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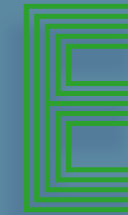
Creating Careers

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Early Years & the Visitor Economy

Our Early Years & the Visitor Economy Department includes Child Care, The Early Years Educator, Travel and Tourism, Hospitality and Professional Chef courses. The department benefits from dedicated industry experienced staff, who will support you every step of the way and it has fantastic facilities in specially created learning environments. These include a brand new mock airline cabin, a fully equipped on site nursery and pre-school classrooms and our fantastic Clouds restaurant.



School of Art & Design

There has been a School of Art on this site since 1938 and the building still embraces many of the original beautiful Art Deco features, with bright spacious studios, a grand marble staircase and wonderful exhibition areas. The facilities however are of course bang up to date, and our School of Art students have use of the latest printmaking equipment, cameras, green screens and much more, as well as talented, inspiring teachers to support you every step of the way.

Whatever course you choose, you will find our School of Art and Design an exciting place to develop your skills and fulfil your passion.



Centre of Excellence for Construction & Trades

Almost 3 million people are employed in the UK construction industry and our Centre for Construction provides a wide range of courses, giving you the opportunity to create a valuable career across the sector.

You will be taught by industry experienced professionals, who all have experience of the career you are training for and know the skills employers want.

The facilities are excellent, there are modern workshops, with the latest technology and industry standard equipment and our Pennington Building has recently been fully refurbished.

So the skills you learn and the experience you gain will set you in good stead for a successful career.



Faculty for Health & Wellbeing

Our Faculty for Health and Wellbeing is home to our extensive Hair and Beauty Department as well our all our Healthcare and Health & Social Care courses. Our students benefit from industry experienced passionate supportive staff to help them create a career in this diverse and very rewarding sector.

The faculty has amazing facilities, including Concept; our very own professional hair and beauty salons; and the Clinical Skills Hub, comprising high-tech, mock hospital wards, complete with computerised mannequin patients!

So whatever course you choose, you will have an excellent experience and leave us fully prepared for a successful career ahead.



"I hope this inspires you to join the thousands of students who choose to take their next step with us each year."

Michelle Brabner
Principal

I am delighted to introduce you to our brand new 2027 prospectus, which I hope will give you an insight into Southport College life with us and help you discover your perfect course.

I look forward to welcoming you onto campus soon.

Our aim

Our aim is to prepare you for your chosen career, next steps in education and long term aspirations. At our spacious campus, which is easily accessible from the town centre, we offer excellent teaching from industry experienced teachers and individually tailored student support. Our facilities are first-class and our learning environment is safe and secure. Our students are at the heart of everything we do and all the staff are committed to helping every one of you realise your potential and build a fantastic future.

Your future

Our students move into quality employment or go on to university following completion of their studies at Southport College. To ensure that our students leave us as well-rounded individuals we enhance our courses by providing many additional opportunities including valuable work placements or work experience through our strong industry links; as well as the chance to take part in sports, volunteering, trips and special events.

Our Guidance

As a 16 year-old the range of options available to you when you leave school can seem overwhelming, so our Student Guidance team is available to contact for careers and course advice, ensuring you make the best choice for your next steps.

Thank you to all our students who are featured in this year's prospectus. I hope it inspires you to join them and the thousands of other students who choose to take their next step with us each year.

- Excellent results and student progression
- Leading provider of Apprenticeships in the local area
- Brilliant work placements and work related projects
- Strong links with local businesses and industry professionals

- Easily accessed from the town centre
- Free travel pass - see page 34.
- Free breakfast for all
- Free lunch for eligible students
- Free on campus gym

- Fantastic facilities with realistic work environments
- Friendly, industry-experienced teachers
- Outstanding student support and courses tailored to your needs
- Exciting Enrichment Programme

REASONS TO
CHOOSE
SOUTHPORT
COLLEGE



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Student Awards 2026

At our annual awards ceremony
we celebrate students' success
with their friends and family
in style!



Scan to watch our awards video.

southport.ac.uk/celebrate



The heart of the College

Our Student Hub is a fantastic, bright and welcoming space right at the heart of the College. It is the first place you come to when you enter the building in the morning and there are a whole host of teams based there ready to help you, whether you need support and guidance or just have a quick question to ask.

There are plenty of PC work stations if you need to catch up on some work or submit an assignment. Plus there are lots of comfy sofas too, ideal for when you want to take time to relax and unwind or have a quick catch up with a friend!

Call into the Student Hub for:

- Progress Tutors
- The Study Hub
- Careers Advice
- Travel Passes
- Financial Support
- Counselling
- Student Welfare
- Safeguarding
- General Enquiries

THE STUDY HUB

A wide range of resources

It is also home to the Study Hub, packed with books and resources to help you with assignments and preparing for exams.

It is run by a team of friendly staff, who are always on hand to help and is a great space to use when you need somewhere quiet to work independently.

KNOWLEDGE PLUS

Knowledge Plus is the smart way to boost your success. For every hour you spend in class, you match it with an hour of independent study, helping you lock in your learning and extend your knowledge.

The Study Hub is here to make it easier, with plenty of resources and a supportive team of study skills mentors ready to guide you whenever you need.

STUDY SKILLS MENTORS

If you need help with planning an assignment, research or lots more besides, our study skills team are on hand to guide and support you. Plus they can also offer 1 to 1 support or supervised study to any student who would benefit.

STUDY SKILLS SERVICES

MEET THE TEAM TO HELP YOU WITH:

- REFERENCING
- RESEARCH SKILLS
- ESSAY WRITING
- ASSIGNMENT PLANNING
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- REVISION
- PRESENTATION

Safeguarding, Welfare & Support

We recognise that our duty of care to students and their wellbeing is paramount at all times. Safeguarding Officers offer support to all learners who may be facing adversity, including those who are Care Experienced, Young Carers, Teenage Parents or who are under the supervision of the Youth Offending Team.

We also work with learners who are in financial crisis and are able to offer financial support via charitable bursaries (subject to eligibility), housing support and access to local food banks.

Feel safe

Southport College is committed to creating an environment that is safe and welcoming to all students. As a College, our community includes young people aged 16 to 18 and vulnerable adults. We ask that you wear your student ID badge at all times and our security staff monitor this throughout the day.



WE CAN ALSO HELP YOU WITH:

- Information, advice and guidance about courses
- Impartial careers guidance and support
- Financial assistance such as travel passes, help with kits, uniforms and childcare
- Counselling support

Financial Support

16-18 Bursaries

The 16-18 bursary fund is for students who need some financial support to support them while in education. The bursary fund can be used to contribute towards the cost of expenses such as a college bus pass or funds, essential equipment, compulsory trips in the UK, UCAS fee's, DBS etc. Two types of bursaries are available:

Discretionary Bursaries

Students can apply for a discretionary bursary for help towards funds for kits / uniforms, UK trips associated with your course, university trips, UCAS fees, DBS (including portable DBS costs) and other course related costs including support for distance learning. To be eligible, students must have either:

- A household income up to £38,500 gross and not in receipt of Universal Credit.
- A household income up to £30,000 net and in receipt of Universal Credit.

Vulnerable Student Bursaries

Young people who are in a defined vulnerable group may be eligible for a bursary of up to £1200.

Travel Passes

We offer students the opportunity to apply for a free travel pass or funds to help you get to college. For more information, please see page 34.

Care to Learn (Childcare support)

Care to Learn provides financial support for young parents. The scheme can pay up to £180 a week towards childcare. You must be aged under 20 at the start of your course.

For advice and guidance on financial support, please contact us on 01704 392704 or email guidance@southport.ac.uk

Learning Support

Support for identified students

If you have any learning support needs, our friendly Learning Support Team will be happy to help you.

We offer tailored support to ensure every learner can thrive and succeed. We regularly review all students receiving support to ensure the most appropriate support is in place.

We are proud to have an outstanding student support structure that is tailored to your individual needs.

In addition, the College also has:

- A Health and Wellbeing team, who provide a service for students identified with a medical need, attends first aid calls and can signpost students to relevant outside agencies.
- Learning support in and out of class
- Learning Support Hub (to aid the transition to College)
- Personal care assistants
- Sensory Room
- Social/emotional/mental health support
- Supervision at lunch and break time if needed
- Support and/or screening by our Specialist Tutoring Team for students with specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) in order to apply for access arrangements e.g. extra time, reader, scribe etc.
- Support with communication skills
- Transition visits

For further information please contact the Learning Support Team on 01704 392862 or via email on learningsupport@southport.ac.uk

A modern learning environment



At Southport College we have fantastic facilities. Our students benefit from bright modern learning environments with the latest tools and technology for their field, so that when you go on to further study or into work you are already experienced in using high quality industry standard equipment.

We are constantly investing! We have recently built brilliant new carpentry and joinery workshops, expanded our indoor bricklaying and our electrical workshops and added brilliant individual bays to our plastering workshops too. The T Level Engineering department has benefited from a £1.3m investment programme updating a fantastic range of tools including plasma cutters, lathes, floor mounted pillar drills and much more. It's all designed to simulate real industry and give you the practical experience you need.

Whatever course you choose at Southport College, you can be sure of a great learning environment and the very best equipment for the job, giving you a real head start creating your career!



