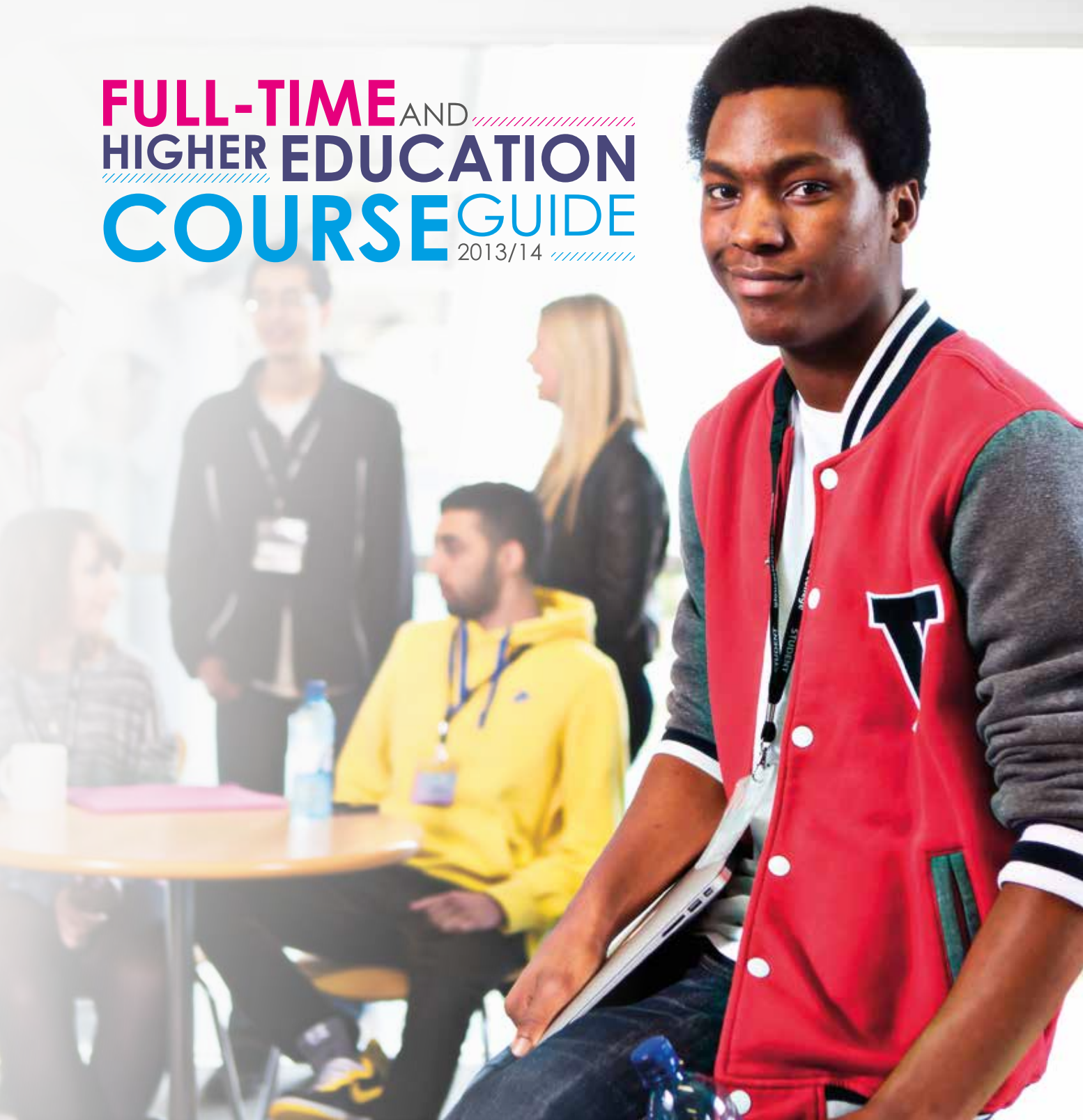




FULL-TIME AND HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE GUIDE 2013/14



gloucestershire college



WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Gloucestershire College's full-time and higher education course guide for the 2013-14 academic year. You will see from its contents that the College provide a very wide range of courses at a variety of levels to suit most learners.

The purpose of the course guide is to provide you with a good understanding of what is on offer here at the College. We fully understand that choosing the right course for you is an important decision and not one to be made lightly.

The information contained in this publication is only the start of a process. If you are interested in one or more of our courses please come and talk to our friendly and well-informed Student Services Team. In addition, we have regular open evenings at all our main sites throughout the year. We can also arrange for you to talk to lecturers, students and even sit in classes to help you make the right decision.

We are very proud of the success of our students. The College sets high standards and expectations and as a result the vast majority of our students pass their courses and go on to their chosen destination.

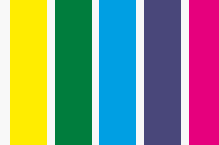
At our last Ofsted Inspection we were delighted to be rated "Good" with "Outstanding Features" such as our buildings, learning facilities and our IT environment.

Most importantly our regular student surveys indicate that students enjoy their time at College and would recommend it to a friend.

We try very hard to change students' lives for the better and we hope you will join us and be part of the success story.

I look forward to welcoming you to Gloucestershire College in 2013.

Dr Greg Smith
Principal and Chief Executive



WELCOME TO GC


This is your guide to full-time and higher education courses at Gloucestershire College, we hope you find everything you need.

For the latest information and course details, please visit our website www.gloscol.ac.uk and social networks or contact Student Services on **0845 155 2020**.


OPEN EVENING DATES

Visit our welcoming campuses with their fantastic facilities and talk to our industry experienced staff about the exciting options available to you.

LOCATION	NOV 2012	JAN/FEB 2013	MAY 2013
GLOUCESTER	Monday 12th 5.30-8.00pm	Monday 28th Jan 5.30-8.00pm	Monday 13th 5.30-8.00pm
FOREST OF DEAN	Wednesday 14th 5.30-7.30pm	Wednesday 30th Jan 5.30-7.30pm	Wednesday 15th 5.30-7.30pm
CHELTENHAM	Monday 19th 5.30-8.00pm	Monday 4th Feb 5.30-8.00pm	Monday 20th 5.30-8.00pm
LAUNCHPAD	Tuesday 20th 5.00-7.00pm	Tuesday 5th Feb 5.00-7.00pm	Tuesday 21st 5.00-7.00pm

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Hi



The Students' Union (SU) are a group dedicated to enhancing your experience at college. Whether you need information, support and advice, or you want to get involved in some fun activities outside of your lessons, the SU are there to make sure you get the best out of your time at college.

As an example, last year the SU raised over £1,300 for charity through fun activities and events. They also organised various welfare campaigns, including Anti-bullying week and LGBT history month, in addition went on a number of exciting trips including an Alton Towers trip and to the Clothes Show Live, all of which attracted nearly 700 students!

If you want to get involved with the SU activities then it couldn't be easier. They are based in The Dining Room in Gloucester, Student Services in RFD campus or on the first floor in Cheltenham. Their door is always open and they are happy to answer any question

you might have. They will also regularly be seen in busy public areas, such as The Atrium, trying to get your opinion on important student matters. Or, if you wish to e mail them they can be reached at YES@gloscol.ac.uk. Alternatively you can call them on 01452 563227 (Gloucester), 01594 838466 (Royal Forest of Dean) or 01242 532014 (Cheltenham).

There are many opportunities at college that will enhance your experience and help you get the most out of your time here. The activities and events organised by the SU are an example of this. Please feel free to contact the SU, whatever your query and they will endeavour to help you.

THE STUDENTS' UNION

WHY CHOOSE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE



When deciding on where to carry out your studies, Gloucestershire College understands the importance of choosing a college that can provide you with everything you need to succeed. With a proven record of student achievement and the right balance of work and social opportunities, GC can offer exactly that!

So, why choose Gloucestershire College



- Three main campuses in Cheltenham, Gloucester and the Royal Forest of Dean.
- A wide range of education and training programmes, including A levels and GCSEs, apprenticeships, vocational qualifications, work-based learning, basic skills courses, higher education, short courses for business, part-time day and evening courses and English for overseas students.
- Over 100 full-time courses ranging from hair and beauty to construction and game development.
- 18 higher education courses.

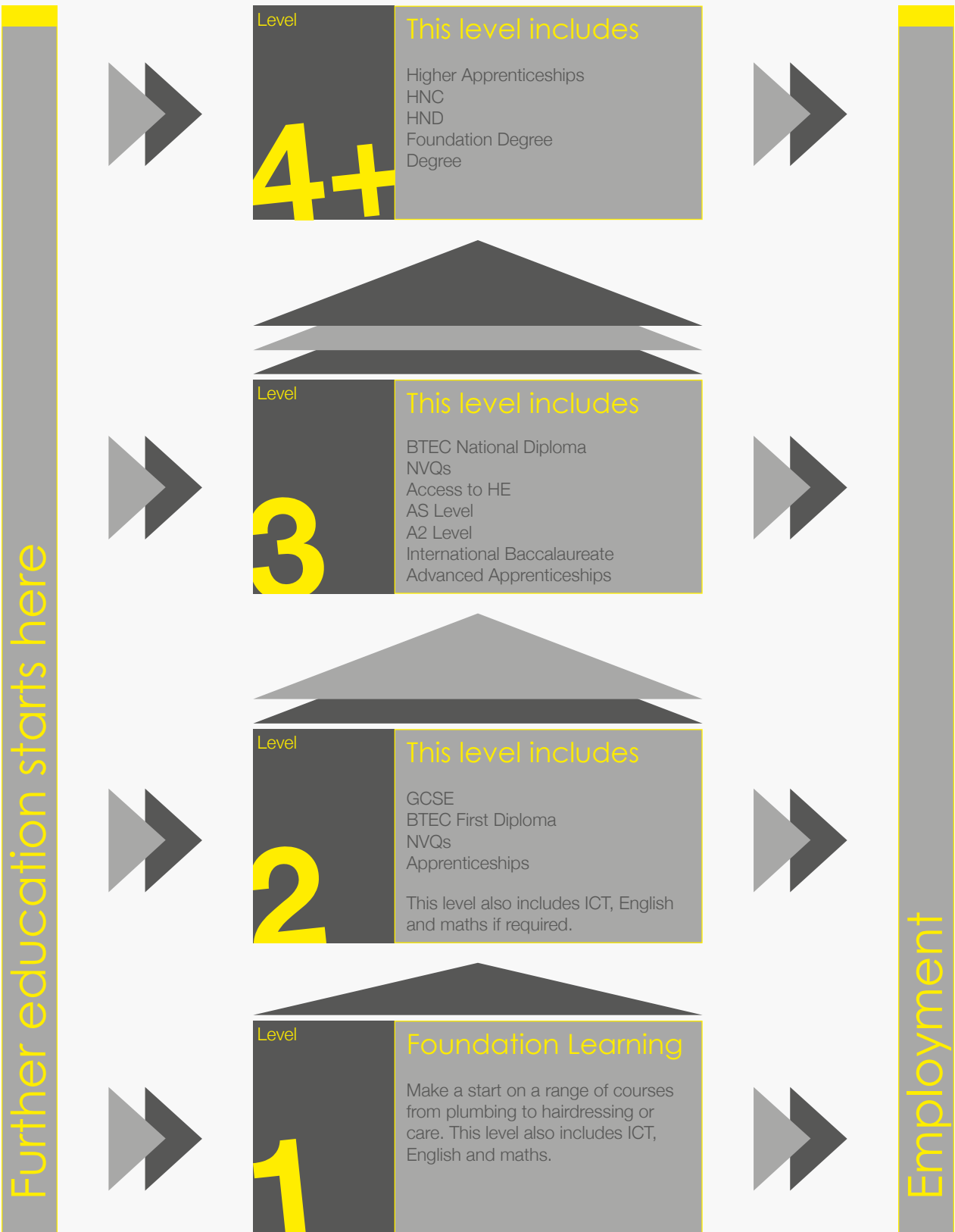
- A level pass rate of 98.6%.
- GC has been awarded Gazelle status, Apprenticeship Provider of the Year, Artsmark Gold and European Language Label.
- State-of-the-art facilities and equipment
- All GC teaching staff are experts in their fields with a number of them having worked in industry.
- Rated "good" with "outstanding" features by Ofsted.
- 90% of students would recommend GC to another person.

- 97% of students say they feel safe in their lessons.
- 95% of students said that the teaching on their course was good.

So, what's not to love? GC has everything you could possibly want to help you embark on a successful career in the industry of your choice.

“GLOUCESTERSHIRE APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROVIDER OF THE YEAR 2012”

PROGRESSION CHART



LOCATION GRID



Course	C	FD	G	M	NC	T
Access to Higher Education						
Access to Higher Education	•	•	•			
Return to Learning	•		•			
Beauty and Holistic Therapies						
Introduction to Beauty Therapy			•			
Beauty Therapy Diploma	•	•	•			
Beauty Therapy Diploma - GC Express			•			
Holistic Therapies Diploma					•	
Make-up Artist Diploma			•			
Nail Technician Diploma			•			
Body and Spa Therapy Diploma			•			
Beauty Therapy Diploma	•	•				
Media, Hair and Make-up - GC Express			•			
Nail Technician - GC Express	•					
Complementary Therapy - GC Express		•				
Business						
Introduction to Business	•	•				
Diploma in Business Level 2	•	•				
Diploma in Business Level 3	•	•				
Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship	•	•				
HNC/D Business	•	•				
Certificate in Business Administration	•	•				
Catering						
Catering Foundation	•	•				
Professional Catering Diploma	•	•				
Chefs Diploma	•	•				
Professional Cookery - GC Express			•			
Computing						
Forensic Computing Diploma	•					
Interactive Games Design Diploma			•			
HNC Computing			•			
IT	•	•	•			
System Support	•	•				
Web Technology and Development			•			
Media, Game and Software Development	•					
Software Development (including Games and Apps)			•			
Computing Diploma - Level 1	•	•				
Construction						
Certificate in Construction Crafts	•	•	•	•	•	•
Brickwork Diploma	•	•	•	•	•	•
Carpentry Diploma	•	•	•	•	•	•
Painting and Decorating Diploma	•					
Plastering Diploma			•		•	
Construction and the Built Environment Diploma	•					
Fine Furniture Making Diploma						•
Construction and the Built Environment (Civil Engineering) Diploma				•		
HNC Construction			•			
Plumbing Technical Certificate			•	•		
Electrical Installation Technical Certificate			•	•		
Certificate in Introduction to Building Services			•	•		
Creative Industries - Arts Academy						
Performing Arts Diploma			•			
Art and Design Diploma	•	•				
Music Diploma	•	•				
Art and Design Diploma	•	•				
Music Diploma			•			
Performing Arts Diploma			•			
Music Technology Diploma	•	•				
Art, Design and Media Foundation Diploma	•	•				
HNC Music Production			•			
Get Creative			•	•		
HNC Theatre Production			•			
Creative Industries - Media Academy						
Media Diploma	•	•				
Graphic Design Diploma			•			
Photography Diploma	•	•				

Course	C	FD	G	M	NC	T
Fashion and Clothing Diploma			•	•		
HND Graphic Design/Multimedia				•		
Get Creative			•	•		
Fashion and Photography			•	•		
Package Design			•			
Events Management				•		
Creative Practice				•		
Theatre Production				•		
Media, Film, Video Journalism			•	•		
E2FEE						
E2FEE		•	•	•		
Engineering and Motor Vehicle						
Motor Vehicle - Level 1				•	•	•
Motor Vehicle - Level 2				•	•	•
Mechanical Engineering Diploma				•		
Electronic Engineering Diploma				•		
HNC Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering				•		
HNC Electronic Engineering				•		
Engineering Diploma				•		
Hairdressing						
Introduction to Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Diploma	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hairdressing Diploma		•	•	•		•
Hairdressing - GC Express				•		
Barbering - GC Express				•		
Health, Care and Early Years						
Early Years		•	•	•		
Health and Social Care		•	•	•		
Foundation Degree Early Years			•	•		
Foundation Degree Health Care Practice Nursing				•		
Public Services, Sport, Outdoor Activities and Travel and Tourism						
Sport and Public Services			•	•		
Public Services				•		
Sport				•		
Sports Development, Coaching and Fitness				•		
Certificate for the Outdoor Activity Leader				•		
Certificate for the Outdoor Industry				•		
Travel and Tourism - Level 2			•	•		
School of Foundation Studies						
Foundation Learning Life Skills Entry Pathway	•	•	•			
Foundation Learning Work Skills Entry Pathway	•	•	•			
Multi-sensory Programme			•			
Sixth Form						
		•	•			
GCSEs						
		•	•			
Teacher Training and Education						
Preparation for Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)		•	•	•		
Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLTS)		•	•	•		
Diploma in Post-Compulsory Education and Training (2 years)	•			•		
Diploma in Post-Compulsory Education and Training (1 year)	•			•		
PGCE in Post-Compulsory Education and Training	•			•		
Foundation Degree in Therapeutic Counselling	•					
BSc in Psychology (Year 1 and 2)	•					

Key:

- C - Cheltenham campus
- FD - Royal Forest of Dean campus
- G - Gloucester campus
- GC Express - see page 20 for details
- M - Mitcheldean campus
- NC - North Cheltenham campus
- T - Tewkesbury Launchpad



FANTASTIC FACILITIES

All three main campuses offer fantastic sport and fitness facilities where you can get involved with sport at many different levels.

There are numerous sports teams and academies to choose from or if you want to just keep fit at your own pace you can do so at Aspire Xpress gym at Cheltenham campus.

Gloucester campus has a state-of-the-art sports hall where students can take part in basketball, badminton, shot put and futsal among other sports. The Gloucester campus is home to the successful Gloucestershire College Blazers, close partners to our Basketball Academy. Other sports academies make use of off-site facilities all within a short distance.

HEALTH AND FITNESS AT GC

Aspire Xpress at Gloucestershire College (Cheltenham campus) is an onsite fitness centre, which is open to students and the public and includes gym equipment, a dance studio, basketball, netball and five-a-side football court.

Membership is monthly and gives you access to a range of exercise classes, including body conditioning, boxercise, circuit training, Pilates, and the new dance craze Zumba! Pay as you go options are also available.

Sports facilities at the Royal Forest of Dean campus include:

- Sports fields
- Running track
- Tennis courts
- Recently refurbished fitness centre
- Swimming pool
- Netball, football and rugby teams

RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS

Whether you are studying at Cheltenham, Gloucester or the Royal Forest of Dean campus you have the choice to dine in style or to grab a latte and a sandwich from the various cafes and eateries. The college shops are open all day, providing a range of sandwiches, crisps, confectionery, and hot and cold drinks.

