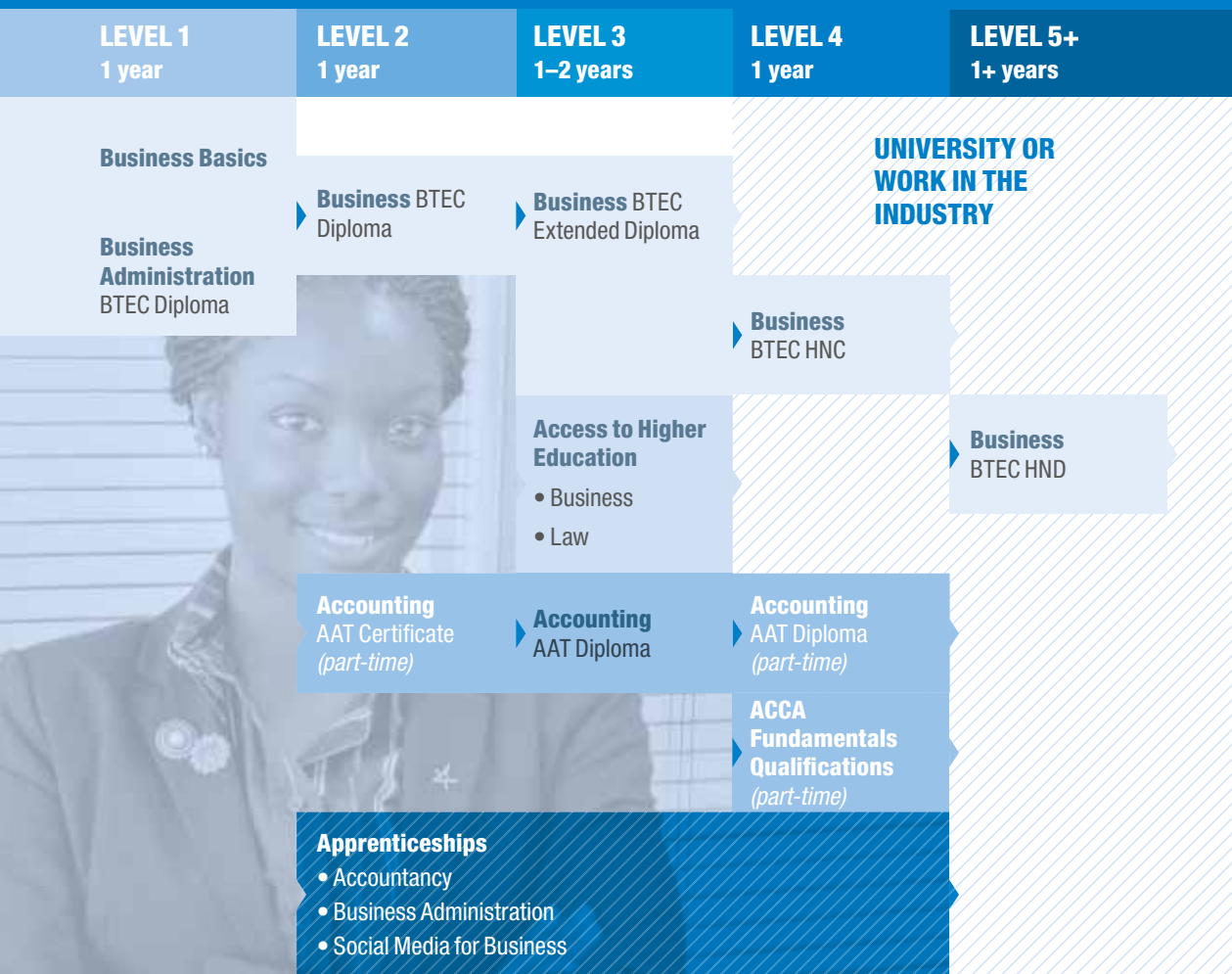
You'll buy an art kit and this provides a variety of resources worth more than the cost – payment is assessed on your circumstances.

BUSINESS & ADMINISTRATION



career paths:
accounting,
administration,
finance,
management, retail
and customer
service, marketing,
human resources,
and many more





ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING

Level 3

Accounting

AAT Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS OR 24 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME OR PART TIME
EVENING OR FAST TRACK

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB135

This course offers technical training in accounting and teaches you specialist knowledge and skills to progress to a further qualification in accountancy or a related field. At this level you'll master more complex financial processes including financial accounts for sole traders and partnerships, VAT administration and professional ethics.

Required units:

- Accounts preparation
- Preparing final accounts for sole traders and partnerships
- Costs and revenue
- Indirect tax
- Professional ethics
- Spreadsheets.

Assessment: You'll be assessed throughout the year with an online computer-based test marked by the AAT automatically so you see your provisional result immediately.

Entry requirements:

- AAT Level 2 Accounting Certificate
- City & Guilds Level 2 Bookkeeping and Accounting or a relevant degree
- Relevant work experience will also be considered
- You must be working in an accounting role
- You must be 18 or above at the start of the course, pass an interview and entry test in maths and English.

Next step: You could apply for jobs as a section leader in a large organisation or as a senior bookkeeper in a smaller organisation. You could also act as treasurer to clubs and voluntary societies. You could progress further in your career and continue to the AAT Level 4 at South Thames College.

Apprenticeships

Accountancy Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BB

An accountancy apprenticeship is great if you're thinking about becoming a chartered accountant and want to get hands-on experience by learning on the job.

You'll pick up vital skills and knowledge including:

- Cash management
- Determining asset value and what fixed assets are
- Costing and VAT
- Professional ethics in accounting
- Different practices for sole traders and partnerships and fixed assets.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with either a Level 2, 3 or 4 in Accountancy if you complete the apprenticeship successfully.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an accountancy apprentice with us, you must:

- Have four GCSE grades A*-C including maths and English; OR a Level 2 accounting qualification; OR relevant experience
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: Remember that you may need to invest in some smart clothing appropriate to an office environment. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay on and progress with the company they were apprenticed to. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

BUSINESS STUDIES

Level 1

Business Basics

Introduction

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON AND WANDSWORTH

CODE: PR00111BU

This course will look at business studies and also core IT skills so that you'll be ready to progress onto a higher level of study and choose to specialise in business or computing and IT. You may also graduate with enough skills to consider one of our other specialised courses. During the course you'll also work on your English and maths to help you fill in any gaps in the qualifications that are key to you studying at the next level up and improve your job prospects. If you want to leave straight into work, this course could improve your understanding of key tasks that you'd need in almost any job.

Details on this course are still being finalised, so please ask us about this passport to study and work for more information.

Entry requirements: This course is aimed mainly at 16-18 year olds, though we may take you students up to 20 years old. You'll need to have an interview with a tutor to check this course is right for you and that you can work comfortably to keep pace with the abilities of other students on the class.

Next steps: Look in more detail at a subject that interests you now that you have the foundations. This might be IT, business or another specialist study area like travel and tourism.

Level 2

Business

BTEC Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB102

This course is an ideal introduction to business studies. If you want an office-based job or to work in retail, this course will give you a great overview of business. It builds on the skills you already have and introduces you to new aspects of the business world so your future career options become even more interesting. You'll also have a work placement to give you real world experience, previously this has been with companies like Tesco, Office Angels and Next. We also run several visits a year to companies, often based in the City, to see the different roles and practices for the organisation – this will help you understand how different business sectors work. Previous visits have included Bank of Tokyo and Red Star Insurance. We also take part in other initiatives as they become available, for example, last year our students took part in a Dragon's Den style event run by Wandsworth Council. You'll study a variety of business topics including:

- Business organisations
- Financial management
- Marketing and sales
- Enterprise
- Customer service
- Business planning – as part of this module you'll work in teams to develop a business plan and raise money for a community project
- Business communication and information
- Recruitment.

Assessment: You'll be assessed throughout the year with coursework and exams.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: You'll be given a book list and you'll be expected to buy the main textbook for the course. Our library is well-stocked with everything else you need.

Next step: Continue on to a Level 3 course if you would like to get the entry requirements for university or for better job prospects. You could also take up an apprenticeship.

Go online to see our ACCA and AAT part-time and fast track options.

▶ Level 3

Business

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB225

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This course develops the knowledge, understanding and skills you'll need to become a decision-maker in business. You'll be able to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding in a way that suits you best. We also run several visits a year to companies, often based in the City, to see the different roles and practices for the organisation – this will help you understand how different business sectors work. Previous visits have included AXA insurance and the UK's top law firm, Clifford Chance. As part of our work with the Career Academy, we have guest speakers from big business who are experts in their field, to talk about their journey to their role, what you need to do to be prepared for interviews and work and what employers are looking for. Some of our students have internships through Career Academy too. Before our students have interned with top companies like Liberty Insurance, Citibank, Halifax and Barclays – some have even been offered full-time work afterwards. We have also run a successful 'study buddy' programme with a London university to help prepare our students for applying to university and being prepared for higher-level study.

Subjects include:

- Effective people management
- Communication and information in business
- Economics
- Business planning
- Introduction to marketing
- Accounting and finance
- Career development and planning
- Law
- Investigating business resources.

Assessment: You'll be assessed throughout the year with coursework and exams.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: You'll be given a book list and you'll be expected to buy the main textbook for the course. Our library is well-stocked with everything else you need.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress into higher education or start a career in administration, finance and accounts, marketing, management or law.



Apprenticeships

Business Administration Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BD

This apprenticeship is perfect if you want to learn on the job and gain skills that will help you with a career in office-based business or retail. You'll get real-world experience and this could be from a range of different sectors including healthcare, education, marketing and many more.

A business and administration apprenticeship can help you learn key transferable skills and get an insight into areas like:

- How businesses work
- Data management
- Personal development
- Improving your performance at work.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave the course with a qualification in Business and Administration.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: Remember that you may need to invest in some smart clothing appropriate to an office environment. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

Social Media for Business Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: TBA

An apprenticeship in Social Media for Business is ideal if you want to build your marketing skills and learn how social media tools can help promote business. The course will give you an insight into the current social media platforms available.

You'll pick up vital skills and knowledge including:

- Creating and optimising content for the web
- Communicating using digital marketing channels
- Keywords and search optimisation.

Social media is a valuable tool for any business, so this experience will be valuable across a wide range of sectors.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave the course with a qualification in Business and Administration.

The name of the course, as it appears on your qualification or certificate, will be Social Media for Business

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Have four GCSE grades A*-C including maths and English; OR a Level 2 accounting qualification; OR relevant experience
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: You may need to invest in some smart clothing for work. Our team will discuss this with you and any other items you need for college.

Next Steps: Most of our apprentices stay on and progress with the company they were apprenticed to. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.



tutor profile:

LYNETTE BORROW — Tutor

As a former market analyst for a major petrochemical company, I have direct experience of what I teach. I reviewed market trends, competitor analysis and new business opportunities nationally and internationally and helped the company grow. While I've taught for over 20 years now, I'm still a freelance consultant in business analysis and marketing support so I know the theory and real-world practicalities.

With the professional qualifications I've taken while working — including an MBA — I know that it takes commitment and energy to study after a day's work so I really try to make the teaching relevant, interesting and well-paced.

Access Courses

Level 3

If you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

Access to Higher Education Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

BUSINESS

CODE: CB020

You'll study specialist business units including marketing, planning, strategy, operations, business environment, human resources, finance and IT, to prepare you for university study. Tutorial sessions will help you with your UCAS applications and there is also a focus on the development of study skills to give you everything you'll need to succeed at degree level. You'll cover many different approaches to learning including research, observation, written assessment, peer assessment and individual and small group presentations.

LAW

CODE: CB024

You'll study specialist law units including legal research skills, criminal law, tort, sources of law and common contract/employment law to prepare you for degree study. Tutorial sessions will help you with your university applications through the UCAS system. Access training focuses on developing study skills to equip you for the requirements of higher education. This course is ideal if you're interested in studying law at university.

[See page 25 for full details](#)

Higher Education

Level 4

Business

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE245

This course will prepare you for a career in business management. Understanding what makes businesses successful and how to respond to market forces can make you employable in lots of different industries. You'll carry out a project in an established business and learn from a programme of speakers who are experts in their fields. A useful qualification in its own right, the HNC is also a stepping stone to a full degree. Units covered include: the business environment, managing financial resources and decisions, organisations and behaviour, marketing principles.

[See website for full details](#)

Level 5

Business

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER OR FEBRUARY

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE244

Build on the knowledge and skills developed on the HNC and cover a variety of business subjects to get a good grounding in practical business knowledge. You'll learn the fundamentals of marketing, finance and e-commerce as well as legal issues within business, all of which will serve you well as either a business employee or an entrepreneur. After this you could progress to the final year of a degree programme or start your career. Units include: Business decision making, business strategy, research project, contract and negligence.

[See website for full details](#)

We also run a part-time leadership and management ILM certificate – go online for more details



“ I can't recommend South Thames College enough – it's brilliant. I developed my business plan in class during my first year, and my course taught me all about marketing and how to get my product out there. Everything I've learned at the college has really helped me with my own business, Oxy Ose.”

JULIETA, Business Level 3

CHILDCARE, HEALTH, CARE & SCIENCE



career paths:
childcare assistant,
nanny, playworker,
healthcare assistant,
social worker,
care worker, lab
technician, nurse
and many more



“South Thames has helped me to get work placements and experience in clinics and labour wards. And they’ve been teaching me good communication skills so I can help patients to feel comfortable and relaxed. I love the college and I think it has brought out the best in me.”

JOAN,
Health and Social Care Level 3



LEVEL 1
1 year

LEVEL 2
1 year

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

LEVEL 4
1 year

LEVEL 5+
1+ years

**Preparation for
Level 2 courses**
See website for
details

**Early Years
Education and
Care** CACHE
Certificate

▶ **Childcare and
Education** CACHE
Diploma

▶ **Early Years
Foundation
Degree**

**Apprenticeship
in Childcare**

**Health and Social
Care** BTEC Diploma

▶ **Health and
Social Care** BTEC
Extended Diploma

▶ **Health and Social
Care** BTEC HNC

▶ **Health and Social
Care** BTEC HND

**Access to Higher
Education**

- Health and Human Sciences
- Nursing
- Social Work

**UNIVERSITY OR
WORK IN THE
INDUSTRY**

**Apprenticeships in
Health and Social Care**

**Apprenticeships in
Dental Nursing**

Applied Science
BTEC Extended
Diploma

**Pharmaceutical and
Chemical Sciences**
FdSc (Kingston University)

**Counselling:
Preparing for
Qualifications**
(short course)

▶ **Certificate in
Counselling
Skills**

▶ **Certificate in
Counselling
Studies**

CHILDCARE AND EARLY YEARS

Level 2

Early Years Educator and Care CACHE Certificate Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB423

This course helps prepare you to work with children from birth to five years. You'll also learn about children up to seven years. You'll have to do 360 hours of work placements in a range of childcare settings, this means two days a week will be in a real-world setting. Alongside your work placement, you'll hear from different professionals, including midwives and teachers, to help you understand the needs, pressures and skills involved in working within early years.

Units include:

- The role of the early years practitioner
- Legislation relating to safeguarding, protection and welfare of children
- How to plan to meet the needs of the developing child
- Supporting children's play and development
- A child's needs in preparing for school
- Observation, assessment and planning.

Assessment: You'll be assessed in your work placement to focus on your practical skills. There will be an external exam and internally assessed assignments with practical and theoretical activities focusing on real work situations.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English and maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: You'll need to buy some appropriate childcare books and you'll get information on this at interview or enrolment. You'll also need to pay for your Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (formerly CRB) which you'll need for your work placement.

Next step: Find a job or an apprenticeship or move on to our full-time Level 3 diploma in childcare to boost your career prospects.

Level 3

Childcare and Education CACHE Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB422

This course gives you the skills and knowledge to work unsupervised in different childcare settings. Our childcare courses provide a real insight into working in this sector. We have a range of visiting speakers, such as midwives, nursery managers and early years teachers to share their professional experience with you and help you understand what effective professional behaviours and standards are. Our university lecture series will also give you a view of the study options available to you and how to make the most of student life.

Units relate to promoting children's care and education and include:

- Child development from conception to seven years
- Children's health and well-being
- Providing safe environments for children
- Play and learning
- Understanding children's additional needs
- Observation, assessment and planning
- Supporting emergent literacy and maths
- Preparing for school readiness
- International perspectives
- Professional partnerships.

There are 750 hours on a work placement in a range of childcare settings. This means two days a week will be in a real-world setting.

Assessment: You'll be assessed in your work placement to focus on your practical skills. You'll need to complete an effective practice study task and an extended assessment task. Both are set and marked externally.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C including maths or English (with the other at grade D or equivalent) OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit with GCSE maths or English A*–C (with the other at grade D or equivalent). If you're 16 to 18, you'll need to achieve your GCSE in English and maths A*–C by the end of your course if you don't already have this. If you're 19 or older, you must have GCSE A*–C in English and maths or their equivalent to enrol. Please note that Level 2 functional skills is not a suitable equivalent.

Materials fees: You'll need to pay for your Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (formerly CRB). This is normally paid at enrolment.

Next step: Find a job or progress to a university-level course at South Thames College or another institution.