OUR FACILITIES

Succeed in your dream career

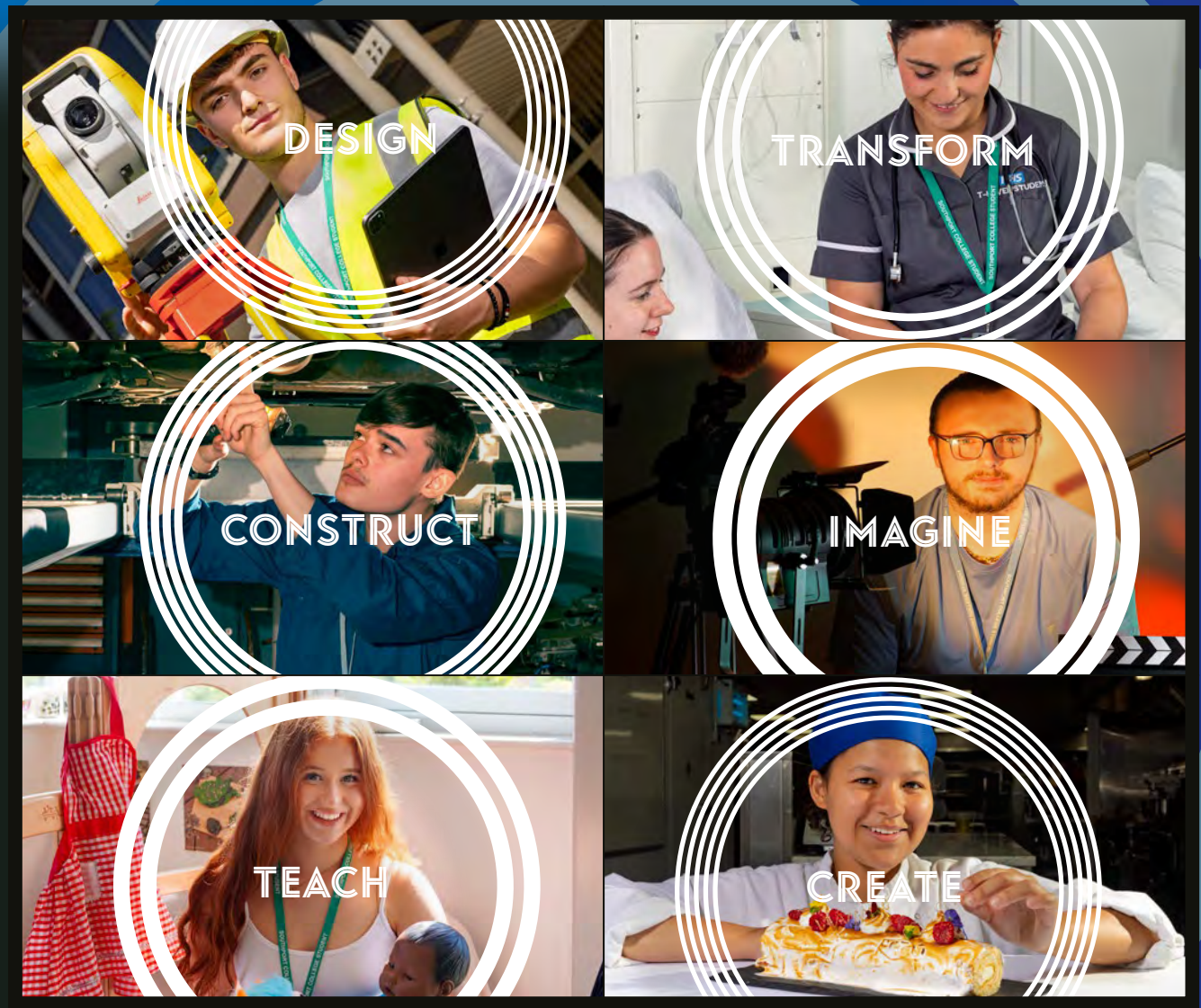
At Southport College you'll benefit from learning in realistic working environments in every department, giving you the confidence and skills to succeed in your dream career.

We have our very own nursery, set up with vibrant wall displays and activity tables, where children from nearby early years settings come and join us, which allows our students to plan activities and get hands on experience.

Concept is our professionally run salon. It's open to the public and allows hair and beauty students to gain real salon experience with everything from cuts or colours to massage therapies and facials, using professional salon products and with close supervision and support from our highly experienced staff.

Our School of Art and Design is home to bespoke, bright and spacious studios. We have a range of traditional printing presses for students to use as well as a textiles studio with sewing machines and a graphics suite with full access to the Adobe Creative Cloud.

Plus we have Clouds, our own professional kitchen, newly refurbished bar and fine dining restaurant.



Your very own hospital wards

As part of a recent £2.3m investment, our T Level Health and Social Care students now have access to an unrivalled learning environment with our brand-new Clinical Skills Hub.

Featuring spacious mock hospital wards and a wide range of industry-standard medical equipment, the simulated teaching spaces give students the opportunity to develop and practice essential care skills in a realistic yet supportive college setting.

The wards are also equipped with a variety of advanced, life-like mannequins that enable students to gain invaluable hands-on experience caring for "patients" with a wide range of medical needs.

"We are delighted to support this fantastic new facility that will benefit the college, the students and the Trust.

"After recently winning the College's T-Level Partner Employer of the Year Award, we are looking forward to continuing to grow our partnership and develop even more collaborative learning opportunities."

**Carol Fowler,
Deputy Director
of Governance at
Mersey and West
Lancashire NHS
Trust**

"The beds and blood pressure monitors are exactly the same as in hospital, giving us confidence on placement. The mannequins talk and simulate real patients, giving a realistic approach to our practical work."
Macy Cook | T Level Health

Next-level learning spaces

Our new Clinical Skills Hub goes far beyond its impressive mock hospital wards. It also includes its own dedicated classrooms, designed to complement the practical training environment and provide students with the very best in teaching and learning.

Attached to the teaching wards, the classrooms enable a seamless transition between practical and theoretical learning. This ensures that students can develop valuable hands-on clinical skills while immediately connecting them with the underpinning knowledge required to excel in the healthcare sector. This prepares our students with the confidence, competence, and professional skills needed to progress to degree level study and their future careers.



RESTAURANT

CLOUDS

RESTAURANT
Southport's best kept secret

Our fully operational fine dining restaurant, gives Hospitality & Catering students the hands-on experience needed to succeed in the industry. It attracts a large regular clientele and has recently been fully refurbished creating a welcoming, fresh, modern ambience.

Through running the restaurant and bar, students develop essential skills in customer service, food and beverage management and event coordination, in preparation for rewarding careers.

Clouds is open to the public, offering fine dining experiences and special events. New guests are always welcome!

For reservations, please visit:
southport.ac.uk/clouds-restaurant
or call 01704 392676



Clouds Restaurant

SALONS



Live working salons

We believe our students are best prepared for careers in industry by training in real working environments. Hair and beauty students train in Concept, our fantastic live working salon. Kitted out with all the chairs, treatment rooms, nail bars, products and equipment you would expect to see in top salons and spas, you will soon be giving real paying clients fabulous treatments. From cuts & colours to curly blow dries and hot stone massages to facial electrical treatments, you will get all the skills needed for your fabulous future career.

New clients always welcome

To book your appointment please contact the Concept Salon Reception.
Telephone: 01704 392660
or email: conceptreception@southport.ac.uk

9.00am - 4.30pm,
Monday to Thursday
and from 9.00am - 3.30pm
on Fridays.



concept
not just a salon

ENRICHMENT HUB

Life at Southport College is so much more than just your course!

Our awesome Enrichment Team is always putting on loads of fun activities, events and opportunities for you to get involved in. It's the perfect way to try something new, pick up fresh skills and meet loads of new friends along the way. With so much to choose from, there's always something happening and it's your chance to make your college experience unforgettable!

LGBTQIA+

We are supportive and inclusive of all students and were the first College in the country to be awarded the Rainbow Flag Award, recognising our commitment to our LGBTQIA+ community.

There is a dedicated LGBTQIA+ student group and College recruits LGBTQIA+ Student Ambassadors each academic year who represent the community at various events across the year.

In addition to the support we offer our students, we are also happy to extend this to parents/ carers by providing information and guidance if needed.



A space to chill and have fun!

Our Enrichment Hub is the ultimate space to chill, connect and get creative.

Inside you'll find:

- A free pool table & table tennis
- Gaming zones
- Art materials and creative spaces
- Cosy sofas to relax with friends
- Fully equipped, free to use student gym

We also have Spark Radio, our very own student-run station, where you can try out broadcasting, programming or even launch your own podcast.

During Welcome Week, come and meet the Enrichment Team, explore everything on offer and discover all the ways you can get involved.

Find out about all the great activities available for you.



@enrichmentsouthportcoll



SPARK Radio

Our very own student station where you can host your own shows & podcasts. Listen now...



southport.ac.uk/radio

FANTASTIC RESULTS & EXCITING DESTINATIONS

T Levels and Level 3 Extended Diplomas are the equivalent of three A-Levels and worth up to 168 UCAS points, which can be used to get on to your chosen degree course and lead to your dream career.

Careers

Recent students have progressed on to exciting careers with a range of high profile companies all around the UK, including:

- BAE Systems
- BBC
- British Gas
- Clayton Architecture Limited
- Cooperheat
- Cunard
- easyJet
- Emirates
- Fletchers Solicitors
- Frank Rogers Quantity Surveying
- Hayes Travel
- Jaguar Land Rover
- Jet2.com
- Kids Planet Nurseries
- Lattimer's Engineering
- Liverpool Women's Hospital
- Merseyside and West Lancashire NHS Trust
- Merseyside Police
- Mikhail Leisure Group
- The Armed Forces
- The Vincent Hotel
- Tower Heating
- Tui
- Virgin Atlantic

University

Southport College Students can be found at universities all across the country, including many in the prestigious Russell Group:

- Bangor University
- Buckinghamshire New University
- Edge Hill University
- Exeter University
- Futureworks
- Goldsmiths University
- Kings College London
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds College of Art
- Liverpool John Moores University
- LMA
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Norland
- Nottingham Trent University
- SAE Institute
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University Arts London
- University of Brighton
- University of East Anglia
- University of Lancashire
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Salford
- University of York

Congratulations Calum

Engineering student Calum Borland was named T Level Student of the Year at the prestigious Ingenuity Skills Awards 2026. Nominated by BAE Systems following an outstanding industry placement, Calum was recognised for his problem-solving skills, workplace contributions and passion for engineering. The fiercely competitive national award celebrates students who excel in both their studies and work placements, making them role models for future careers in engineering and manufacturing. What an amazing achievement and wonderful way to end your time at Southport College.



Archie Neilson | Peter Ashton | Calum Borland
Congratulations guys, we wish you every success.

Bound for BAE

Three of our T-Level Engineering students, Callum Borland, Archie Neilson and Peter Ashton, have now started highly competitive full time degree apprenticeships at @BAE Systems. After successfully completing their T Level placement with BAE, their hard work and motivation paid off and they were chosen from 1000's of applicants nationwide. We wish them every success for a very bright future.

WELCOMEFEST

Welcoming and fun

It's a really informative, fun-packed day, that's all about helping you feel confident and ready to start college.

You'll get to meet your new teachers, get a taste of your courses and start making friends with your future classmates so by the time September rolls around, you'll feel totally prepped.

Everything you need to know

It's also a great chance to find out about free travel passes, student support, any kit you might need and if there's any prep or reading you can do to get ahead. Staff will be around to answer your questions, show you around and help with anything you're unsure about.

Festival vibe

There is a real festival vibe to lunch time with free BBQ-style eats, tunes from our very own Spark Radio presenter Andy Hilbert and some special guests; the adorable alpacas from Natterjack! Oh, and don't forget the ice cream van with free 99s, so make sure you grab one!