Starbucks

Both Cheltenham and Gloucester operate an all day "We Proudly Serve Starbucks" coffee bar. Here we provide speciality hot and cold drinks, alongside a full range of cakes and patisserie. Hot paninis and snacks are also available. The Bistro at Royal Forest of Dean Campus serves breakfast items, morning snacks, freshly prepared hot and cold meals, sandwiches and pastries. It also has an extensive fair trade coffee menu which includes: Americano, cappuccino, café latte, espresso, café mocha, hot chocolate and a variety of organic and flavoured teas.

Dining rooms

Each college campus has its own dining room, open for lunch, serving a range of home-cooked foods, snacks, salads and filled jacket potatoes. All choices are available to eat in or take away. Gloucester campus also provides a breakfast and evening service.



GRADUATIONS HAIR AND BEAUTY SALONS

Our commercially run Graduations salons are set up to reflect the working environment of someone working in the hairdressing or beauty and holistic therapy industries.

The salons are open to the public and offer a wide range of treatments and services, from a simple cut and finish, to an aromatherapy body massage. These treatments are available at very competitive prices and allow students to gain professional experience by working with paying customers, in a realistic working environment. The students are supervised by qualified tutors with extensive industry experience.

The spa is an exciting new haven of relaxation at Gloucestershire College within the Gloucester Graduations suite. Clients can indulge in spa treatments, including a bubbling whirlpool spa, a dry heat Swedish sauna, a colour therapy steam shower and a dry float bed, making you feel like you are floating on warm water.

The hairdressing salons are professionally equipped offering a wide range of hairdressing services and hairdressing retail products. TIGI, Matrix and GHD are just some of the leading professional high street names that our students work with and sell. Gloucestershire College school of hairdressing is recognised by many local employers as a high-quality training establishment.

THE FOREST THEATRE

The Forest Theatre is situated at the Royal Forest of Dean campus. This impressive venue plays host to student performances, live music events, professional artists, groups and celebrities as well as providing a platform for community groups and the Royal Forest of Dean campus Theatre Company.

The Forest Theatre is available for hire for all kinds of performance, dance, theatre and musical events. It may also be used as a conference, exhibition or presentation venue.

NURSERIES

GC offers excellent childcare facilities at our Cheltenham, Gloucester and Forest campuses, for the use and benefit of our staff and students. The nurseries cater for children aged from three months to 10 years old (up to 5 years old at RFD nursery).

Gloucestershire College Nurseries in Cheltenham and Gloucester were awarded an Ofsted 'Outstanding' grade in 2012 for each of the 17 areas inspected.

Ofsted said:

"Children are thriving because the highly motivated and dedicated staff team facilitate and nurture their care and individual learning needs extremely well. Teaching is rooted in expert knowledge of how young children learn and progress to provide rich, varied and imaginative experiences."

CONTACT US:

Cheltenham nursery:
T: 01242 532016

Gloucester nursery:
T: 01452 563287

RFD nursery:
T: 01594 810402

LIBRARIES

Our libraries offer an interactive learning experience for groups and individual students, incorporating computer-based learning facilities alongside paper-based resources. There are areas for learning and study using learning resources, computers and individual and group study areas. The flexibility to use different methods of study and research will help you to develop your study skills and improve the quality of your assignments.

You will need a GC Student ID card to use the facilities or to borrow resources. You will receive your ID card when you enrol onto your course. You must have your ID card with you at all times at college.

- Library lending – books, videos and DVDs
- Reference materials – including journals, newspapers and CD-ROMs
- Book search facility, accessible on dedicated PCs and on the VLE's e-Library
- e-Library – access to a variety of online resources and information, available on the VLE which is accessible both within and outside of college.
- Inter-library loans and reservations facility
- Computer facilities
- Group study areas and individual quiet study areas
- Careers information
- Photocopying
- Binding and laminating
- Black and white and colour printing
- Scanners
- CD-R and RW burning, DVD player and DVD-R
- Subject specific and specialist software
- Internet and email for research and communications
- Intranet – Glosweb
- VLE (moodle) – provides course materials and resources for specific courses and also general college information
- Online resources – accessible via our e-Library on the VLE

ACCOMMODATION

An accommodation service is available to all our students who need help finding accommodation or resolving accommodation issues.

If you would like to live with other students you can choose to live in our fully furnished student residence built in 2011, located in Cheltenham, half-way between our Cheltenham campus and the town centre.

You will have a single room with ensuite facilities including a shower and toilet. The kitchen area is shared with up to five other students. The common area is the perfect place to play table tennis, watch television or talk with friends. A warden is on duty around the clock to help with anything you need and CCTV is used for added security. Wireless internet is included.

Please note that student residences are self-catering and suitable for mature students looking for independent living within halls. Students are required to sign an agreement committing them to a fixed period of usually one year. We also keep an updated list of private rentals, available to GC students, with half-board or self-catering lodgings, as well as student flats, houses and bedsits.

T: 01242 532007 E: accommodation@gloscol.ac.uk





STUDENT SUPPORT

RESPECT

Here at Gloucestershire College we believe that everyone has the right to be treated with respect.

We believe that unfair treatment on the grounds of age, gender, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or disability is wrong and should never happen. The Respect Campaign is a movement that aims to combat any instances of malicious and hurtful behaviour towards any member of Gloucestershire College be it student, staff or visitors.

In addition to this we believe all students and staff have the right to work and study in a clean and pleasant environment. The Respect Campaign is also dedicated to ensuring that the College premises are treated with respect. Littering and graffiti are acts of vandalism that go against the values of the Respect Campaign and they will not be tolerated.

STUDENT SERVICES AND ADMISSIONS

Student Services

Our friendly Student Services team is committed to assisting and supporting students realise their full potential and ensuring they gain the maximum benefit from their experience at the College.

We offer a range of free, professional and confidential services including:

- Applying for courses
- Course information, advice and guidance
- Financial advice and assistance
- Enrolment
- Payment of fees
- Booking appointments for Careers, Basic Skills and ESOL.

CONTACT US

Opening times:
Monday to Friday
8.30am to 5.00pm (Student Services closes at 4:30pm on Fridays at Royal Forest of Dean campus)

Cheltenham and Gloucester
T: 0845 155 2020
Royal Forest of Dean
T: 01594 838500

E: info@gloscol.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS

The Admissions team is responsible for receiving and processing all full and part-time, further and higher education application forms. The Admissions team is located within Student Services at our main Cheltenham, Gloucester and Royal Forest of Dean campuses.

For further information please visit www.gloscol.ac.uk

CONTACT US

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TUTORIALS

The tutorial experience will support students to:

- Identify and access support available in the College for academic achievement and progression
- Become independent thinkers who strive for ambitious goals
- Be aware of, and access as appropriate, the support available for personal health and well-being
- Recognise the importance of equality and diversity issues
- Value the health, safety and well-being of themselves and others
- Build effective and positive relationships with others
- Take ownership of their learning
- Identify and own appropriate aspirational goals and targets for development and achievement
- Make a positive contribution to the College and wider community
- Identify and select appropriate progression routes
- Enjoy the student experience
- Develop transferable skills to enhance progression and employability

HOW TO APPLY

FURTHER EDUCATION

Applications for full-time further education courses starting in September 2013 are invited from 1 November 2012.

Due to the high demand for our courses the closing date for applications is 31 May 2013.

You can apply for a full-time course online at www.gloscol.ac.uk/applyonline

You can also apply by filling in an application form, which can be found at the back of this course guide. If you decide to apply using the paper form, please post it to:

Admissions, Gloucestershire College, FREEPOST NAT4575, Cheltenham GL51 7SJ.

Postage is free so you do not need to put a stamp on the envelope.

You will receive an acknowledgement of your application within five working days. You will then be put forward for an interview where you will meet a member of staff.

Later on in the year you will receive a letter detailing information on our enrolment process, course costs and start dates, as well as required equipment and uniform lists.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The application procedure varies for different types of courses.

If you are planning to apply for an Access course, Higher National Certificate (HNC), National Vocational Qualification (NVQ), Diploma, or part-time course, you need to complete a Gloucestershire College application form, which can be found at the back of the course guide. Please post it to:

Admissions, Gloucestershire College, FREEPOST NAT4575, Cheltenham GL51 7SJ.

Postage is free so you do not need to put a stamp on the envelope.

If you are planning to apply for a Higher National Diploma (HND), foundation degree, or honours degree, you will need to apply via UCAS, using the relevant institution and course code. You can find the relevant codes listed by the course you are interested in.

If you have any questions relating to either application process please contact the Admissions team.

CONTACT US

Opening times:
Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm

T: 01242 532008
E: admissions@gloscol.ac.uk



MONEY MATTERS*

*This information was correct at the time of going to print (August 2012)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT LOAN

A Career Development Loan (CDL) is a bank loan designed to help pay over 18's for work-related learning. Students can borrow between £300 and £10,000 to help with the costs of being a student. The Skills Funding Agency pays the interest on the loan while students are learning and for up to one month after training has stopped. They will then repay the loan over an agreed period at a fixed rate of interest.

National Careers Service
T: 0800 100 900
www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

CARE TO LEARN

Care to Learn can help pay for childcare and related travel costs while students are learning. Students can claim up to £160 per week in childcare and travel costs for each child.

Students can apply for Care to Learn if they are:

- Under 20 at the start of their course
- Caring for their own child or children
- Using a childcare provider which is registered with Ofsted
- Living in England and are either a British citizen or a national of another country within the European Economic Area (EEA).

T: 0800 121 8989

COUNCIL TAX

Full-time students and who live alone, or share with other full-time students should be exempt from paying council tax. Council Tax certificates can be obtained from Student Services.

DIRECT DEBIT

Students must be studying a full-time programme and have total fees more than £75. Part-time students with total fees more than £150 are eligible to pay fees by Direct Debit. Individuals would need to be aged 18 at the time of putting the agreement in place or if they are less than 18 then they will need to have the direct debit in a parent or guardians name.

Students will also be required to pay a deposit of 20% at the point of enrolment in cash, credit or debit card. Direct Debit plans must be paid in full by the end of your course.

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Full-time students

The Student Loan for Tuition Fees lets students cover tuition fees in full (up to £9,000 in 2012/13).

The Student Loan for maintenance helps with accommodation and other living costs; depending on household income and where students are living. Individuals can apply for up to £6,535 in 2012/13 (more if they are living away from home and living in London).

Part-time students

What support is available?

New eligible students starting designated courses on or after 1st September 2013 will be able to apply for a non-means tested tuition loan to cover the cost of tuition. There will be no maintenance support available to any part-time student commencing a course on or after 1st September 2013. However, Disabled Students' Allowance will still continue to be available to eligible students studying on eligible part time courses. The amount awarded depends upon:

- How intensive the course is and how long it will take to complete compared to an equivalent full-time course
- Personal circumstances.

Is there any financial support available from Gloucestershire College for higher education students?

If students have already applied for their full entitlement of loans and grants and are still struggling, they are able to apply for GC Student Support Funds via Student Services.

T: 0845 300 5090
W: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

T: 01242 532008
E: studentfunds@gloscol.ac.uk

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Advisers in Student Services are fully trained to offer information and advice regarding the financial assistance available to students.

Financial support that might be available to students could include:

- Discretionary Learner Support Funds
- Direct Debit/Council Tax/ NUS discount card
- Assistance with home to college travel costs for 16-19 year olds and Stagecoach bus ticket discounts

- Care to Learn, Professional and Career Development Loans
- Higher education financial support.

Discretionary Learner Support Funds

Support can be offered towards the cost of exams/registration fees (not ACET or re-sits), residential/educational visits, materials, kits, childcare and travel.

You can apply if:

- You are 16+ and experiencing difficulties paying your course costs
- You are in receipt of income based benefits or being supported by someone in receipt of such benefits
- You are on a low income (you will be assessed on an individual basis by a Student Fund Adviser).

You will need to visit the Student Funds team, based within Student Services, in order to be assessed for eligibility.

Did you know you might also be entitled to a bursary to help you with the costs of attending college – visit a Student Fund adviser to discuss the options available to you.

T: 01242 532008
E: studentfunds@gloscol.ac.uk

NUS EXTRA CARDS

NUS Extra is the definitive student discount card with a range of exclusive discounts, offers and competitions designed to make student life more exciting, more memorable and more rewarding.

You can purchase an NUS Extra card through Student Services for £11. Visit www.nusextra.co.uk for more information.

SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT FOR 16-19 YEAR OLDS

Gloucestershire County Council offer a subsidised bus pass to students who meet certain requirements.

Students must be:

- Aged 16-19
- Full-time resident of Gloucestershire
- On a full-time course
- Live further than three miles from the College.

Students can collect an application form from the Student Funds team, or contact Gloucestershire County Council. Students should apply preferably two months before the start of each academic year.

W: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport
E: edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk
T: 01452 425390/425434



You can travel to any of the Gloucestershire College campuses by bus, bicycle or motorbike.

TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

BUS TRAVEL

Gloucestershire College has teamed up with Stagecoach West and Michaels Travel to provide bus routes and discounted fares for GC students across Gloucestershire.

Students travelling on stagecoach routes can pay daily. For all other routes students will need to purchase a pass from Student Services. If you wish to purchase an annual bus pass or find out further information regarding pick up points, travel costs and payment arrangements please contact Student Services on 0845 155 2020.

More information can be found on our website www.gloscol.ac.uk/travel

Contact details:
Stagecoach 01452 418630
www.stagecoachbus.com

Student Services 0845 155 2020

ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN

The College has decided to establish new bus routes in a bid to lessen the travelling time for students throughout the Forest of Dean

The following routes have been arranged and will be operating from 3rd September 2012.

MICHAELS TRAVEL – ROUTE ONE

Longhope to Five Acres

Calling at:

- Longhope
- Mitcheldean
- Drybrook
- Ruardean
- Lydbrook
- RFD Campus

MICHAELS TRAVEL – ROUTE TWO

Ross-on-wye to Five Acres

Calling at:

- Ross-on-wye
- Monmouth
- RFD Campus

MICHAELS TRAVEL – ROUTE THREE

Chepstow to Five Acres

Calling at:

- Chepstow
- Sedbury
- St. Briavels
- Clearwell
- RFD Campus

MICHAELS TRAVEL – ROUTE FOUR

Direct route

RFD Campus to Mitcheldean

STAGECOACH - 823

Woolaston
Lydney

STAGECOACH - 23

Newnham
Blakeney
Lydney
Yorkley and surrounding areas





Gloucestershire College is committed to inclusion and supported learning for individuals with additional needs.

The Learning Support team at Gloucestershire College provides support, advice and guidance for learners with a wide range of learning differences.

LEARNING SUPPORT

HELPING YOU TO LEARN

We are here to help if you have (or think you have) a learning difficulty, disability or medical condition. Please give details on your application form at your interview, or by contacting the Learning Support team directly. It is also very important to tell us if you had special exam arrangements at school, such as the use of a laptop or extra time, as we can make similar arrangements for you.

Our team of professional staff can help you if you have:

- Dyslexia, dyspraxia or dyscalculia
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Aspergers and Autism Syndromes
- Physical difficulties
- Hearing or visual impairment
- Medical conditions
- Other support needs.

The types of support we offer are:

- Specialist transition planning
- Pre-entry advice and support
- Advice and support throughout the application, interview and enrolment process
- Specialist assessment of needs before and during your period of study
- Access to specialist equipment and software
- In-class and out of class specialist support
- Exam access arrangements
- Information, advice and awareness training for staff and learners.

The Learning Support team works mainly with learners at Entry Level through to Level 2 and with individuals with diagnosed learning difficulties on courses at Level 3 and above.

Initial assessment:

When you contact us, we will make an appointment for you to attend an Initial Assessment of Support Needs interview. This is an informal meeting with a member of the specialist team to discuss the type of support you may need while studying at college.

For further information and to discuss your additional support needs, please contact the relevant Learning Support team.

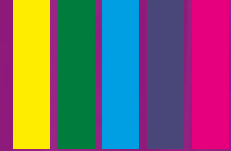
Contact us:

Gloucester: 01452 563309
Cheltenham: 01242 532129
Forest of Dean: 01594 838493
Email: learner.support@gloscol.ac.uk
Web: www.gloscol.ac.uk

Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)

Students who have been diagnosed as having a Specific Learning Difference or disability, can apply for a Disabled Student's Allowance if they are studying on a higher education course. If you are eligible, you will need to apply to your local education authority for your DSA. If awarded, the DSA may provide assistive technology and fund specialist support sessions.





SUPPORTING YOU



CHAPLAINCY

We will listen when individuals want to talk, provide support in crisis and bereavement, offer advice on ethical issues and provide spiritual support.

The chaplains can be found at the Gloucester campus, Dining room or the Atrium, on Thursdays between 12.30 and 1.30pm and at the Cheltenham campus on Wednesdays between 12.00 and 1.00pm in the Starbucks café, both during term time.

E: chaplains.team@gloscol.ac.uk
M: 07855 501800

Faith Rooms:

Cheltenham: F104A
Gloucester: C027

COUNSELLING SERVICE

We provide a private and confidential service. This can be used as an opportunity to talk through and understand individual difficulties. Counselling can help individuals manage and cope with a problem, encouraging students work towards a possible solution.

To make an appointment:

T: 01242 532018 (Cheltenham and Gloucester)
01594 838430 (Royal Forest of Dean)
T: 07793 365506
E: info@gloscol.ac.uk

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SERVICE

Our Mental Health and Well-being Coordinator offers specialist support to students experiencing mental health difficulties.

Our coordinator can:

- Meet with individuals and show them around College
- Talk through any difficulties in confidence and offer individual support
- Direct students to other support services or agencies
- Liaise with support services and external agencies on and off campus on your behalf.

To make an appointment:

Contact the Mental Health Coordinator or Student Services.

T: 0845 155 2020
Voicemail: 01452 563226
E: info@gloscol.ac.uk or mhcc@gloscol.ac.uk
M: 07920740885

STUDENT LINK WORKERS

Student Link Workers help provide solutions to student problems outside the classroom. The team can help individuals overcome barriers to learning, training and employment. Link Workers are able to offer one to one contact to listen to needs, and where necessary liaise with internal and external support services.

Student Link Workers provide a daily "drop-in" for face-to-face information and advice, and can direct students to the help they need.

Examples include:

- Personal relationships
- Bullying
- Housing
- Your rights as a young person
- GP's and healthy living centres
- Basic legal and consumer advice
- Sexual health and well being
- Time management.