PREPARE FOR LEVEL 2

Focus on essential study skills in business, IT, English and maths so you'll be ready to progress with us and specialise in a subject of your choice.

See website.

Apprenticeships

Childcare Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BE

A childcare apprenticeship is a great way to build a rewarding career as the growing childcare industry values experience and qualifications highly. There are real opportunities for progression in this area.

Through on-the-job training and time in college, you will learn essential skills in areas like:

- Child development
- Safeguarding
- Paediatric first aid.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with a children and young people's workforce qualification if you complete your apprenticeship successfully.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become a childcare apprentice with us, you must:

- Have GCSE maths and English grades A*–C
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: Remember that you may need to invest in some smart clothing appropriate to an office environment. When you work with children or other vulnerable groups, you usually need a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) and you may need to pay for this. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

Higher Education

Level 4

Early Years Foundation Degree Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL-TIME OR EVENING

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HI087

If you're already working with early years, this will aid your professional progression. It will let you earn while you learn by combining workplace learning (minimum 16 hours per week) with part-time study. A key feature of the foundation degree is that you gain academic credit for the learning you gain within the workplace. The programme covers all areas of the care and development of young children including child protection, theories of child development and historical and international perspectives of early years education. Run in partnership with Kingston University.

[See website for full details](#)



DBS Checks

In line with government policy, students on health and social care, childcare and health science courses may need a DBS check (formerly CRB — Criminal Records Bureau — check). You'll need to pay the fee for this.

COUNSELLING, THERAPY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Level 2

Certificate in Counselling Skills Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY OR EVENING

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CR088

If you're considering a career in counselling or want to enhance your role in the workplace, you'll learn a range of counselling skills on this course. At the end of the course you should be able to apply the skills you have learnt in a counselling session and understand their relevance to practice.

Topics include:

- Theory and tutor led group discussions
- Triad skills practice
- Personal development group.

As well as being introduced to the basics of relevant counselling theory you'll focus on developing a range of counselling skills and developing self awareness as a practitioner.

Assessment: Includes self-assessment and peer evaluation. You should schedule around two hours per week of personal study time outside of the normal hours to enhance your own development on the course. You must pass both the internal and external assessment.

Entry requirements: You'll need to have completed an introduction to counselling course before undertaking this programme. We run a 10-week part-time evening course for this starting in September, January or April.

Next step: You can move on to the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body (CPCAB) Level 3 course.

Level 1

If you're new to counselling, our 10-week **Counselling: Preparing for Qualifications** evening course will give you the foundations you need to progress on to our Level 2 course. Go online for details.

Level 3

Certificate in Counselling Studies Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME EVENING

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CR089

If you've completed the Level 2 counselling programme, this course will prepare you for the next step in the development of your career as a counsellor. This programme combines the skills from the Level 2 programme with various theoretical approaches that underpin counselling and psychotherapy.

Important components of the course are:

- Working with various mental health conditions
- Studying the role of ethics in counselling
- Working in an agency setting
- The role of diversity in counselling.

You'll be introduced to a wide variety of counselling theories and learn to develop your own way of integrating this theory with your skills to form your own creative way of working. You'll learn how to use clinical supervision to further your development as a counsellor.

Assessment:

- Internal assessment (tutor led, self and peer assessment)
- External assessment (final exam).

Entry requirements: You need to have completed our Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body (CPCAB) Certificate Level 2 Counselling Skills course to apply for this course. Alternatively, you need to have completed another recognised Level 2 counselling course usually of 90 hours or more.

Next step: You'll have a range of options for further study such as diploma, degree or masters levels. All of these qualify you to practise.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Level 2

Health and Social Care

BTEC Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB131

This course will prepare you for work in health and social care by focusing on practical, work-related skills which you develop by completing projects that are based on realistic workplace situations. You'll have the opportunity to carry out work experience in a variety of health and social care settings. You'll have the chance to hear from professionals – like midwives and nurses – who are already working successfully in this area. They'll talk to you about their career path, the sorts of skills and behaviours you should demonstrate, and what opportunities there are for people prepared to work.

Units include:

- Biology and nutrition
- Equal opportunities
- Communication
- Health and safety
- Practical caring skills.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by portfolio-building and workplace observation to look at your practical skills. There are two external assessments.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: You'll need to pay for your DBS check. This is normally paid at enrolment.

Next step: You can progress to a Level 3 course for better job prospects or take up an apprenticeship.

PREPARE FOR LEVEL 2

Focus on essential study skills in business, IT, English and maths so you'll be ready to progress with us and specialise in a subject of your choice.

See website.

Level 3

Dental Nursing Diploma

Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: TOOTING

CODE: CB267

If you work as a trainee and unqualified dental nurse and want to develop your skills, this course will give you the knowledge you need to progress. The course is designed to fit around your practice job. If you're successful you'll be able to register with the General Dental Council.

There are 15 units you need to complete. These include:

- Medical emergencies
- Dental examination and anatomy
- Cross infection control
- Oral health education
- Root canal treatments
- Dental radiographs (x-rays)
- Support during teeth extraction and minor oral surgery
- Support for provision of fixed and removable prosthesis.

Assessment: There are four short multiple choice tests at the end of each unit. You'll need to keep a portfolio of your course work and essays. An assessor will visit your practice at agreed times to carry out treatment observations.

Entry requirements: You need to be employed as a dental nurse by a dental surgery for at least 20 hours a week. If you are working in an orthodontic or domiciliary practice you'll need to arrange to work in a general dental surgery for at least two days a week for the duration of the course.

Next step: Once you've completed the course there are a number of different options you could progress on to. These include: dental hygiene or therapy, dental practice management, radiography, oral health education, orthodontic nursing, special care dental nursing, dental sedation, treatment coordination, dental nurse assessment and teaching dental nursing.

► Level 3

Health and Social Care

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB237

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.



If you want a career in social care or to take a degree in social work, sociology, psychology, social sciences, social policy, nursing or other care-related courses, then this course is for you. We emphasise real-world experience for you through a work placement, so you'll be working two days a week in a setting like a children's nursery or a care home. Completing your work placement is an essential part of your assessment and is well regarded by universities and employers, so should give you the edge in your next steps. As you'll be working with vulnerable groups, you'll need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (formerly CRB) before your course. You'll have the chance to hear from professionals – like midwives and nurses – who are already working successfully in this area. They'll talk to you about their career path, the sorts of skills and behaviours you should demonstrate and what opportunities there are for people prepared to work. We'll also take you on field trips to relevant exhibitions and events, such as Nursery World at Olympia. We're also growing our work in competitions, including WorldSkills where our students produced care plans and did key health checks. Competitions are a great way to show you new ideas and stimulate your enthusiasm.

The course covers:

- Communication and supportive skills for care work
- Research for care
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Health promotion
- Practical caring skills
- Health and safety
- Life span development
- Issues for people who use care
- Anatomy and physiology.

Assessment: An external assessment and internally assessed assignments with practical and theoretical activities focusing on real work situations. You'll be assessed on your practical skills during your work placement.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll complete a work placement as part of this course so you'll also need to pass an enhanced DBS check.

Materials fees: You'll need to pay for your DBS check. This is normally paid at enrolment.

Next step: Move on to other health and social care courses at South Thames College. From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to higher education, for example our HNC in Health and Social Care, or a degree at university, or look for work in a social care organisation.

DBS Checks

In line with government policy, students on health and social care, childcare and health science courses may need a DBS check (formerly CRB – Criminal Records Bureau – check). You'll need to pay the fee for this.

Access Courses

If you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

Access to Higher Education

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB022

You'll study chemistry, physiology, physics, study skills, English, maths, nutrition and IT. Many different approaches to learning are used, including individual and small/large group work. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course and you'll also get help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system.

NURSING

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB026

You'll study nursing, physiology, study skills, social psychology, English, maths, nutrition and IT. Many approaches to learning are used including individual and small/large group work. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course. Health and social care courses like this open up a huge range of career options to you. If you're an international student, please note that many UK universities will not accept you for a nursing degree if you are here on a visa.

SOCIAL WORK

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB027

You'll study psychology, social policy, sociology, study skills, maths, English and IT. In addition to this, tutorial sessions will help you with your university applications through the UCAS system.

See page 25 for full details

Apprenticeships

Health and Social Care Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BK

A health and social care apprenticeship is a great way to begin, or build on, a rewarding career. You'll have on-the-job training as well as time in college. There are many career and training options in health and social care and what you'll learn will depend on your role – this could include care worker, healthcare support or nursing assistant.

Over time you'll learn skills like:

- Your duty of care
- Dementia awareness
- Person-centred care
- Improving your performance at work.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave the course with a qualification in health and social care.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: Remember that you may need to invest in some smart clothing appropriate the environment. If you are working with vulnerable people, you may need a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service) and you may need to pay for this. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

Apprenticeships

Dental Nursing Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: MINIMUM 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: TBA

If you already work as a trainee dental nurse and want to develop your skills, this course will give you the knowledge you need to progress to the next stage. The course is designed to fit around your practice job. If you're successful you'll be able to register with the General Dental Council.

During the course you'll cover the following topics:

- Medical emergencies
- Dental examination and anatomy
- Cross infection control
- Oral health education
- Root canal treatments
- Dental radiographs (x-rays)
- Support during teeth extraction and minor oral surgery
- Support for provision of fixed and removable prosthesis.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths and English. At the end of the course you'll receive a Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Already be employed as a trainee dental nurse
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: Our team will discuss with you any items you need to complete the course. This could include college materials or uniform and pieces of equipment for work.

Next Steps: Your new qualification will help you progress in your career as a dental nurse. You could use it to develop your role in your current workplace, or as a foundation for further study. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship adviser about the options available to you.

Higher Education

Level 4/5

Health and Social Care

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE137

If you're already following or interested in a career in the health and social care sector, this course will give you transferable skills underpinned by the knowledge and understanding needed for a successful career. Classroom-based lectures and practical assignments are boosted by the 200 hours on a work placement you'll need to complete. Units covered include: psychology, counselling skills, partnership working among services and professional development.

Health and Social Care

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE138

This course builds on the knowledge and skills developed during the HNC and gives advanced preparation if you want to follow a career in health and social care. If you're already working in the sector, an HND will improve your job prospects. You'll learn transferable skills to meet the increasing demands of the health care sector and will be encouraged to study independently to consolidate your learning. Units include: psychology for health, facilitating change, and supporting significant life events.

See website for full details

SCIENCE

Level 3

Applied Science

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB097

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This course is ideal if you want to study biological or related science courses at university or if you want a practical career in the sciences. There are plenty of practical activities to boost your understanding of scientific techniques including researching river pollution, measuring energy content in food and looking at a heartbeat under a microscope. You'll study aspects of biology, chemistry and physics as well as work on your English, maths and IT skills. Training in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) is vital in the UK and global economy today and the skills and knowledge you learn on this course could really get you ahead in the job market. You'll study six mandatory units plus optional units such as:

- Scientific investigation
- Perception of science
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical Techniques.

As part of the course, you'll have the chance to work in NHS pathological and research laboratories to give you real-world experience and help you understand the professional standards and behaviours expected in the science industry. And if you're interested in medical science, especially obstetrics and midwifery, there is an option to take part in a short course and competition run each year by the Foundation for Infant Loss Training. You'll go on trips to give you exposure to different specialisms and working environments, such as the chemical synthetic laboratory of GlaxoSmithKline, and the National Science Museum. Our students often go on to universities, including Russell Group universities such as Birmingham and Bristol. We also work with the radiography department at St. George's Hospital with visits and guest speakers. We are part of the Learn Chemistry Partnership, which supports chemistry education with the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Assessment: A combination of coursework and exams.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*-C including English, maths and science; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: Employment opportunities include lab technicians or other practical scientific roles. You could progress to a degree or diploma courses in higher education including study in radiography, nursing, physiotherapy, pharmacy and biomedical science. Job opportunities include lab technicians or other careers within the science and medical industry.



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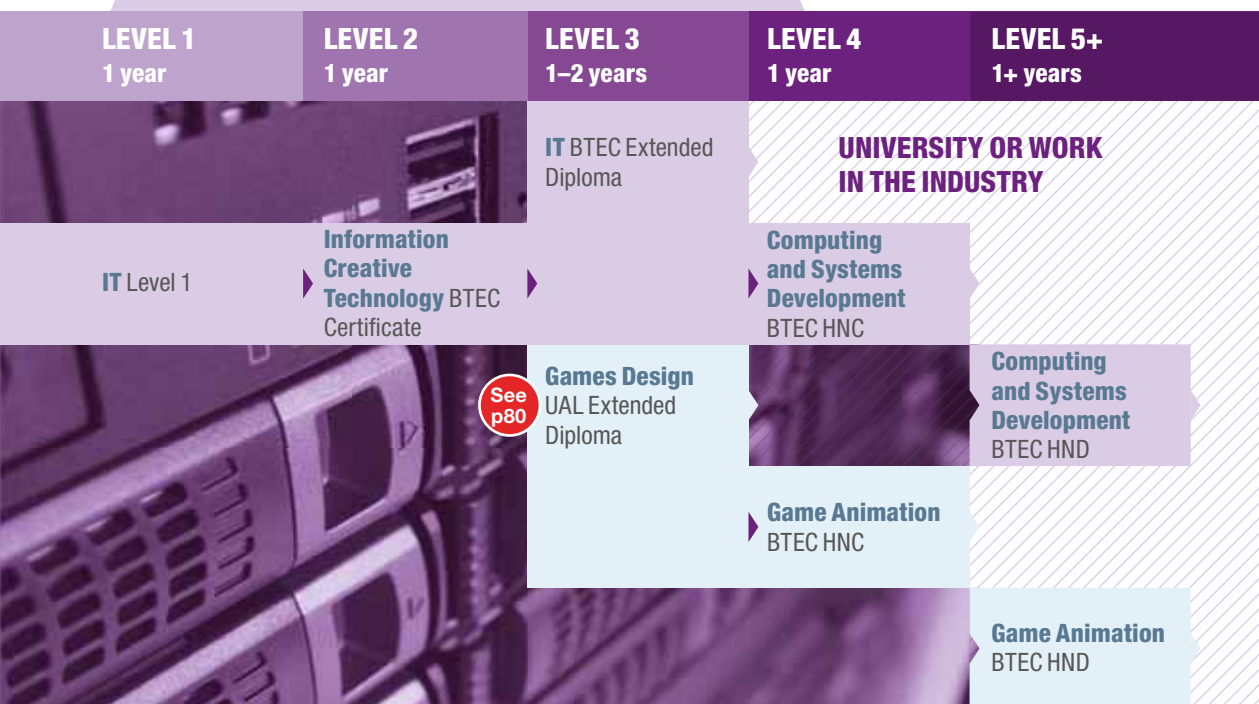
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COMPUTING & IT



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COMPUTING AND IT

Level 1

IT Introduction

LOCATION: MERTON AND WANDSWORTH

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

DURATION: 1 YEAR

CODE: PR00111BV

This course will look at core IT skills and business studies, so that you'll be ready to progress onto a higher level of study and choose to specialise in computing and IT or business. You may also graduate with the core skills to consider one of our other specialised courses. During the course you'll also work on your English and maths, to help you fill in any gaps in the qualifications that are key to you studying at the next level up and improve your job prospects. If you want to go straight into work, this course could improve your understanding of key tasks that you'd need in almost any job.

Details on this course are still being finalised, so please ask us about Passport to Study and Work for more information.

Level 2

Information Creative Technology

BTEC Certificate Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB182

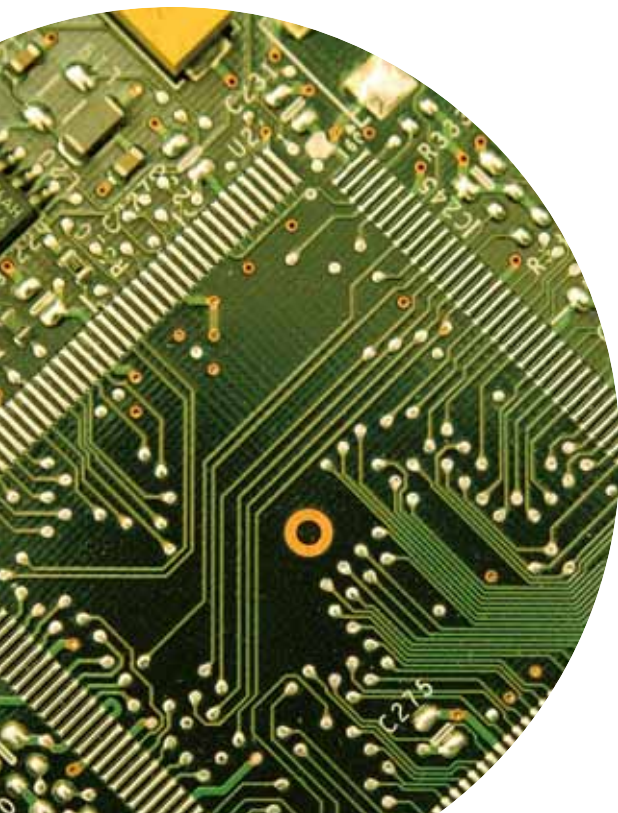
This course is ideal if you want to develop skills and knowledge of software and hardware and gain a greater understanding of the IT industry. It will advance your problem-solving skills and give you an introduction to this rapidly expanding industry.