Welcomefest is a total must! Loads of students say it helped really them for starting Southport College and they had the best time too.

The first part of your experience as a Southport College student is Welcomefest and all students who have applied to come to Southport College are invited.

This is our VIP event held just after your GCSE's finish and is exclusively for those joining us in September.

DON'T MISS OUT!
Keep an eye out for your invite in the summer term and make sure you RSVP!



Welcomefest

PROGRESS TUTOR

Progress Sessions

You will have timetabled sessions with your Progress Tutor where as a group, you'll be discussing a whole host of fascinating topics to help develop your knowledge about society, health, wellbeing and careers, all building your skills for life.

You'll learn all sorts of new things about equality and diversity, budgeting and finance and much more, all designed to help you as an adult.

A big part of what the Progress Team do is preparing you for your future career. We can work with you to build a fantastic CV or UCAS application that will help you into the career, Apprenticeship or University you are dreaming of.

One-to-one support

You will have one-to-one sessions with your Progress Tutor too, which are excellent opportunities to receive individually tailored support during your time at college.

We will discuss:

- **Progress in your subjects**
- **What support you need in college and how we can help. We can also signpost you to other college services such as careers, welfare and safeguarding**
- **What your career goals are and how we can support you to work towards them**
- **Your applications to university, apprenticeships and employment and how to make them stand out**

What we do

- **Help you to prepare for your future career**
- **Offer advice on progression options**
- **Support you in completing your qualification**
- **Monitor your progress and attendance in college**
- **Link you with other support services in the college**

All Southport College students have a dedicated Progress Tutor who is here to offer you support and help you to make progress on your course, as well as towards your individual goals.



ENGLISH & MATHS

More and more businesses are insisting their employees have GCSEs in both English and maths at grade four or above and it is an essential part of university entry criteria too.

If you don't already have a grade four in English and maths when you arrive at Southport College, we will create a personalised study programme for you that will fit alongside the course you have chosen and will help you to achieve these vital qualifications. All you need to achieve and succeed is commitment and engagement.

Make English work for you

English at the College is very enjoyable and achieving a qualification in it gives you the best opportunity for a fantastic career.

Our caring and professional teachers are experts at supporting students to get the results they need. You also have access to a wealth of online resources and study mentors available in our English and Maths Study Hub.

What you will study

Your personalised study programme may include:

GCSE English Language

This is requested by most employers and is needed if you wish to progress to university. Our course will help you gain lots of transferable skills that will prove invaluable in the future.

Functional Skills English

Level 1

This is a stepping stone to Level 2 Functional Skills or GCSE and provides the building blocks of English such as sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and comprehension.

Level 2

An alternative to GCSE if future plans do not require this qualification. It refreshes topics such as sentence structure, punctuation and grammar but also provides knowledge of how to analyse and interpret meaning in text. You'll learn skills such as letter, report and article writing, essential for the workplace.

In addition, you are offered the opportunity to practise your presentation and listening skills in the Spoken Language endorsement. As effective communication is so important in a range of careers, this is a useful skill to develop.

Make maths work for you

Enjoy highly interesting and engaging lessons with dedicated maths teachers who are experts both in the subject and at supporting students. They deliver exciting lessons and additional support sessions where needed. They are here to fully prepare you for any exams and teach techniques in the classroom that reflect the exam papers.

What you will study

Your personalised study programme may include:

GCSE Maths

This is requested by most employers and required for entry into university. GCSE Maths is a fantastic qualification to help get you onto the career path you want.

We teach the latest syllabus which focuses more on mathematical thinking and problem solving. Some questions in exams are contextually set in the real world so we have an emphasis on using real life problems in the classroom and applying maths techniques to solve them.

Functional Skills Maths

Level 1

If you are not yet at the level to study GCSE maths, we can offer Level 1 Functional Skills course to prepare you for taking maths GCSE, at a later stage. This includes building block topics such as practical numbers, problem solving and percentages.

Level 2

If your future plans do not require GCSE maths but do need a Level 2 in maths, this is for you! You will learn all about fractions, data, budgeting analysis and shape, all giving you confidence to apply maths effectively in real life.



Industry Links

Employer Awards 2026
Congratulations!

employer
partnerships
Compete

Most of our courses include a valuable work placement, which is designed to give you hands-on experience of the industry and confidence in the workplace.

Working relationships

We have close links with many employers in the region, both large and small. This is not only to ensure we are providing our students with the knowledge, attitude and transferable skills employers are looking for when developing their workforce, but through these links we can offer students Apprenticeships, guest speakers, live briefs, valuable work placements and much more.

Businesses we work with:

- + Adventure Coast
- + AMP EV
- + Army
- + BAE Systems
- + Biograd
- + Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- + Bryken
- + Dewalt
- + Dulux Paints
- + ECS Southport
- + Fletchers Solicitors
- + Gardiner & Theobald
- + Graham and Brown
- + Green Sefton
- + Hatters Digital Agency Ltd.
- + JARE Airline Training Partnership
- + Kids Planet Nurseries
- + Lattimers Engineering Ltd.
- + Liverpool Womens NHS Foundation
- + L'Oreal
- + MAC
- + Merseyside & West Lancashire NHS Trust
- + Merseyrail
- + Mikhail Hotel and Leisure Group
- + RAF
- + Royal Academy of Arts
- + Southport Flower Show
- + Sterling Material Handling
- + Tchedia
- + The Atkinson
- + The Vincent
- + Tower Heating
- + Truline CIS
- + Unite Legal Services

What is an Apprenticeship?

An Apprenticeship is a job with training and an alternative route into skilled employment. They are designed in partnership with employers to ensure employees gain the skill they need to do their job well.

How does an Apprenticeship work?

Apprenticeships are offered in over 1500 occupations and available to people over the age of 16. Apprentices work alongside experienced staff to gain knowledge, experience and ultimately a qualification in the area they wish to pursue a career in. Apprentices can be paid the National Minimum Apprenticeship Wage or the National Minimum Wage according to age but some Apprentices earn significantly more.

As part of the structured programme, Apprentices work towards qualifications by studying technical skills and carrying out practical assessments. Depending on your employer and their type of business you may receive training on a day-release basis, where you would attend college one day a week. However for some Apprenticeships, all training is delivered in the workplace.

Apprenticeships can be challenging as you will be working for an employer and training for your job role.

Our checklist will tell you if an Apprenticeship could be the route for you:

- + You must be over the age of 16
- + You must find a job in your chosen sector and have an interest in progressing in that job role
- + Your employer must be willing to offer you an Apprenticeship
- + You will need a good work ethic, excellent timekeeping and a professional approach

Welcome to Compete Apprenticeships.

We are looking forward to working with you on your Apprenticeship journey!

An Apprenticeship is a fantastic opportunity to gain the hands on experience and qualifications you need to succeed in your field and to earn whilst your learn!

As a Compete Apprentice, you'll have a real job with real pay, plus you will undertake a study programme that includes training for your specific job role and may also include maths and English.

Apprenticeship Programmes

We are proud to offer a wide range of apprenticeships to develop your career, including:

- + Accounting
- + Business & Management
- + Child/Health Care
- + Construction & Trades
- + Engineering
- + Hospitality & Catering

Apprenticeships Training
Compete
BE PART OF A WINNING TEAM



Apprenticeships

How do I get an Apprenticeship?

Look for vacancies

Register with the National Apprenticeships Services www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship and view their current vacancies. If you are interested in any of the advertised vacancies you can apply through their website.

You can also view the Apprenticeship vacancies on the Southport College website. These are the vacancies where Southport College will deliver the training for those employers.

Approach employers

You can find your own Apprenticeship by approaching businesses with your CV and a Covering Letter.

Remember to choose businesses that you are interested in working for.

Join our talent pool

Once you've finished your GCSEs you can join the talent pool at Southport College. We may be able to match you with an Apprenticeship and an employer that suits you.

To join our talent pool send your CV and covering letter to: employer.partnerships@southport.ac.uk

FREE TRAVEL PASSES

Southport College is easily accessible from Southport town centre and can be reached by bus, train, bike or on foot. Our what 3 words are Free.Lives.Shine and our postcode is PR9 0TT.

Free Travel Passes

All Southport College students who are aged 16-18 and live more than 3 miles away from College, may eligible for a free travel pass, you just need to apply.

Students who live 1-2.9 miles away may still be eligible, depending on their circumstances, so please do contact us for more information.

Distance is calculated using the shortest walking route shown on Google Maps. Please note that the college may allocate a trio pass where daily use of multiple transport providers is unavoidable.

Getting to Southport College:

By train

A five-minute walk from the College, Southport station is accessible from all stations towards Liverpool and Hunts Cross through Merseyrail's Northern Line service. There are also Northern Rail trains linking the College to Burscough, Appley Bridge, Wigan and other stations towards Manchester.

By bus

Buses from across the region stop regularly on Lord Street, a five-minute walk from the College.

- Tarleton & Hesketh Bank: 2X, 2
- Ormskirk & Skelmersdale: 375, 385
- Maghull: 300
- Crosby: X2
- Bootle: 300, X2

By bike

If you wish to cycle to College there are secure bike storage facilities on-site.