E: student.linkworkers@gloscol.ac.uk
or drop in to Student Services.

COLLEGE NURSE

Available at Gloucester Campus every Monday, Clinics run from 11.30am-1.30pm in the First Aid room B007.

Available at the Royal Forest of Dean Campus every Wednesday, Clinics run from 11.30am-1.30pm in room S002.

All clinics provide a confidential drop-in service.

Advice on contraceptive methods and emergency contraception can be accessed. In addition, clinics also offer pregnancy testing, condom issuing, chlamydia testing and treatment and, referral to external sexual health services if necessary.

Contact:

sarah.barnes01@gloscol.ac.uk

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Gloucestershire College is committed to attracting staff and students from a wide variety of backgrounds. Such diversity of staff and students is viewed as one of our major strengths.

The college ensures that all staff, students and visitors are treated with dignity and respect within a safe, positive working and learning environment free from discrimination, harassment or victimisation.

The college will not accept any form of discrimination whether it is direct or not, and is totally committed to tackling discrimination at all levels. The college promotes its stance on equality and diversity not only within the organisation but also within the community it serves and other institutions. The college has always been open to share its good practice and also keen to take on new and innovative approaches to diversity.

Our aim is to provide equality in education so that every person is empowered to reach their full potential and thus able to contribute to the local, regional and national economy. Everyone must accept responsibility for upholding this position as a basic requirement of working or studying at college.

The nine protected characteristics of this equality and diversity policy and the associated single equality scheme are race or ethnic origin, disability, gender, age, religion and belief, sexual orientation, gender reassignment or status, pregnancy and maternity and marriage or civil partnership.

This policy applies to all members of staff employed by Gloucestershire College and to all students enrolled on a learning programme at the college. Harnessing and unlocking the skills, talents and potential of all staff and students is a key tool to help the college drive and deliver its mission, as well as being a requirement to fulfil specific legislative duties.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This policy deals with protection of children, young people under the age of 18, and vulnerable adults who are over 18.

The term safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults embraces both child protection and a preventive approach to keeping students safe. Safeguarding encompasses student health and safety, preventing and dealing with abuse, bullying (in person or electronically) meeting the medical needs of those with medical conditions, providing first aid, security (including e-safety), support, safeguarding from drugs and substance abuse. This policy applies to all groups regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability, age, sexuality or religion and it is the duty of all staff, students, visitors and contractors to follow it.

This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers and the board of governors, paid staff, volunteers and seasonal workers, agency staff, students, or anyone working on behalf of the college.





STUDENT LIFE AND SPORTS ACADEMIES

Although the most important part of your college life is ensuring you attend and successfully pass your course, there are so many more opportunities outside of the classroom for you to get involved in. It would be a shame if you just attended lessons and didn't take advantage of the various activities and events that happen outside of lesson time which can be just as engaging, fulfilling and personally developmental as your college course.

We have dedicated teams that work to provide extra-curricular opportunities for you to get involved in. The enrichment team and the Students' Union work tirelessly to ensure that your time at college is as enjoyable and as productive as it can possibly be.

Throughout the year there are trips including an Alton Towers and London's West end. There are also events such as the Fresher's Fayres, not to mention the various lunchtime clubs that are available to participate in. A dedicated volunteering group also work to provide opportunities for you to boost your CV. A calendar of events is published every year with the activities highlighted and this can be picked up from the Freshers Fayre.

ENRICHMENT

The aim of our enrichment activities is to provide fun opportunities for you to develop and gain new skills. From teamwork skills on the football pitch to organisation and leadership skills on the Students' Union. The enrichment opportunities offered are not only fun but can help you develop, so get involved!

There are five strands available to everyone:

- GC Culture includes arts, films, music clubs, radio and a student magazine
- GC Energy has a wide range of energetic clubs such as basketball, dodgeball, street dance and rugby
- GC Leadership invites you to lead college projects (including the Students' Union), listen to guest speakers from industry and secure internships with successful companies
- GC Volunteer has volunteering projects in college and in the local community.
- GC Green invites you to get involved in projects to promote sustainability and raise awareness of environmental issues.

STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union is a democratically elected group of nine students who work to ensure the learner voice is heard, valued and acted upon as well as well as provide activities and events for learners to get involved in. They work on all three of the main college sites and can be easily recognised by their white 'Students' Union' polo shirts.

Over the last year the group have worked on a variety of projects and organised a number of successful events. This has included a 45 mile charity bike ride, 3 live music concerts and they have also raised awareness surrounding issues such as LGBT history month and Black history month. The Students' Union have strong connection with the internal support departments at college so whatever your need they are the people that can help you.

If you are interested in getting involved with the Students' Union they can be contacted by phone on 01452 563227 or by emailing yes@gloscol.ac.uk.

For more information about any of the activities on offer outside of your lesson time then please email yes@gloscol.ac.uk. Alternatively, in September and January we hold our Freshers and Re-fresh fayre events. This is an opportunity for us to showcase the opportunities on offer as well as the fantastic amount of welfare services the College has. You can find out more information about making the most of student life at one of these events.

SPORTS ACADEMY

If you are studying at Gloucestershire College you can now be part of the Sport Academy Programme and continue to play the sport you love and reap the benefits that come with being a Sports Academy Member.

- Receive an average of four hours of professional training a week
- Have the opportunity to compete at local, regional and national level
- Enjoy a tailored training kit through our partners, Belief Sports
- Video analysis to support individual performer development
- Support with gaining a coaching/ officiating qualification in your sport
- Volunteering opportunities inside and outside of Gloucestershire College
- Nutrition advice from our Sports Team

We utilise many of the fantastic sporting facilities around the county including Oxstalls Tennis Centre, Cheltenham Town's training facilities and the natural resources of the Royal Forest of Dean and the Severn Valley.

Many of our students continue to progress in sport when they leave GC. Our latest success sees former Heavy Throws Academy student, Gareth Winter, representing Great Britain.

For a full list of new and existing Academies please visit our website.

There are many enrichment sports you can be part of without having to be a member of a Sports Academy. If you love to meet new people, keep fit and have fun then have a go at one of these sports when you come to Gloucestershire College.

- Swimming
- Tennis
- Squash
- Boccia
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Basketball
- Football
- Paddlesports
- Dodgeball
- Futsal
- Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf

For more information contact Will Merivale on 07920 018071 or email will.merivale@gloscol.ac.uk

SPORT

There is a huge range of different routes to choose from and understanding where you fit into it all can be confusing. This page will explain the many different opportunities on offer at Gloucestershire College to help you make the right decision. For further advice and guidance, please call Student Services on **0845 155 2020**.

QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

A LEVELS

A Levels take two years to complete; you will study AS during your first year, and A2 in the second year. A Levels are assessed through a combination of examinations and coursework.

If you think A Levels are right for you, you will be able to select between three and four academic subjects of your choice. You will need five GCSEs at grade A* to C, including English and Maths, plus a GCSE grade B in each subject you wish to take at A Level. A Levels can lead to a university degree or employment.

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a work-based training course related to a particular trade. Apprenticeships allow you to gain hands-on work experience through on-the-job training in the workplace. You will be at work four days a week and in college one day a week (day release). Your college training coordinator will also offer you continued support and regularly visit you at work. Apprenticeships enable you to earn while you learn and offer the most direct progression route from training to employment. We can help you with employer searches if you have not already secured employment.

BTEC DIPLOMAS

BTEC Diplomas are offered in subjects related to a particular industry sector including catering, computing, performing arts and engineering. They combine academic study which helps you to develop your understanding of the industry, alongside practical hands-on learning

which helps you develop your technical and creative skills. Diplomas typically range from Level 1 to Level 5 so you can start at the level that suits you.

BTEC Diplomas can lead to further study, an apprenticeship or a university degree.

ENTRY TO FURTHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (E2FEE)

E2FEE is a course designed for 16-18 year olds without formal qualifications. The course can help you build your confidence and develop your existing skills in English and Maths so you can move on to another course at Gloucestershire College at a higher level.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

Foundation Learning is designed for 14 to 19 year olds working at Entry Level or Level 1. Students work towards a personalised learning programme that can encompass the following;

- Subject knowledge and skills
- English, Maths and ICT skills
- Personal and social skills

The programme is designed to enable vulnerable young people to achieve greater economic and social well-being. After completing the course learners progress onto a more advanced course, independent living or supported employment.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Functional Skills enable you to demonstrate to future employers or universities your ability in English, mathematics and ICT. Functional Skills will form part of your main learning goals while studying at college.

GC EXPRESS

GC Express courses are intensive programmes which allow students to study for a Level 1 or Level 2 qualification in 12 to 24 weeks, and often involve attending college from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. This innovative concept gives learners the opportunity to gain the qualification they need without having to commit to a full one year course, meaning within a few months students can complete the course, gain a valuable qualification and start their new career!

HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher Education courses are advanced specialist courses for students aged 18 and over who are looking to build upon their existing qualifications. Higher education courses include Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Higher National Diplomas (HNDs), Foundation Degrees and Honours Degrees.

OUR COMMITMENT TO LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Gloucestershire College is committed to helping you improve your English and maths. It is our goal to ensure that all students who come to college without a C in English and maths are given the opportunity to work towards this.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Gloucestershire College offers many pathways to success for international students.

You can choose from:

- The International Foundation program for university entry
- Access to Further Education (a preparatory year for A Levels or International Foundation)
- A Levels
- English Language Courses
- Vocational Certificates and Diplomas
- Higher Education
- Summer Schools
- Teacher Training.

We provide quality training that enables our students to progress to universities throughout the UK and internationally. We are located in the beautiful heart of England with campuses in Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury and the Royal Forest of Dean. The College provides a safe, friendly and supportive educational environment with committed teachers and outstanding facilities.

A caring, supportive team are on hand to help all international students integrate into college and life in England.

LIFE AT GLOUCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

At Gloucestershire College we believe in providing a healthy lifestyle balance between academic and out of class activities. We offer a wide variety of enrichment activities and excursions allowing you to visit interesting places, participate in sports and cultural activities and to mix with UK students.

At our Cheltenham campus you have access to your own English Language Centre with computers and video workstations, free internet, Skype and email access, exam practice software, study materials, CDs, DVDs and books. Students can enrol from the age of 16, though most students are between 18 and 25. Our maximum class size is 24 with an average class size of 12.

Gloucestershire College has been licensed by the UK Border Agency to enrol international students under Tier 4 of the Points Based System and is a UK Border Agency Highly Trusted Sponsor.

For additional information, visit the UKBA website at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk

To find out more about studying at Gloucestershire College, please call us on +44(0)1242 532140 or email: international@gloscol.ac.uk

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE?

- 98% pass rate for A Levels (2007 to 2010)
- Guaranteed progression to university for successful International Foundation students
- Outstanding facilities (Ofsted 2008)
- First rate activities programme (British Council 2009)
- Safe, friendly environment
- Dedicated, personalised international student support
- History dating back to 1838
- More than 40 years experience with international students.

INTERNATIONAL PROFILE

TRACY CHE



Tracy, from Hong Kong, achieved impressive straight A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. She decided to move to England to study and chose Gloucestershire College because of the good facilities, including a well stocked library.



HIGHER EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION AT GLOUCESTERSHIRE COLLEGE

Higher education is ideal for people seeking specialist skills and qualifications and can help pursue career goals.

At this level, you are encouraged to focus your studies to a single area to allow you to gain expertise and prepare yourself for future employment. Higher education is for everyone from all walks of life who wants to continue their studies and have the determination to succeed. Students have the opportunity to get immersed in their subject, gain new life skills and meet new people.

Our higher education courses are mostly undertaken by students over 18 who are looking to build upon their existing qualifications and professional development. Our HE students range from mature learners who are returning to education, or aiming to boost their qualifications, to students progressing on from further education.

Higher education at Gloucestershire College can mean anything from a range of possible qualifications, including:

- Higher National Certificates (HNCs)
- Higher National Diplomas (HNDs)
- Foundation degrees
- Honours degrees

Gloucestershire College can offer you a pathway to the job you are looking for. Our HE courses can be studied full or part-time and are designed to provide you with the right skills and experience to get where you want to be. We work with our university partners to provide valuable qualifications that can truly help you succeed.

Gloucestershire College has established strong collaborative partnerships with the University of Gloucestershire, the University of the West of England and the University of Worcester.

NEXUS

Nexus is a joint partnership between the University of Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire College. It aims to better align higher education programmes with the needs of local employers to improve their access to a skilled workforce. It is also geared towards those who would like to improve their qualifications, but have not been able to access relevant courses or programmes. Nexus works in consultation with employers and HE providers to achieve bespoke programmes or smaller chunks of learning that employers require for current and future development of their workforce.

STRONG BUSINESS LINKS

We pride ourselves on our strong business links, which provide our higher education students with exciting work placement opportunities, as well as offering good progression routes to employment. We encourage you to gain knowledge of the world of work, and to use these experiences to equip yourself with the skills you need for the future.

STUDENT SERVICES

Our friendly Student Services team is located at our Cheltenham, Forest of Dean and Gloucester campuses. The team is committed to assisting and supporting you.

We offer a range of free, professional and confidential services including:

- Information on courses
- Enrolment
- Careers information, advice and guidance
- Mental health support
- Accommodation assistance
- Paying fees.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Past students have gone on to complete degrees at universities across the UK; however studying for an honours degree is not your only option. We have students who have successfully completed an HE course at Gloucestershire College to get a promotion at work or change direction in their career.

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING

Our commitment to providing high quality teaching for our higher education students is widely recognised by organisations such as the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), and was reiterated in our 2008 Ofsted report. We create a stimulating learning environment which is attuned to individual needs and enables our students to get the support they need. Your personal tutor is also there for you to talk to about everything from your learning approach to your career options.

OUR H.E. PARTNERS



www.glos.ac.uk



www.uwe.ac.uk



www.worcester.ac.uk

HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS

GC Students have chosen to continue their studies at one of our partner institutions (UWE, University of Gloucestershire and University of Worcester) as well as at the following universities:

- Kings College London
- Bristol University
- University of Birmingham
- Warwick University
- Cardiff University
- Derby University
- Exeter University
- Liverpool University
- Manchester University
- Nottingham University
- Brunel University

LIBRARIES AND ADVANCED IT FACILITIES

Our libraries offer a collection of 20,000 books and journals as well as excellent IT facilities including iMacs to support you on your course. Helpful staff are on hand to help you make the most of our resources and your study time.

Learners can access materials with netbooks, iPhones, iPods, PSPs, WiFi laptops or mobile phones at a time and place to suit you. The college's virtual learning environment (VLE) can be accessed from any internet capable device or computer.

The College also has a student wireless network which covers our Gloucester, RFD and Cheltenham campuses. Once you have connected your device or laptop to the wireless network, you will be able to access the internet, your e-mail, the college's virtual learning environment, digital and online resources.

Flexibility, accessibility and connectivity ensure that you will have an advanced learning experience at Gloucestershire College.

The graduation ceremony is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate your success and represents the culmination of all the hard work and dedication of our HE students.

Whether your HE qualification is a symbol of years of dedication or the next step in your ongoing professional development, the graduation ceremony is a great day to reflect on your achievement and share it with your family and friends. Each year, hundreds of students attend the Higher Awards Ceremony, held in the picturesque surroundings of Gloucester Cathedral. Previous guest speakers have included Zac Purchase MBE and author Jilly Cooper OBE.

Upon the completion of your HE course, you will be invited to celebrate your achievement at this prestigious and memorable occasion.

ACCESS TO HE

Access courses are designed to provide you with the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence for studying at HE level. The course entails core units in English, maths and Study Skills with additional specialist units of your choice. After successfully completing an Access course, you can go on to apply for a place on one of the college's HE courses or at a university of your choice on a related degree course.

HIGHER NATIONAL CERTIFICATE (HNC) AND HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA (HND)

HNCs and HNDs are job-related vocational qualifications perfect if you already have a clear idea of what career path you would like to follow. They can lead to a fulfilling and exciting first post, help you climb the ladder in your current career or even allow you to change direction.

Applicants need a satisfactory reference and between 80 and 160 UCAS points depending upon their area of study. In some cases professional experience may be considered as suitable criteria for entry. HNCs and HNDs are continuously assessed throughout the year through projects, portfolios and practical tasks. Not only do HNCs and HNDs provide you with in-depth subject knowledge similar to academic programmes of study, they include hands-on practical and vocational learning opportunities, which help develop the skills needed to succeed in the workplace. HNCs and HNDs are therefore highly regarded by businesses as students gain the skills employers are looking for.

HNCs take a year to complete if taken as a full-time course or two years to complete if taken part-time.

HNDs take two years to complete if taken as a full-time course or up to four years to complete if taken as a part-time course. Upon completing your HNC or HND, you

will be able to progress into employment, or springboard into the second or third year of a bachelor's degree with honours.

FOUNDATION DEGREE

Foundation degrees combine the challenges of academic study with workplace learning to equip students with the knowledge and skills that their chosen industry is and will be looking for in the future.

Course content has been developed in partnership with employers and universities to ensure that what you learn, and the practical experience on offer, is relevant and can improve your employability.

Foundation degrees are available full or part-time and can take two to three years to complete, depending on how the qualification fits into your employment and other commitments you may have. Applicants need a satisfactory reference and between 80 and 120 UCAS points depending upon your area of study. In some cases professional experience may be considered as suitable criteria for entry.

Our foundation degrees are university validated and therefore provide a guaranteed progression route to a full honours degree at one of our partner universities or at universities across the UK. Alternatively, foundation degrees can provide your route into employment and can fast track your career progression.

HONOURS DEGREE (BSC)

We are now able to offer BSc Psychology as a full honours degree. The qualification is validated by the University of Worcester.

You might have heard that English universities and colleges will be making changes to their tuition fees. Don't be put off, what this means is that from September 2012 higher education providers will be able to charge between £6000 and £9000 a year for their courses. To do so, each provider will need to meet strict criteria to ensure that all eligible students can access their courses regardless of their background.

Gloucestershire College is one of the higher education providers in the county that will be charging the fee of £6000 a year.

FACTS ON HE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

LOANS

You don't have to pay your £6,000 tuition fee upfront:

- You can get a loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees and you only start paying this back once you start to earn over £21,000 a year!
- You can get a loan for living costs e.g: food and accommodation as well as travel.