Focusing on using software, you'll cover all aspects of computer systems and carry out basic installation and configuration. You'll learn how to design and create databases, edit computer-generated images, and develop websites, video and other assets. The units will develop your teamwork skills, applied to computing and IT. We also have an arrangement with Microsoft DreamSpark so you'll be able to download MS programming and operating systems software for free.

Assessment: All units are assessed by coursework, using assignments featuring realistic work-based projects that will challenge and boost your understanding of IT.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*-D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: You can progress on to one of our Level 3 computing or games development courses, or to a junior role in the IT industry. South Thames College offers IT courses and computer courses up to university level so there are many opportunities to progress with us.



Level 3

IT BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB224

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This practical, work-related qualification will prepare you for an IT career path or for studying computer science at university level. You'll work with industry-standard hardware and software to design and construct the systems that underpin modern business processes using our specialist labs. Visiting speakers, who are experts in the field, will share their experience and give you up-to-date information on subjects such as web analytics and building an effective security culture. We encourage and support you in entering WorldSkills competitions in web development and networking technologies. Our students often have the chance to work with local communities on website projects. We're a member of the Cisco community which gives us the chance to deliver Cisco units as part of your course. We also have an arrangement with Microsoft DreamSpark so you'll be able to download MS programming and operating systems software for free.

This challenging course includes:

- Networking
- Information systems and e-commerce
- Computer programming and web development
- Security and PC maintenance.

Assessment: You'll be assessed throughout the year through coursework and exams.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, you could go on to study computing at university level. Some students choose to specialise in security, networking or software development while others join mainstream computer science courses.



SYSTEMS SUPPORT, DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING

Level 4

Computing and Systems Development

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: HE248

This intensive course is ideal if you want to update your knowledge and skills or change careers in preparation for work as a computing specialist. It emphasises practical skills and will give you a broad base for working with computers in a commercial or technical environment. We also have an arrangement with Microsoft DreamSpark so you'll be able to download MS programming and operating systems software for free. You'll also be learning in our dedicated networking suite in brand new facilities.

Entry requirements:

- GCSE maths and English grade A*–C or equivalent; AND
- A related Level 3 qualification, which could be an Access to Higher Education Certificate; OR
- At least one A-level in a relevant subject at grade A*–C OR more than one A-level at grades A*–E; OR
- Related work experience (if you're an older learner we'll take into account your paid and unpaid experience, professional qualifications and life experience).

Next step: You can progress to the HND programme at South Thames College, on to a full degree programme, or on to vendor qualifications with companies such as Cisco, Microsoft or IBM. Alternatively you could move into work in systems management, installing or managing IT networks, or software development.

[See website for full details](#)

Level 5

Computing and Systems Development

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: HE24711AE

This course follows on from the HNC in Computing and Systems Development and lets you develop the knowledge and skills you need for work or for progression to further study such as the final year of a degree. With an emphasis on developing your practical skills, you'll get fuller understanding of modern network systems and the links between front and back-end systems – these are the skills needed for work in the modern computing and IT industry.

Entry requirements:

- If you don't already have a relevant HNC, you'll take the two-year course and start at HNC level. For the two-year course, you'll need a related Level 3 qualification, like an Access to Higher Education Certificate; OR at least one A-level in a relevant subject at grade A*–C; OR more than one A-level at grades A*–E.
- You should have GCSE maths and English grade A*–C or equivalent.
- If you're an older learner we can take into account your paid and unpaid experience, professional qualifications and life experience.

Next step: You can progress to a degree course starting in the second or third year. Alternatively you could move into work as an application programmer, systems analyst, or computer support worker.

[See website for full details](#)



“ My uncle and my cousin had both studied at South Thames and recommended it to me. I really enjoy studying here – the facilities are fantastic and the staff are really helpful they encourage us to discuss the subject with them. They are almost like your friends and really want to help you achieve your goals. When I finish on the course, I want to go on to university.”

SEHRISH, IT LEVEL 3

CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING



career paths:
gas, heating or
electrical engineer,
civil, mechanical or
electronics engineer,
electrician, plumber,
production manager
and many more



LEVEL 1 1 year	LEVEL 2 1 year	LEVEL 3 1–2 years	LEVEL 4 1 year	LEVEL 5+ 1+ years	
Construction Multi-Skills Diploma		UNIVERSITY OR WORK IN THE INDUSTRY			
Plumbing City & Guilds Diploma	Plumbing City & Guilds Diploma				Plumbing City & Guilds Diploma
Electrical Installation Diploma	Electrical Installations (Buildings) City & Guilds Diploma				Electrical Installations (Buildings) City & Guilds Diploma
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CONSTRUCTION

Level 1

Construction Multi-Skills Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB474

A chance to pick up the skills and knowledge to carry out a range of basic construction tasks such as painting and decorating, joinery and plastering. This course will give you the necessary skills to work on a construction site and be useful from day one. You'll attend trade shows and site visits to help you understand what it'll be like to work on a real construction site. If you complete the course successfully, you'll leave the course with a CSCS card meaning you can work on a building site. You'll also work towards a PASMA certificate to give you training in building towers for working at heights. We have a close relationship with Wandsworth Council to keep awareness of the local jobs market and the opportunities available to you. Our top performing students will also have the opportunity to do work experience with a local company.

Assessment: A range of practical assessments in each area of work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grade A*–G in relevant subjects or other related qualifications and experience.

Next step: Move on to one of our Level 2 courses or look for work on a site.

Level 2

Maintenance Operations ASCENTIS Certificate Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER OR FEBRUARY

DURATION: 18 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH OR MERTON

CODE: CB268

A chance to pick up the skills and knowledge to carry out a range of construction tasks that you'll need for building renovation, such as painting and decorating, joinery and plastering. You'll attend trade shows and site visits to help you understand what it'll be like to work on a real construction site.

If you complete the course successfully, you'll leave with a CSCS card, meaning you can work on a building site. You'll also work towards a PASMA certificate to give you training in building towers for working at heights. We have a close relationship with Wandsworth Council to keep awareness of the local jobs market and the opportunities available to you. Our top performing students will also have the opportunity to do work experience with a local company.

Assessment: A range of practical assessments.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 1 qualification with English and maths at an appropriate level; OR three GCSEs grade A*–D.

Next step: This could lead to an apprenticeship, or working on site as an improver in construction operations.

We also offer a 6 week construction course for people trying to get back into work.

Your Jobcentre Plus adviser can help get you onto this course. Call us or talk to your JCP lead to find out more.



Apprenticeships

Building Services Engineering Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 3 YEARS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR0011BC

This advanced building services apprenticeship will help you gain real-world experience and understanding of systems and services in buildings. It's ideal if you've already completed a related Level 2 course or have current work experience. Some of our apprentices have worked with high-profile engineering companies like WSP and Troup Bywaters & Anders.

You'll learn key transferable skills and get an insight into areas like:

- Design and planning of internal systems and structures such as heating, lighting and ventilation
- Computer-assisted design (CAD)
- Relevant legislation
- Health and safety.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave the course with a qualification in Building Services.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: As this is a work-based qualification you'll be assessed through a mixture of classroom and workplace observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you need to:

- Have four GCSEs grades A*–B, including maths and English, or their equivalent
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: You may need to invest in smart clothing or specialist workwear appropriate to an office environment or working on site. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.



Apprenticeships

Facilities Services/Management Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BI

A facilities services apprenticeship will give you the real-world experience and skills you need for a career in facilities services. Your on-the-job training will see you cover a wide range of jobs including caretaking, site security and grounds maintenance.

You'll learn about areas like:

- Security and reception services
- Health and safety in the workplace
- Maintenance and repairs
- Sustainability and environmental issues.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with a facilities services qualification if you complete your apprenticeship successfully.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: You must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: None.

Next Steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Level 3

Electrical/Electronic Engineering

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB128

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

If you're interested in engineering training, working in electrical engineering or want to study an electronics-related subject at a higher level, this course will prepare you for university and a career in areas such as electrical engineering, electronics, avionics, automotive, telecommunications and mobile communications.

Units include:

- Communications
- Maths and further maths
- Mechanical principles
- Electrical and electronic principles
- Business operations in engineering
- Selecting and using programmable logic controllers
- Electronic devices and circuits
- Electronic measurement and testing
- Engineering project (double unit)
- Electronic circuit design and manufacture
- Industrial process controllers
- Electronic systems
- Digital systems
- Electronic fault finding.

Assessment: Continual assessment and you must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs grades A*–C or a relevant Level 2 qualification at least at merit.

Next step: You could go on to a university-level course, further engineering or electrical engineering training, or find work or an apprenticeship in the engineering sector.

Apprenticeships

Electrotechnical Engineering Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BH

With an electrotechnical apprenticeship you'll gain real-world experience in a range of different sectors including engineering, construction, IT and building services. This is an advanced apprenticeship.

Some of the topics you'll study are:

- Planning and design of electrical systems
- Installation, testing and maintenance of electrical systems
- Relevant legislation
- Health and safety.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with a Level 3 Diploma in electrotechnical installation if you complete your apprenticeship successfully.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace observation and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an electrotechnical apprentice with us, you must:

- Have GCSEs grade C and above in English, maths and science
- Have a related Level 2 course or have current work experience
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

Level 1

Electrical Installation Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB458

A great introduction to understanding how electricians work. You'll learn the basics of electrics in the home. You'll also study cable management systems like chunking and conduits in industrial set ups. You'll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers will give you the inside view of what it's like to achieve and earn in the sector and what makes you attractive to employers.

Assessment: You'll complete theory workbooks and practical assignments.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs with maths A*–E; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Next step: Progress on to one of our Level 2 courses and improve your knowledge of electrics or look for an apprenticeship and earn while you learn.



Level 2



Electrical Installations (Buildings)

City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB234

If you see yourself as an electrician, this course gives you the foundation you need and covers electrical installation technology and principles, plus practical work. You'll get a broad introduction to most of the materials and techniques used in domestic, commercial and industrial electrical installations in the UK. You'll have practice in installing circuits and materials on brick and concrete walls and plasterboard ceilings. The relevant regulations will be covered throughout the course. You'll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers are already successful in their roles and their advice will give you the inside view of what it's like to succeed and what employers are looking for.

Assessment: Continual assessment and you must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English, with maths A*–C; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: Progress to Level 3 in electrical installation or find a job as an electrician's mate in the electrical contracting or maintenance industries.

Level 3

Electrical Installations (Buildings)

City & Guilds Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB235

This course will build your knowledge and competence. It includes commissioning, testing and fault finding on electrical installations. You'll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers are already successful in their jobs and their advice will give you the inside view of what it's like to succeed and what employers are looking for. Previous work experience opportunities have included installing solar panels.

Assessment: Continuous assessment.

Entry requirements: Relevant Level 2 vocational diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: Find a job as an electrical improver to give you the experience you need to become fully qualified. Or talk to us about becoming an apprentice.

If you're already a practising electrician, we also offer part-time evening courses in 17th Edition, Initial Verification of Electrical Installations City & Guilds 2394 and Periodic Inspection City & Guilds 2395



ENGINEERING

Level 1

Engineering

BTEC Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB190

This is a great starting point if you want to learn how to become a mechanical engineer. It will provide you with key engineering training and key skills in electronics as well to get you used to using hand tools and engineering machinery. You'll also receive a recognised engineering qualification.

You'll learn a range of engineering and electronics training skills including:

- Safe working
- Making engineering components
- Using hand tools and a bench or pedestal drilling machine
- Planning and making a machined product
- Engineering maths and science.

Assessment: Continual assessment and you must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs with maths A*–E; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Next step: You can progress to the Level 2 engineering course to improve your skills.



Level 2

Engineering

BTEC Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB110

If you have an interest in engineering or electronics and want a career in industries like aerospace, cars or telecommunications, then this course is for you. With mechanical, manufacturing, electronics and theory sessions in essential engineering you'll build your knowledge as well as your skills. You'll spend time in the workshop using machine tools and marking out components.

Units include:

- Investigating an engineering product
- Machining techniques
- Using and interpreting engineering information
- Maths for engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Electronic circuit design.

Assessment: Continual assessment and you must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English, with maths A*–C; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: Move up to the Level 3 course at South Thames College, look for work or consider an apprenticeship.



Apprenticeships

Level 3

Engineering

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB129

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This course prepares you for university-level courses and a career in engineering roles such as product and process design, mechanical engineering and manufacturing. It's ideal if you're interested in working in the mechanical or manufacturing engineering industry or want to study engineering at a higher level. You can use our electronics labs, computer-aided design (CAD) suites, workshops and science labs.

The units and projects include:

- Communications
- Mechanical principles
- Electrical and electronic principles
- Business operations in engineering
- Engineering drawing/CAD
- Engineering machining
- Fabrication processes
- Engineering design
- Engineering materials
- Applications of mechanical systems and technology
- CNC machining
- Further maths.

Assessment: Continual assessment and you must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C including maths, with English A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: You could go on to a university-level course or take up employment or apprenticeship opportunities across the engineering sector.

Civil Engineering Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PRO011BF

This advanced apprenticeship in civil engineering for technicians is ideal if you've already completed a related Level 2 course or have current work experience. You'll gain real-world experience in high-profile engineering companies and on projects like Crossrail and Thames Tideway Tunnel. These are massive infrastructure projects and they'll give you a taste of the variety and complexity of tasks involved in major building works. Having high-profile projects on your CV is also bound to impress future employers.

A civil engineering apprenticeship can help you learn key transferable skills and get an insight into areas like:

- Design and planning of building and structures
- CAD (computer-assisted design)
- Relevant legislation
- Health and safety

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with a Level 3 diploma in civil engineering for technicians if you complete the apprenticeship successfully.

The name of the course, as it appears on your qualification or certificate, will be Civil Engineering Apprenticeship.

Assessment: As this is a work-based qualification you'll be assessed through a mixture of classroom and workplace observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you need to:

- Have three GCSEs grades A*–B, including maths and English, or their equivalent
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: You may need to invest in smart clothing or specialist workwear appropriate to an office environment or working on site. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next Steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

PLUMBING

Higher Education

Level 4

General Engineering

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: HE151

Our HNC includes systems design, manufacture, maintenance and technical service areas of the mechanical, electronic and electrical engineering industries. Remember that this is a qualification in its own right or can be a stepping stone to a full degree.

[See website for full details](#)



“The teachers are from the industry so really know what they are talking about ... the Brunel University team was really impressed with the subjects I’ve already covered at college. I really think South Thames has given me a great foundation and taught me a lot of valuable skills which I’ll be able to transfer to my degree.”

DANNY, Electronic Engineering, Level 3, now at Brunel University

Level 1

Plumbing

City & Guilds Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB459

A great introduction to plumbing that will help you understand plumbing in the home and water supplies. You’ll also look at basic heating and ventilation and health and safety. You’ll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers will give you the inside view of what it’s like to achieve and earn in the sector and what makes you attractive to employers.

Assessment: You’ll complete theory workbooks and practical assignments.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grade A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Next step: Progress on to one of our Level 2 courses and improve your plumbing knowledge or look for an apprenticeship and earn while you learn.



▶ Level 2



Plumbing

City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB236

This course will give you an introduction to a career in plumbing. You'll learn how to install, test and maintain hot and cold pipework and heating systems. The course will test practical and knowledge-based skills. You'll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers are already successful in their roles and their advice will give you the inside view of what it's like to succeed and what employers are looking for.

Assessment: Continual assessment and nine online exams. You must pass all units.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*-D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: Move up to the Level 3 Plumbing City & Guilds course or find work as an improver or plumber's mate. Or look for a plumbing apprenticeship.

▶ Level 3

Plumbing

City & Guilds Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB233

This course will build on the skills and knowledge gained in your Level 2 Plumbing course. It will provide more in-depth installation and testing features for gas and oil heating systems and test your practical and knowledge-based skills. You'll have visits to trade shows to help you see the latest developments in the industry. Our guest speakers are already successful in their roles and their advice will give you the inside view of what it's like to succeed and what employers are looking for.

Assessment: Continual assessment plus five online and three written exams. You must pass all units.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: You could progress into work as a plumber's mate and consider taking an NVQ in plumbing. You could also go on to higher education to develop contract and project management skills.



Apprenticeships

Plumbing Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BN

A plumbing apprenticeship is a great way to gain the practical skills and real-world experience you need to start your career. You'll learn essential theory through days spent at college and put this into practice during on-the-job training that will develop your confidence and look great on your CV.

You'll pick up key transferable skills and get an insight into areas like:

- Pipework and fabrication techniques
- Domestic hot and cold water installation
- Maintenance techniques.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave the course with a qualification in Building Services.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: As this is a work-based qualification you'll be assessed through a mixture of classroom and workplace observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you need to:

- Have three GCSEs grades A*-B, including maths and English, or their equivalent
- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: You may need to invest in specialist workwear appropriate to working on site. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.