By car

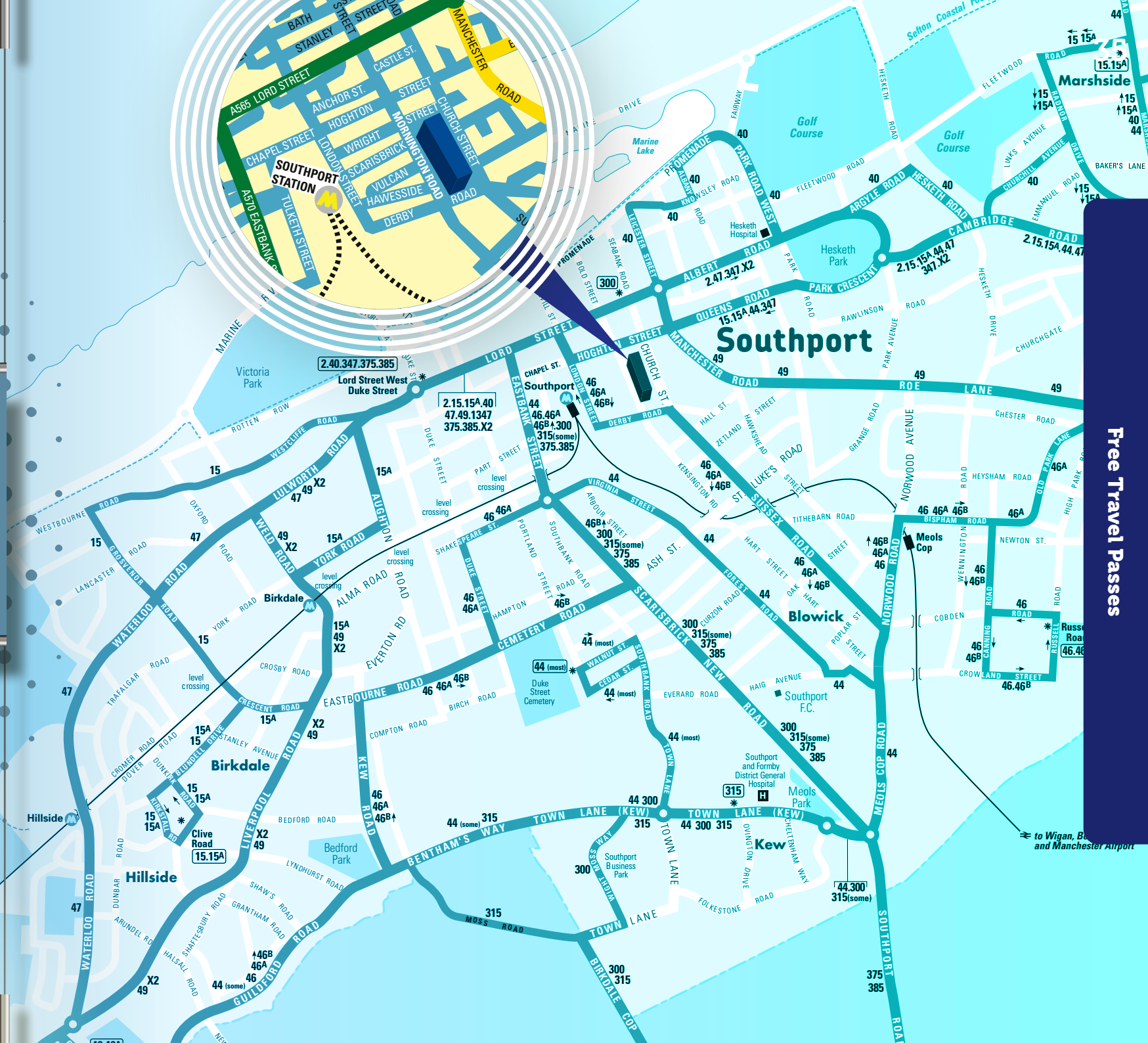
The College is situated on Mornington Road. Visitors attending our open evenings are able to access free on-site parking.

Further Information

Check out our public transport information page.



southport.ac.uk/travel



FIND YOUR LEVEL

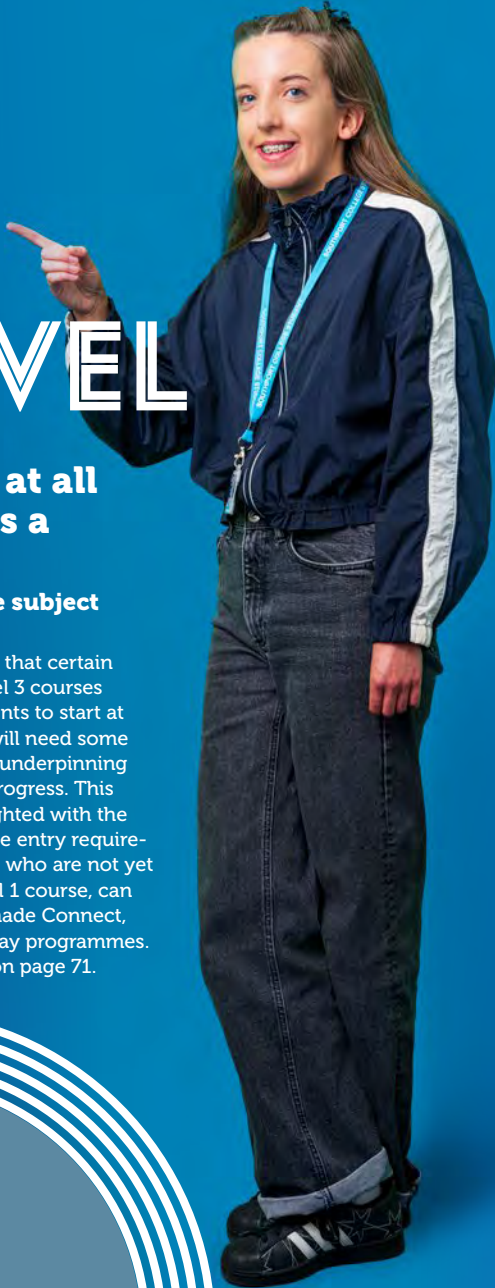
We have courses available at all different levels and there is a level for everyone.

The right level for you will depend on the subject you choose and your GCSE results.

If you want to study a T Level Diploma, you will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English or Maths.

Students who don't quite achieve those grades can opt for a Level 2 course (if you have 4 or more GCSEs at grade 3) or even a Level 1 (if you have 2 GCSEs at grade 2) and then work their way up accordingly.

Please be aware that certain skills based Level 3 courses require all students to start at Level 2 as you will need some subject specific underpinning knowledge to progress. This is clearly highlighted with the individual course entry requirements. Students who are not yet ready for a Level 1 course, can join our tailor made Connect, Aspire or Gateway programmes. Full details are on page 71.



E

Entry Level

Created for students who are not quite ready for a Level 1 course.

Our foundation learning programme, is tailored to the student's individual needs and designed to build self confidence, teach practical, independent living and employability skills and allow students to continue with maths and English. Successful students may progress to a level 1 course or a supported internship.

1

Level 1

Available in a wide range of subjects.

These one year courses are an introduction to your chosen subject. They're available in wide range of exciting vocational areas, enabling you to develop maths, English and employability skills.

When you have finished the course you will be ready for studying at Level 2, full-time work or an Apprenticeship.

For entry requirements, please see the individual course listings.

2

Level 2

One-year courses available in a wide range of subjects.

You will study your chosen subject in detail as well as put the theory into practice.

After you have completed the course you will have the option of progressing to Level 3, looking for full-time work or perhaps starting an Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements for this level vary from course to course; please see the individual course listings.

3

Level 3

These vocational qualifications take one or two years to complete depending on the subject.

Some will give you enough UCAS points to progress to university whilst others pave the way for Advanced or Higher Apprenticeships. They are all designed to give you the skills and experience businesses want.

Entry requirements for Level 3 Extended Diplomas vary by subject but require a minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 including English or Maths; or successful completion of a relevant level 2 qualification and GCSE English or Maths at grade 4 & English or maths at grade 3.

To study a skills-based Level 3 course you need a Level 2 qualification in a vocationally related area.

T

T Levels

T Levels are exciting new Level 3 qualifications that are available in various subject areas.

They are equivalent to three A-Levels and focus on technical skills that can help students into skilled employment, university or apprenticeships.

They all include a substantial and highly valuable industry placement.

We are proud to have been selected to offer T Levels in five areas for 2027.

Additional entry requirements for T Levels vary by subject, so please see individual pages for details, but all require a minimum of 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above including English and Maths; or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 4.

EARLY YEARS EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

T Level Early Years Education & Childcare		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English and Maths Plus a satisfactory DBS.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (or equivalent) and a satisfactory DBS.	

Prepare for a career as an Early Years Educator and gain enough UCAS points for university! If you're looking for experience in schools, nurseries, and pre-schools, with the qualifications to back it up, our T Level is ideal.

You will be learning in our fantastic fully equipped onsite nursery and early years classroom, where local nursery children are regularly invited to come and join us giving you regular opportunities to put your theory into practice, getting hands on experience with children. You will learn about creating vibrant wall displays, planning engaging sessions and setting up stimulating activities.

Integral to the T Level is a valuable work placement. You will complete a 750 hours of placement in a setting related to your early years career ambitions which forms part of your qualification, giving you a wealth of valuable experience. As well as the knowledge and skills you will need to work with children, this qualification gives you a full licence to practice, enabling you to be included in staff to child ratios.

Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Completion of Aspire/Gateway course (see page 71/72) and maths and English at grade 2.	

Develop the essential knowledge, skills and confidence needed to begin a career in childcare. Our Level 1 Diploma introduces you to child development, play, learning and wellbeing, preparing you for further study at Level 2 and entry-level roles within early years and childcare settings.

You will be based in the same, fantastic early years setting as all other Early Years and Childcare students, benefiting from practical, hands-on experience whilst gaining the qualifications to progress to higher levels.

Level 2 Foundation Certificate Early Years		One Year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including maths or English. Plus a satisfactory DBS.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Caring Professions or a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 3.	

Become equipped with the knowledge and skills to work with children; this course is the perfect stepping-stone to a T Level, if you need to achieve grade 4 in GCSE English and/or maths.

Our fantastic in-house nursery and classrooms simulate the workplaces you are training to work in. Children regularly visit from local childcare providers for you to complete planned activities with. You cover a wide range of subjects in childcare, health and education. Key topics include communication, supporting positive behaviour, equality of opportunity and partnership working.

Alongside the course, you will undertake a substantial work placement of 250 hours, which equates to approximately 2 days per week, working with children in an Early Years setting. This gives you fabulous work experience to boost your confidence and reference in your CV. There are also lots of trips and visits to enrich your learning experience.

Creating Careers in Early Years Education

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.





Level 1 Hospitality - Introduction to the Industry	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72).

This course will help you to gain the practical skills needed to work in the hospitality industry. You will be working in Clouds, our professional kitchen and restaurant, which is open to the public. Discover a range of exciting topics including basic food preparation & cooking, preparing & serving drinks, customer service and health and safety. A wide variety of teaching methods are used and you will cover English, maths and personal skills too. After successfully completing this qualification you could progress to a Level 2 in Professional Food & Beverage Service, Level 1 Professional Chef, or perhaps start an Apprenticeship in the industry.

Creating
Careers in
Hospitality

Find out about
opportunities and
salaries available
to you.

Level 2 Occupational Certificate Hospitality	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification.

This course is ideal if you want a career in the hospitality industry and covers a wide range of interesting topics, including food & bar service, beverage product knowledge, menu creation, handling payments & bookings, customer service, health & safety and workplace skills. You will be based in our fantastic Clouds Restaurant, working with real paying customers and will develop the skills to always deliver a great dining experience. Your programme will also include maths, English, practical and teamwork skills. Successful completion will allow you to progress on to Level 3 Diploma in Food and Beverage Supervision or alternatively you could use your qualification to start work within the industry.