GRANTS

You can also apply for a non-repayable grant:

- If your household income is up to £25,000 you will be entitled to a full grant of £3250 which you do not have to pay back
- If your household income is between £25,000 and £42,600 you will be entitled to a grant of between £50 and £3250 which you will not have to pay back.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2012 the National Scholarship programme was introduced and worth £150million a year by 2014/15 to help people from lower income households. The College has nine scholarships on offer for 2013/14.

Details are available on UCAS, universities and college websites.

REPAYING YOUR LOAN

You only start repaying your loan once you start earning over £21,000 a year:

- If your salary falls below £21,000 your repayments stop e.g. if you are unemployed or take a career break, go travelling etc.
- You repay 9% of your income above £21,000
- Repayments will be deducted from your salary, normally through the tax system
- If you have not repaid your loan after 30 years, your loan will be written off.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME HE STUDENTS

Subject to approval by Parliament, the maximum tuition fees for part-time higher education courses will be capped at 75% of the full-time amounts. What this means is that higher education providers will be able to charge up to £6,000 a year for their part-time courses. Gloucestershire College is likely to charge up to £3000 for most of its part time courses. To do so, each provider will need to meet strict criteria to ensure that all eligible students can access their courses regardless of their background.

LOANS

You don't have to pay your tuition fees upfront if you are studying for a degree for the first time:

- You can get a loan to cover the cost of your tuition fees and you only start paying this back once you start to earn over £21,000 a year!

REPAYING YOUR LOAN

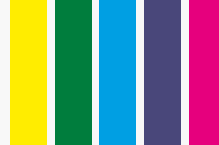
You will begin to repay your loan from the April three years after the start date of your course, or the April after you finish your course if that comes sooner:

- You only start to pay back your loan if you are earning over £21,000 a year
- If your salary falls below £21,000 your repayments stop e.g. if you are unemployed or take a career break, go travelling etc..
- You repay 9% of your income above £21,000
- Repayments will be deducted from your salary, normally through the tax system
- If you have not repaid your loan after 30 years, your loan will be written off

For more information on the financial support available to full-time HE students, talk to Student Services info@gloscol.ac.uk or 0845 1552020

Also you can visit www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Please note that this information is subject to Parliamentary review and was correct at the time of going to print. The costs stated here are likely to change.



CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS



The achievement of GC students across the entire College was recognised during FE Awards Fortnight 2012. The two week celebration, now in its second official year, sees each department hold an awards ceremony to celebrate and recognise academic achievement and outstanding commitment across all levels.

Awards ceremonies took place across all three campuses, which ranged from a BBQ on Llanthony Priory and a Creative Academies Summer Show in a marquee, to a Beauty Soiree and an Access to HE Ceremony that welcomed Cheltenham MP, Martin Horwood, as guest of honour.

Principal Greg Smith said; "FE Awards Fortnight is an important part of the College year where we recognise and celebrate the success of our students. Congratulations to everyone involved."

THE AWARDS



JULIA NDUKIRI, MATURE STUDENT
Course: Level 3 Diploma in Enterprise and Entrepreneurship
Award: Certificate of Merit

Julia impressed the business team throughout her course, achieving a distinction alongside meeting the demands of having a young family. Julia set up and runs her own fashion accessory business, which was an integral part of her course, and is on target to achieve a profit by the year end. Fantastic!



CHARLIE HETHERINGTON, 18
Course: Level 2 Diploma in Catering
Award: Judy Dodman Trophy for Overcoming Hurdles

Charlie was recognised for overcoming a number of issues over the year, achieving an overall merit on his course in professional cookery, securing a job in industry and working for the charity GlosAid throughout.

DEAN STEVENS, 20
Course: Diploma in Interactive Games Design
Award: British Energy Award for Outstanding Improvement and Achievement

Dean joined GC as a Level 1 student in 2009 and has since progressed onto the Diploma in Interactive Games Design which he hopes will lead to university next year. Dean was recognised for his great personality and 'can do' attitude, alongside his ability to set and achieve his own goals and aspirations. Well done Dean!



RUSSELL COLMAN, MATURE STUDENT
Course: HNC Construction
Award: The Dave Robson Cup (Technical Student of the Year)

Russell is an exemplary student on the HNC Construction courses who is keen to research and record to achieve the best outcome. Russell has had consistently good attainment and attitude and is a great role model to his peers. A brilliant effort.



NATHON MILISIC, 42
Course: Photography Level 3

Nathon is a mature student who produced excellent work throughout the year and is progressing onto the new HND Creative Practice to study Photography in September 2012. Well done Nathon!

JESSICA SAYCE, 19
Course: Fashion Level 3

Jessica consistently worked to her full potential and is a very diligent and focused young lady with the drive to succeed. Jessica is progressing to DeMontfort University to study a BA Hons in Fashion.

RYAN JAMES, 17
Course: Performing Engineering Operations, Level 2 Diploma
Award: The SPP Pumps Cup (awarded for excellence in machine operation)

Ryan was recognised as an excellent student who is always willing to work hard; often staying after lessons to help prepare work for other students. Ryan was not only a pleasure to teach this year, he has consistently shown good conduct in all aspects of his work and is always willing to learn new skills and help others. Excellent!



NATALIA MIRGA, 17
Course: Hairdressing Diploma Level 1
Award: Student of the Year Award

Natalia impressed her tutors with her dedication and passion for the course; and having recently worked on a photo-shoot project where she utilised her skills and put together an outfit, hair and make-up for a prom.

GEORGE STOCKTON, 19
Course: BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport
Award: Sport 'Student of the Year'

George is a fantastic student who has had an exceptional year at GC. George has taken on a number of additional responsibilities this year including work experience at Oakwood Primary School where he received excellent feedback on his enthusiasm and rapport with the students. To top this off, George was nominated to carry the Olympic Torch through his hometown due to his ability to overcome adversity, and for his infectious positive attitude.

Gazelle at Gloucestershire College

Introducing a new entrepreneurial further education model.

about.gazelle

Gloucestershire College is proud to be a Gazelle College, but what does that mean?

The Gazelle Group is a group of 19 further education colleges* working towards building a recognisable cluster of Entrepreneurial Colleges within the next five years. Gazelle works by combining the exceptional experience of entrepreneurs who have succeeded in business with leaders in the further and wider public sector.

For Gloucestershire College students, this means that we will encourage an entrepreneurial mindset throughout your time with us. We are committed to working closely with both national and local entrepreneurs and business people to provide opportunities for you to develop your employability, entrepreneurial, personal and social skills throughout your studies. This might be through national competitions, leadership and mentoring opportunities or even advice on starting up your own business...we have lots of ideas!

For further information, please visit:
www.thegazellegroup.com

gazelle.colleges

- Amersham and Wycombe College
- Barking and Dagenham College
- Cardiff and Vale College
- City College Norwich
- City College Plymouth
- Gateshead College
- Gloucestershire College
- Highbury College
- Lewisham College
- Liverpool Community College
- Middlesbrough College
- New College Nottingham
- North Hertfordshire College
- Oxford and Cherwell Valley College
- South West College
- Stow College
- The Sheffield College
- Warwickshire College
- Walsall College





pants.to.poverty



Four entrepreneurial GC HND Graphic Design students entered a national competition to design some pants in aid of charity as a result of the College's Gazelle

Group status. The Gazelle Group is exclusively focused on building a recognisable cluster of Entrepreneurial Colleges within the next five years.

The students were tasked with creating a business plan and designing a pair of Olympic-themed pants that they can then sell to raise money for 'Pants to Poverty'. The three Gloucester-based teenagers with the team name 'Kecks and Bloomers' won an internal competition beating off five other college teams to go through to the next level of the competition with their 'Keep Calm and Be British' design. The designers then had to sell 500 pairs of their bespoke pants by 1st June to be in with a chance of winning the overall competition and being given the opportunity to visit a village in India where the Pants to Poverty project is crucial.

Design student Alex Elmer-Menage said:

"It is an incredible opportunity to see a country we wouldn't normally have the chance to visit. If we can help make a difference to people living there, it will be worth all of the hard work we have put in. We have all been on Facebook, Twitter and a few other websites promoting the design - Please support us and buy a pair of pants!"

Greg Smith said: *"This is a fantastic project. The students have worked very hard to create and promote their pants and now have to sell 500 pairs! I will definitely buy a pair from the young entrepreneurs and would encourage everyone else to do so as well. It's a great experience for the students and a very worthwhile cause."*





timeline of .pantpreneurship 2012

• 5th March

Promotion and launch of the Gazelle competition 'Pants to Poverty'

• 12th March

Colleges taking part in the competition to identify up to five teams to enter

• 19th March

Research and development

Teams research and brainstorm concepts and complete marketing plans

• 25th March

Teams produce initial design and prototypes

• 2nd April-9th April

Teams finalise work and submit marketing plan
Internal competition



Students develop a video pitch posted on YouTube and run a promotional campaign on Facebook. They introduce the team and present their design concept. The video covers the design considerations and marketing strategies. Links to YouTube and Facebook circulated.

• 23rd April

Each college taking part selects a winning team. Kecks and Bloomers win the internal competition at Gloucestershire College with their Keep Calm and be British design.

• 30th April

Kecks and Bloomers put their winning design into production

Winning teams across the country finalise their advertising and marketing strategies

• 7th May - 28th May

Sales Campaign - Selected teams across the country implement their sales strategies and Kecks and Bloomers hit Gloucestershire events in a bid to sell 500 pairs of pants before the 1st June.

• 4th June

Selection week

The three top teams in the country are selected based on their sales and promotion of product. Kecks and Bloomers from Gloucestershire College are selected as one of the top three and prepare to present to the Gazelle panel in London.

Kecks and Bloomers are announced as finalists in the top three and travel to London to present a final pitch to a team of entrepreneurs along with the other two finalist teams. They present to Ben Ramsden who is the owner of Pants to Poverty and a panel of experts.

After a brilliant pitch and a long deliberation, it's announced that Kecks and Bloomer take third place and win a year's supply of pants as well as making money to go back to the pants to poverty fair trade farmers.



ENTREPRENEUR PROFILE

MELISSA ANTONIOUS

FORMER STUDENT, HND SPATIAL DESIGN



Melissa Antonious is a successful Gloucestershire based designer who creates couture pieces from tailored coats to ball gowns. Each piece in her collection is one of a kind and hand created in England. Melissa is a former Gloucestershire College student who decided at the age of 40 she wanted to take on a new venture. "I always knew there was something I was good at and at I have finally found my forte". Melissa received a distinction in all of her 17 units of the HND in Spatial Design which gave her the encouragement she needed to set up her business.

Melissa started her company without any savings or a bank loan, putting all the money she initially made from sales straight back into the business. With background experience of working in marketing she knew how to attract her core market. "I know women in their 30s and above want to feel attractive and still look elegant and that's what inspires my designs."

Melissa's company is now taking off and will be taking part in Cardiff Fashion 2013. Her designs can also be seen in HELLO magazine and national newspapers worn by many famous faces such as Olympians; Sharron Davies and Carl Hester. "I am so delighted I decided to go back to College, the fantastic lecturers and skills learnt on my course have enabled me to make my dreams into a reality. I want to share my story and inspire as many students as possible."







ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Have you taken a break from your studies and want to return to work in a different field or do you want to progress further in your current role?

Whether you want to be a Teacher, a Therapist, a Midwife, a Scientist, a Solicitor, an Engineer or even an Archaeologist, the Access course could be for you. If you don't have the skills or qualifications to progress further or apply directly onto an HND or degree course, come and join us to start your road to success.

The Access to Higher Education courses at Gloucestershire College are designed to ensure you are ready to progress into a whole host of higher education programmes. They provide you with the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence for studying at degree level. The course entails three specialist subjects relating to your career pathway and includes the core subjects of; Study Skills and GCSE equivalent in maths and English.

After successfully completing an Access course, you can go on to apply for a place on one of Gloucestershire College's HE courses or at a university of your choice on a related degree programme.

Our Return to Learning course is aimed at mature learners who want to improve employment prospects or eventually go on to higher education. An important part of this course is tutorial support to achieve personal targets.

Our teaching staff for both courses are very experienced and approachable. They are there to help you every step of the way and ensure that you achieve your goal, which in turn is their goal.

These courses are very popular and have helped hundreds of learners each year achieve their dream. So why not start your journey with us and find out how you can see your dreams come true too!



RETURN TO LEARNING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will help you to improve your employment prospects or go on to higher education. If you are a mature student and want the chance to develop the study skills needed to progress to a course such as the Access to HE Diploma, this course may be just what you're looking for. Subjects include:

- English
- Maths
- Using a Computer
- Study and Research Skills

An important element of this course is tutorial support to achieve personal targets.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved a minimum Level 1 in English (grade D-G at GCSE) and entry Level 3 maths (the level before GCSE). You will also need a positive and determined outlook to study. This course is for learners who do not have a full Level 2 qualification.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can go on to study the Access to Higher Education Diploma at Gloucestershire College or other Level 3 courses.

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain the necessary skills, knowledge and expertise to give you the confidence to progress into higher education. There are four pathways to choose from:

- Health and Social Care
- Education
- Science
- Combined - involving a range of subjects including; Biology, Chemistry, Health and Social Care, History, Literary Studies, Psychology, Sociology and Physics.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Formal qualifications are not required, however candidates must be aged 19+, show potential to succeed at Level 3, be able to read and write at a basic Level 2 literacy standard, competent at basic maths at Level 1 and working towards Level 2, and have a minimum of one year out of formal education.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, this course can be your pathway to a wide range of degree programmes; e.g. Teaching, Nursing, Midwifery, Social Care, Education, Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy, Law, Engineering, History, Archaeology, Literature, Business, Computing, Science, Psychology and many more.

PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On successful completion of the Access to Higher Education course you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

BA Hons
Criminology
Education Studies
Health, Community and Social Care
Law
and many more

University of the West of England

BA Hons
Education and Early Childhood
Primary Early Years Education (ITE)
BSc Hons
Midwifery
Occupational Therapy

University of Worcester

BA Hons
Archaeology and Heritage Studies
Sociology
BSc Hons
Horticulture

Other
Birth and Beyond Practitioner/
Educator





STUDENT PROFILE

MILO HAWKER

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION



Milo Hawker, 24 from Cheltenham, started the Access to HE course in September 2011 at Gloucestershire College's Cheltenham Campus.

"The course targets people in my situation really well, those who have been away from academia for a while and are unsure about their ability to commit to education. The Access to HE course provides an excellent route to university for people who didn't have the best starts at school and are willing to work hard".







APPRENTICESHIPS



We are Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2012

There are many benefits of choosing an Apprenticeship. You can earn while you learn, and learn in a way that is best suited to you, gaining hands-on experience on the job.

Apprentices do real jobs for real employers. If you are entering work for the first time, you will start earning from day one of your Apprenticeship.

Gloucestershire College provides more apprenticeship-based training than any other college in the county, working with over 700 local employers to arrange practical, work-based learning and training in a range of vocational areas. Programmes involve a partnership between you, your employer and the College. They are designed for employed individuals aged 16 upwards and include college-based training, workplace assessment and support from your training coordinator.

If you are ready for a new challenge, would like to earn some money while gaining your qualification and at the same time get a head start in the career of your choice, an apprenticeship could be the perfect choice for you.

The apprenticeship programme is flexible and can be suited to your needs. If you are aged 16 or over, whether you are employed or seeking employment, considering further or higher education, there may be something for you. Visit our website, www.gloscol.ac.uk, or call 01452 563404 for more information.

You can also find more information on the apprenticeships website, www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

A list of current apprenticeships vacancies can be found at www.apprenticeshipvacancymatchingservice.lsc.gov.uk.

The duration of this course is two to three years depending on which level you study.

CHOOSING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeships are made up of a QCF (NVQ) Level 2, a Technical Certificate or equivalent, and functional skills.

Advanced Apprenticeships include a QCF (NVQ) Level 3, a Technical Certificate or equivalent, and functional skills.

QCFs are competence based, work-based qualifications designed to allow individuals to build on their skills and talents.

PROGRESSION

Apprenticeships provide good routes for progression – upon completion you will have the opportunity to progress on to an advanced apprenticeship or continue education. Similarly, if you complete your advanced apprenticeship you may be able to progress to a higher apprenticeship or to a higher education course such as a foundation degree.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS

Functional skills are an essential part of your apprenticeship programme as they provide you with the knowledge and expertise to assist you in your job. Most commonly these are communication, application of number and ICT. More information on functional skills can be found under qualifications explained on page 20.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Technical Certificates are specific to your occupational area and provide the theory behind your practical QCF. They are either assignment or exam-based and are delivered as part of your college day.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are often required to achieve GCSEs, grades A* to C, in English and maths, but this is not always essential. We suggest you get in touch to find out what is available.

If you feel you lack the basic skills or confidence to gain the job you want, or you don't meet the entry criteria for the apprenticeship programme, we have other programmes which may help you. Call 01452 563404 for more information.

APPLY NOW

Programmes are available in the following areas – we suggest you apply early as spaces are limited. Call 01452 563404 to discuss your application.