“All my tutors are fully qualified plumbers, so they keep you on the right track. The best thing about studying at South Thames is getting to do hands-on work. And I've been able to use the skills I've learnt on the course – like pipe-bending and guttering – at home, which is great experience.”

CLIVE,
Plumbing, Level 2

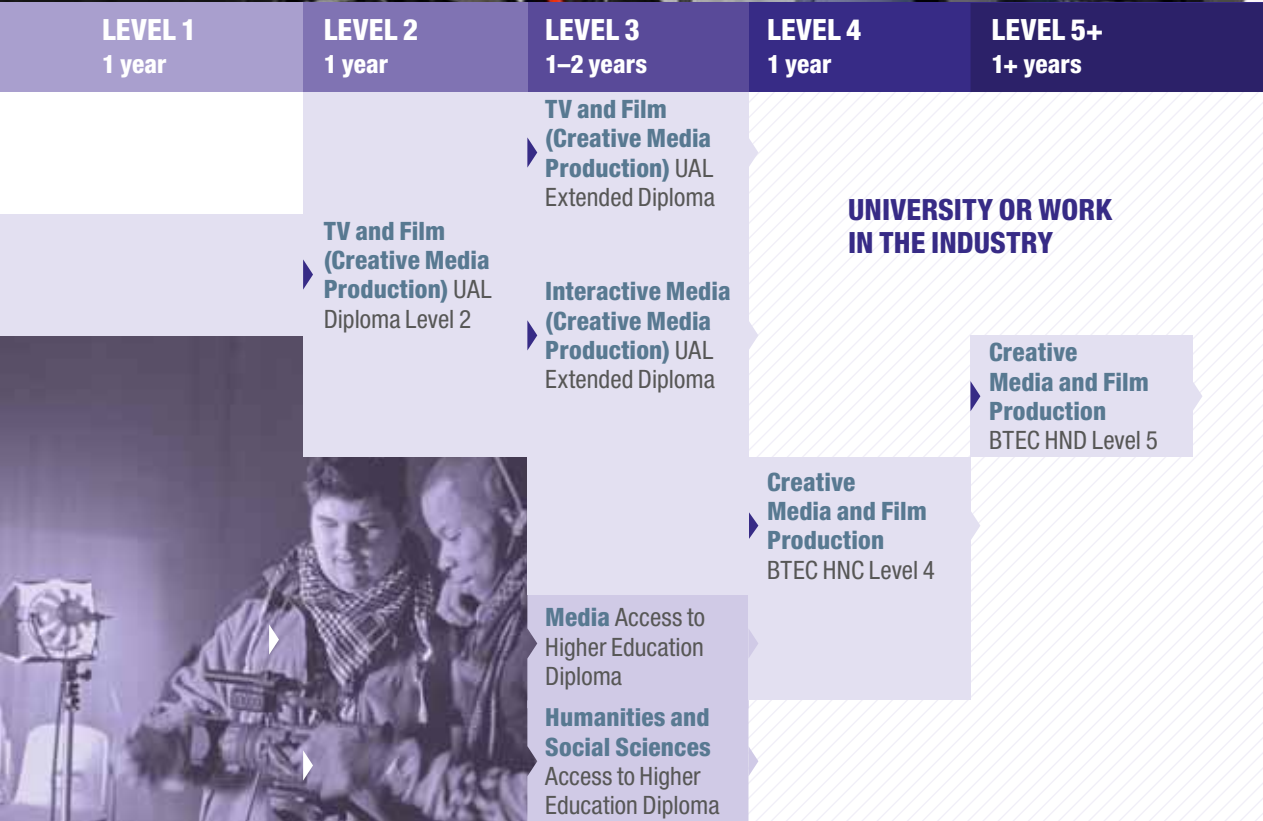


FILM, MEDIA & MULTIMEDIA



career paths:
advertising executive,
broadcaster,
journalist, PR
executive, presenter,
producer, promoter
and many more





Level 2

TV and Film (Creative Media Production and Technology)

UAL Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: 529

This is an exciting, practical course if you want experience in a variety of media subjects. You'll work with video and radio as well as learn web authoring, scriptwriting and new media skills. You'll also learn skills in audio production and develop your research techniques. You'll learn in our working studios, with a green-screen, and on some of the same editing equipment you'd find at the BBC.

Assessment: You'll be assessed throughout the year with coursework.

Entry requirements:

Three GCSEs grades A*–D in relevant subjects or a related Level 1 qualification.

Next step: You could progress on to a Level 3 media course.

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Music and Performing Arts
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Level 3

TV and Film (Creative Media Production and Technology)

UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB530

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This course gives you industry-based transferable skills that are the most asked for by employers. You'll focus on practical projects to give you direct experience of the practices and protocols used in the industry, and you'll learn the theory behind the skills too. Each project helps you understand an important area of the industry. TV and film studies helps you become ready for work with the main skills needed for areas of media, film photography and sound.

Units include:

- Preproduction techniques
- Audio-visual editing techniques
- Film and video editing techniques
- Single camera techniques
- Digital photography
- Music video production
- Corporate video production.

Assessment: You'll be assessed by practical and written assignments, presentations and recorded work.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to a university-level course or find work in marketing, web design, TV or film.

Higher Education

Level 4

Creative Media and Film Production BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE197

This highly practical course is ideal if you're interested in film and video making. It encourages experimentation and creative development and includes all aspects of digital video and 16mm film making with a strong emphasis on the use of sound. There is digital and analogue editing using Final Cut Pro and Steenbeck editing tables. This course gives you a foundation in aspects of the moving image and sound, so you can understand current developments and deal with changes in technology. It will let you develop a portfolio of work that can be shown to potential employers or higher educational establishments.

Entry requirements: GCSE maths and English grade A*–C or equivalent; AND

- A related Level 3 qualification, which could be an Access to Higher Education Certificate; OR
- At least one A-level in a relevant subject at grade A*–C OR more than one A-level at grades A*–E; OR
- Related work experience (if you're an older learner we'll take into account your paid and unpaid experience, professional qualifications and life experience).

Next step: You can continue on to a HND in media production at South Thames College or another higher education provider, or start work in the media industry.

[See website for full details](#)

Level 5

Creative Media and Film Production BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE256

If you're interested in developing filmmaking and post-production skills this course is ideal. It builds on experimental and creative development, including digital video, sound and audio, and a strong core in film theory and artistic integrity. The use of digital techniques and analogue film production using Steenbeck 16mm editing tables is a constant element of the course. You'll build and develop a portfolio of work to show to potential employers or universities.

Entry requirements: If you don't already have a relevant HNC, you'll take the two-year course and start at HNC level. For the two-year course, you'll need:

- A related Level 3 qualification, like an Access to Higher Education Certificate; OR at least one A-level in a relevant subject at grade A*–C; OR more than one A-level at grades A*–E.
- You should have GCSE maths and English grade A*–C or equivalent.
- If you're an older learner we can take into account your paid and unpaid experience, professional qualifications and life experience.

Next step: You can progress to university or directly to work in a creative industry. Our learners regularly go to the top creative universities in the country, including Ravensbourne University, University of Surrey and National TV & Film School.

[See website for full details](#)



“I’m really interested in media, especially the editing and graphics side of things. At South Thames I get to use some great technology like cameras and editing suites, I want to challenge myself by making films and adverts and this course will help me achieve my goals.”

RYAN, Interactive Media, Level 3



MEDIA AND HUMANITIES

Level 3

Interactive Media (Creative Media Production and Technology) UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB531

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

Looking for a career in interactive and multimedia design? The course covers the use of digital technology for 2D and 3D design, animation, web authoring, image manipulation, graphics, film and media production. The course will give you design and production skills that are highly sought after in the film, TV, music and internet industries.

Assessment: You'll be assessed by practical and written assignments, presentations and recorded work.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to a university-level course or find work in marketing, web design, TV or film.

ual: university of the arts london

Access Courses

If you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

Media

Access to Higher Education
Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER
DURATION: 1 YEAR
STUDY MODE: FULL TIME
LOCATION: WANDSWORTH
CODE: CB025

This course combines theoretical and practical approaches to the study of modern media technologies. It will also prepare you for university by teaching you study and IT skills. You'll learn how to write features and news articles, make digital films, study and evaluate how media messages are constructed, and the different ways that they shape both the world and how we make sense of it. If you've ever wanted to explore 'what is media?' then this course is ideal for you. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course, and you'll get help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system. You'll be expected to study extra hours outside of the class in order to manage strict work deadlines and to cope with the workload on this intensive course.

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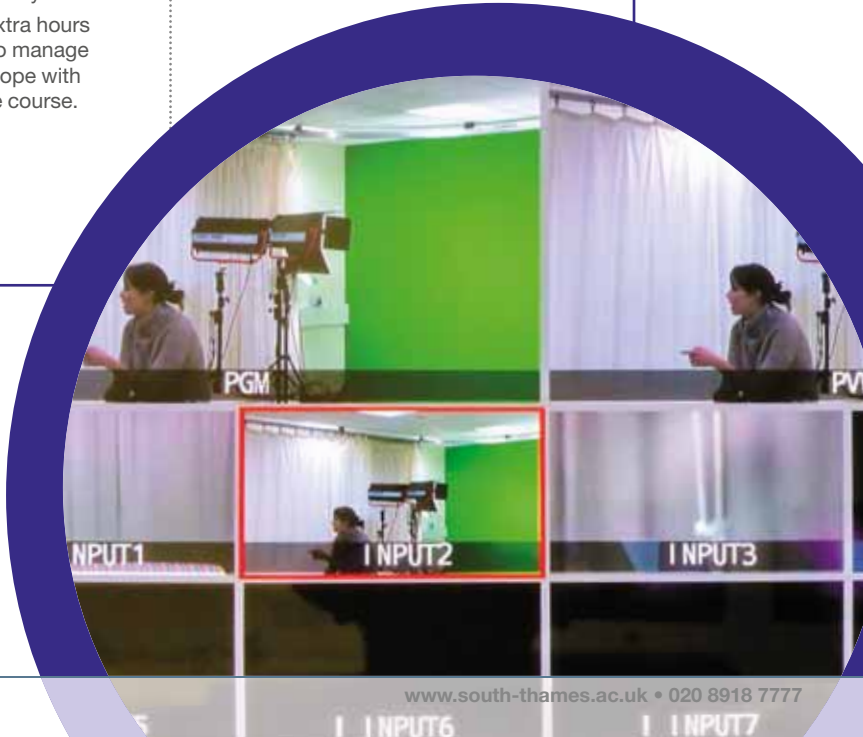
Humanities and Social
Sciences

Access to Higher Education
Diploma

START: SEPTEMBER
DURATION: 1 YEAR
STUDY MODE: FULL TIME
LOCATION: WANDSWORTH
CODE: CB023

You'll choose three subjects from a list that includes: historical studies, literature, linguistics, sociology and psychology. The programme will help you to develop critical thinking, reflection, analysis, and of course academic skills, all of which will prepare you for independent study at university. Academic and tutorial support is given throughout the course, and you'll receive help and advice with your university applications through the UCAS system.

See page 25 for full details



GAMES DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT



career paths:
games designer,
animator,
programmer,
software engineer
and many more



LEVEL 1
1 year

IT Level 1

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LEVEL 2
1 year

**Games and
Interactive Media**
UAL Diploma

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

Games Design
UAL Extended
Diploma

LEVEL 4
1 year

Game Animation
BTEC HNC

LEVEL 5+
1+ years

**UNIVERSITY OR WORK
IN THE INDUSTRY**

Game Animation
BTEC HND



GAMES DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Level 2

Games and Interactive Media (Creative Media Production and Technology)

UAL Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB568

If you want to make your name in the computer games industry this course will start you on your way. You'll be introduced to skills in concept art, basic computer animation and interactive design using industry-standard software. The course works on end-to-end projects from concept through to actual product. You'll learn how to get ideas onto the shelf and how to turn creativity into a rewarding career in games design.

Units offered include:

- Digital imaging
- Design and production for multimedia products
- Creating computer graphics using IT.

Assessment: You'll be assessed through written and practical exams and coursework.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grades A*–D in relevant subjects or a related Level 1 qualification.

Next step: Progress to a Level 3 course in games development, computing or media.

Level 3

Games Design (Creative Media Production and Technology)

UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB532

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

Looking for a career in games design, games testing or multimedia design? The course covers digital technology for 2D and 3D design, animation, web authoring, image manipulation, graphics, and film and media production. The course will give you design and production skills that are highly sought after in the film, TV, music, software development and internet industries.

Assessment: You'll be assessed by practical and written assignments, presentations and recorded work.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to a university-level course or start a career as a web designer, games designer or work in marketing, TV or film.

Higher Education

Level 4

Game Animation

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE197

This course is ideal if you're interested in developing higher-level creative skills in games design, leading to enhanced career prospects in the UK's vibrant creative media sector. There is scope for hands-on activities as well as more traditional games design activities.

You'll also have special access to BAFTA's games industry lecture series.

The qualification as it appears on your diploma will be, "Creative Media Production (Game Animation)."

Next step: You can progress on to a HND in games animation or move into work in games design, animation, graphic design, programming or software engineering.

[See website for full details](#)

Level 5

Game Animation

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME (UK/EU/EEA)

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE187

This course is ideal for you if you're 19 and over and interested in a rewarding career using higher level creative skills in games animation, and working in the UK's dynamic, creative media sector. The course is focused on industry skills in animation, and also provides a foundation for progression to a top-up degree.

Next step: Progression to employment in a range of industries including games design, animation, graphic design, games programming or software engineering. Progression to a top-up degree is also an option.

[See website for full details](#)



“South Thames helped lay the basics for games development as a whole, giving me a wide variety of knowledge that I was then able to transfer into my university games design course. It helped me get to grips with 3D modelling software, animation and games engines, which put me at the top of my class in university.”


ALBERT studied games design at De Montfort University. He's now working as a QA tester for games company Traveller's Tales on projects such as *LEGO Marvel's Avengers* game.

HAIR AND BEAUTY



... career paths:
... beauty therapist,
... hair stylist, salon
... manager, make-up
... artist, barber and
... many more



LEVEL 1 1 year	LEVEL 2 1 year	LEVEL 3 1–2 years	LEVEL 4 1 year	LEVEL 5+ 1+ years
Beauty Therapy NVQ	Beauty Therapy NVQ or VQR Hair and Make-up Artists VQR	Beauty Therapy Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-Up VRQ Diploma	 <p>UNIVERSITY, HIGHER LEVEL TRAINING, OR WORK IN THE INDUSTRY</p>	
Hairdressing and Barbering NVQ	Hairdressing (Women's Hairdressing) VRQ	Hairdressing (Cutting and Styling Specialists) VRQ Diploma		
	Apprenticeship in Hairdressing	Apprenticeship in Hairdressing		



- You'll receive bespoke training on the latest products and equipment from professional suppliers, like Nails Inc and Mistair. Plus we have employers and salon owners giving demonstrations and talks on making it in the sector.
- We run masterclasses throughout the year, where you'll build your skills and experience on top of your normal classes. It's your chance to pick up the latest salon trends and make sure you're work-ready when you graduate.

BEAUTY THERAPY AND MAKE-UP

Level 1

MATERIALS FEES:

We provide specialist hair and beauty kits so that you can work with them on your courses and use outside the College to give you more chance to practise and grow your skills. Depending on your circumstances, the cost varies and this will be assessed when you join the course. Our College discount means you could get high-quality products at reduced rates from our suppliers if you successfully complete some of our courses.

NEXT STEPS:

Explore progression routes through our different level courses. You could eventually progress to university-level courses or professional intensive courses. As well as going directly into work, don't forget that apprenticeships are a great way to learn and earn at the same time and we have many contacts with local salon owners.

Beauty Therapy NVQ Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB172

If you want a career in the beauty industry this course is a great first step. You'll get a basic understanding of core treatments and work closely alongside senior and experienced students to increase your knowledge and expectations. You'll gain the practical experience to set up and provide basic manicures and facials, as well as carry out general reception duties so you can understand how this important customer service point works.

You'll also have the chance to visit various beauty exhibitions and gain extra certificates to make your studies more interesting and get you ready for work. As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday.

Units include:

- Facial therapy
- Nail treatments, including gel nails
- Make-up application.

Assessment: Continuous practical assessments and online or written tests.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*-G including English or maths; OR relevant work experience plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

● Get involved in competitions, like our London Masters where we invite other London colleges in so that you compete against your peers – judges are normally employers and industry specialists. National competitions include the prestigious WorldSkills, which our students have entered several years in a row. It's a great way to learn and to be exposed to new experiences.



Level 2

Beauty Therapy**NVQ or VQR Level 2****START:** SEPTEMBER**DURATION:** 1 YEAR**STUDY MODE:** FULL TIME**LOCATION:** WANDSWORTH**CODE:** CB149 OR CB165

A great beauty course if you're interested in becoming a professional beauty therapist or want to continue your beauty training.

Our Level 2 students have done plenty of work outside the College providing on-site beauty treatments, and last year this included Heathrow, local banks, and major retailers. It's a great way to build your customer service training and boost your practical skills. You should expect to be a part of this CV-improving work.