Level 3 Hospitality Supervision and Principles	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass grade in Level 2 Hospitality.	

On this course, you will develop your front of house and leadership skills to enable you to work at a supervisor level in the hospitality industry. This is a progression route from Level 2 and is based in our fantastic Clouds Restaurant, working with real customers. You will gain the skills to oversee running a restaurant, as well as pairing wines, creating cocktails and being a Barista. You will study a wide variety of modules including planning & supervising service operations, preparing and serving drinks and supervising hospitality events. After successfully completing the course, you will have the skills needed for a range of career opportunities including Restaurant Supervisor, Bar Manager, Sommelier, Event Manager or Trainee Banqueting Manager.



You will study in Clouds, our on-site live working restaurant, allowing you to gain the skills to work in, manage and even run your own bar and restaurant.

PROFESSIONAL CHEF

Level 1 Professional Chef	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72).

This course is aimed at those who want to pursue a career as a professional chef or in the hospitality industry and will develop your general culinary skills as well as covering areas such as food safety, menu development, healthy eating, baking and patisserie. You will be based in Clouds, our fantastic professional kitchen and restaurant, and will gain a broad understanding of the industry and well as getting lots of hands-on practical experience and enjoying demonstrations from visiting professional chefs. Maths and English will also form part of your programme. Successfully completing the course will enable you to progress to Level 2 Professional Chef.

Creating Careers for Professional Chefs

Find out about
opportunities and
salaries available
to you.



Level 2 Occupational Certificate Professional Culinary Skills	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification.

This exciting course covers both the practical and theory sides of becoming a professional chef and will give you the skills you need to progress in the fast moving industry. You will be based in our professional kitchen and restaurant, Clouds, using industry standard equipment and preparing food for real paying customers. The course covers a range of topics, including how to prepare meat, poultry, vegetables and pulses and how to cook sauces, soups and stocks, as well as food safety, special diets, kitchen operations and menu planning. On successful completion of this course you could move directly into employment, or you may choose to progress to Level 3 and develop more specialist skills.

Level 3 Professional Chef	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass grade in Level 2 Professional Chef.	

This Level 3 Professional Chef Diploma will give you the skills you need for complex or advanced food preparation and cooking. It covers a variety of high level modules including preparing, cooking and finishing complex meat, fish, poultry and vegetable dishes, hot and cold sauces and dressings. You will also develop the skills to run a kitchen and a section; guide, monitor and delegate to the Level 1 and 2 students and create and plan complex and high level menus. After successful completion of the course you will be well prepared to start work in the industry or you may wish to progress into higher education.



Your classrooms are
highly professional
catering kitchens
and your teachers are
expert chefs.
The whole experience
gives you the best start
in your catering career!

TRAVEL & TOURISM



Level 3 Tourism Management & The Visitor Economy		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths at grade 3 or 4.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE maths or English at grade 3.	

For students wanting to learn about one of the UK's most dynamic industries, this is the course for you! You will gain knowledge, experience and skills directly applicable to a future career in Travel and Tourism. Exploring all sectors of the industry, you will be well prepared for working in a wide range of jobs and environments such as airlines and airports, travel agencies, conference and event centres, cruise ships, theme parks, tourist destinations and resorts, hotels and restaurants.

The course is a fantastic blend of theory and practical learning. Our classroom includes a mock fuselage with real airline seats and equipment. You will investigate the industry in depth, studying topics including Responsible Tourism, Resort Reps, Travel Destinations, Worldwide Airports and the events industry. There's also lots of trips and visits to enrich everything you learn with real experiences.



Level 2 Travel and Tourism		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 subject and grade 3 or above in maths and English.	

You will learn the key concepts of working in the Tourism environment using practical and realistic examples. Your friendly and supportive teachers are highly experienced in the travel industry and eager to pass their passion onto the next generation of people aspiring to high-flying careers in this exciting sector. Topics include the UK travel and tourism industry, customer service in travel and tourism, promotion of travel destinations and lots more.

There will also be educational visits and guest speakers to enhance your experience and bring your learning to life.



Creating Careers in Travel and Tourism

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Level 1 Diploma in Art, Design & Media		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Completion of Aspire/Gateway course (see page 71/72) and maths and English at grade 1.	

A great introduction to creative industries, allowing you to develop your creative abilities, preparing you to progress onto Level 2 Art or Creative-Media.

For the art elements of the course, you will study a variety of skills, including drawing, painting and creative projects. Examples include making food art, designing a board game and learning animation techniques. Media and photography projects involve learning about film making techniques, darkroom practices and digital photography.

Alongside the course, you will also study maths and English preparing you for studying at Level 2.

Level 2 Art & Design		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Creative Industries and GCSE Grade 3 in maths and English.	

An absolutely fantastic introduction to a range of specialist areas in the field of visual arts and design. Your studies include an exciting range of techniques such as painting & drawing, photography, textiles, 3D design & crafts, fine art, printmaking, fashion and art history. Through practical, theory and research sessions, our teachers help students develop their skills and knowledge and upon completion, will have been provided with a good basis ready for study at Level 3.



Our art students have access to a whole range of unique printing equipment, including fantastic traditional printing presses.



Level 3 Art & Design		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths at grade 3 or 4. Plus a good portfolio.		
Alternatively	Level 2 qualification in related subject and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent).	

Become a well-rounded creative art student, exploring and developing a broad range of art and design specialisms, taught by teachers who also work in the industry as practising artists and designers. You will form your own specialist practice through experimentation and exploration, creating a strong portfolio of work that is displayed in an end of year public exhibition.

There is access to studio spaces, printmaking and textiles workshops, photography studios and state-of-the-art equipment. You are encouraged to engage with competitions, live briefs, community work, employer engagement and attend inspirational trips to places such as Liverpool, London and Berlin. Throughout the course, you'll be guided through your progression options with talks, university visits, meeting ex-students and support with UCAS applications from our experienced, supportive team.

Level 4 Foundation Art & Design		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Level 3 qualification in related subject and GCSE English and maths at grade 4. Plus a good portfolio.		

For students considering going onto an art-based degree, many universities prefer that they first complete a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design.

This year long course bridges the gap from general college study to full-time art course at university. Whilst further continuing to explore and experiment with materials, techniques and processes, you will develop into an independent artist, transitioning from being assigned and directed to your projects to a position of a refined area of specialism.



Creating Careers in Art and Design

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.

Fulfilling a live course brief, Art student Lilly O'Connor created an impressive large-scale mural at the entrance of the new Wickes store in Southport.



Level 3 Graphic Design & Illustration		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths at grade 3 or 4. Plus a good portfolio.		
Alternatively	Level 2 qualification in related subject and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent).	

In our Graphic Design studios, learn how to think logically and creatively to solve visual communication problems. Students have access to two digital suites with iMacs and high-performance PCs, a photography studio, plus a film and TV studio.

As well as computer-based design, students learn traditional materials, techniques and processes. Taught by professional designers, you will learn about branding, marketing, illustration, photography, layout, image manipulation, printmaking, typography, animation and more.

Previous students have undertaken short work placements in graphic design studios, advertising agencies, printers and architects. Local businesses offer design briefs, known as 'live projects' allowing students to create logos, branding and artwork for signage, posters and stickers, used in the real world, a fantastic addition to their portfolios.

Southport College students benefit from FREE full access to Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, mobile apps and more.



Creating Careers in Graphic Design

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.

GRAPHIC DESIGN & ILLUSTRATION



The College has lots of great facilities; not just the digital suites but traditional print presses, silk-screen printing equipment, art and photography studios too.



Creating Careers in Creative Media & Photography

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



CREATIVE MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY

Our students have access to an amazing media centre, including a film and TV studio, photography studio, dark room and all the equipment needed to succeed.

There's modern DSLR and traditional film cameras, green screens, sound and video equipment, gimbals, stabilisers, lighting, tripods and so much more for you to use, enabling you to produce amazing static and moving imagery.

Level 1 Diploma in Art, Design & Media		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Completion of Aspire/Gateway course (see page 71/72) and maths and English at grade 1.	

A great introduction to creative industries, allowing you to develop your creative abilities, preparing you to progress onto Level 2 Creative Media or Art.

For the art elements of the course, you will study a variety of skills, including drawing, painting and creative projects. Examples include making food art, designing a board game and learning animation techniques.

Media and photography projects involve learning about film making techniques, darkroom practices and digital photography.

Alongside the course, you will also study maths and English preparing you for studying at Level 2.



Scan the QR code and see all of the excellent creative work from our students.

Level 2 Creative Media		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Diploma in Art, Design & Media and GCSE Grade 3 in maths and English.	

This exciting new course will enable you to start building the technical skills and knowledge relevant to industries in the media sector such as film, TV, audio and photography. Your teachers will introduce you to our media suite and equipment which includes PCs loaded with Adobe Creative Cloud, cameras, lighting equipment, photography studio, dark room and film and TV studio. They will help you to develop the research skills which underpin all media productions as well as gaining a basic understanding of employment opportunities, job requirements and working practices in the media sector.

T Level Media, Broadcast and Production		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths at grade 3 or 4.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English or maths at grade 4 and GCSE English or maths at grade 3 (or equivalent).	

Bring your creative ideas to life in the exciting world of media, film, television and digital production. The T Level in Media, Broadcast and Production is a two-year, Level 3 qualification (equivalent to three A Levels) combining classroom learning with a minimum nine-week industry placement.

Throughout the programme, you will develop a broad understanding of the media industry. You will apply your learning through practical projects using our fantastic film and TV studio with green screen, a photography studio with professional backdrops and lighting equipment, and access to high-quality cameras and photography equipment.

This qualification prepares you for diverse roles, including:

- TV or Film Production and Directing
- Video Editing and Audio Visual Technology
- Broadcast Engineering and Media Research

Perfect for motivated storytellers, this course builds the core technical and creative skills required to progress to university, apprenticeships, or straight into the creative industries.

ELECTRICAL

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Level 2 & Level 3 Electrical Installation includes 15 days of industry placement.

This can be in single days, blocks or a combination and details are confirmed during the course.



Level 1 Electrical Installation	One year
Minimum entry requirements Two GCSEs at grade 2 and maths at a grade 3.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72), plus GCSE maths at grade 3.

Electricians install, maintain, and repair electrical machinery, appliances and wiring and it requires several years to become fully certified. We have been providing the pathway into this well-paid industry for years and many students who didn't meet the Level 2 entry requirements, started learning the basics at Level 1, achieved grade 4 in GCSE maths, then successfully worked their way up.