- Accounting
- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
- Business Administration
- Children's Care
- Cleaning
- Construction
- Customer Service
- Dental Nursing
- Electro Technical
- Engineering
- Glass Industry
- Hairdressing
- Health and Social Care
- Heating and Ventilation
- Hospitality
- IT Systems **NEW**
- Legal Administration **NEW**
- Management **NEW**
- Medical Administration **NEW**
- Motor Vehicle
- Plumbing and Heating
- Retail
- Sales and Telesales
- Security
- Security Systems **NEW**
- Team Leading
- Warehousing and Storage

APPRENTICE PROFILE

MITCHELL PULLEY

APPRENTICE CHEF AT PEPPER CRESCENT

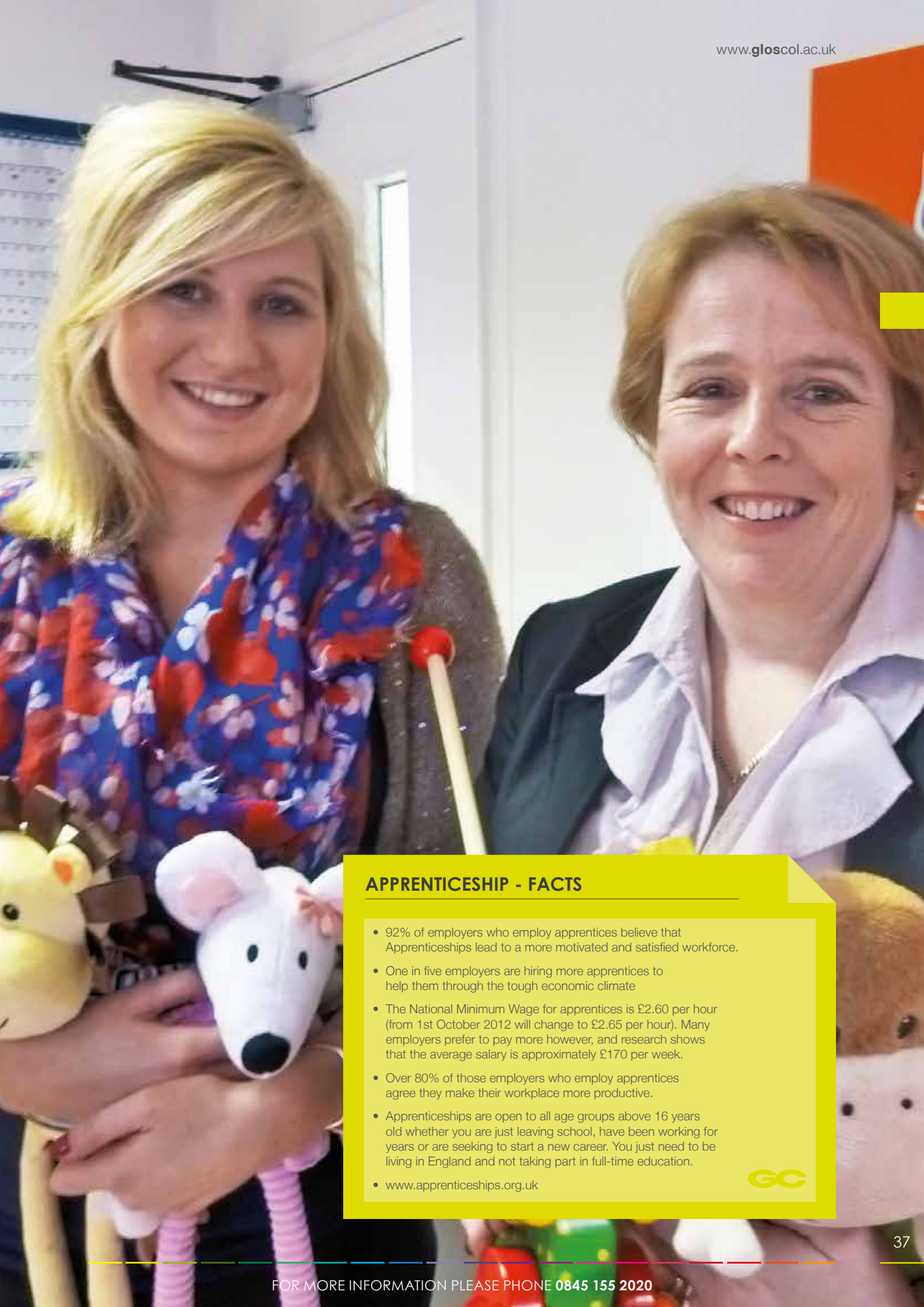


Mitchell Pulley is a real inspiration to young people who are thinking about a career in the hospitality and catering industry.

Mitchell, who is 17 and from Fairford, was awarded Gloucestershire's Outstanding Apprentice of the Year for service industries at the Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Awards 2012 and has a real passion for the customer-focused industry.

"Every time I go to college I learn something new! The training is very specific to the industry and really relates to my job so I am improving my knowledge all the time."



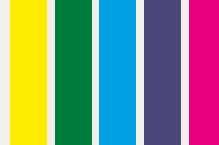


APPRENTICESHIP - FACTS

- 92% of employers who employ apprentices believe that Apprenticeships lead to a more motivated and satisfied workforce.
- One in five employers are hiring more apprentices to help them through the tough economic climate
- The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is £2.60 per hour (from 1st October 2012 will change to £2.65 per hour). Many employers prefer to pay more however, and research shows that the average salary is approximately £170 per week.
- Over 80% of those employers who employ apprentices agree they make their workplace more productive.
- Apprenticeships are open to all age groups above 16 years old whether you are just leaving school, have been working for years or are seeking to start a new career. You just need to be living in England and not taking part in full-time education.
- www.apprenticeships.org.uk







ART AND DESIGN, MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS



The creative industries span a huge range of training and career options, including graphic design, fashion, photography, performing arts, TV and radio, art and interior design. This competitive industry requires imaginative and inspired individuals.

The Arts Academy provides training in specialist areas through the use of real-world techniques and industry equipment and facilities.

We aim to deliver valuable qualifications, which truly prepare our students for employment in the creative area of their choice. Our courses are created to encourage students to realise their potential and develop their own unique approach to creative projects, with the aim of progressing on to a successful career in one of the exciting creative industries.

Our students can study within a professional environment and develop creatively alongside like-minded staff and students. The College has many links with local business and community groups, which provides the opportunity to undertake working briefs to industry standard, adding to the valuable experience of the courses on offer.

Gloucestershire College is one of only 20 colleges in the country with founder status with the National Skills Academy, Creative and Cultural.

The academy recognises, develops and improves skills opportunities for those entering the creative and cultural sector and those already employed within it. This status means that students at Gloucestershire College get exciting opportunities to develop their employability skills and links within the industry.

Our link with the skills academy offers many opportunities for our students, for example:

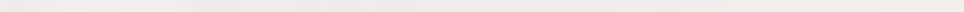
Music students have the chance to watch the professionals set up the sound and lighting for concerts such as Duran Duran gig at Cardiff NIA, Rammstein and Australian Pink Floyd.

Gloucestershire College has recently been awarded the Gold Artsmark by the Arts Council and are part of the AA2A scheme that organises artists in residence at colleges and universities.

Students also reap the benefits of excellent facilities at the College including access to two theatres, dance studios, rehearsal spaces, recording studios and practice rooms. There is also opportunity to perform in high quality productions at a variety of venues around Gloucestershire.

All staff are highly qualified with industry experience, many still working within the industry, which enhances the learning experience.

Students can also enjoy large, light working spaces, a dedicated fashion room, a print room, a darkroom, a life drawing studio, a photography studio, digital art suites (Mac and PC). They also can join GC Overdrive, the College's in-house design agency and work on live industry briefs for external companies.





GET CREATIVE

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to explore and experiment in a range of creative skills. Your studies will include:

- Music Technology, Animation,
- Video and Media, Art and Graphics, Performing Arts
- Photography, Fashion and Textiles

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully completed one GCSE from grade A-D or have an equivalent/relevant vocational qualification along with a successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you can progress to a Level 2 in Art, Media (Graphics and 2D Games), Music, Performing Arts and Photography.

ART AND DESIGN

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

The course aims to inspire you to develop your own style and to specialise in an area of the expansive art and design industry. Your studies will include:

- Drawing and Painting
- Textiles and Graphics
- Photography, projects using ceramics, wood and wire

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally you will have two GCSEs, grades A* to C, including art and design, or will have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, an excellent reference and a strong portfolio of original artwork.

PROGRESSION

Upon achieving merit or distinction grades, you may apply for a Level 3 BTEC Diploma in graphics, art and design, fashion, media or photography.

PERFORMING ARTS

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will provide you with a strong understanding of the various aspects of performing arts. Your studies will include:

- Acting
- Musical Theatre
- The production process

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally you will have two GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English or drama, or you will have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification with functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, audition and an excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon achieving merit or distinction grades, you may apply for a Level 3 extended BTEC diploma in performing arts or musical theatre.

PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On successful completion of a Level 3 qualification, you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

BA Hons
Fine Art
Fine Art Photography
Illustration
Performing Arts
Popular Music

University of the West of England

BA Hons
Fine Art
Drawing and Applied Art
Creative Practices
BSc Hons
Creative Music Technology
Audio and Music Technology

University of Worcester

BA Hons
Art and Design
Drama and Performance
Fine Art Practice
Illustration
Performance
HND
Urban and Electronic Music
Dance

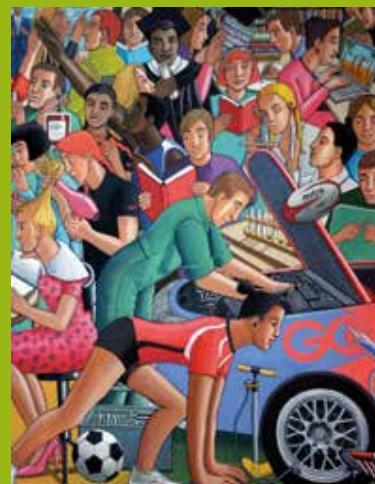






INDUSTRY PROFILE

DR PJ CROOK MBE ARTIST (PAINTER / SCULPTOR)



PJ Crook is a working artist and sculptor who has been based in Gloucestershire for the last 22 years.

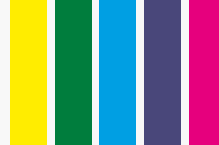
She paints and sculpts for exhibitions and commissions both here in the UK and internationally. She also has a smaller income from the reproduction of her paintings on book covers, CD's, in newspapers and magazines.

Students from the Gloucestershire College visit her studio each year; likewise she also visits the College to give a talks and workshops as well as helping the College to gain their Arts Mark Gold from the Arts Council. She also sponsors awards at the annual summer show.

PJ says:

"I think the College is great because of the life changing experiences it offers to its students from a great diversity of backgrounds and the brilliant courses it has to offer across an enormous range. The best advice I can give is that whatever you end up doing, the more you put in the more you get out."





MUSIC

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will give you the opportunity to explore theoretical aspects of the vast music industry. Your studies will include:

- Performance skills
- Technical skills like producing
- How to use a range of music technology suites and recording studio

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have two GCSEs, grades A* to C, ideally in music, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, positive work or education reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon achieving merit or distinction grades, you may apply for a Level 3 extended diploma in music, music technology or performing arts.

ART AND DESIGN

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course covers a broad range of topics relevant to the art and design industry. Your studies will include:

- Textiles and 3D design
- Painting, printmaking and sculpture

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have either five GCSEs, grades A* to C including maths or English, normally including art and design, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, an excellent reference and a strong portfolio of original artwork.

PROGRESSION

You can progress on to the foundation diploma or a higher education course in an art specialism, such as fine art, photography, graphics or spatial design. Alternatively you may want to seek employment within the industry.

PERFORMING ARTS

(PERFORMANCE)

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is for you if you wish to gain a thorough understanding of the performing arts industry. Your studies will include:

- Character portrayal and Pacing
- Movement and Vocal control
- Public performances

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have either five GCSEs, grades A* to C, ideally including English and drama, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, audition and an excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

You can move on to a higher education course in performing arts at a university or drama school of your choice. Alternatively you may want to seek employment within the industry.

THE ARTS INDUSTRY - FACTS

- There is a government-led shift to encourage private investment in the arts and philanthropic donations, under the Big Society agenda.
- Nearly half of the workforce is under 40 years old, making the industry predominantly young. Evidence suggests that people tend to leave the industry once they reach their thirties or forties.
- Seasonal work is important in the performing arts, with peaks in summer and Christmas seasons. Short-term contracts are common.
- The industry is mainly made up of small businesses. There are approximately 65,000 businesses and 94% of them employ fewer than ten people.





PERFORMING ARTS

(MUSICAL THEATRE)

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

The course combines theory and practice to allow you to develop your performance skills in two main musical shows. Your studies will include:

- Acting
- Dancing (ballet and jazz)
- Singing
- Public performances

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have either five GCSEs, grades A* to C, ideally including English and drama, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, audition and an excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

You can move on to a higher education course in performing arts at a university or drama school of your choice. Alternatively you may want to seek employment within the industry.

MUSIC

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course focuses on the rapid development of the field of music, concentrating particularly on the practical elements. Your studies will include:

- The context of music and associated imagery in the media
- Acoustics
- Professional practice
- Composition and orchestration

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have five GCSEs, grades A* to C, ideally including English and music, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, positive reference and instrumental audition (can include voice).

PROGRESSION

You can move on to a higher education course specialising in music, either at Gloucestershire College or a university of your choice. Alternatively you may want to seek employment within the industry.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course focuses on the rapid development of the music industry, concentrating on technical aspects. Your studies will include:

- Recording studio production techniques
- Sound recording
- Editing
- Production

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have five GCSEs, grades A* to C, ideally including English and music, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection requires a successful interview, positive reference and audition.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education course, specialising in music technology. Alternatively you may want to seek employment within the industry.

STUDENT PROFILE

RICKIE SHANE

COURSE: PERFORMING ARTS MUSICAL THEATRE LEVEL 3



Rickie began his performing life by taking a pre-16 course at Gloucestershire College when he was in year 10 at school. He has then progressed right through from Level 1 to Level 3 in Performing Arts at Gloucester Campus. Rickie has found that his confidence has soared and hopes to go on to Bird College to become a West End performer.

Rickie says:

"I have loved studying at GC, it is a lovely environment, the lecturers are great and its your choice to learn. It has definitely prepared me to for my career".



FOUNDATION DIPLOMA IN ART AND DESIGN

DIPLOMA LEVELS THREE AND FOUR

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This is an intensive one-year, post A Level course, which gives you the opportunity to explore the many areas of art and design before choosing an area in which to specialise. Your studies will include:

- Fine art; drawing
- Graphic/visual communication
- Photography
- Digital and film media
- Market strategies
- 3D design
- Fashion design

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Minimum age is 18 years. Up to three A Levels or equivalent qualification in a creative subject. A Levels to include at least one art and design area, supported by a minimum of three GCSE passes at grade C or above, or equivalent. All applicants will be required to attend an interview and submit a portfolio containing drawings.

PROGRESSION

The course prepares you for entry to higher education within the art and design sector and also for initial entry into art or design careers.

HNC MUSIC PRODUCTION

LEVEL FOUR

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is suited to individuals who have experience of music technology and audio production and who wish to develop their professional capability. Your studies will include:

- Music, business and the entrepreneur
- Audio recording
- Composing for film and television
- Studio production

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to provide a satisfactory reference and 160 UCAS points from a relevant area of study and an interview and skills test. Further points awarded through key skills and other UCAS-accredited qualifications will be recognised as additional achievement.

PROGRESSION

You can progress on to further professional studies, such as entry on to year two of the BA in Popular Music at the University of Gloucestershire.

UCAS CODE

G45 W374

HNC THEATRICAL PRODUCTION*

LEVEL FOUR

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is suited to performing arts and theatre studies students and those interested in working within the performing arts and live events industries. The course encompasses both performing and back stage skills (lighting, sound, costume, production management). This is an area where there are a number of career opportunities as it is a growth industry. Your studies will include:

- Creative Arts Professional Practice
- Creative Arts Research Skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

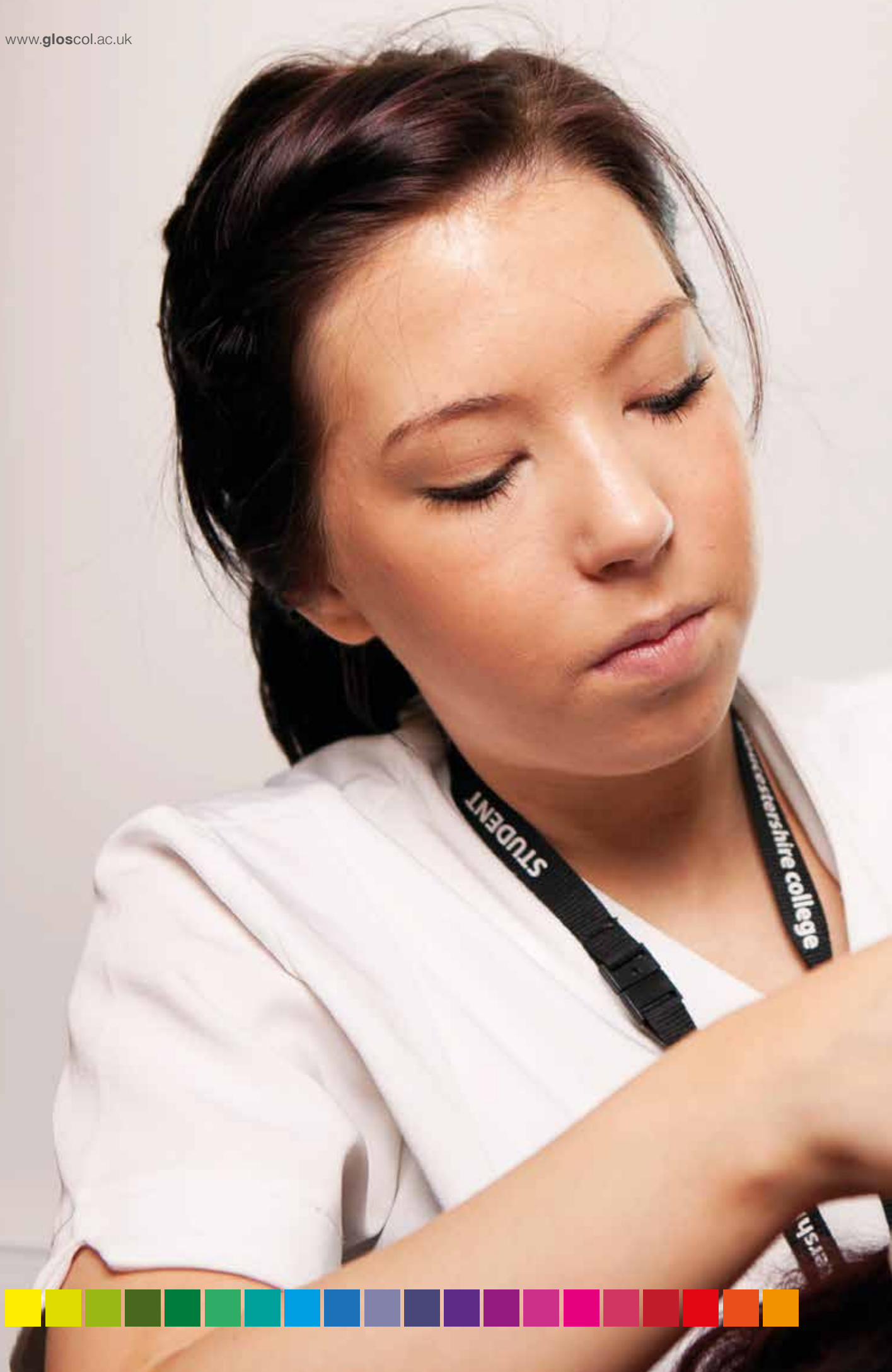
Applicants are required to provide a satisfactory reference and 160 UCAS points from a relevant area of study and an interview. Exceptional entry may be authorised for mature applicants where previous experience is recognised.

PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion you will have the opportunity to progress on to further professional or vocational studies such as BA courses.