As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into College one evening a week or on a Saturday. This course covers specialist treatments and can include:

- Facial therapy and making natural cosmetics
- Eyebrow shaping and lash extensions
- Eyelash and eyebrow tinting
- Manicures and pedicures, including luxury additional treatments
- Waxing and threading
- Make-up
- Skin analysis, anatomy and physiology
- Effectiveness at work.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by observation on paying clients, formal and informal online tests, written assignments and tests as well as building up a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*-D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

● Gain real-world experience by working in our commercial salon, with paying clients

Level 3

Beauty Therapy**Level 3****START:** SEPTEMBER**DURATION:** 1 YEAR**STUDY MODE:** FULL TIME**LOCATION:** WANDSWORTH**CODE:** CB148

This course is ideal if you want to work as a supervisor or manager in the beauty industry.

You're encouraged to combine the course with at least two days a week in a salon. As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday. The course covers advanced aspects of beauty treatments including:

- Electrical treatments for the face and body
- Promotion of products or services
- Massage therapy, including hot stone therapy and lymphatic drainage
- Epilation
- Aromatherapy.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by observation on paying clients, formal and informal online or written tests, written assignments and tests as well as building up a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 qualification at least at merit with appropriate levels of English and maths. You'll also have a practical skills assessment to make sure the course is a good match for you.



MEDIA MAKE-UP

Level 2

Hair and Make-up Artists VQR Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB152

This course gives you the grounding for a career as a stylist or make-up artist in the media industry, including film, theatre and TV. You'll need a good eye for colour and to be creative. You'll also have to research and develop make-up and hair design ideas.

As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday.

The course covers:

- Applying make-up
- Photographic make-up
- Body art designs
- Postiche and the art of dressing hair and wigs
- Applying colour and ornamentation
- Special effects make-up.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of coursework.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have a practical skills assessment to make sure the course is a good match for you.

We also run a 16 week, part-time course in Fashion and Photographic Make-Up, Level 3. Go online for more info

Level 3

Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make-Up VRQ Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB272

This intensive course will enable you to develop the essential skills needed for a career in specialist make-up and hair.

As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday. You'll study the following subjects:

- Media and special effects make-up
- Camouflage make-up
- Fashion and photo make-up
- Prosthetics
- Creative and avant-garde hair styling
- Airbrush make-up
- Face and body art, including henna and body tattoos
- Fantasy hair designs.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of your practical skills when you work on clients. There may be some written assignments and online tests. You'll also build a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 vocational diploma at least at merit with appropriate levels of English and maths. Alternatively four GCSEs grades A*–C including English, and maths at A*–D, plus substantial industry experience in hairdressing or make-up.

● If you become one of our top-performing beauty students, there's the added incentive of learning through our in-house graduate programme to boost your practical skills in a range of spa therapies.





“Being in the spotlight and showcasing my skills was an unforgettable experience. My tutor would always say how good my work was, but I never really believed it until I came first in the heats. Since then I’ve had so much more belief in my abilities and it’s made me want to push myself and take my skills to the next level.”

TIA,

Theatrical, Special Effects and Hair and Media Make Up, Level 3 at WorldSkills UK (the national competition and skills showcase)



HAIRDRESSING AND BARBERING

Level 1

Hairdressing and Barbering NVQ Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB094

Take your first step towards a career in the hairdressing industry and gain practical experience. Your practical training will take place in our salons, which are open to the public. You'll also go to exhibitions and enter external competitions. As well as daytime lessons, you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday.

Units include:

- Consulting clients
- Styling and finishing
- Setting and dressing
- Assisting with hair colouring
- Blow drying
- Assisting with reception duties
- Shampooing and conditioning
- Teamwork.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by observation on paying clients, formal and informal online tests, written assignments and tests as well as building up a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience. You'll also have a practical skills assessment to make sure the course is a good match for you.



▶ Level 2

Hairdressing (Women's Hairdressing) VRQ Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB164

This course will broaden your hairdressing skills and prepare you for work as a hairdresser.

As well as daytime lessons, you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday. You'll have one day's work experience a week and will go to industry-relevant exhibitions too, so you'll be preparing for work in the real world.

The course covers:

- Shampooing and conditioning
- Styling, setting and dressing hair, including long hair
- Basic haircutting techniques
- Colouring and perming hair
- Salon duties, policies and procedures
- Salon customer service, client consultation and analysis
- Promoting retail and services.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by observation on paying clients, formal and informal online tests, written assignments and tests, as well as building up a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grade A*–D; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification with appropriate levels of English and maths. You'll also have a practical skills assessment to make sure the course is a good match for you.

▶ Level 3

Hairdressing (Cutting and Styling Specialists)

VRQ Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB478

This course gives you the knowledge and skills to work with a large variety of hair types and develops your awareness of the industry. It is ideal if you have some experience of hairdressing already and want to progress further with your hairdressing and barbering talents and get the techniques to work as a stylist.

As a Level 3 student, you'll be mentoring and supervising Level 1 and Level 2 students so you'll have real experience of operating in a supervisory role.

As well as daytime lessons you'll need to come into college one evening a week or on a Saturday. You must be working or volunteering in a salon environment for a minimum of two days a week already. Optional units include subjects like developing and maintaining effectiveness at work. Additional units include:

- Advising and consulting with clients
- Cutting men's and women's hair using different techniques
- Hair styling and finishing, including for combined hair types
- Setting and dressing hair
- Changing hair colour
- Health and safety.

Assessment: Continuous assessment by observation on paying clients, formal and informal online tests, written assignments and tests, as well as building up a portfolio of your work.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 qualification at least at merit with appropriate levels of English and maths. Alternatively substantial salon experience with English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have a practical skills assessment to make sure the course is a good match for you.

● Some of our beauty courses include trade tests for employers – in fact previous students have moved to full-time and part-time work from these.

Apprenticeships

Hairdressing Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BJ

Taking an apprenticeship is a great way to begin or build your career in the hairdressing industry. You'll learn the latest skills and cutting techniques in our commercial salon, and enter competitions to show off your creativity and develop your CV. Workplace training will give you the confidence and experience you need to take the next steps towards employment or further training.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: You may need to invest in smart clothing or uniform for work. Our team will discuss this with you and any other items you need for college.

Next Steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.



HOSPITALITY AND CATERING



career paths:
chef, event catering,
maitre d'hôtel,
food technologist,
kitchen assistant,
restaurant manager,
army catering and
many more



“ I never thought I would be excited about education but I am. My lecturer Ross treats me like an adult which doesn't happen in school and he really pushes me to be the best that I can be.”

MORGAN THOMAS Professional Cookery Level 3 and WorldSkills UK finalist held at Birmingham's NEC





LEVEL 1
1 year

LEVEL 2
1 year

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

LEVEL 4
1 year

LEVEL 5+
1+ years



Apprenticeships in

- Hospitality Services
- Professional Cookery

Food and Beverage Service
City & Guilds Diploma

Hospitality Supervision and Leadership NVQ
Diploma

**UNIVERSITY OR WORK
IN THE INDUSTRY**

Professional Cookery and Customer Care
City & Guilds Introductory Diploma

Professional Cookery City & Guilds Diploma

Professional Cookery City & Guilds Diploma

Hospitality Management
BTEC HNC

Hospitality Management
BTEC HND



Professional Cookery NVQ Diploma

Professional Cookery NVQ Diploma

Patisserie and Confectionery

Patisserie and Confectionery
NVQ Diploma



TASTE
Restaurant

Taste is our on-site, commercial restaurant. So when you study at our amazing new Hospitality and Catering Academy you'll be serving paying customers and learning skills for the real world.

HOSPITALITY AND CATERING INDUSTRY

Level 1

Professional Cookery and Customer Care City & Guilds Introductory Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB175

If you want a career in the catering industry to become a chef or a waiter and have little or no previous knowledge, this course will give you the skills to start on the career ladder. This practical course covers all aspects of food preparation and cookery, pastry, and food and drink service at introductory level. You'll also learn about food hygiene, health and safety, and the discipline required to work as a chef or waiter. This course includes practical experience in our commercial restaurant and the relevant theory to underpin it. We run some great trips as part of this course to help you really understand the industry. Previously we've been to the O2 corporate hospitality area and Field to Fork butchers. You'll also represent the College at plenty of high profile events, including the Skills London show. The College has a strong track record in local and national competitions so you'll have the chance to compete against your peers to help boost your understanding and experience. You'll be working in the kitchen and front of house at Taste, our commercial restaurant. So you'll have experience with paying customers – and seeing feedback on TripAdvisor!

Assessment: Practical-based tests and written assignments.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–G, including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of trips and the food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy a front-of-house uniform and chef's whites. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for an interview.

Next step: Progress on to one of our Level 2 hospitality and catering courses to give you more understanding of the industry and more skills for when you're ready to specialise. You could go into work in roles like a trainee chef in a hotel, restaurant or gastro-pub, or cook within the contract catering sector.

Level 2

Food and Beverage Service City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB430

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City & Guilds

Give yourself the edge in the hospitality industry with extra knowledge to boost your customer service. You'll learn all about wines, cocktails and beers – the profits on these are key to a successful restaurant. You'll pick up style points and ideas for service as well as the useful skill of pairing drinks to meals. To boost your skills and enthusiasm, we enter several local, national and international competitions. Our previous students have been awarded medals and certificates already so we'll have high expectations of you.

Topics include:

- Bar skills
- Barista skills
- Food, drink and wine pairing
- Patisserie and confectionery.

Hands on experience will come from working in our own commercial restaurant, Taste. This is also available as a venue so you might be working on award ceremonies and other high profile events in the community. You'll also have work experience, which will be in various places but may include the Wimbledon Tennis Championships – one of the most prestigious sporting events in Europe and a hugely important catering contract. As one of the units builds your knowledge of bakery items, you'll also learn in our specialist pastry kitchen.

Assessment: Exams and projects throughout the course and some practical observations.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grades A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of trips and the food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy a front-of-house uniform and chef's whites. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for an interview.

Next step: You could move up to a Level 3 course to improve your theory and skills or look for work straight away.

Level 3

Hospitality Supervision and Leadership

NVQ Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB081

This course will suit you if you already have commercial experience. You might already supervise others or manage resources in a part-time job. This course will improve your knowledge and skills, perhaps to move into a management role within the sector. At this level, you'll complete two core units working predominantly in our commercial restaurant. The course includes supervisory experience as you manage students on our Level 1 and 2 courses. Through classroom assignments, you'll learn the theory to underpin your experience. You'll be working in Taste, our commercial restaurant with paying customers.

Assessment: Practical assessment and written assignments.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs grades A*–C or a related Level 2 qualification at least at merit. A passion for excellent customer service and good communication skills.

Materials fees: There is a fee to cover the cost of materials you'll use during the course. You'll need to buy a uniform to wear in the kitchen or restaurant. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for interview.

Next step: You'll be able to move into work as a restaurant supervisor, banqueting supervisor, events and conference coordinator, reception supervisor or wedding coordinator. You could also continue on to a HNC or HND at South Thames College or elsewhere.

Apprenticeships

Hospitality Services Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BL

A hospitality services apprenticeship is a great way to begin your career in the hospitality industry. You'll get real-world experience and learn the skills needed to work in many different environments including restaurants, hotels, events catering and many more.

You'll learn about key areas including:

- Guest experience
- Table service
- Bar service
- Housekeeping.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths, English and IT. You'll leave with a qualification in hospitality services if you complete your apprenticeship successfully.

Apprenticeships have three different levels: Intermediate, Advanced and Higher. At Intermediate you'll pick up the fundamentals of a role and key skills to start your career. With Advanced you'll learn more in-depth skills. At the Higher Level you'll gain greater skills and more detailed knowledge of that business area. You can work through the levels or start at a level depending on your current experience and qualifications.

Assessment: A mixture of workplace and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials fees: Remember that you may need to invest in comfortable footwear as you'll be on your feet, and some smart clothing. Our team will discuss this with you and any items you need for college.

Next step: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

Higher Education

Level 4/5

Hospitality Management

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE246

This course is ideal if you want to update your knowledge and skills, or change careers in preparation for work within the dynamic hospitality industry. It offers the education and training for a range of careers in the hospitality and leisure sectors. The course is classroom-based with a range of activities including projects with hospitality providers; recently our students worked with the National Maritime Museum on a customer service project.

Next step: You can progress to our HND or move on to the second year of a degree programme. Alternatively you can move into a supervisory or junior management position within the hospitality industry.

Hospitality Management

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER OR FEBRUARY

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE250

This course is designed for a career in the dynamic hospitality industry and builds on the knowledge learnt in the HNC in Hospitality Management. It offers the education and training for a range of careers in the growing hospitality and leisure sectors, with opportunities nationally and internationally. The course is classroom-based with a range of activities including projects with hospitality providers.

Next step: A degree programme in the second or third year. Alternatively, work in a supervisory or junior management position in hospitality, the licence trade, food and beverages, or leisure and tourism industry. Or join a management training programme with a large international hospitality provider.

[See website for full details](#)

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

Level 2

Professional Cookery

City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB157



This course develops your culinary knowledge and skills, working with a wide range of ingredients and techniques.

The College has a strong track record in local and national

competitions so you will have the chance to compete against your peers to help boost your involvement. This is a great way to help you look creatively at menu choice and food preparation and you'll be encouraged to really push yourself – always with our support.

You'll get practical knowledge in a range of areas including:

- kitchen organisation
- menu planning
- workplace skills
- food skills.

You'll study theoretical units and work on assignments as well as producing fine cuisine for the College's commercial restaurant, working with paying customers.

Assessment: Assessment is through practical-based tests and written assignments. This course includes practical experience in our commercial restaurant as well as the relevant theory to underpin it.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grades A*–D including English or maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of trips and the food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy your uniform for the restaurant or kitchen. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for an interview.

Next step: Become a trainee chef in a hotel or restaurant, cook within the contract catering sector, become an events caterer, or work in the food and beverage service in a hotel or restaurant. Or boost your skills and specialise with one of our Level 3 courses.

Level 3

Professional Cookery

NVQ Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY

DURATION: 24 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME AND PART TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB195

Perfect if you're working in the hospitality and catering industry and want more experience and an industry-recognised qualification. This course will improve and develop your prep and cookery skills with hands-on learning and masterclasses with renowned chefs. You'll leave with a wide range of techniques to use in the professional kitchen. The College has a strong track record in local and national culinary competitions so you'll have the chance to compete against your peers to help boost your understanding and experience.

Assessment: Through observation, discussion and presentation of your personal portfolio.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grades A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy chef's whites to wear on the course. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for interview.

Next step: Professional Cookery Level 3.

Professional Cookery

City & Guilds Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB211



This course develops your culinary knowledge and skills, working with a wide range of ingredients and techniques. It is the natural progression from our other professional cookery courses.

The College has a strong track record in local, national and international culinary competitions including the Toque d'Or, Wessex Culinaire and WorldSkills, so you'll have the chance to compete against your peers to help boost your understanding and experience. This will be backed up by work experience opportunities and previous students have worked at the Epsom Derby, Cannizaro House, Wimbledon, and Harrods. You'll also produce fine cuisine for the College's own commercial restaurant, Taste.

You'll gain practical knowledge in a range of areas including:

- Kitchen organisation
- Menu planning, including seasonality
- Special dietary requirements and allergens
- Restaurant service with presentation techniques
- Advanced culinary techniques, including butchery, fishmongery and pastry
- How to source quality ingredients and manage supplier relationships
- Current industry trends and techniques.

Assessment: Assessment is through practical-based tests and written assignments. This course includes practical experience in our commercial restaurant as well as relevant theory to underpin it.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs grades A*–C including maths or English (with the other at grade D); OR a relevant Level 2 qualification at least at merit with GCSE maths or English A*–C (with the other at grade D).

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of trips and the food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy a front-of-house uniform and chef's whites. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for an interview.

Next step: After finishing this course you could become a chef in a hotel or restaurant, cook within the cost or contract catering sector or become an events caterer. Or you could study further and specialise in an area of your choice, for example in professional cookery, patisserie, or hospitality supervision and leadership.



Apprenticeships

► Level 3

Professional Cookery

NVQ Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 24 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB178

This course develops your culinary knowledge and skills, working with a wide range of ingredients and techniques.

The College has a strong track record in local and national culinary competitions so you'll have the chance to compete against your peers to help boost your understanding and experience. You'll gain practical knowledge in a range of areas including:

- Kitchen organisation
- Menu planning, including seasonality
- Special dietary requirements and allergens
- Restaurant service with presentation techniques
- Advanced culinary techniques, including butchery, fishmongery and pastry
- How to source quality ingredients and manage supplier relationships
- Current industry trends and techniques.

You'll study theoretical units and produce assignments as well as creating fine cuisine for the College's commercial restaurant, Taste.

Assessment: Assessment is through practical-based tests and written assignments. This course includes practical experience in our commercial restaurant as well as relevant theory to underpin it.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 qualification OR relevant trade experience assessed at interview.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy chef's whites to wear on the course. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for interview.

Next step: You could become a chef in a hotel or restaurant, cook within the cost or contract catering sector or become an events caterer. Or you could study further and specialise in an area of your choice, for example in professional cookery, patisserie or hospitality supervision and leadership.