Level 2 Electrical Installation	One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in English and maths at a grade 4.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE maths at grade 4.

The Level 2 course provides the basic skills and experience needed to progress to an electrical career and will quickly develop your skills and competence in domestic, commercial and industrial electrical installation. You'll learn in well-equipped workshops and be taught by experienced, time-served electricians. There is practical and theory-based learning, including the principles of electrical science, installation of wiring systems and enclosures and electrical installations technology.

Level 3 Electrical Installation	One year
Minimum entry requirements Completion of Level 2 Electrical Installation.	

A vital step in becoming an Electrician or Electrical Engineer, our industry expert teachers will teach you the practical and theory, including science & principles, design, construction and testing of systems, repairing electrical faults, and working safely. Plus, our workshops are thoroughly equipped with industry standard systems and equipment.

Upon completion you will achieve a technical certificate. To become a fully qualified electrician you would then need to complete a Level 3 Apprenticeship to achieve the necessary experience for the competency element.

ENGINEERING

Electrical / Engineering



Level 2 Engineering	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 course and grade 3 in GCSE English and maths.

This practical and theory-based course will give you a good understanding of general engineering principles. You will study all areas including Machining, Electronics and Computer Aided Design (CAD), with lots of hands on experience using industry standard machining, lathes, milling machines and lots more. It is the first step towards an Engineering Apprenticeship or an alternative route to our T Level in Engineering.

T Level Design & Development in Engineering	Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English and Science and maths at grade 5.	
Alternatively	Completion of the Level 2 qualification and grade 5 in GCSE maths and 4 in GCSE English.

T Level in design engineering will give you the theoretical and vocational skills as well as the underpinning knowledge to succeed. You will also benefit from a 45 day, extended work placement in the sector. The course covers 17 core themes of engineering and prepares you for entry into many different areas at university or advanced apprenticeships which could include mechanical, electronic, automotive or aeronautical engineering.

You will study exciting projects in modules such as mechanical principles, mechatronics, engineering science, plus practical elements in our state-of-the-art workshops. In preparation for future careers, you will also study business, commercial & financial awareness and project management.

Creating Careers in Electrical Installation & Engineering

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.

Quality architectural equipment

Working with industry employers, we are always looking at what new equipment our students need to be using to be fully prepared for the architectural, design and surveying industry.

We are really proud of the range of specialist resources you will be using throughout your studies, including:

- **SKN Tensile strength Machine**
- **Autodesk® AutoCAD**
- **Autodesk® Revit**
- **Leica DD120 Cable Locator**
- **Leica DISTO S910 Laser Distance Pro Package**
- **Leica iCON iCB50 Total Stations Oculus Quest 2 128GB All-in-One VR Headsets**
- **Phantom 4 Pro V2.0 Surveying Drone**
- **PIX4Dmapper (The leading photogrammetry software for professional drone mapping)**
- **Ultimaker S3 3D Printers**

Our Pennington Centre for Construction has recently undergone a fantastic refurbishment, to give you amazing facilities and an unrivalled learning experience.

T Level Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths.		
Alternatively	Completion of a related Level 2 qualification and grade 4 in GCSE English and maths.	

Completing a T Level in Construction will open many doors for you. Most students who complete the course will choose to progress to university and then into fantastic careers as Architects, Surveyors, Building Services Engineers and Civil Engineers.

You will spend 80% of time in college, learning the theory and practical skills involved in the design of structures, starting with the most basic out-buildings to huge skyscrapers and suspension bridges. You will have access to industry standard tools and equipment such as theodolites, tensile strength machines and surveying drones. You will study units including Construction Surveying/Principles/Design/Tech, Tendering & Estimating, Project Management, Building Regulations, Graphical Detailing, Hot Water Systems, Measuring Techniques Health & Safety and much more.

The other 20% of the time will be spent on an industry placement putting all this into action (minimum of 315 hours on placement).

Creating Careers in Design, Surveying and Planning

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.





DESIGN SURVEYING AND PLANNING

CONSTRUCTION MULTI-SKILLS



Level 1 Construction Multi-Skills		One year
Minimum entry requirements Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Completion of Aspire/Gateway course (see page 71/72) and maths and English at grade 1.	

This course is an excellent introduction to the construction industry, providing you with a focused, hands-on taste of four of the main trade occupations. Not only will you develop your practical construction talents, but you will also gain the essential employability skills needed to thrive in the workplace. Throughout this highly practical course, you will enjoy dedicated sessions in:

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering

You will learn the underpinning theory behind the materials, techniques, and processes involved, all taught by expert teachers in our fantastically well-equipped workshops fitted with the latest industry-standard tools and machinery.

To ensure you are fully prepared for employment, your practical training is paired with comprehensive professional development.

Alongside continuing your Maths and English studies, you will complete essential units designed to build your professional profile, including:

- Developing interpersonal and teamwork skills
- Health, safety, and healthy living
- Equality and diversity in the workplace

Upon completion, you will be in the perfect position to choose a specific trade pathway and progress onto a Level 2 course in your preferred field. From there, you will study your chosen trade in-depth, equipping yourself with the expertise and confidence to step directly into a successful career in the construction industry.



BRICKLAYING

Level 1 Bricklaying	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72)

Level 1 Bricklaying forms the foundations, establishing your skills and knowledge of brickwork to an introductory level. You will start to develop and understand the basic techniques required to work in the industry and successful completion forms the entry requirements for Level 2 where you will develop more advanced skills.

This is a great introductory course for hands-on learners, with a heavy focus on practical learning. You will practice a range of different bricklaying techniques including building solid walling, isolated and attached piers, cavity walling and forming masonry structures. This is underpinned with the theory, where you will study building methods, construction technology and interpreting working drawings.

Level 2 Bricklaying	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification

For those serious about a career in bricklaying, advancing to Level 2 will develop your skills and knowledge in brickwork to an intermediate level, making you ready for employment. Taking the techniques and skills gained at Level 1, you will study at a greater depth and with a balanced mixture of both practical and theory-based learning. In bright, modern classrooms you will be inspired and supported by highly experienced lecturers and in our huge, indoor bricklaying workshop, you'll be able to refine your bricklaying skills in a dry and controlled environment.

Level 3 Bricklaying	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Completion of Level 2 Bricklaying.	

The Level 3 Diploma in Bricklaying is designed to further develop skills and knowledge enabling you to work to an advanced level in your chosen craft. The course has been developed to prepare students to work in supervisory roles on site. Live projects allow you to gain the skills that employers are looking for.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Level 2 and Level 3
Bricklaying includes 15 days
of industry placement.

This can be in single days, blocks
or a combination and details are
confirmed during the course.

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INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Level 2 & Level 3 Plumbing includes 15 days of industry placement.

This can be in single days, blocks or a combination and details are confirmed during the course.



Creating Careers in Plumbing and Gas

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Level 1 Plumbing		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72).	

Students who wish to study to become a plumber or gas engineer but don't meet the Level 2 entry requirements have the opportunity to study Level 1 Plumbing. This qualification will provide them with the underpinning knowledge, skills and qualifications needed to enrol onto the intermediate Level 2 course. Level 1 gives students a footing onto the Level 2 course, which is the pathway to either Level 3 Plumbing or a Gas Installation Apprenticeship, all necessary in the journey to becoming fully qualified in either industry.

Level 2 Plumbing & Heating		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and grade 3 in English and maths.	

This Level 2 course is a fantastic stepping-stone to the qualifications you need. Whether you want to focus on the plumbing route, installing and repairing water piping, drainage and appliances or you want to become a Gas Engineer, working with gas-fired appliances and heating systems; this course will prepare you for study at Level 3. The course gives students the basic skills and knowledge needed in either industry, studying units such as plumbing science, hot & cold water systems, sanitation and drainage, central heating and electrical systems. Upon completion, students can choose to progress onto Level 3 Plumbing, Level 3 Gas Installation or a Level 3 Apprenticeship, fully equipping you with the advanced knowledge and skills needed.

Level 3 Plumbing & Heating		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Completion of Level 2 Plumbing and Heating.		

This course is an essential step to becoming a fully qualified plumber, with all the skills and knowledge to work in the industry. There is a great mix of theory-based and practical learning in our bright, modern classrooms and class-leading workshops. Our expansive training facilities are second to none, where all aspects of plumbing can be practiced in fantastic workshops. You will learn the necessary skills to install plumbing infrastructure, equipment and appliances. Teachers take great pride in ensuring students' skills are refined to a very high standard. You will become fully trained on all the installation tools and materials needed in this highly skilled trade. This fantastic course ensures students are provided with the knowledge, experience and qualification to start an exciting new career.

Level 3 Gas Installation		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Students must be aged 19+ and completed Level 2 Plumbing and Heating.		

For students over 19, seeking to become Gas Safe registered in a career as a Gas Engineer, you must become fully qualified to do so. This course is a specifically designed pathway, training you to become competent at installing, servicing and maintaining complex gas systems and provide you with the qualification to join the Gas Safe register and start working in the industry. You will experience an in-depth study of gas systems, in both theory and hands-on practical lessons, including boilers, cookers and heating systems, all in our fantastic gas workshops. These are equipped with all types of appliances found in domestic and industrial systems, from basic fireplaces to complex heating systems. Alongside the course you will also gain real-world practical experience by undertaking a work placement with a Gas Safe Registered company.

Our students gain strong practical skills, training in our amazing plumbing workshops, packed with industry standard equipment.



CARPENTRY & JOINERY

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Trades

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Level 1 Carpentry & Joinery	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72).

For people who are creative and find the best way to learn is through practical tasks, studying Carpentry and Joinery is an excellent route into a life-long career. Level 1 is an excellent introduction to woodworking skills, starting with the basic crafting techniques when working with softwoods, and board materials.

As well as the practical skills, you will study the maths, terminology and theory needed for using specialist tools used in measuring, cutting and jointing timber to size.

Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification.

Advancing to Level 2 you will be studying in our fantastically well-equipped Carpentry and Joinery workshops stocked with everything from the most basic measuring devices to the latest machinery and tools used in leading professional workshops and building sites. This ensures you are prepared for employment in woodworking industries from property construction to product manufacturing.

Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass grade in Level 2 Carpentry & Joinery.	

Level 3 provides the highest qualification in Carpentry & Joinery available at Southport College. Over the duration of this fantastic one year course, you'll gain, practice and refine technical wood-working skills to a highly professional standard.

Your teachers are experts in the industry and are keen to impart their years of experience, skills and knowledge onto their students, ensuring that when you leave us, you are very well prepared for your future career.