**subject to validation*







BEAUTY AND HOLISTIC THERAPY

A career in beauty therapy is a rewarding and caring profession that can lead on to many different paths within a thriving industry. A beauty therapist provides treatments and services to enhance a client's appearance as well as improving their well-being. Some of the treatments, for example body massage, will aid relaxation and help to relieve the stress of busy lives. Some beauty therapists will offer treatments such as manicure, pedicure, make up, waxing and lash and brow treatments. Those with higher level qualifications provide electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape and provide epilation treatments for permanent hair removal.

Students require a unique combination of skills and also a great deal of training. To be a competent and successful therapist you will have to possess a vast array of abilities. You must also be an excellent communicator with all people from every age group, social background, ethnic background, occupation and gender.

Beauty Therapists are vibrant, enthusiastic, caring and have strong stamina as well as creative flair and dexterity. They also possess qualities such as diplomacy and sympathy and have the ability to listen and communicate and will be able to promote the benefits of well-being.

Once you qualify as a junior beauty therapist your pay will increase. Therapists in top salons and health spas and those who progress to supervisory or management positions will earn even more.

With further training, qualified therapists diversify into other occupations such as holistic and complementary therapies, nail art and make-up artist. There are also opportunities in teaching and training, which attract high salaries and benefits.

Lessons in Cheltenham, Gloucester, the Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury are taught within the College's four commercial salons; Graduations, which are fully equipped with modern, industry-standard tools and facilities to enable our students to develop their professional expertise. Our commercially run Graduations salons are set up

to reflect the working environment of someone working in the hairdressing or beauty and holistic therapy industries.

The Graduations salons are open to the public and offer a wide range of treatments and services, from a simple cut and finish, to an aromatherapy body massage. These treatments are available at very competitive prices and allow students to gain professional experience by working with paying customers, in a realistic working environment. The students are supervised by qualified tutors with extensive industry experience.

The hairdressing and beauty salons are professionally equipped offering a wide range of services and retail products. TIGI, Matrix, GHD and Dermalogica are just some of the leading professional high street names that our students work with and sell.

Gloucestershire College School of Hairdressing and Beauty and Holistic Therapies is recognised by many local employers as a high-quality training establishment.



INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR (BEAUTY PATHWAY)

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is a starting point for training in beauty treatments and customer service. Your studies will include:

- Working as a team
- Customer care
- Manicure
- Facial and make-up procedures

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need GCSEs grade D or above in English language and science. Selection is based upon an excellent education or work reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Beauty Therapy Diploma Level 2 or specialise in nail services or make-up.

BEAUTY THERAPY

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION
Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course introduces you to the craft of cosmetic and therapeutic treatments. Your studies will include:

- Facial skin care
- Lash and brow treatment
- Hair removal
- Make-up or nail care

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need either GCSEs grade A* to C in English language and science, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is based upon an excellent educational or work reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can progress onto a Diploma Level 3 in a beauty therapy specialism including spa therapies, massage therapies, nail services, complementary therapies or make-up.

HOLISTIC THERAPIES

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION
Tewkesbury Launchpad

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course provides the opportunity for you to focus on holistic therapy treatments. Your studies will include:

- Swedish body massage
- Reflexology
- Aromatherapy and blending essential oils

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Direct entry for over 18 year olds with three GCSEs A* to C including English language. If you are under 19, selection is based upon an excellent college or work reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a higher education course in complementary therapies or employment in the industry as a therapist.

STUDENT PROFILE

AGNESE RIKMANE

COURSE: BODY AND SPA LEVEL 3



"I have really enjoyed my Body and Spa course at GC. I came to England to build my career in spa therapy. I have never had such a nice, kind and positive learning experience in my life in Latvia as I have done at Gloucestershire College. I am delighted to have achieved excellent results and really enjoyed ensuring clients felt they had the best treatment.

Now I have finished my course, I want to work as a therapist full-time in the spa industry—I already have a job placement at the Sula Lightship Holistic Therapies in Gloucester – I can't wait!"



MAKE-UP ARTIST

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This specialist programme teaches you a range of make-up styles and application techniques. Your studies will include:

- Theatrical make-up
- Special effect make-up
- Cosmetic make-up
- Eye treatments

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need three GCSEs A* to C. Selection is based upon an excellent college reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

Mature applicants will be considered for direct entry.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a higher education course at a university of your choice or employment within the media and theatre industries or as a freelance make-up artist.

NAIL TECHNICIAN

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
26 weeks (two terms)

COURSE CONTENT

On this course you will develop a range of essential practical and interpersonal skills along with consultation techniques. Your studies will include:

- Nail care
- Nail art
- Nail extensions
- Semi-permanent structures and maintenance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed the Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy with merit and functional skills. Selection is based upon an excellent college reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

Mature applicants will be considered for direct entry.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a higher education course, specialising in beauty therapy or make-up, at a university of your choice or employment within the industry as a beauty therapist.

BODY AND SPA THERAPY

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

On this course you will develop a range of essential practical and interpersonal skills and consultation techniques. Your studies will include:

- Hot stone and Swedish massage
- Body wraps and scrubs
- Indian head massage
- Pre-blended aromatherapy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need three GCSEs A* to C including English language. Selection is based upon an excellent college reference and a successful interview, demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a higher education course, specialising in beauty therapy or make-up, at a university of your choice or employment within the industry as a spa therapist.

THE BEAUTY THERAPY INDUSTRY - FACTS

- There are over 13,000 beauty therapy salons in the UK
- In addition there are over 35,700 hairdressing and barbering salons offering beauty therapy treatments.
- Numbers of spas and nail bars are growing, offering the beauty therapist more opportunities to expand their skills and knowledge
- www.habia.org





BEAUTY THERAPY

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Cheltenham (general beauty route) or Forest of Dean (massage route)

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

On this course you will develop a range of essential practical and interpersonal skills along with consultation techniques. Your studies will include:

Beauty route

- Body and facial electrical and mechanical therapy
- Body massage

Massage route

- Swedish massage
- Indian head massage

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed the Diploma or NVQ Level 2 in Beauty Therapy and functional skills. Selection is based upon an excellent college reference and a successful interview demonstrating your communication and interpersonal skills.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a higher education course, specialising in beauty therapy or make-up, at a university of your choice or employment within the industry as a spa therapist.

GC EXPRESS BEAUTY

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course introduces you to the craft of cosmetic and therapeutic treatments. Your studies will include:

- Facial skin care
- Lash and brow treatment
- Hair removal
- Make-up or nail care

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GC Express is for adults aged 19+ who are looking for a career change. No formal qualifications needed. Selection is based on individual assessment and interview.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 3 Diploma in a beauty therapy specialism such as spa therapies, massage therapies, nail services, complementary therapies or make-up.

GC EXPRESS

HAIR AND MEDIA MAKE-UP

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This is a preparatory qualification to enable learners to progress on to the full-time Level 3 make-up artist diploma. Your studies will include:

- Basic make-up techniques and
- Hair styling
- Temporary colour and creating hairpieces.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GC Express is for adults aged 19+ who are looking for a career change. No formal qualifications needed. Selection is based on individual assessment and interview.

PROGRESSION

On completion you can progress onto the full-time Level 3 make-up artist diploma.

97.7%

Achievement rate

GC EXPRESS

NAIL TECHNOLOGIES

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This is a preparatory qualification to enable learners to progress on to the full-time Level 3 Nail services diploma. Your studies will include:

- Basic manicure
- Pedicure
- One nail extension technique with some nail art.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GC Express is for adults aged 19+ who are looking for a career change. No formal qualifications needed. Selection is based on individual assessment and interview.

PROGRESSION

On completion you can progress onto the full-time Level 3 Nail services diploma.

GC EXPRESS

COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This is a preparatory qualification to enable learners to progress on to the full-time Level 3 complementary therapies (holistic) diploma. Your studies will include:

- Massage techniques for the limbs and face
- Basic reflexology movements
- Some pre-blended oil aromatherapy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GC Express is for adults aged 19+ who are looking for a career change. No formal qualifications needed. Selection is based on individual assessment and interview.

PROGRESSION

On completion you can progress onto the full-time Level 3 complementary therapies (holistic) diploma.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

EMMA WHITELAW

DIRECTOR, CHAPEL SPA



In 2007 Emma Whitelaw bought Chapel Spa in Cheltenham. The town centre spa has been many things in its time, namely a men's gym and climbing centre and then a spa owned by nationwide chain Centre Parcs. Coming from a managerial position at Cowley Manor Hotel and Spa, Emma wanted to own her own health spa and to recreate a haven of security, warmth and inner calm for loyal customers with quality treatments. When she took over Chapel Spa she stripped it right back to basics and started building the successful business and reputation that the prestigious spa has today.

Emma studied Beauty Therapy at Gloucestershire College and then went on to work at Esporta as a therapist. From there she joined Cowley Manor luxury hotel and spa as a therapist and quickly became manager. It was at that time she decided to take her teaching qualifications and studied a Cert ED at Gloucestershire College where she also taught business studies and was given a tutor group.

Emma has found her teaching background invaluable, helping her with staff and customer communication. She also has a good working relationship with Gloucestershire College and many students from the College go on to train at Chapel Spa.

"To become a good therapist you have to be passionate about looking after people, making people feel good and enjoy communicating. You have to have a passion and love for the industry, have the right attitude and be willing to work hard and achieve. You can do anything you want to with the right attitude."







BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL

The business sector covers areas of accounting, finance, marketing, retail, management and human resources.

Qualifications in any aspect of business can open up a huge range of opportunities for employment.

Our Business and Professional School delivers relevant and valuable qualifications to individuals looking to develop expertise in business and apply their skills to a job in the industry. The various progression routes within the Business School ensures there is a starting point for everyone, depending on the student's current qualifications, experience and area of interest within the business sector.

Our teaching team have substantial, senior-level experience across a variety of business sectors and use vocational study opportunities to create a learning style that reflects the working practices of the real world of business.

Whether you want to get into Marketing, Retail, Finance, Customer Services, HR, Business Management or even if you have an entrepreneurial flair and want to set up your own business, we have a course for you.

As well as Level 1, 2 and 3 courses, we also offer higher education courses in AAT and a HNC/D in Business, which can help you to progress on to university study or employment.

The Business and Professional team have connections with many local companies, so depending on your course, you could find yourself pitching an idea in a Dragon's Den style or helping solve real world business problems.

You could also find yourself hearing experts like Richard Branson or Sir Alan Sugar share their experiences and offer top tips to success. Projects have included travelling to Euro Disney Paris and undertaking an assignment on 'Marketing the dream'.

The business facilities at GC are second to none and the Business and Professional Team are there to help you every step of the way. Your success is their objective!

If you would like to find out more about working in business, but not sure which direction to follow, and you prefer coursework to examinations, one of our courses could be just for you. Whilst you're at GC studying one of our business courses, you will develop a range of knowledge, techniques and personal skills to help you achieve a successful working.



INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the Business industry. You will study:

- Job opportunities in business
- Working as part of a group
- Ideas for small businesses
- Creating business documents

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 3 GCSEs at D – E including English at D or above. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview and a good school report.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a Level 2 Diploma in Business, an apprenticeship or employment.

BUSINESS

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the world of Business. You will study:

- Business purposes
- Business organisations
- Financial forecasting for businesses
- People in organisations

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved English at GCSE grade A*-C and 3 other GCSEs at A*-D or equivalent, including Maths, or an appropriate full Level 1 qualification at distinction or merit, including functional skills. You must have a Level 2 in English.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, and if you have achieved a distinction or merit, along with functional skills, you can progress on to the Level 3 Diploma. Alternatively, you can join a business at a junior level whilst undertaking an apprenticeship.

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

13 weeks full-time (November start)

COURSE CONTENT

Suitable to school leavers as well as those wishing to return to work in a business environment, this is a short, intense course that will introduce you to world of business and how it operates. If you prefer coursework to examinations and would like to gain business and administration skills, then this is the course for you. You will study:

- Business purposes
- Business organisations
- Bookkeeping for business
- Providing business support

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 4 GCSEs grade A*-D including Maths and English and a good school report, or an appropriate full Level 1 qualification at distinction or merit, including functional skills.

PROGRESSION

You need to have successfully achieved 4 GCSEs grade A*-D including Maths and English and a good school report, or an appropriate full Level 1 qualification at distinction or merit, including functional skills.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

MARTIN SCRIVENS

THE WARRANTY GROUP



Martin Scrivens is the Learning and Development General Manager at The Warranty Group and has been with the company since 2007 when they relocated to their current site in Mitcheldean.

Martin commented "there are many business related careers in this industry, from Sales and Account Management to People Management, Customer Service and Compliance specialists, with the majority of management promoted from within".



BUSINESS

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

2 semesters full-time (late October start)

COURSE CONTENT

The course provides a manageable programme of study for you to build on your achievements to date. You will study:

- Business environment, incl. business accounting
- Business resources, incl. recruitment and selection
- Introduction to marketing, incl. relationship marketing and ethics
- Business communications, incl. team working

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs at A*-C including English and Maths, or a first Diploma or a Certificate at distinction or merit with English and Maths at Level 2. You must also have a good school report.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can progress into employment, an apprenticeship or continue your studies with a HND in Business or a HNC in Business.

DIPLOMA IN ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about becoming successful in the business world. You will study:

- The innovative entrepreneur
- Business planning and pitching
- Leadership and teamwork
- Financial planning and implementation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs at A*-C including English and Maths, or a first Diploma or a Certificate at distinction or merit with English and Maths at Level 2. You must also have a good school report. Equivalent qualifications for English and Maths may be accepted.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can progress into employment, an apprenticeship or continue your studies with a Higher National Diploma in Business (full-time) or a Higher National Certificate in Business (part-time).

HNC/D BUSINESS

LEVEL FOUR

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

Two years minimum

COURSE CONTENT

HNC and HNDs are specialist vocational programmes with a strong work-related emphasis. You will study:

- Managing financial resources
- Organisations and behaviour
- Marketing principles

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully completed a recognised Level 3 qualification in business, or an adequate performance in more than one AS subject. This profile is likely to be supported by GCSE grades at A* to C, giving a tariff of 160 UCAS points from within the main programme area of study.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of your HNC/D, you may be able to progress on to a university of your choice. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment.

UCAS CODE

HNC: G45 00CN
HND: G45 101N

PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On completion of the HND in Business you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

BA Hons
Business Management and Strategy
Business and Marketing Management
Events Management
Marketing Management and Branding

University of the West of England

BA Hons
Business and Law
Business Enterprise
Business Management
Business Studies with Tourism

University of Worcester

BA Hons
Business, Advertising and Public Relations
Business, Accountancy and Marketing
BSc Hons
Business Psychology
Sport Business Management







CATERING AND HOSPITALITY



The catering and hospitality sector is one of the country's largest industries employing over two million people in a variety of settings including food and service management, pubs, bars and nightclubs, restaurants, visitor attractions and hotels.

The sector has grown over the last 20 years and, despite the recession, is predicted to grow in the future, which means there will be lots of chances for you work in all sorts of jobs, countries, companies and even for yourself if you want to.

Gloucestershire has many cafes, restaurants and hotels which offer a huge variety of exciting and challenging jobs including food and beverage manager, kitchen assistant, head chef, sous chef, commis chef, manager, hotel manager, housekeeper, conference and banqueting manager and restaurant manager.

Gloucestershire College is the main provider of hospitality, catering and chef training in the county, and has a long and successful track record, with students going on to develop careers with Raymond Blanc and other Michelin starred businesses. At the heart of our training is a team of skilled and motivated lecturers who are passionate about the industry and ensuring students achieve.

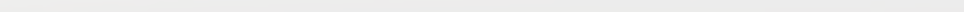
GC offers a wide range of courses to help individuals develop a career in the catering and hospitality industry, whether it be a catering foundation course, a diploma in professional cookery and food service, part-time day release or an apprenticeship.

You will get to work in our commercially run restaurants including The Beechwood in the Royal Forest of Dean and Renaissance in Cheltenham, which are open to the public. You will prepare, cook and serve food for our customers, as well as enjoying training in our well-equipped professional kitchens, being taught by an industry experienced team.

We have excellent industry links which were recognised when we were awarded Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2012, we also have high levels of students moving into employment within the sector.

Our wide-ranging additional support services, including personal tutors, student services and library and learning centres, will ensure you settle in to college life and make the most of your time here. You can also develop your personal, social and professional skills through our enrichment activities programme: GC Culture, GC Energy, GC Green, GC Leadership and GC Volunteer.

If you are looking to build a career in one of the country's largest industries, and possibly travel the world while you work, start your hospitality and catering career with Gloucestershire College.





CATERING FOUNDATION (COOKERY AND FOOD SERVICE)

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the catering and hospitality industry. Your studies will include:

- Professional cookery methods
- Food service
- Food safety
- Functional skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You do not need any formal qualifications. Selection is completed following a successful interview, initial assessment and a positive school or work reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Catering, an NVQ Level 2, an apprenticeship or into employment.

PROFESSIONAL CATERING

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain practical catering skills and provides a starting point to working in the industry. Your studies will include:

- Professional cookery skills
- Poaching, braising, roasting and frying

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed GCSEs graded A* to D including English. Selection is based upon a successful interview, initial assessment and a positive school or work reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Catering, an NVQ Level 2, an apprenticeship or into employment.

PROFESSIONAL CATERING

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to build on your existing skills in professional cookery and food service. Your studies will include:

- More advanced dishes
- Menu planning and specialist diets
- Setting up a restaurant
- Silver service skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 1 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and positive college reference. Mature learners or those with catering experience may be considered for direct entry.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Catering, an NVQ Level 2, an apprenticeship or into employment.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

TOM KERRIDGE

CHEF: HAND AND FLOWERS

The Hand of Flowers



Originally from the West Country, Tom's early career started in country house hotels and restaurants in Gloucestershire.

Tom undertook training at Gloucestershire College which gave a solid grounding in the world of professional cookery and provided the necessary skills to start an illustrious career culminating in his current position as a two Michelin starred restaurant owner.

"It is vital to undertake professional training to ensure you get the best start in the industry and present yourself as someone with a real passion and flair for the cookery business."



GC EXPRESS

PROFESSIONAL COOKERY

CHEFS

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL TWO

CHEFS

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

LOCATION

Gloucester

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

DURATION

12 Weeks

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to build on your professional cookery skills by undertaking more advanced dishes and food preparation methods. Your studies will include:

- Menu planning
- Healthy options
- Specialist diets
- Food safety

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to retrain for a new career and provides the experience and qualifications to find employment in the catering industry. It is a very intensive course of up to 40 hours a week and includes a range of cookery skills as well as menu planning, healthy recipes and food safety.