Professional Cookery Apprenticeship

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR MINIMUM

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WORK-BASED AND COLLEGE

CODE: PR00111BL

This apprenticeship is a great way to begin your professional cookery career. You'll learn all the basic skills needed to work in a professional kitchen and real-world experience that is vital to any aspiring chef.

You'll gain insight and experience in areas such as:

- Food preparation
- Menu creation and costing
- Desserts, pastries and bread making
- Health and food safety.

You'll also learn about employer rights and responsibilities and study functional skills in maths and English. You'll leave with a qualification in professional cookery if you complete the apprenticeship successfully.

The name of the course, as it appears on your qualification or certificate, will be Professional Cookery Apprenticeship

Assessment: A mixture of workplace and college-based observation, portfolio building and online exams.

Entry Requirements: To become an apprentice with us, you must:

- Be 16 or older
- Be legally allowed to work in the UK
- Have lived in the UK for the last three years
- Have no qualifications at Level 4 or higher eg a HNC.

Materials: There is a reasonable fee to cover the cost of the food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll also need to buy your uniform for the restaurant or kitchen. Our team will discuss this with you and any other items you need for college.

Next Steps: Most of our apprentices stay and progress with the company they started with. You'll be able to talk to your apprenticeship assessor about the options available to you.

PÂTISSERIE AND CONFECTIONERY

Level 2

Pâtisserie and Confectionery Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY

DURATION: 1 YEAR OR 24 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB196

If you want to specialise in this skilful, creative and demanding area of cookery, this course will teach you specialist pastry, cake and confectionery techniques with an emphasis on practical learning. You'll be learning in our specialist pâtisserie kitchen on equipment that you'd expect to find in the industry's top pastry kitchens. We enter several competitions as a way of boosting your creativity and skills – our students have already been successful and won awards so you'll be building on good foundations.

Some of the speciality items you'll create are:

- Hot and cold desserts and puddings
- Paste products
- Biscuit, cake and sponge products
- Fermented dough products.

Assessment: Practical and written assessments with internal and external moderation.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs grades A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll need to buy a uniform to wear on the course. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for interview.

Next step: Pâtisserie and Confectionery Level 3.

Level 3

Pâtisserie and Confectionery NVQ Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB596

If you have a light touch to make exquisite confections and a creative mind this is a great course. This is one of the most demanding study areas in relation to skill and creative style. With huge potential for profitability in the industry, it is also currently one of the most sought after specialisms. You'll be learning in our specialist pâtisserie kitchen on equipment that you'd expect to find in the industry's top pastry kitchens. We enter several competitions as a way of boosting your creativity and skills – already our students have been successful and won awards so you'll be building on good foundations.

Advanced subjects covered include:

- Bread and dough products
- Cakes, biscuits and sponges
- Hot and cold desserts
- Accompanying sauces, fillings and coatings
- Chocolate products
- Marzipan and sugar products.

Assessment: Through observation, discussion and presentation of your personal portfolio.

Entry requirements: A relevant Level 2 qualification OR relevant trade experience assessed at interview

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the cost of food and materials you'll use for assessments. You'll also need to buy a uniform to wear on the course, a set of knives and a reference book. Your tutor will confirm the cost of this when you come in for interview.

Next step: Look for specialist work straight away – we have many contacts and may be able to help you find your first role. We've helped some of our students already have work with private caterers, Harrods and other top companies. Others have gone on to set up their own businesses.

MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING



.....career paths:
.....mechanic,
.....technician, sales
.....rep, MOT inspector,
.....product designer
.....and many more.



LEVEL 1
1 year

**Motorcycle
Maintenance**

City & Guilds
Diploma Level 1

LEVEL 2
1 year

**Motorcycle
Maintenance and
Repair** City & Guilds
Diploma Level 2

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

**Motorcycle
Maintenance and
Repair** City & Guilds
Diploma Level 3

LEVEL 4
1 year

LEVEL 5+
1+ years

**HIGHER LEVEL STUDY
OR WORK IN THE
INDUSTRY**

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Maintenance and
Repair** IMI Diploma
Level 1

**Motor Vehicle
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Repair** IMI Diploma
Level 2



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MOTORCYCLE ENGINEERING

Level 1

Motorcycle Maintenance

City & Guilds Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB605

Learn how to repair and service motorcycles to gain an industry-recognised qualification in motorcycle engineering. You'll work on a wide range of motorbikes and scooters in one of our two well-stocked workshops. We have over 60 models including BMW, Kawasaki, Yamaha and Suzuki. Our workshops are kitted out with a great range of tools and specialist equipment including a rolling road (a Fuchs Dynamometer), which is a high-tech performance tuning machine that tests the efficiency and performance of an engine.

You'll learn about routine maintenance processes and procedures including:

- Techniques for chassis maintenance
- Transmissions
- Engine and braking systems
- Motorcycle construction
- Steering and suspension
- Electrical and lighting
- Tools, equipment and materials
- Servicing
- Health and safety.

Assessment: Practical assessments under observation, online multiple choice exams, and a portfolio of work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: This is a hands-on course in a workshop so you'll need overalls and boots to do the course safely. If you don't have your own, you can buy overalls and boots from the College. Your tutors will give you more information on this.

Next step: Progress on to our Level 2 motorcycle course to improve your skills and job prospects or get onto an apprenticeship in motorcycle engineering.

Level 2

Motorcycle Maintenance and

Repair City & Guilds Diploma

Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB606

This course is perfect if you want practical experience to develop skills and competency in motorbike or scooter maintenance.

You'll learn about starting a career in the motorcycle industry too. Our two large workshops have a great range of tools and equipment including a rolling road, which is a high-tech performance tuning machine that tests the efficiency and performance of an engine. We have a range of motorbikes and scooters for practical work to give you broad experience. You'll learn how to service and repair engines, chassis, transmissions, electrics and fuel systems.

Assessment: Practical and theory assessments observed by your tutor and online multiple choice exams.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: This is a hands on course in a workshop so you'll need to buy overalls and boots to do the course safely and cleanly. Your tutors will give you more information on this.

Next step: Continue on to the Level 3 motorcycle course to build on your knowledge and improve your long-term career prospects.

Level 3

Motorcycle Maintenance and Repair City & Guilds Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB607

If you want to develop your skills in motorcycle and scooter servicing and repair and learn diagnostic and fault-finding skills, this course will give you the practical experience you need as well as a deeper insight into the motorcycle industry. Our two large workshops have a great range of tools and equipment including a rolling road, which is a high-tech performance tuning machine that tests the efficiency and performance of an engine. We have a range of motorbikes and scooters for practical work to give you broad experience.

Subjects covered include:

- Diagnostics and fault finding
- Parts and transmission
- Electrics
- ABS braking systems
- Fuel injection
- Environmental studies
- Customer service in the automotive industry.

Assessment: Practical and theory assessments, assignments observed by your tutor, and a multiple choice exam online.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English and maths at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: This is a hands on course in a workshop so you'll need to buy overalls and boots to do the course safely and cleanly. Your tutors will give you more information on this.

Next step: You could progress to a university motorcycle engineering course or start a career in the motorcycle industry.



tutor profile:

UMIT HASSAN, Lecturer

I got into teaching motor vehicle engineering after working for several main dealers as a technician. My background means I've worked on most models of cars and bikes and I love that the College has plenty of different models for our students to work on – it's the best way to learn. And I've seen the industry develop, especially in areas like safety and road-worthiness, which is essential knowledge if you're going to build a good reputation for yourself as a mechanic.

My experience in the industry helps me prepare students for the real world – I can pass on the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the trade. I love the challenge of looking behind the obvious answer to fix something – especially if other mechanics haven't been able to sort it out!

MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING

Level 1

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair IMI Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB519

Learn how to service cars and carry out basic automotive repairs and gain an industry-recognised qualification in motor vehicle maintenance and repair.

You'll work on a wide range of motor vehicles in one of our modern, well-stocked workshops. And we have plenty of the tools and specialist equipment you'd expect to find in good quality professional garages and workshops. Our tutors have worked in the automotive industry or are trained to manufacturers' standards so they can help you understand what will make you successful at work. With the IMI's online portfolio, developed specially for the course, you'll be able to view your progress and manage your work from outside the College as well as in the class.

The modules include:

- Tools, equipment and materials
- Introduction to the retail car maintenance and repair industry
- Spark ignition engine systems components and operation
- Engine liquid cooling and lubrication
- Steering and suspension systems
- Braking systems
- Routine maintenance processes and procedures
- Construction and maintenance of wheels and tyres
- Exhaust systems
- Compression ignition fuel systems
- Vehicle lighting system
- Spark ignition system maintenance
- Health and safety.

Assessment: Your tutor will observe you in practical assessments and there will be online, multiple choice exams. You'll also produce a portfolio of work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–G including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: This is a hands-on course in a workshop so you'll need overalls and boots to do the course safely. If you don't have your own, you can buy overalls and boots from the College. Your tutors will give you more information on this.

Next step: Progress on to our Level 2 course to improve your skills and job prospects or get onto an apprenticeship in car maintenance and repair.

Level 2

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair IMI Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB517

Learn about servicing and repairing cars and how to carry out a range of vehicle repairs with the specialist automotive equipment you'd find in a top-of-the-range garage.

You'll work on a wide range of vehicles in one of our modern, well-stocked workshops. And we have plenty of the tools and equipment you'd expect to find in good quality professional garages and workshops. Our tutors have worked in the automotive industry or are trained to manufacturers' standards, so they can help you understand what will make you successful at work. With the IMI's online portfolio, developed specially for the course, you'll be able to view your progress and manage your work from outside the College as well as in the class.

The modules include:

- Materials, fabrication, tools and measuring devices
- Skills and routine maintenance in light vehicles
- Removing and replacing engine units and components
- Mechanical, lubrication and cooling system units and components
- Fuel, ignition, air and exhaust systems
- Removing and replacing chassis components and electrical units
- Health and safety.

Assessment: Your tutor will observe you in practical assessments and there will be online, multiple choice exams. You'll also produce a portfolio of work.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Materials fees: This is a hands-on course in a workshop so you'll need overalls and boots to do the course safely. If you don't have your own, you can buy overalls and boots from the College. Your tutors will give you more information on this.

Next step: You could consider a higher level course in either motorcycle or automotive engineering or look for work in a garage.



tutor profile:

BHARAT HIRANI,
Curriculum Manager

I've always worked with cars – I started as a master technician with Halfords, carrying out routine servicing, repairs, MOTs, and working on alarm and in-car entertainment systems. I went on to be a breakdown patrol technician for the AA, fixing cars, vans and motorcycles at the roadside. Because I worked closely with many manufacturers and employers, I know the standards and expectations they have to ensure customers receive effective customer service.

My links with employers and manufacturers means the College keeps up to date with industry standards. We make it our job to know what employers are looking for so our students are taught with employability in mind.



“I chose South Thames College because their motorcycle repair course has a great reputation. We have plenty of space to work and we always get the latest motorcycle models to practise on, which is something I really love about the course. I'm planning to open my own garage when I graduate.”

**PEDRO, MOTORCYCLE
MAINTENANCE AND
REPAIR LEVEL 2**



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

career paths:
actor, broadcast
presenter, dancer,
stage manager,
theatre director and
many more





LEVEL 1
1 year

LEVEL 2
1 year

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

LEVEL 4
1 year

LEVEL 5+
1+ years



Music Performance and Production UAL Diploma

Music Performance and Production UAL Extended Diploma

Performing and Production Arts UAL Diploma

Performing and Production Arts UAL Extended Diploma

Creative Practitioners Extended Diploma 'Rock School'

**UNIVERSITY OR
WORK IN THE
INDUSTRY**



Many of our courses are run with University of the Arts London (UAL).

The University of the Arts London (UAL) draws together six renowned colleges, each with its own world-class reputation, whose graduates shape creative industries worldwide. The UAL Awarding Body is approved by Ofqual and its qualifications are accredited to the Qualifications & Credit Framework. Their specialist knowledge of education in the creative arts and commitment to quality ensure UAL qualifications instil students with the skills they need to progress.



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Media and
Multimedia
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MUSIC PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE

Level 2

Music Performance and Production

UAL Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB526

Explore your skills and expertise as a musician, performer and artist, and gain a technical understanding of music technology and production equipment. You'll play gigs and mix live sound performances to demonstrate your practical abilities. You'll develop your skills in MIDI sequencing, recording and mixing and pick up what it takes to get into the music industry. And you'll have a Gigajam account to help you record, compose and improvise music – and to give you additional qualifications.

Assessment: Written and practical assignments including performances, composition and technical tasks.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have an audition and some basic aural assessments in order to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: You can progress to a Level 3 music course to broaden your skills and improve your job prospects.

MATERIALS FEES

There'll be a small fee for a music kit. We use our College connections to get you resources worth more than the cost of the kit. Payment is also assessed on your individual circumstances.

Level 3

Music Performance and Production

UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB527

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

Develop your expertise as a performer through musicianship, keyboard classes, rehearsal sessions and a wide variety of performances. You'll tour and play gigs in local venues and demonstrate your performance ability. You'll gain expertise and confidence in your instrument or your voice through small group workshops, and benefit from seminars and visits from our many links to the professional music industry. You'll also learn essential music technology and production skills alongside music business studies to provide you with a really comprehensive knowledge of the industry. The course is designed around a series of practical assignments that will teach you how to get into the music industry. And you'll have a Gigajam account to help you record, compose and improvise music – and to give you additional qualifications.

Assessment: Based on coursework that will include recordings and performances demonstrating your ability.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have an audition in order to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the Music Performance Extended Diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to higher education, such as the Music Production HNC at South Thames College or a course at university or music college. You could also start performing or find work in the music industry.

Level 2

Level 3

Materials Fees

Your course kit will include some T-shirts to perform in ('rehearsal blacks') and also tickets for excursions to theatre and other performances to help you learn from the professionals. We use our College discount to give you a kit of greater value than the cost. Payment may also be assessed on your circumstances.

Performing and Production Arts UAL Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB491

You'll become a versatile performer as this course is designed around mixed disciplines. You'll work on different performance techniques including dance, drama, singing and rehearsals. And there'll be plenty of shows and different roles to take part in. Most of your lessons will be in our purpose built drama theatre and dance studios.

We have experts coming in through the year to give you advice and guidance based on their own experience. There are also plenty of trips to show you different sides to the business. And you'll have a Gigajam account to help you record, compose and improvise music – and to give you additional qualifications.

Assessment: Continuous assessment through written work and productions. All assessment is based on the rehearsal and performance process in your individual production company.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have an audition (monologue or dance solo) in order to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: You can progress to a Level 3 course with a view to study at drama school or university.

Performing and Production Arts UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB492

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

Whether this is your first course with us or you're building on the skills picked up in our Level 2 diploma, you'll get the skills and support you need to get to degree level or a job in performing arts. You'll explore and develop your creativity. The course moves you from general to more specialised study.

You'll take part in live performances inside and outside the College. And you'll have a Gigajam account to help you record, compose and improvise music — and to give you additional qualifications.

Assessment: Continuous assessment through written work and productions. All assessment is based on the rehearsal and performance process in your individual production company.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C with English at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English assessed by us to be at an appropriate level. You'll also have an audition (monologue or dance solo) in order to make sure the course is a good match for you.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, we have a progression arrangement with the prestigious UAL, or you could progress to a HNC, HND or degree course in performing arts, go on to drama school, or work as a performer or in backstage roles.



Level 4

Creative Practitioners

Extended Diploma Level 4

'Rock School'

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB631

If you're an active musician, producer or performance artist this course will help you develop your own brand and products to build a portfolio and business plan you can use to embark on a creative career, or progress onto higher education.

You'll study seven units throughout the year to focus your understanding of the creative market while carrying out practical tasks to strengthen your experience and create a unique portfolio of work. Your work will be supported by regular talks and seminars from visiting industry experts.

Assessment: Coursework, presentations and a portfolio of practical work.

Entry requirements: GCSE maths and English grade A*–C or equivalent; AND

- A related Level 3 qualification, which could be an Access to Higher Education Certificate; OR
- At least one A-level in a relevant subject at grade A*–C OR more than one A-level at grades A*–E; OR
- Related work experience (if you're an older learner we'll take into account your paid and unpaid experience, professional qualifications and life experience).

Next steps: This course is the equivalent to the first year of a standard three-year university degree, or a HNC. You could progress onto another higher education course with us or another institution, or top-up to a full degree at university. Alternatively you could look for work.



“The Artist in Residence scheme was really great because it gave us contact with people in the industry — a band came in every term and we got to perform with them. We also had to busk around the College and it was great experience. I'm much more confident because of my course.”

RIANNA,
Music Performance, Level 3



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MAKING AND REPAIR





“I’ve always been interested in guitar design, so when I heard about this course I decided I would turn a passion into a career. South Thames College is one of only a few colleges in the UK that offers this course, and you learn skills that are very sought-after in the industry.”

**DOMINIC, GUITAR MAKING
AND REPAIR LEVEL 2**

GUITAR

Level 1



Guitar Making and Repair Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB199

This course starts you on the road for the skills needed to make a guitar, including different construction methods and different styles of instrument. The course may include visits to auctions, museums, and instrument collections to help build up your knowledge of the development and history of guitars.