You may progress straight into an exciting new career or further in-depth study and work experience by undertaking an Apprenticeship.

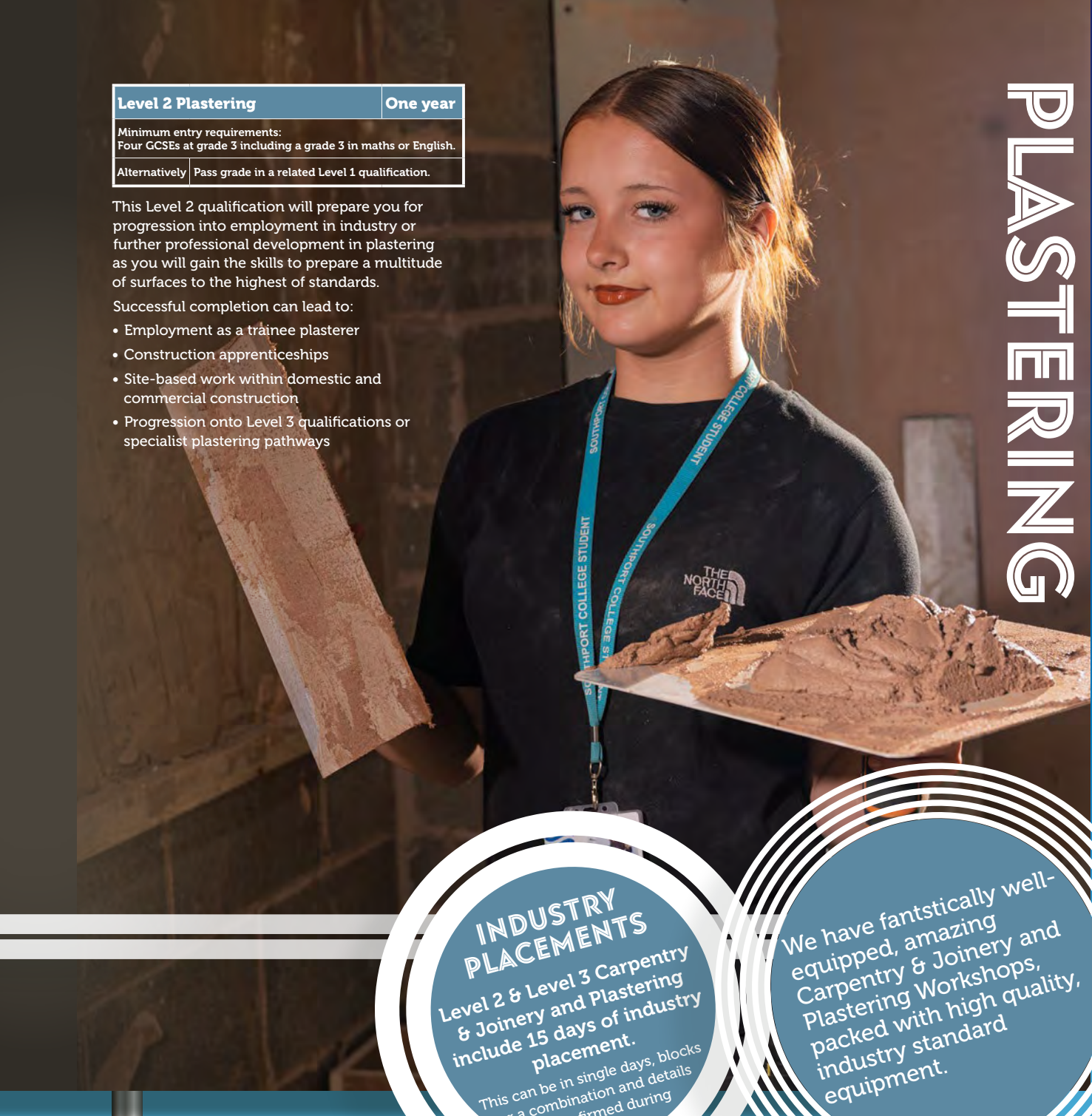
PLASTERING

Level 2 Plastering	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification.

This Level 2 qualification will prepare you for progression into employment in industry or further professional development in plastering as you will gain the skills to prepare a multitude of surfaces to the highest of standards.

Successful completion can lead to:

- Employment as a trainee plasterer
- Construction apprenticeships
- Site-based work within domestic and commercial construction
- Progression onto Level 3 qualifications or specialist plastering pathways



INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Level 2 & Level 3 Carpentry & Joinery and Plastering include 15 days of industry placement.

This can be in single days, blocks or a combination and details are confirmed during the course.

We have fantstically well-equipped, amazing Carpentry & Joinery and Plastering Workshops, packed with high quality, industry standard equipment.

MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING

Our motor vehicle workshops are fully kitted out with a fleet of cars, diagnostic equipment, top tools, lifting equipment and much more.

Studying Motor Vehicle Engineering at Southport College means you will learn in fantastic automotive workshops that are just like the real thing. They are fitted out with the latest industry equipment, including ramps, wheel balancers, pneumatic tools and high-tech diagnostic kits.

The courses are a blend of theory and practical sessions, which will give you underpinning knowledge and technical skills.

Practical sessions are overseen by our industry expert, qualified teachers and technicians. Plus, the theory is taught in a classroom with a glass partition to the workshops meaning whatever session you are doing, you are always fully immersed in the industry environment.

There is a diverse fleet of real cars for students to work on. This means that you are familiar with using industry standard equipment and prepared for the workplace with the skills and hands-on experience professional garages need their motor vehicle engineers to have.

Level 1 Light Vehicle Maintenance	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in Aspire/Gateway (see page 71/72) and GCSE English and maths at grade 2 (or equivalent).

Quality training and experience is important for anyone wanting to work in the motor industry. Our Level 1 course introduces students to the basics of vehicle maintenance and repair work, through a varied programme of both practical workshop sessions and theory-based sessions. It allows students to gain the entry requirements for the Level 2 programme, whilst working towards achieving any GCSE English and/or maths qualifications required.

Students build vocational skills over the course of the year, increasing their knowledge in vital areas and components. You will study the theory and practical aspects of lubrication systems, cooling systems, fuel & air systems, electrical systems, transmission systems, spark ignition systems, steering & suspension systems, wheels & tyres and brake systems.

Creating Careers in Motor Vehicle Engineering

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.	
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 1 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 3 (or equivalent).

Our Level 2 course will train you to the standards required by employers in the vehicle maintenance and repair industry. Covering a diverse range of essential industry techniques, students will study units including brakes and tyres, removing and replacing chassis units and components. You'll also study ancillary topics such pre and post vehicle inspections, good workplace housekeeping, maintaining positive relationships and health and safety.

There is lots of practical work, alongside learning the theory. So not only do you learn 'how' to do something but you are able understand and be able to explain the 'why' behind it too!

Level 3 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass grade in Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	

This advanced qualification is designed to meet the skill needs of motor vehicle technicians in the automotive vehicle maintenance and repair sector to a higher level.

Building on the knowledge and skills gained at Level 2, students move onto higher levels of technical knowledge and ability by studying units including the diagnosis and rectification of: light vehicle chassis system faults, auxiliary electrical components, engine and component faults and light vehicle transmission and driveline faults.

Upon completion, you will be able to competently inspect light vehicles, diagnose and rectify issues. You will be able to confidently explain your diagnosis of issues and the remedial actions required, with the thorough understanding of the underpinning theory you gain.



Get fantastic practical experience in our Clinical Skills Hub; with mock hospital wards and a wide range of industry-standard medical equipment.

Creating Careers in Healthcare & Health Science

Find out about opportunities and salaries available to you.



Level 3 Technical Occupational Entry in Social Care Diploma		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths at grade 3 or 4.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE maths and English at grade 1.	

Develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required for a career in social care.

Gain an understanding of current practices within a range of health and social care settings.

Build occupational competence through a combination of classroom learning and practical experience. Study units aligned to the Lead Adult Care Worker Occupational Standard.

Prepare for employment, apprenticeships or further study in the health and social care sector.

Assessment

- Internally assessed portfolio of evidence.
- Externally quality assured by NCFE CACHE.
- Practical learning and workplace evidence contribute to assessment.

Industry Placement

- Minimum of 30 hours work placement required.
- Opportunity to apply learning in a real-world care environment.
- Develop professional and employability skills valued by employers.

Progression Opportunities

- Adult Care Worker
- Support Worker
- Residential Care Worker
- Community Support Worker
- Higher education and professional qualifications in Health and Social Care

T Level Healthcare		Two years
Minimum entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade 4 including English, Science and maths plus a satisfactory DBS.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in a related Level 2 qualification and GCSE English and maths at grade 4 (or equivalent) and a satisfactory DBS.	

T Level Healthcare is a fantastic preparation for the NHS, medical and social work environments. It includes a minimum of 315 hours of valuable work placement, in varied settings, where you aspire to work. Using excellent links with Southport & Ormskirk Hospitals and other local healthcare providers, we can help find you a suitable placement.

In college, you'll be based in our Clinical Skills Hub; brand-new, state-of-the-art simulation hospital wards, part of a £2.3m funding from the Department for Education's T-Level Capital Project.

Industry expert teachers deliver a diverse range of engaging course content. In the second year of the course, you will study an occupational specialism called 'Supporting the Adult Nursing Team', which supports a diverse range of career options. We also invite guest speakers throughout the course, including ex-students, giving you additional insights into many aspects of the healthcare sector.

Level 2 in Skills for Health and Care Professions		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children and GCSE grade 3 in English and maths.	

This course is designed to provide you with experience and an insight into the health and social care sector. If you want to study T Level Healthcare or related Level 3 course, this is the perfect stepping-stone for you allowing you to gain the entry requirements.

You will cover a range of topics including communication and ensuring safe environments in health and social care. The impact of diet on health, care values and improving health and wellbeing.

You'll also gain practical experience by taking part in sessions in our on-site mock hospital wards, simulating the real world of work, with hospital equipment expert teachers.

BEAUTY

Level 2 Beauty Therapy		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Hair & Beauty and GCSE grade 3 in English and maths.	

This course is the ideal preparation for a career as a beauty/spa therapist and will give you a substantial recognised vocational qualification. You will develop knowledge and understanding of anatomy and physiology, health and safety and client care and communication as well as learn all about the beauty therapy products and equipment you will use daily.

You will develop competent skills in a host of beauty treatments, including facial skin care, eyebrows and lash tinting, waxing, manicures, pedicures and make up application as well as learning about salon reception duties and customer service.