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to build on the professional cookery skills gained at Level 2. Your studies will include:

- Complex dishes and sauces
- Desserts
- Applied costings and team work
- Recipes and menu development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and a positive college reference, Mature learners or those with catering experience may be considered for direct entry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GC Express is for adults aged 19+ who are looking for a career change. No formal qualifications needed. Selection is based on individual assessment and interview.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Catering with merit and functional skills. Selection is based upon a positive college reference and a successful interview.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could progress on to the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Catering, an NVQ Level 2, an apprenticeship or into employment.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to progress on to the Level 3 Diploma in Professional Catering or into employment within the industry.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can seek employment within the industry in roles such as commis chef or chef de partie.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

LINDA JONES

DIRECTOR AT PEPPER CRESCENT



Pepper Crescent is a professional catering company and licensed cafe based at Royal Crescent Cheltenham. Set up in 2009 by director Linda Jones, the business has grown to a team of 13 and includes a head chef, commis chef, manager and apprentice chef.

The business was Linda's way of returning to her first love of food and hospitality. Originally a home economist, Linda spent many years working in the justice services sector, before finally taking the leap and opening her own business, and she has never looked back!





RESTAURANTS AT GC

COME DINE WITH US



Our Renaissance Restaurant and Beechwood Restaurant host the vocational courses at GC and provide a working environment in which students can master their skills. The restaurants are open to the public and provide students with a unique opportunity to prepare and serve food and drinks to paying customers

Our menus are updated regularly to reflect the changing seasons and we also host themed events throughout the year. Whether it's for a special occasion or you are looking for a night out with friends, GC restaurants provide the perfect dining experience.

RENAISSANCE RESTAURANT, CHELTENHAM CAMPUS

Renaissance Restaurant
Princess Elizabeth Way
Cheltenham
GL51 7SJ

T: 01242 532100

E: eatren@gloscol.ac.uk

Hours of business:

Monday to Friday
Lunch: 12pm to 2pm
Evenings: 6pm to 10.30pm
Saturdays: Function bookings welcome

BEECHWOOD RESTAURANT, ROYAL FOREST OF DEAN CAMPUS

Beechwood Restaurant
Five Acres
Coleford
GL16 7JT

T: 01594 838436

Booking is advisable, open term time only

RATED ON TRIPADVISOR:

"Brilliant service, food spectacular couldn't fault one bit."

"Food from the kitchen of our future master chefs"

"Superb experience"



THE CATERING INDUSTRY - FACTS

- 2.1 million employed workforce
- 6.6% UK population employed by this industry
- Salaries range from 15k – 40k per annum. (Trainee to head chef)
- Average earnings for the industry are £20k+ per annum





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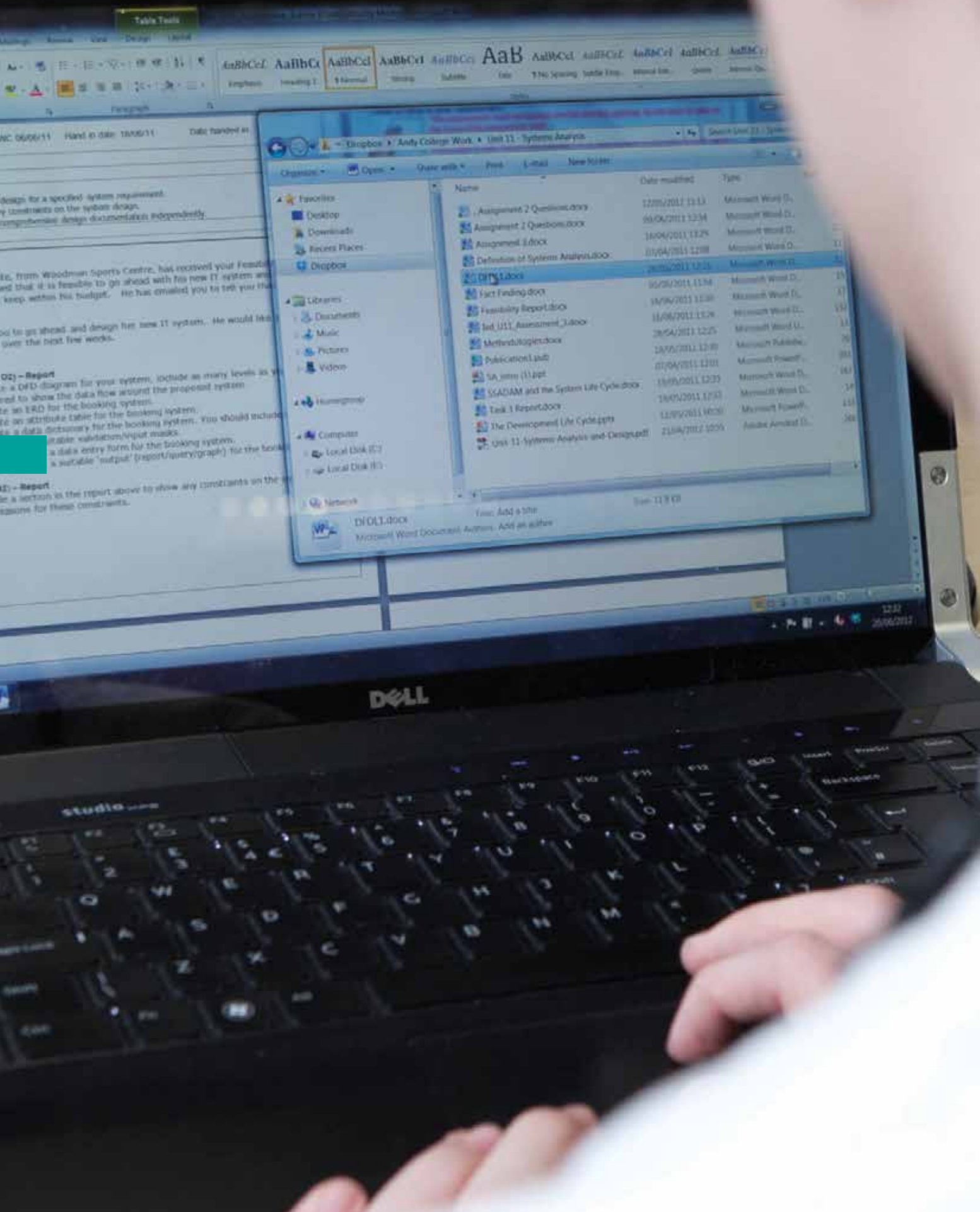
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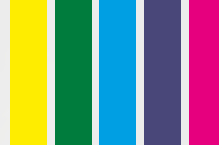
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COMPUTING



Computing is a dynamic and expanding industry. Computing specialists are in high demand in a wide variety of industries all over the world from aviation to the music industry or, like a quarter of all computing specialists in the UK, you can go on to set up your own computing company.

There are many different avenues within the field of computing and we offer a variety of specialist courses to match; from the more technical or analytical side such as software development and systems support to the creative aspects of computing with interactive games design or commercial website development.

There is a starting point for everyone, depending on your qualifications, from Level 1 all the way through to an HNC.

If you're looking to develop your interest and/or current expertise in computing, GC delivers relevant and valuable qualifications, whichever field you want to get into within the computing sector.

We offer a range of courses over our three campuses. We deliver not only Level 1, 2 and 3 courses, but also our prestigious HNC course. Should you excel at your HNC, upon completion you'll be able to either top it up to a HND with us or enter the second year of a degree or foundation degree programme at a University of your choice. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the computing Industry.

Our teaching team have substantial, senior level experience across the computing sectors and use hands-on and vocational study opportunities to create a learning style that reflects the working practices of the real world of computing.

Studying a computing course with us, you can be confident in knowing that your learning will be industry relevant and up-to-date, as well as being given the opportunity to work on a wide range of engaging projects and meaningful work experience placements.

We also have guest speakers coming in from several prestigious local companies, one being the infamous GCHQ!

So whether you want to be a web developer, a technical support engineer or even an app designer, Gloucestershire College has the course for you.



COMPUTING

DIPLOMA LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the basics of the computing industry and the variety of different computing careers that are available. Your studies will include:

- Aspects of hardware
- Software applications
- Digital devices
- Technical computing skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 2 GCSEs at A* - E, including English. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview and a good school report.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 2 Diploma in IT, an apprenticeship or employment.

IT

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the computing industry and the opportunity to develop essential computing skills. Your studies will include:

- Computer systems
- End-user support
- Software development
- Graphics & web development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 4 GCSEs at A* - D including English at grade C, or successfully completed a Level 1 Diploma in IT or Computing with merit and functional skills. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a Level 3 Diploma in a computing specialism. Alternatively, you may be able to move on to an apprenticeship or employment.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING GAMES AND APPS)

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to discover the introductory to the principles of structured programming from which computer programs are built. The course explores the role of software developers including how they investigate and analyse the needs of the end-user before writing a program using code. Your studies will include:

- Using a variety of industry-standard programming languages, such as Microsoft C# and VB.Net
- How to build new applications and solutions that work alongside popular operating systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the industry as a junior developer.

THE COMPUTING INDUSTRY - FACTS

- There are around 105,000 businesses in the UK offering IT and Telecoms products and services.
- IT intensive sectors represent 55% of the UK's total Gross Value Added.
- There are 100,930 IT manufacturing and services establishments in the UK employing 600,000 people.
- Less than 1% of those employed in IT and Telecoms occupations are under 18.
- 22% of companies who are trying to recruit IT and Telecoms professionals report difficulties in attracting applicants with the right skills.
- 58% of the workforce has a degree or higher education qualification.



FORENSIC COMPUTING

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about Forensic Computing. It is designed to meet the demand for specialists able to detect, prevent, and investigate crime related to computers, the internet and networks. Your studies will include:

- Data crime related to identity theft ('phishing'), virus attacks, organised crime, tax evasion, fraud, pornography and hacking
- Computer hardware and software programming
- Cryptography and cryptanalysis

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment as a forensic computer analyst.

INTERACTIVE GAMES DESIGN

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the world of Interactive Games Design. It combines aspects of software development utilised in the gaming and multimedia industries with an overview of the media industry. Your studies will include:

- Games platforms
- Games design and storytelling
- Gaming hardware
- 3D animation, object-oriented programming, sound and digital graphics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the games industry.

MEDIA, GAME AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Forest of Dean

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the Media, Game and Software Development industries. It combines aspects of structured programming and software development as utilised in the gaming and multimedia industries. Your studies will include:

- Games design and development
- Digital graphics and animation
- Procedural and event-driven programming using Microsoft C#
- Website production and multimedia design

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within web development, first-line technical support or networking.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

BRIAN DUFFIN

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER;
CHRONOS TECHNOLOGY LTD,



"You need to get as high up in education as you can. You also need to actively have an interest in software development along with transferable skills and a desire to learn. Knowledge of electronics is desirable. Maths is important as well as an open mind when it comes to the different computer languages and their capabilities".



SYSTEMS SUPPORT

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn more about the world of Systems Support and the role they play. Your studies will include:

- Maintaining servers
- Security and website systems
- Training new users
- Testing, installing and upgrading software and hardware

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the industry as a support technician.

WEB TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the fast-moving world of commercial web design and development. Your studies will include:

- Interactive website design and development
- Database-driven website design including SQL and PHP, HTML, XML, Java, client-side and server-side scripting
- The role of a website designer including how to identify what businesses want their website to do, and then design, code and upload the website

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully achieved 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English and Maths, or successfully completed a Level 2 Diploma in Computing with merit and functional skills at Level 2. Selection is dependent upon a successful interview, completion of a 3-day selection event and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education computing course. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the industry as a junior website designer or graphic multimedia designer.

HNC COMPUTING

DIPLOMA LEVEL FOUR

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

One or two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about Computing using real live assignment briefs so that you can develop your chosen skills. It provides a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required in the sector. Your studies will include:

- Management of projects – to assist with your real life project
- Web & database design
- e-Commerce
- Software applications testing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully completed a Level 3 course in Computing and requires a satisfactory reference and a tariff of 160 UCAS points from within the main programme area of study.

Entry may be allowed for mature applicants where previous occupational experience is recognised.

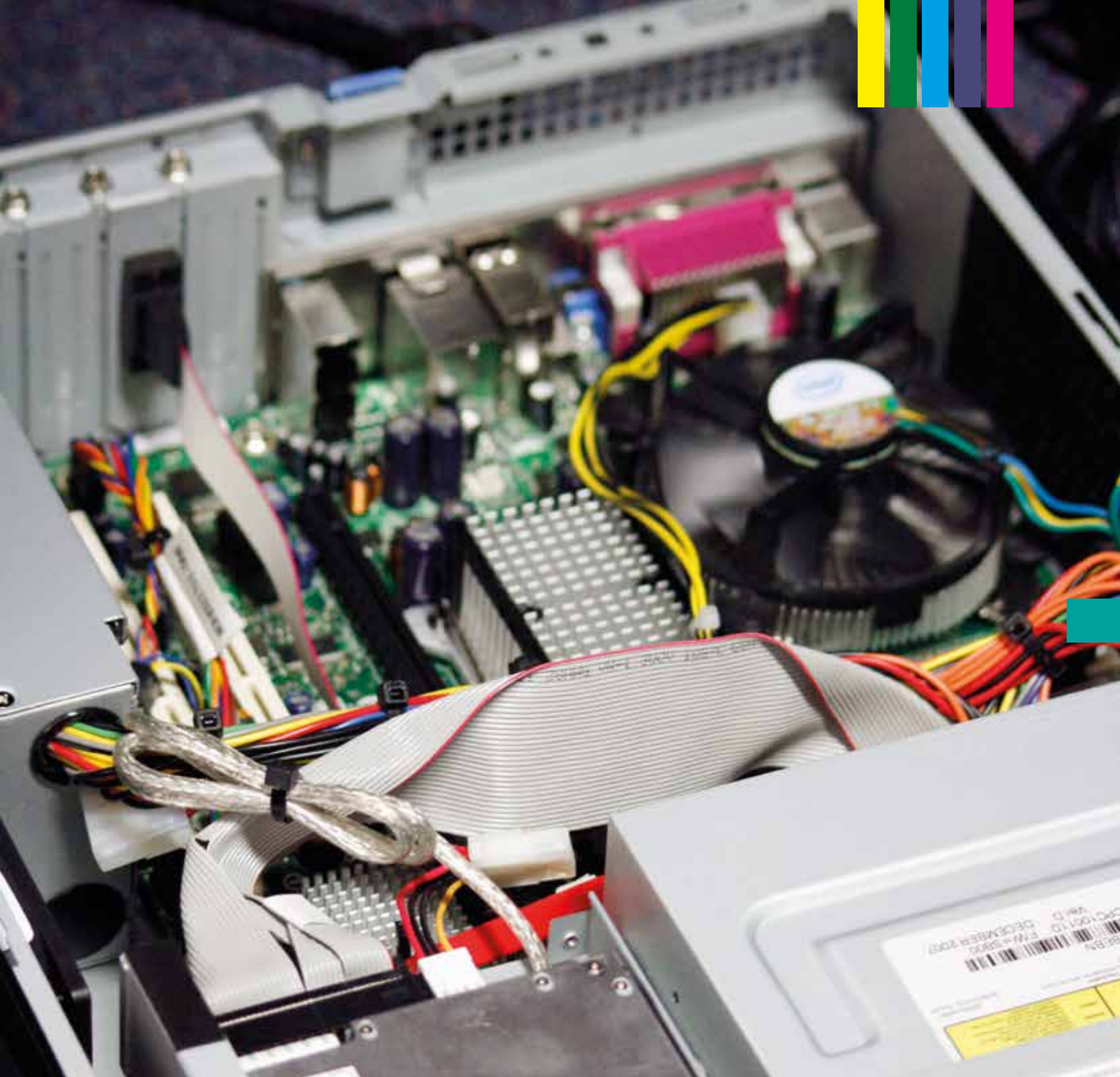
PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you will be eligible to study the HND in Computing or apply for the second year of a degree or foundation degree programme at a University of your choice. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment within the Computing Industry.

UCAS CODE

HNC: G45 0011

HND: G45 1100



PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On successful completion of the HND in Computing you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

BA Hons
Computing
Forensic Computing
Interactive Games Design

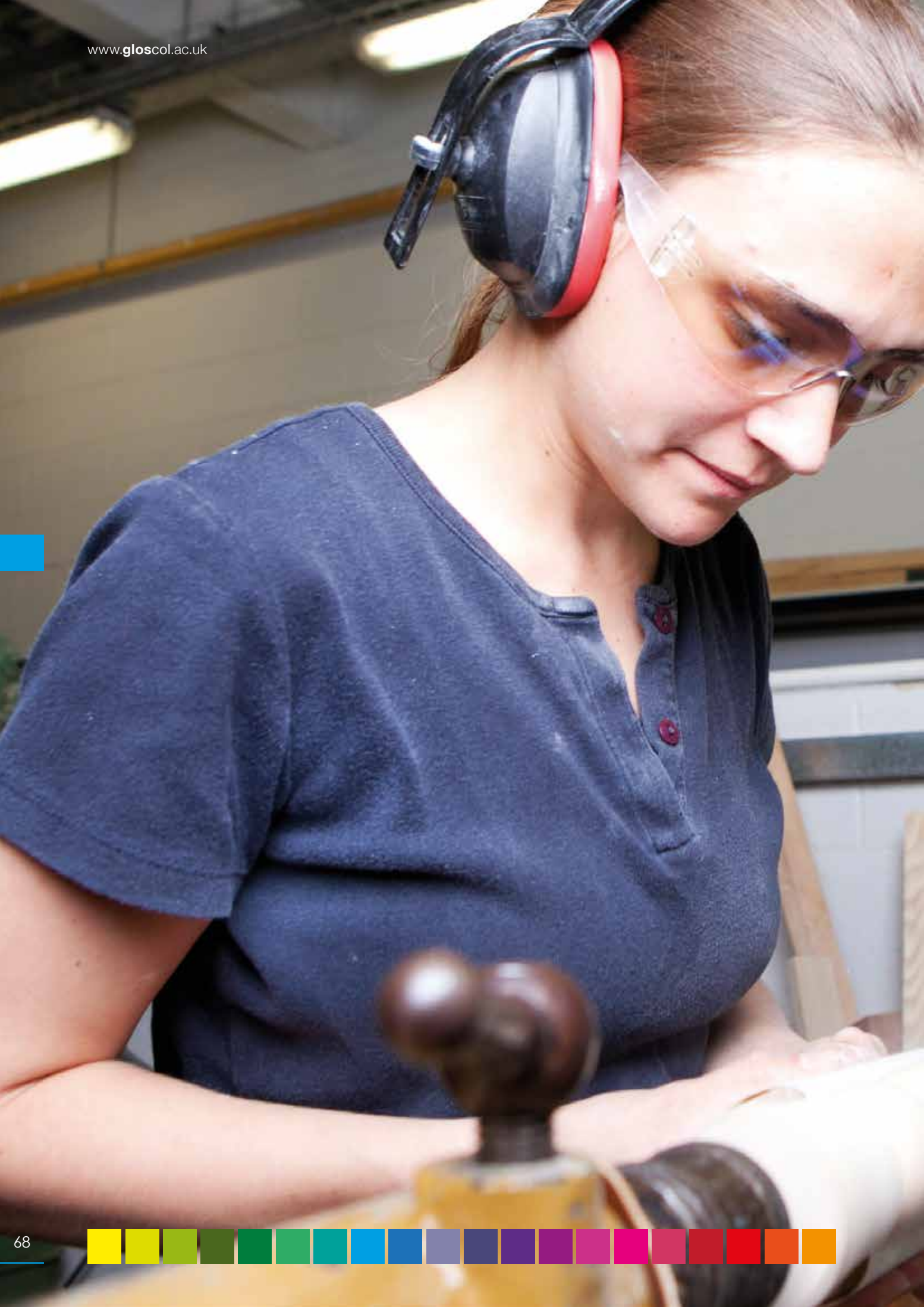
University of the West of England

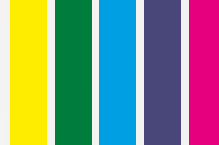
BSc Hons
Computer Security
Games Technology
Network Systems

University of Worcester

BSc Hons
Computer Games Design and
Development
Computing
Web Development







CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

Construction is very important to the UK economy and is set to stay that way. Construction businesses are involved in the designing, planning and building of the future infrastructure of the UK and are instrumental in providing housing, offices, technology updates, travel infrastructure and civil engineering services to ensure we enjoy the best from our built environment.