Topics include:

- Woodwork skills and theory
- Making a ukelele
- Selection of timber for sound
- Guitar bracing patterns
- Basic metalwork and how to make small tools
- Selecting and maintaining tools.

You should aim to complete at least one instrument and this will include how to find and choose the right wood for your project.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs including maths and English; OR other related qualifications and experience. You'll also need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: There is a materials fee to cover the timber used for your first instrument. You might want to buy your own tools to help you practise and develop at home. Talk to a tutor for more information about this.

Next step: Move up to our Level 2 guitar making course to build on the skills you've learnt or to complete a project.

Level 1

Guitar Making and Repair City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB181

This course teaches you how to make a guitar, including different construction methods and different styles of instrument. You'll also learn key guitar repair skills, such as how to re-fret, and work on projects from making ukuleles to electric guitars. The course may include visits to auctions, museums, and instrument collections to help build up your knowledge on the development and history of guitars.

Topics include:

- Alternative construction methods
- Setting up
- Finishing.

You should aim to complete two instruments and this will include how to find and choose the right wood for your project. You'll also complete some common guitar repairs and possibly more major repairs like head grafts and replacing fronts, which leads onto our Advanced Guitar Making and Repair course.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs grades A*–C in relevant subjects including maths and English; OR a related Level 1 qualification. You'll also need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: There is a fee to cover the use of specialist tools in our workshops. You'll need to source and buy materials for your projects throughout the course – your tutor will advise you on this.

Next step: Set up your own business as a guitar maker and repairer, or progress to our advanced guitar making course to improve your skills. You could also re-enrol on this course if you are still completing a guitar project or want to perfect your techniques.

VIOLIN

Advanced

Guitar Making and Repair

Advanced

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CR031

If you've already completed another guitar making course and want to take your knowledge of guitar repairs further, this course lets you set your own targets. You'll continue to develop a wide range of repair and restoration skills through more challenging projects, such as building an electric guitar, and gain the practical knowledge you need to work in this specialist industry.

Repair topics include:

- Re-fretting
- Repairing splits
- Head fronts
- Making patches.

You should plan to complete a guitar in a style of your choice and develop your repair skills.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: Ideally you'll have completed our other guitar making courses or have equivalent experience. If you haven't done a course with us already, you'll need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: Included in the course fee though you might want to buy your own tools to help you practise and develop at home. Talk to a tutor for more information about this.

Next step: Set up your own business as a guitar maker and repairer or take another of our musical instrument making courses. If you want to set up your own business, you could consider the part-time business, finance or marketing courses we offer to improve your reach to customers.

Level 1

Violin Making

City & Guilds Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB199

You'll learn the specialist skills and techniques to make your own violin. This practical course will give you a high level of hand skills to create violins of different styles. As you progress, you'll be expected to make at least one instrument. You'll have the chance to follow your own ideas and interests to create a violin in a style of your choice.

Topics include:

- Working with wood
- Use and maintenance of tools
- Essential drawing and sketching skills
- Basic metalwork and the making of small tools.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs including maths and English, OR other related qualifications and experience. You'll also need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: There is a fee to pay for the timber you'll use to make your first instrument. You might want to buy your own tools to help you practise and develop at home. Talk to a tutor for more information about this.

Next step: You can progress to a Level 2 course at South Thames College to improve your skills in making musical instruments.

Also available as a part-time course (one day a week)

Level 2

Violin Making and Repair City & Guilds Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB181

You'll build on previous knowledge and work on other instruments such as a cello or bass. You'll learn how to set up, retouch and varnish, which are essential skills in the industry. The course may include visits to auctions, museums, and instrument collections to build your knowledge of the history and development of violins.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs grades A*–C in relevant subjects including maths and English; OR a related Level 1 qualification. You'll also need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: You'll need to source and buy materials for your projects throughout the course – your tutor will advise you on this.

Next step: Progress to our advanced violin making course or start your career in the violin trade.

Also available as a part-time course (one day a week)

Advanced

Violin Making and Repair Advanced

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CR028

This course leads to the Advanced Violin Making Certificate and will improve your skills and techniques for making violins. It is a practical course that lets you follow your own ideas and interests to create a violin in a style of your choice.

Topics include:

- Repairing and reinforcing cracks
- Fitting patches and grafts
- Peg hole bushing
- Retouching varnish.

Assessment: The tutor will give you feedback throughout your course.

Entry requirements: You should have completed the Level 1 and Level 2 violin making courses. You'll need a short interview with a tutor who will check the course is right for you. To guarantee a place, you should aim to book at least a month before the course starts.

Materials fees: Included in the course fee though you might want to buy your own tools to help you practise and develop at home. Talk to a tutor for more information about this.

Next step: This course can help you get work or set up in business in this specialised craft. If you want to set up your own business, you could consider the part-time business, finance or marketing courses we offer to improve your reach to customers.

SHORT AND PART-TIME COURSES

We also offer short and part-time courses for adults in:

- **Bow Making**
- **Bow Re-Hair**
- **Guitar Electrics Servicing**
- **Guitar Making and Repair**
- **Guitar Set-Up**
- **Woodwind Repair**

See our website for more details.



PRINCE'S TRUST TEAM PROGRAMME

If you're not sure college is for you and you're finding it hard to get a job too, then get your life on track with our free, 12-week course just for 16-25 year olds that is all about YOU.

We've already helped nearly 4,000 people – wouldn't you like to be next?

You'll work towards a nationally recognised qualification and do three core parts to the course:

Community

Identify local projects where you can make a difference, fundraise, and then roll up your sleeves and do a small project for them — from cooking a meal in a hostel for the homeless, to creating special play areas in a primary school. You'll be amazed at the project management and business planning skills you can pick up doing this.

Activity

Spend a week in the Peak District on a residential course. It's not a free holiday, it's a chance to push yourself, get a little bit scared and then be proud of yourself for doing more than you thought you could. And you'll pick up the teamwork skills that employers really value.

Work experience

Marks & Spencer and Hotel Rafayel are just two of the companies that have given our young people work placements. You'll get the experience you need to be work ready.

We will also help you with:

- CV writing
- Job interview skills
- Choosing college courses
- Counselling and personal development

**To find out more call 020 8408 6485
or visit www.south-thames.ac.uk/princestrust**

Delivered by South Thames College in: Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Mitcham, Sutton, Tooting, Twickenham and Wandsworth

Courses are FREE and last 12 weeks.

Start dates in September, January and May.

Since working with the Prince's Trust, we have:

- Helped 70% of our students move into a job, education or training
- Seen 18% of young people start training or education at South Thames College
- Raised more than £125,000 for local projects.
- Decorated community spaces with over 5,000 litres of paint
- Set more than 1,500 bedding plants into parks and community gardens
- Climbed over 15,240m on Derbyshire rock faces, abseiled 6,860m from bridges and spent 12 hours locked in a police cell (for a sponsored lock in).



“ Thanks to this I’m confident talking to people and I’m ready to work — to start again ”

Aisha



“ I've learnt so many new skills, it's really built up my confidence. My work placement was at a local nursery and I'd like to work in childcare. I have a three-year-old daughter and the Prince's Trust Team Programme has inspired me to turn my life around and be the best mum I can – it's really helped me develop.”

NATASHA



Prince's Trust

Team programme

PUBLIC SERVICES



career paths:
expedition leader,
fire officer,
paramedic, police
officer, soldier and
many more

Level 2

Public Service Careers (Uniformed)

BTEC Diploma Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB114

If you want to take the first step towards joining the ambulance, fire, police or armed services, then sign up to this course. You'll develop the skills and knowledge that employers want and gain a recognised qualification. The course is a combination of practical activity and theory sessions. You'll take part in outdoor activities such as map reading, high ropes, and competitions organised by the services. There is a strong emphasis on your own health, lifestyle and fitness, teamwork, leadership skills and communication. You'll have at least two visits to public service environments per term. Usually this includes the London Fire Brigade's fitness centre, a working prison, and an emergency services call centre. These trips give you the chance to talk to professionals and see real-life operations, to help show you what your future could be.

Units include:

- Public service skills
- Fitness training and testing
- Crime and its impact on society
- Driving in the public services
- Teamwork for the public services
- Career planning and work.

Assessment: Continuous assessment through assignments and practical observations.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs A*–D including English or maths; OR a relevant Level 1 qualification plus English and maths assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: You could apply for the entrance assessments for the uniformed public services, or continue to the Level 3 course for a better chance of success in the entrance assessments.

Level 3

Public Services

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB227

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This is for you if you want to take the first step towards joining the ambulance, fire, police or armed services. You'll develop practical skills, knowledge and understanding through typical activities you'll be expected to carry out serving the public. There's a strong focus on your own health, lifestyle and fitness. You'll take part in outdoor activities like map reading, high ropes and competitions organised by the services, which includes an overnight trip where you'll be observed performing command tasks to challenge your reactions and decision making. Your course will include key functional skills in communication. You'll have at least two visits to public service environments per term. Usually this includes the London Fire Brigade's fitness centre, a working prison and an emergency services call centre. These trips give you the chance to talk to professionals and see real-life operations, to help show you what your future could be.

Units include:

- Understanding behaviour in public sector employment
- Physical preparation and fitness for the uniformed services
- Leadership and teamwork in public services
- Government policies and the public services
- Citizenship and diversity
- Understanding discipline within the uniformed public services.

Assessment: Continuous assessment through assignments and practical observations.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*–C and English GCSE at A*–D; OR a relevant Level 2 diploma at least at merit plus English assessed by us to be at an appropriate level.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma. From the extended diploma, progress to university-level courses in public services or apply to start a career in the ambulance, fire, police or armed services.

SPORT



career paths:
gym instructor,
leisure facility
manager, personal
trainer, sports
development officer,
sports and fitness
coach and many
more





LEVEL 1
1 year

Sport BTEC
Diploma Level 1

LEVEL 2
1 year

▶ **Sport BTEC**
Diploma Level 2

LEVEL 3
1–2 years

▶ **Sport BTEC**
Extended Diploma
Level 3

LEVEL 4
1 year

LEVEL 5+
1+ years

**UNIVERSITY, HIGHER LEVEL STUDY
OR WORK IN THE INDUSTRY**

Football and Education Programme BTEC Diploma Levels 1 to 3

**Ask about our
HNC in Sport***

**subject to validation*



**We also run part-time
evening and day courses
for sports leadership
and gym instructors**



COACHING, SPORT AND FITNESS

Level 1

Sport

BTEC Diploma Level 1

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON OR WANDSWORTH

CODE: CB084

If you want to take your first step towards a career in the sport and leisure industry, then this course will give you practical knowledge and theory of sport. You'll combine class-based study with fitness and sport training and learn through visits to sporting venues – like premiership football stadiums. You could also be involved in volunteering activities, like coaching at primary schools, to give you direct experience of what it's like to lead sporting and coaching activities. This experience can increase your employability and has in the past led to part-time paid work for our students too.

Units include:

- How the body works
- Improving your own fitness
- Working in sport and leisure
- Risks and hazards in sport and leisure.

Assessment: You'll be assessed through practical performance and a portfolio of work that you'll build up over the course.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs in relevant subjects or other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: You'll need good quality trainers and fitness gear to complete your practical work.

Next step: Improve your job prospects by moving on to a Level 2 course. At South Thames College we offer sports courses up to university level so there are lots of opportunities for progression.

Levels 2 and 3

Sport

BTEC Diploma Level 2

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

At time of print, course details are still being finalised. They'll offer you the great opportunities to progress to higher level study or into work and learning with energetic tutors who'll push you to achieve your best. Check online to see the latest info.



Ask us
about our
HNC in Sport*

*subject to validation

Football in Education Programme

Levels 1–3

Football and Education Programme

BTEC Diploma Levels 1 to 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR EACH LEVEL

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON AND AFC WIMBLEDON

CODE: CB084 (LEVEL 1), CB608 (LEVEL 2), CB229 (LEVEL 3)



If you have potential on the field and are particularly interested in working in pro-football, this course will see you train with AFC Wimbledon while studying for a nationally recognised sport qualification at college. It could be your first step towards a career in sport that will also give you great chances

to practice your passion on the pitch.

You'll train three mornings a week with UEFA-qualified coaches at AFC Wimbledon, on a full-sized 3G pitch. You'll improve your technical and tactical skills as well as test your fitness through stamina and speed training. You'll put your skills into practice in competitive matches against other professional clubs' college teams (including Chelsea, Tottenham and Fulham) in the PLFL Development League or Football Conference Youth Alliance. To help you play like a professional, you'll be supported by the club's Sports Science and Medical Team to help keep you fit and healthy. The football programme is overseen by Academy management who will identify anyone with enough talent to make the next step up towards the club's U18 or U21 groups work hard enough and it could be you!

At college, you'll get the teaching to understand a range of key areas that could build your career in sport, leisure and recreation.

Assessment: Practical tests, coursework and portfolio work.

Entry Requirements: As well as formal qualifications, like GCSEs that vary according to the level you start at, you'll also need to do a football skills assessment as part of the interview process.

Materials fees: You'll need AFC Wimbledon kit (cost price for students). You'll also need good quality boots and pads.

Next Steps: Move through the different levels to continue your training with AFC Wimbledon. We will discuss your future in football and sport with you as you study with us and don't forget you'll always leave with a recognised sport qualification when you complete the courses successfully.



“My aim is to be a physiotherapist so the course at South Thames has given me the motivation and a fantastic basis to go on to further study, and now I am closer to my goal due to the great work of all my teachers and their teaching methods.”

“Through my course tutor's links, I now work for Virgin Active. It's really helped me to put what I learn on the course into practice, as well as having a job I enjoy where I'm part of a fantastic team.”

JUAN TABARES SALAZAR

Level 3 Sport

Offered a place to study sports therapy at the University of East London in September and works at Virgin Active as a fitness coach

TEACHING & TRAINING



TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

All Levels

Advanced

CELTA Taster Day: An introduction

All Levels

START: SEPT, NOV, MAR OR JUN

DURATION: 1 DAY

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CL039

If you think you want to teach English to Adult Learners, come along for the day and see what to expect on a CELTA course at South Thames College. You'll then be able to decide if this course is for you!

Using the methodology that we employ on the course, you'll have interactive and engaging sessions on language awareness, grammar, pronunciation and other aspects of teaching English.

Next step: Apply for the CELTA or Teaching Knowledge Test course.

Teaching Knowledge Test

Advanced

START: SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY OR APRIL

DURATION: 8 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CR075

Suitable for those teaching English or wanting to teach in the future.

This course is a useful foundation for those who are looking to apply for CELTA but aren't quite at the right level. You'll study:

- Language awareness
- Phonology
- Lexis and methodology
- Practical teaching techniques.

Assessment: Coursework and exam.

Entry requirements: You should have a minimum level of English equivalent to Cambridge First Certificate.

Next step: You could take a CELTA course with us or teach English in primary schools abroad.



► Level 5

Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA) Level 5

START: SEPT, JAN, APR OR JUL

DURATION: 4, 10 OR 20 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME OR PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CR046

CELTA is an initial teacher training course, though you may already have some teaching experience. It's an internationally recognised qualification that gives you the skills to become an English language teacher and is ideal if you're looking for a new career opportunity. Teaching practice is a main component of the course.

This course covers:

- Analysis of English from a foreign learner's point of view
- Development of language skills, resources, lesson planning, teaching, pronunciation, and classroom management
- Input sessions on language awareness and methodology, observed teaching practice and observation of experienced teachers.

Assessment: A portfolio of coursework and observation of teaching practice.

Entry requirements: CELTA is open to native and non-native speakers of English, but the course requires a good level of analytical awareness of the language as well as a high level of written and spoken English. Non-native speakers should normally already have the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) qualification or equivalent. This course is for students 20 years old and over. You need to have two A-levels or a degree (or equivalent). If you have recent experience of learning a second or additional language this might be an advantage.

Next step: DELTA or PGCE (specialising in language).

We have other short courses for teaching tips and techniques. Search our online courses to see more.



TRAINING TO SUPPORT TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM

Level 2

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER OR NOVEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY OR EVENING

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH OR TOOTING

CODE: CB260

Whether you're new to the education sector, already working in teaching, or want to move into a school setting, this course will teach you the range of knowledge needed to support a teacher in the classroom.

The course is based on the national occupational standards for supporting teaching and learning in schools.

Assessment: The course is assessed by a portfolio of evidence. You'll also be visited by an assessor to observe you supporting learning in the workplace.

Entry requirements: You'll need a reasonable level of literacy and numeracy. You need a paid or voluntary teaching support placement of six hours a week or more for the whole of your course. You'll need to arrange this before you enrol. It can be in a primary, secondary, or special care school but not a nursery. You'll need to arrange with your placement school for your DBS check. We can interview you before you arrange your placement but you must bring proof of your placement to enrolment to get onto the course.

Materials fees: You'll need to pay for the DBS check to do your placement.

Next step: Progress on to a Level 3 course in supporting teaching and learning.

Level 3

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY OR EVENING

LOCATION: TOOTING

CODE: CB262

Build on your skills learnt at Level 2 and develop your capacity to deal with a variety of familiar and unfamiliar situations in the classroom, using a range of professional skills.