On successful completion you can progress to a Level 3 Beauty Diploma or start work as a junior therapist in a variety of different settings.

Level 3 Beauty Therapy		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass grade in Level 2 Beauty Therapy.		

This Level 3 Diploma will prepare you for employment as an advanced beauty therapist, with the knowledge, understanding and skills to work competently. You will become proficient in body massage using pre-blended aromatherapy oils, stone therapy massage, facial and body electrotherapy treatments. You will also learn about safety control and how to plan promotional activities.

Alongside the course, you will also undertake a work placement in the beauty industry.

Successful completion could see you working as a beauty therapist in a salon, spa, cruise ship or even running your own business and it also opens up opportunities for lots of Level 4 qualifications too, including skin rejuvenation, physiology for advanced beauty therapy or Laser and Intense Pulsed Light.

Level 1 Hair & Beauty		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grade 2 including a grade 2 in maths or English.		
Alternatively	Completion of Aspire/Gateway course (see page 71/72) and maths and English at grade 1.	

This is a great introduction to the industry, not only allowing you to develop your creative abilities, but also gives you essential employability skills too.

Whilst enjoying lots of practical hair and beauty sessions, you will also study maths and English and complete units to prepare you for Level 2 courses and the world of work including:

- Developing your interpersonal, customer service and teamwork skills
- Staying safe & healthy living
- Equality & diversity in the work place

HAIRDRESSING



Working with real clients means no two days are the same. Enjoy a wide range of experiences and learn many new techniques in our working salons.

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Careers in
Hair & Beauty

Find out about
opportunities and
salaries available
to you.

Level 2 Hairdressing		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade 3 including a grade 3 in Maths or English.		
Alternatively	Pass grade in Level 1 Hair & Beauty and GCSE grade 3 in English and maths.	

This VTCT Level 2 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills in the art of cutting or dressing women's hair, providing effective shampooing and conditioning services, skills in colouring and lightening hair and providing a good consultation for your clients.

Underpinning this qualification you will develop a sound knowledge and understanding of each unit including health and safety and working in the hairdressing industry. You will develop your practical skills to a high level of occupational ability so you can perform your own salon services.

On successful completion, you will have the opportunity to progress to the following VTCT qualifications; Level 2 Diploma in Barbering, Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing.

Level 3 Hairdressing		One year
Minimum entry requirements: Pass in Level 2 Hairdressing.		

Upon completion of Level 2, you can progress to the VTCT Level 3 Diploma in Women's Hairdressing. This has been specifically designed to develop your practical skills to an advanced level through a variety of techniques. Units include the creative art of cutting hair, the artistic skill of colouring, imaginative dexterity of styling and dressing hair, and how to provide effective consultation support for colleagues.

Alongside the course, you will be required to undertake a hairdressing work placement.

You can progress on to related qualifications, including Level 2 Barbering, Level 3 Award in Bridal Hairstyling or Level 4 Diploma in Salon Management. You may progress into employment in the hairdressing industry as a senior hairdresser, salon manager or work as an independent hairdresser, on cruise ships, freelance or with your own salon.



FOUNDATION LEARNING

CONNECT	ASPIRE	GATEWAY	SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP
A one year programme for learners ready to start Entry Level 2. Upon completion, you will be ready to progress to an Entry Level 3 course.	A one year programme for learners ready to start Entry Level 3. Upon completion, you will be ready to progress to a Level 1 course.	A one year programme for learners without entry requirements for Level 1 courses. Helps you build the potential to progress to Level 1.	A one year programme with work placement to build confidence and experience. A supportive programme to achieve a Level 1 or Level 2 qualification.

We have a fantastic range of entry level courses, tailor made to suit your individual needs. Our friendly team of teachers are specialists in this area and will provide you with outstanding support!

Our one year Connect Course is for learners looking to work towards an Entry Level 2 qualification.

It is tailored to students' individual needs and focuses on the transition to College from school, and prepares you for the next steps.

What you will study

Students focus on building essential life skills such as time management, organisational skills, staying healthy and developing positive relationships. You learn independent travel skills, basic cookery and take part in fun confidence building activities.

Get involved in great opportunities to gain hands-on experience in customer service, teamwork and creative idea generation. You will also develop your English and maths and have a dedicated Progress Tutor.

This qualification prepares you for progressing to the next level; our fantastic Aspire course.

Confidence and skills for you

Why you should choose Southport College

There is dedicated classroom space for the Connect courses, with specialist resources and equipment including a life-skills facility and sensory room.

Our fantastic life-skills facility is kitted out with all the utilities and technology found in a modern home, giving students the perfect environment to gain independent living skills. We regularly review our courses in line with Government curriculum initiatives.

We offer extensive support both in groups and one-to-one, as well as lunchtime and break supervision. We have a Learning Support Hub in College for students to enjoy some quiet time during break and lunchtimes.



Sensory Room

Students can enjoy our calming multi-sensory space.

The College has been delivering courses for young people with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LDD) for many years.

Starting college can be a very daunting experience for many students on our Connect courses, so we take great care in ensuring that the transition from school to college goes as smoothly as possible.

We offer group and individual orientation visits and taster days before students come to College and these visits help to introduce students to the College at their own pace and are tailor-made to suit them.

By offering the support and guidance needed to help them to succeed, we ensure many of our students who start on our Connect courses progress through College to higher level courses and on to employment.



ASPIRE

The Aspire Course is for learners who are working towards Entry Level 3 and forms part of the Extended Diploma in Skills for Further Learning and Employment.

It has been designed to help you progress towards the world of work, whilst at the same time helping you become a more independent mature young adult both in learning and life.

The course has three key elements:

Preparing for adulthood

This includes independent living skills; health and fitness; budgeting and communication.

English and maths

Classes to help you achieve these important qualifications.

Future Skills

Preparing you for your future employability and digital skills, as well as personal development.

You may also get a flavour of the wider range of vocational courses at the College, through subject tasters in areas you're interested in.

This will build your skills and help decide what you might like to study in more detail the following year.

Helping you to progress

The Aspire course is designed to help students progress towards the world of work and/or Level 1 vocational courses at the College. Aspire is a fantastic option for Entry Level learners.

You will find out all about our wide range of vocational subjects before focusing on and progressing in one area.

You will also be working towards gaining English or maths qualifications.

Why you should choose Southport College

We have fantastic facilities for all our college students and our Aspire facilities are second to none! There is dedicated classroom space and specialist resources and equipment; as well as realistic working environments and a large well equipped sports hall and gym. What's more, we have a life skills area, complete with all the facilities and utilities in a modern home; brilliant for improving your cooking and independent living skills.

All our teachers are friendly, supportive and very welcoming. They are all experienced and want you to achieve your very best. They are here to help you every step of the way.

What you will study

These range from year to year depending on the interests of the students but may include:

• Life skills

Independent living skills; health and fitness; budgeting and communication skills.

• Skills for further learning and employment

• Enterprise

• Independence Skills

• Budgeting and Money Management

• Health & Wellbeing

• Digital Skills

Successful students may be able to progress to a Level 1 course in their chosen vocational area or a Supported Internship.

Become equipped with employability skills for success

Gateway is the perfect course for students who do not yet have the qualifications to progress onto Level 1 courses.

You will develop skills for further learning and employment, with opportunities to try the wider range of vocational courses at the College, through a vocational rotation lesson in subject areas you're interested in.

In addition to developing your English & maths, you will be getting prepared for adulthood with life skills such as health and wellbeing, fitness, budgeting, digital skills and communication skills.

Together, all this will help you decide what to study the following year or get you ready to take on the world of work.

Where will it take me?

Successful students may be able to progress to a Level 1 course, Apprenticeship or employment.

A tailored programme for you

Gateway is our flexible programme which allows you to gain a full Entry Level 3 qualification.

For learners who are working towards Entry Level 3, this course forms part of the Certificate in Skills for Further Learning and Employment.

It is designed to help prepare you for Level 1 study, whilst at the same time, helping you become a mature young adult both learning and in life.

What will I study?

Alongside maths and English at an appropriate level (GCSE or Entry Level Functional Skills), you will study a range of independent life and learning skills:

- **Budgeting & Money Management**
- **Digital Skills**
- **Community & Leisure**
- **Health & Fitness**
- **Employment Skills**
- **Personal Development**

Depending upon your success and ability, you may then be able to progress to a Level 1 course, Apprenticeship or employment.

Why you should choose Southport College

Our friendly and supportive teachers fully understand the need for flexibility and have a wealth of experience supporting learners.

We offer realistic working environments for you to learn in, plus a fantastic English and Maths Hub, with teachers and study mentors all on hand to help.

You will also have lots of opportunities to gain employment and communication skills and really grow your self confidence.



We are so proud to support our students' aspirations. As well as finding their future careers, many have progressed from Entry Level to Levels 1, 2, 3 and even onto university!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Our open events are the ideal opportunity to view our fantastic facilities, meet our friendly, industry-experienced teachers, get a real feel for life at Southport College and to prepare for joining us in September. Families are welcome too and it's the perfect time to find about out our unrivalled student support, travel passes and lots of other important information.

Once you've decided on the right course for you, the quickest and easiest way to apply to Southport College is online at southport.ac.uk

STEP 1

Attend an Open Event

Autumn Term 2026
Saturday 10 October
10.00am - 2.00pm
Monday 23 November
4.30pm - 7.00pm
Spring Term 2027
Thursday 11 March
4.30pm - 7.00pm

STEP 2

Apply online

southport.ac.uk/apply
We advise our students to do this as early as possible as our most popular courses do fill up fast!

STEP 3

Your application

After we receive your application, you will need to book an admissions interview to check if the course is right for you. It's also your chance to ask about things such as travel passes or learning support.
There are lots of dates to choose from and parents or guardians are welcome too.

STEP 4

Formal offer

Following a positive admissions interview, you will be offered a place to become a Southport College student.
Once you have finished your GCSE exams, you are invited to Welcomefest, our VIP event exclusively for students who will be joining us in September.

STEP 5

Enrolment at college

During the summer break all applicants will be sent a link to pre-enrol. This ensures we have all your correct details and speeds up the enrolment process on the day.
You will then be sent your individual enrolment date and time. This will usually be on either the day of or day after GCSE results day and takes place on campus.
You will need to bring proof of your results, complete your enrolment and collect your college ID badge, all ready for term to start.
It's very straightforward and parents or guardians are welcome too.

STEP 6

Joining us as a student

Your course will begin at the start of September 2027.
You will receive information about your start date and timetable at enrolment.
If you have any questions during any of these stages then please get in touch.





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