You'll be able to show that you can carry out self-directed activities under guidance and may have limited responsibility for directing the work of others. You'll be able to apply knowledge and skills in a range of complex areas. The course is based on the national occupational standards for supporting teaching and learning in schools.

Assessment: The course is assessed by a portfolio of evidence. You'll also be visited by an assessor to observe you supporting learning in the workplace.

Entry requirements: You need a Level 2 qualification in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or another closely related Level 2 qualification. Before you enrol you need to arrange to do at least ten hours a week of paid/voluntary teaching support for the duration of your course. Your placement can be in a primary, secondary, or special care school of your choice. Nursery schools are not suitable. You'll need a DBS check to start your placement. You should arrange this with your placement school. You can apply and be interviewed before your placement is arranged but you must bring proof of your placement confirmation to enrolment.

Materials fees: You'll need to pay for the DBS check to do your placement.

Next step: If you don't want to go directly into working in a classroom, you could move on to a foundation degree in teaching.

TRAINING TO TEACH IN THE FURTHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS SECTOR

All Levels

Level 3

Teaching: An introduction to EAT, DET and PGCE All Levels

START: FEBRUARY

DURATION: 1 WEEK

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: TOOTING

CODE: CC374

Considering a career in teaching adults or working as a trainer? This informal session will give you an insight into what the job involves and the different routes you could take to move into this area. Teaching is a demanding and fulfilling career choice that people come to at various stages of their life, often after other employment. If you're passionate about the subject you want to teach, come along and get advice from an experienced teaching professional and explore the options open to you.

During the session you'll find out about:

- The different career paths available and how you can progress onto training for these roles
- The roles and responsibilities of a teacher
- The skills and abilities that you need to be a great teacher
- The next steps you can take.

Assessment: There are no formal assessments. You'll take part in activities to help you and your tutor decide the best options for you and your future career.

Entry requirements: You should have a good idea of the subject you want to teach or train in.

Next step: After this session you might want to book an interview with the Teacher Education Department to enrol on an EAT or PGCE course.

Education and Training Award Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER OR JANUARY OR APRIL

DURATION: 13 WEEKS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME EVENING

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: CR058

Interested in trying out the teaching profession without committing to long-term study? This is the course for you. It's also suitable if you currently do a small amount of teaching and want to expand your skill set. This replaces our PTLLS (Preparing To Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector) course.

This course introduces you to effective teaching methods. It features a variety of teaching and learning approaches including seminars, group work, peer teaching, tutorials, and presentations. Course content includes:

- Lesson planning
- Communication skills
- Resource development
- Different assessment methods
- Legislation in education
- Professional reflection.

Assessment: You'll build up a portfolio of assignments over the course. You'll also carry out a short session of teaching in class.

Entry requirements: You'll need to demonstrate good levels of written English. You'll also need a willingness to develop teaching approaches that are appropriate for adults with diverse educational and cultural backgrounds.

Next step: Once you've achieved this award, you'll be in a much stronger position to apply for teaching hours in the further education and skills sector. You may also want to enrol on the DET/PGCE course and become a fully qualified teacher.

Degrees in Education

See website for full details

Level 5+

Education and Training –

Generic Pathway Diploma (DET) or PGCE Level 6

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: PART-TIME EVENING

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HI038

This is essential if you want to build a teaching career in further and adult education, as it gives you fully qualified teacher status in these sectors. Run in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, units include learning theories and developing teaching resources.

Education and Training –

Specialist Pathway Diploma (DET) or PGCE Level 6

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HI038

As there is currently significant demand for well-qualified, effective English and maths teachers, this course could lead to some very fulfilling job opportunities. You can become fully qualified to teach in the further education and skills sector with this course. As well as having specialist training in how to teach literacy, ESOL or maths. Modules include classroom assessment and curriculum design. Run in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

Government tuition bursaries available!

Lifelong Learning

BA (Hons) Level 6

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HI243

Earn your degree after only two years' part-time study and develop your ability to evaluate and investigate the ideas and practices of lifelong learning. Towards the end of the course you'll choose an aspect of lifelong learning to examine in greater depth. Run in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University and includes units such as learning and sustainable development, and reflective practice.

Masters in Professional Learning and Education

(MaPLE) Level 7

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 3 YEARS

STUDY MODE: PART TIME DAY

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HI037

Explore your role at Masters level with like-minded professionals from lifelong learning. It will encourage you to become an autonomous, critical thinker who can take on and develop research interests. And it will help broaden your knowledge and awareness of the ideological and structural underpinnings within your professional context. There are three stages (worth 60 credits each) and you can leave with a qualification at the end of each. The blended learning approach gives you the flexibility to study and work at the same time. Run in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

Access Courses

See page 25

Teaching (Education Studies) Access to Higher Education

If you're 19 or older and want to go to university, but don't have the traditional entry requirements, these intensive one year courses are an ideal option.

TRAVEL & TOURISM

.....career paths:
airport staff, cabin
crew, customs
official, corporate
travel manager,
holiday rep, tour
manager, travel
agent and many
.....more



LEVEL 1
 1 year

**Preparation for
Level 2 courses**
 See website for
 details

LEVEL 2
 1 year

**Travel and
Tourism**
 BTEC Certificate

LEVEL 3
 1–2 years

**Travel and
Tourism**
 BTEC Extended
 Diploma

LEVEL 4
 1 year

**Travel and
Tourism
Management**
 BTEC HNC

LEVEL 5+
 1+ years

**WORK IN THE
INDUSTRY
UNIVERSITY
OR HIGHER
LEVEL STUDY**

**Travel and
Tourism
Management**
 BTEC HND



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Level 2

Travel and Tourism

BTEC Certificate Level 2

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB127

This practical course will give you a deeper understanding of world travel and teach you skills to prepare you for further study or a career in the industry. As part of the course, you'll have a two-week work placement in the sector. Previously our students have worked with companies including Travelodge, Thomson and National Express. We also run several visits a year to give you an understanding of how UK visitor attractions operate successfully; this has included the London Aquarium, Tower of London and Thorpe Park.

Units include:

- Customer service
- Marketing
- The UK as a travel destination
- Visitor attractions.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of coursework, role play, presentations, and case studies. There are also some externally moderated exams.

Entry requirements: Three GCSEs including English or maths; OR other related qualifications and experience.

Materials fees: You'll wear a uniform as part of your course. Depending on your circumstances, the cost varies and this will be assessed when you join the course.

Next step: Move on to our Level 3 course to deepen your understanding and improve your job prospects.

**PREPARE
FOR LEVEL 2**
Focus on essential
study skills in business,
IT, English and maths so
you'll be ready to progress
with us and specialise in a
subject of your choice.

See website

Level 3

Travel and Tourism

BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1-2 YEARS

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: MERTON

CODE: CB239

90 OR 180 CREDIT COURSE:

Achieve a 90-credit diploma in your first year of study then top up to 180 credits on the extended diploma in the second year. The extended diploma gives you much more detail on the subject, it's the same as three A-levels and is a great route into university. If you already have 90 credits from another college, you can choose to top up to the extended diploma with just one year of study.

This course looks at various aspects of tourism, broadening your knowledge and skills to improve your career prospects in the travel and tourism industry. You'll have the chance to take part in an overseas residential field trip that will broaden your understanding of how airlines and airports operate and how hotels and visitor attractions work abroad and attract international customers. This will underpin your class assignments. As part of the course, you'll also have a two-week work placement in the sector. Previously, our students have worked with companies including Travelodge, Thomson and National Express. We run several visits a year to give you an understanding of how UK visitor attractions operate successfully; this has included the London Aquarium, Tower of London and Thorpe Park.

There are compulsory and optional units including:

- Customer service
- Business of travel and tourism
- UK, European and long-haul destinations
- Resort representatives
- Marketing.

Assessment: Continuous assessment of coursework, role play, presentations and case studies. There are also some externally moderated exams.

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs A*-C including maths or English (with the other at grade D); OR a relevant Level 2 qualification at least at merit.

Materials fees: You'll wear a uniform as part of your course. Depending on your circumstances, the cost varies and this will be assessed when you join the course.

Next step: From the 90-credit diploma, move up to the extended diploma in travel and tourism. From the extended diploma, you can go on to a HNC at South Thames College or elsewhere. Or go straight into work in roles like a tour operator, rep, or cabin crew.

Higher Education

Level 4/5

Travel and Tourism Management

BTEC HNC Level 4

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE251

This course is ideal if you want to update your knowledge and skills or change careers in preparation for work within the exciting travel and tourism industry. It gives you the theory and training for a range of careers in the sector. Classroom-based, the course gives you a range of activities, including projects with travel and tourism providers, to cover areas like marketing and customer service, contemporary issues in tourism, finance, and the developing manager.

Travel and Tourism Management

BTEC HND Level 5

START: SEPTEMBER

DURATION: 1 YEAR

STUDY MODE: FULL TIME

LOCATION: WANDSWORTH

CODE: HE249

If you want to update your knowledge and skills, or change careers in preparation for work in the exciting travel and tourism industry, then this course is for you. At the end of the course, you'll feel confident working with customers, understand how to respond to changing demands in the marketplace, and how to represent yourself and your company with professionalism and integrity. By understanding wider business themes, you'll start to understand how to make decisions around business development and spotting new opportunities. Your research and presentation skills will also develop and you'll be prepared for the next level of study if that feels like the next step for you.

We are soon launching our Airline Cabin Crew Level 2 Certificate.

Check online for details.



SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS





If you think you may need support to study, you can talk to us privately about your needs and we will give you personalised help so you reach your potential. We provide support to over a thousand learners every year, many of whom have a learning difficulty or disability so we've got the experience to genuinely support you. Starting your course with us should be the start of a great future and we can help you make the best of your time here.

Support on offer

Someone from the team will meet you to talk about your requirements and, depending on the results, you could be offered support. We will look at how you learn best and develop strategies with you to keep you on track with your course and keep up your confidence.

We support students with a range of support needs including:

- Dyslexia and dyscalculia
- Autism
- Attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Physical disabilities
- Medical conditions
- Mental health issues
- Deaf or hearing impaired
- Visually impaired.

Help for your exams

You could get other help in your exams – such as extra time, a reader or prompter. This will depend on the rules of the exam board so talk to us as soon as possible so we can get what you need in place.

Contact our team:

- Voice 020 8918 7486
- Minicom 020 8918 7969
- learner.support@south-thames.ac.uk

Some of the practical help we can offer:

Screen readers

Speech recognition software

Adapted keyboards

Braille and large print

Support in the classroom

Skills For Working Life (For Moderate Learning Difficulties)

This programme is individually tailored for 16-25 year olds with particular learning needs. So if you want to develop practical skills for personal and working life then this programme will build your knowledge and confidence in a friendly and supportive environment.

Our experienced tutors will talk to you and make sure you study with other young people who have similar abilities so you feel comfortable learning together.

What will you get?

- A varied course designed around your needs
- A wide choice of subjects such as catering, drama, engineering and horticulture
- Support with English, maths and IT – working towards nationally recognised qualifications
- A focus on personal skills including money management and independent living
- A qualification in personal social development
- Help with your interview techniques, CV writing and other skills to prepare you for work
- Support to get you into work or onto a college course.

After your course, there are plenty of opportunities to progress onto another of the many wide-ranging courses at South Thames College.

Because we need to provide the right level of support and attention to every student, we limit places so please make sure you apply early. Courses start in September and are delivered at our Merton Campus.

**Call us on 020 8918 7777
or fill in the enquiry form online
to set up your meeting with us.**

[www.south-thames.ac.uk/
SkillsForWorkingLife](http://www.south-thames.ac.uk/SkillsForWorkingLife)





Aurora Centre (For Complex Needs)

Aurora is our specialist, non-residential centre for 16-25 year olds with autistic spectrum disorder and complex needs.

We created the centre, run by a dedicated team with specialist training, to give our young adults the individualised learning activities they need. That means intensive and personalised support, education and training to create an enriching and relevant experience.

Some of our study subjects and activities:

- Communication and numeracy
- Social and behavioural development
- Citizenship – including community projects and fundraising
- Life skills – from travel training and shopping to meal preparation
- Expressive arts – using a range of music, dance, visual arts, drama and other arts

- Employability skills – with supported work shadowing and volunteering opportunities
- Health and wellbeing – healthy eating, sport and fitness as well as relaxation.

Our young adults enjoy a range of hands-on activities to stimulate their learning. From gardening to metalwork and practical science to administration, learners can explore the excellent wider facilities of the College all in a setting structured to their individual needs.

The centre is in a quiet corner of the Merton Campus within its own landscaped gardens and with independent access.

Find out more or book a tour of the Aurora Centre:

020 8408 6536

aurora@south-thames.ac.uk

www.south-thames.ac.uk/aurora



FEES AND FINANCE

Aged 16-18

If you're 18 or under on 31 August 2016 and are a UK/EU student, you won't have to pay any fees at all. All tuition, registration and exam fees are free. You might have to pay for some materials however – things like art materials or a hairdressing kit.

Aged 19 or over

If you're 19 or over on 31 August, you'll probably need to pay tuition fees, exam fees, plus the College registration fee. Fees have been set for some courses (though still can change), so please ask at Student Services or check our website for the most up-to-date fees.

Sometimes you can get a reduction on your fees, for example if you're on Jobseeker's Allowance. However, it's best to check with us as our fee policy is updated from time to time.

Higher education

All students on higher education courses pay fees, though you could get a student loan to help with the cost of your course from Student Finance England. Also, if you have a disability, learning difficulty or medical condition that affects your learning, you could be eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance. For details on eligibility and how to apply, you can speak to Andy Branscombe in our Learner Support Team or download our leaflet from www.south-thames.ac.uk/fees.

Materials

On some courses you'll be expected to pay for materials. Some courses also need specialist equipment to complete the course, eg beauty therapy kit or chefs' whites. If you're on benefits, you might be able to get help to pay for these through our Learner Support Fund.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Students on some of our courses, like childcare, may need a DBS (formerly CRB – Criminal Records Bureau) check. You'll need to pay the fee for this when you enrol.

**For more
information on
fees and financial
help, drop into
Student Services at
one of our campuses
or call us on 020
8918 7777**

Financial Support

Money shouldn't be a barrier to you doing well. Our advice team has plenty of experience helping students get grants and other funding to help them complete their course.

You may also be eligible for help with childcare costs through Care to Learn or our childcare bursary.

For free and confidential advice about financial support and an assessment of your circumstances, speak to the Welfare Advisers in the Advice Centres (Merton and Wandsworth) or Student Services at Tooting.

24+ Advanced Learning Loans

If you're 24 or older, are a UK resident and are taking your first Level 3 or Level 4 course then the Government's 24+ Advanced Learning Loan could help pay for your course. Like a student loan – you don't pay upfront or pay anything back until you're earning over £21k a year. It's not means tested and if you go straight on to complete a higher education course, the loan will be wiped off.

Access Fund

Available if you're on low income and get funding for higher education from Student Finance England. You'll be given money for travel and assistance to be paid each term so long as you attend. The amount

you'll receive depends on how far you live from College. Pick up a 19+ Learning Support application form from Student Services or email student.services@south-thames.ac.uk

Learner Support Fund

This is financial support from the College to help with the costs of travel and any books or equipment you need for your course. To be eligible, your household income needs to be £16,190 or less. Ask for an application form at Student Services.

Free College Meals

Depending on your circumstances, you could get money towards lunches at the College until you're 25. Our welfare advisers can help see if you're eligible for this government scheme.

Financial help for university-level courses

A student loan might be open to you if you're on a higher education course. Also, if you have a disability, learning difficulty or medical condition that affects your learning, you could be eligible for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). For details of DSA and how to apply, speak to Andy Branscombe in our Learner Support Team or download our leaflet from www.south-thames.ac.uk/fees.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We hope to be fair in the information we provide to you. You should consider the following points when choosing your course. Always remember that we have independent career and education advisers on site who can help with questions or information you might need.

On occasion it is necessary to move, alter or withdraw courses. All courses run subject to demand.

When a course is cancelled or amended to the extent that enrolled students are no longer able to attend, we will transfer enrolled students to an appropriate alternative course where possible.

Fees may change at short notice. The fees payable are those in force at the time of enrolment and supersede any previously advertised. You can read our refunds policy on www.south-thames.ac.uk/fees

Course hours and study mode can vary according to circumstances like benefit and visa status. They are set so that the College and students meet the requirements of government departments, funding and awarding bodies. We will confirm if your course is full-time or part-time on enrolment

or in subsequent correspondence, subject to your circumstances.

Where the same course runs at more than one campus, the student experience may differ between campuses due to a range of factors including existing employer contacts with tutors, proximity to external venues and facilities on that campus. This difference could include, but is not limited to, work experience opportunities, visits or field trips and units studied.

Entry requirements are given as a guide only and may be altered at any stage up to and including enrolment. Additional competency assessments may be required and we try to provide notice of this where possible. Completing one level, with us or at another institution, is no guarantee of being accepted onto a higher level course. Each application is assessed on its own merits.

As appropriate and reasonable, we try to inform people where they are affected by substantive changes in course or other information.

You should check with us to confirm details especially around costs, times and locations.

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