The industry is ever-changing as new technologies, materials and processes are developed. With more innovations on the horizon, now is an exciting time to embark on a career in construction whilst there is a demand for the more traditional skills as well as having the opportunity to learn modern methods of construction and sustainable building practices.

Many employers have skills shortages or skills gaps and are recruiting people to fill them right now.

Choosing a career in construction will give you skills and knowledge that are highly valued and transferable between employers.

Gloucestershire College is one of the largest providers of construction training in the county and delivers a broad range of vocational training designed to meet the needs of industry.

All our lecturers have industrial experience, combined with professional teaching qualifications, to support you in reaching your full potential.

GC's construction training programmes at Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 will develop your knowledge and skills for a bright future in the construction sector. We have excellent links with industry and were awarded Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2012, as well as being the trainer of choice for many Gloucestershire construction firms.

By choosing construction at GC you will learn in state-of-the-art workshops which house the very latest equipment for you to gain hands on experience practising the trade of your choice. Modern teaching rooms are equipped with network connections, video display and online study materials.

Our wide-ranging additional support services, including personal tutors, student services and library and learning centres, will ensure you settle in to college life and make the most of your time here. You can also develop your personal, social and professional skills through our enrichment activities programme: GC Culture, GC Energy, GC Green, GC Leadership and GC Volunteer.

Build your career at Gloucestershire College.



CERTIFICATE IN CONSTRUCTION CRAFTS

DIPLOMA LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Gloucester, Mitcheldean, North Cheltenham or Tewkesbury

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to start your career in construction. You will be taught by industry experienced lecturers and develop practical skills in our modern purpose-built workshops. For the first six weeks you will study three trades working towards achieving the Certificate in Construction Crafts. Upon successful completion and an interview, you will then choose the trade you want to continue to study for the rest of the academic year, working towards a Level 1 Diploma in your chosen trade. Trades available:

- Brickwork
- Carpentry
- Plastering*
- Painting and Decorating**

**Plastering Level 1 Diploma runs at Gloucester and North Cheltenham*

***Painting and Decorating runs at North Cheltenham*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal qualifications required. You need a positive outlook and be dedicated to working in the industry. Selection is completed following a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the Level 1 Diploma you may be able to move on to a Level 2 Diploma in your chosen trade or an apprenticeship.

BRICKWORK

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester, Mitcheldean, North Cheltenham or Tewkesbury

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will build on your existing brickwork skills and support you to develop a career in the industry. Your studies will include:

- Building methods and construction technology
- Interpreting drawings to set out
- Masonry structures
- Building solid walling, isolated and attached piers

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 1 Diploma in Brickwork with functional skills and have an excellent college reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or seek employment as a bricklayer in the industry.

CARPENTRY

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester, Mitcheldean, North Cheltenham or Tewkesbury

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will build on your existing carpentry skills and support you to develop a career in the carpentry trade. Your studies will include:

- Building methods and construction technology
- First and second fixing operations
- Erecting structural carcassing
- Carrying out maintenance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry with functional skills and have an excellent college reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or seek employment as a carpenter within the industry.

100%

Achievement rate

PAINTING AND DECORATING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
North Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will give you the opportunity to build on your existing skills as you work towards a career in the painting and decorating industry. Your studies will include:

- Applying paint with brush/roller
- Applying papers to walls and ceilings
- Paint spraying
- Specialist decorative finishes

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry with functional skills and have an excellent college reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or seek employment within the industry.

PLASTERING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester or North Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will give you the opportunity to build on your existing skills as you work towards a plastering career. Your studies will include:

- Applying plaster to external and internal walls
- Fix dry lining and plasterboard to internal walls
- Producing plaster components
- Health and safety

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 1 Diploma in Plastering with functional skills and have an excellent college reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or seek employment as a plasterer within industry.

FINE FURNITURE MAKING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO AND THREE

LOCATION
Tewkesbury

DURATION
One or two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn fine furniture making following in the traditions of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsman teaching you the skills to create bespoke furniture pieces. Your studies will include:

- Cabinet making
- Veneering
- French polishing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 4 GCSEs grades A* to C, including English, Maths and Science. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the Level 2 course you can progress on to the Level 3 programme. Upon completion of the Level 3 course you may move on to a higher education course specialising in furniture making at university or seek an apprenticeship or employment in the industry as a furniture maker.

THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - FACTS

- 2 million employed workforce.
- 6.3% UK population employed by this industry
- Salaries range from 15k – 90k per annum. (Trade to managerial salary range)
- Average earnings for industry are £25k+ per annum



INDUSTRY PROFILE

ANDY METCALFE
DIRECTOR AT SPELLER METCALFE

SpellerMetcalfe



Speller Metcalfe is a professional construction company which was set up in 1995 by Steve Speller and Andy Metcalfe and under their leadership the Company has grown to an annual turnover which exceeds £70m, working on projects across a variety of services and sectors.

"Through training staff in partnership with Gloucestershire College it ensures that the Company has a fully updated skills base and provides the opportunity for time served and new staff to deliver crucial knowledge within industry".





CERTIFICATE IN INTRODUCTION TO BUILDING SERVICES

DIPLOMA LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Gloucester or Mitcheldean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn practical skills giving you an insight into life as a plumber and an electrician as well as gaining the skills to move on to a Level 2 qualification in your chosen trade. Your studies will include:

- Plumbing
- Electrical installation
- Health and safety

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 3 GCSEs grades A* to E including English, maths and science or a Level 1 course in construction with functional skills. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to an apprenticeship or a Level 2 course in plumbing or electrical installation or an apprenticeship in construction.

PLUMBING

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester or Mitcheldean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn the basics of plumbing and develop specialist skills in our modern-purpose built plumbing workshops. Your studies will include:

- Hot and cold water supplies
- Second fixing
- Carcassing floors and roofs
- Using portable power tools

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed GCSEs grades A* to C in English, maths and science, or a Level 1 course in construction with functional skills. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship, seek employment within the industry or a Level 3 Plumbing Certificate.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester or Mitcheldean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn the theory and regulations of electrical installation combined with practical training in purpose-built installation bays. Your studies will include:

- Domestic and industrial wiring systems
- Science
- Health and safety

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed GCSEs grades A* to C in English, Maths and Science or a Level 1 course in construction with functional skills. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or a Level 3 Electrical Installation Certificate.

STUDENT PROFILE

SOPHIE SMITH

COURSE: BUILDING CONTROL TECHNICIAN



Sophie Smith, from Hucclecote, is currently employed at Stroud District Council as a building control technician.

21 year old Sophie began her career in the industry aged 18; after completing A Levels she started work as an apprentice with Gloucester City Council before progressing into her current role.

"As a building control technician I work on the planning and construction phases of a building and am involved in projects ranging in size from a small domestic extension to a large city centre development".



CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about a range of construction technical and management roles and get a real taster of the construction and built environment industry. Your studies will include:

- Construction technology and design
- Maths in construction
- Science and materials
- Surveying

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 5 GCSEs grades A* to C including English, maths and science. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to higher education specialising in construction or civil engineering or into employment and continue to study on a part-time basis e.g. a HNC in Construction.

CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT (CONSTRUCTION AND CIVIL ENGINEERING)

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course will equip you with the skills and knowledge to progress your career in a technical, professional or management role in the construction industry. Your studies will include:

- Surveying
- Project management
- Building regulations
- Design procedures

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 4 GCSEs grades A* to C including English, maths and science, or completed a Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. You would usually be working in the industry or looking to learn on a part-time basis.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to higher education specialising in construction or civil engineering or into employment and continue to study on a part-time basis e.g. a HNC in Construction.

HNC IN CONSTRUCTION

LEVEL FOUR

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives the opportunity to develop a good understanding of the underpinning principles and practices in construction management preparing you for a higher technician role in the industry. Your studies will include:

- Design, principles and application
- Science and materials
- Applied mathematics
- Site surveying
- Project management

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a Level 3 Diploma in Construction at merit or above and be employed in a relevant industry sector.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may progress on to further professional or vocational studies, such as a degree in construction, or move on to a technical role within the industry.

PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

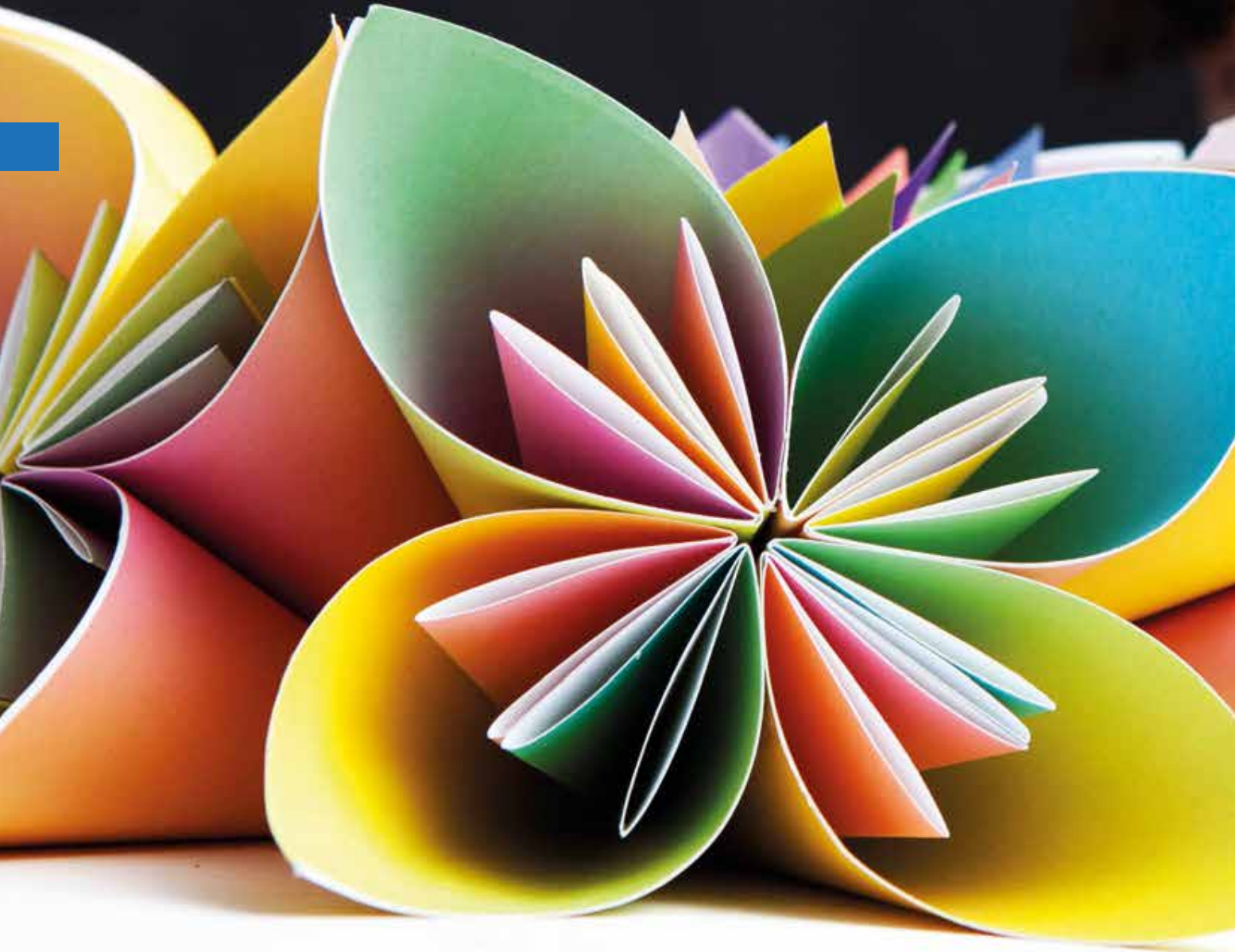
On successful completion of level 3/4 qualifications in Construction or Engineering you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of the West of England

BSc Hons
Construction Management
Commercial Management
Property Management

MSc
Construction Law
Construction Project Management







ENTRY TO FURTHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (E2FEE)

Is there a course that you would like to study or a job you would like to apply for but you can't due to not having the right English and Maths grades? Our Entry to Further Education and Employment (E2FEE) programme could be just what you need.

The E2FEE programme is designed to provide substantial academic and pastoral support so you can progress on to a mainstream course the following year.

The programme is structured around providing you with subject specialist delivery in English and Maths each day in order to achieve Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2 qualifications in these subjects.

You are also given the opportunity to experience some vocational subject lessons and gain a vocational qualification, which may support progression on to a range of programmes.

Our teaching team are highly qualified and have many years of experience. They will offer help and support to assist you with gaining your E2FEE qualification.

The programme is designed to build confidence and develop your existing skills in English and Maths while providing the opportunity to research and explore a variety of other vocational areas and occupations.

There are several opportunities to participate in trips and other activities, for which a financial contribution may be requested.

You may also have the opportunity to experience a work placement that is related to your area of interest.

Some aspects of the course will be assessed through short tests, exams, written assignments and portfolio work.

During tutorial sessions you will be given careers guidance and advice on the best career path for you. You will also receive advice on potential courses that you could go on and study here at Gloucestershire College.

LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

35 Weeks

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to build your confidence and develop existing skills in English and Maths while providing the opportunity to explore a variety of vocational areas and occupations. Your studies will include:

- Functional skills qualifications in English, Maths and ICT at Entry Level, Level 1 and/or Level 2
- Additional opportunities for a qualification in vocational studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal qualifications are required. Learners will be accepted based on interview and references if requested.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may wish to study a vocational Level 1 or Level 2 programme with us or A Levels. Alternatively, you may wish to seek employment or voluntary work.





ENGINEERING



Engineering and manufacturing are very important to the UK economy and are set to stay that way. Engineers are involved in the building, testing and designing of products and structures across a wide range of businesses, including construction, transport, cosmetics, medicine, food, fashion and many more, so there are great career opportunities on offer. Over the next five years engineering and manufacturing companies will need to take on an extra 170,000 people.

The industry is ever-changing as new technologies, materials and processes are developed. With more innovations on the horizon, now is an exciting time to embark on a career in engineering whilst there is still demand for the more traditional and basic skills.

Many employers have skills shortages or skills gaps and are recruiting people to fill them right now.

Choosing a career in engineering will give you skills and knowledge that are highly valued and transferable between employers.

Gloucestershire College is one of the largest providers of engineering training in the county and delivers a broad range of vocational training designed to meet the needs of industry.

All our lecturers have industrial experience, combined with professional teaching qualifications, to support you and help you to reach your full potential.

GC's engineering training programmes at Levels 2 and 3 will develop your knowledge and skills for a bright future in the engineering sector. The College's university-level programmes, aimed at individuals already employed within the industry, will further enhance your knowledge and support you to advance your career, we offer pathways in mechanical, electronics and manufacturing engineering. We have excellent links with industry and were awarded Gloucestershire Apprenticeship Training Provider of the Year 2012, as well as being the trainer of choice for many Gloucestershire engineering and manufacturing firms.

By choosing engineering at GC you will learn in customised workshops which house Computer Aided Design (CAD) facilities with Computer Numerical Controls (CNC) lathes and milling machines. Modern teaching rooms are equipped with network connections, video display and online study materials, as well as an electronic lab and drawing room.

Our wide-ranging additional support services, including personal tutors, student services and library and learning centres, will ensure you settle in to college life and make the most of your time here. You can also develop your personal, social and professional skills through our enrichment activities programme: GC Culture, GC Energy, GC Green, GC Leadership and GC Volunteer.

Engineer your career at Gloucestershire College.



ENGINEERING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about engineering and gain practical skills in our purpose-built engineering workshops. Your studies will include:

- milling
- turning
- basic hand skills and grinding
- health and safety

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 4 GCSEs grades A* to D including English and maths. Selection is based on a successful interview, a short skills test and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you will be able to move on to an engineering apprenticeship or seek employment in the industry.

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: Two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain a broad based understanding of production, design or electronic engineering supporting you to develop a career in the industry. Your studies will include:

- microprocessors
- analogue electronics
- further maths
- business operations

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 5 GCSEs grades A* to C, including A* to B grades in maths and science. You will usually be employed in a relevant industry sector. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education course in engineering or seek employment in the industry.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: Two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to advance your skills and knowledge of mechanical engineering supporting you to develop a career in the industry. Your studies will include:

- engineering drawing
- engineering materials
- mathematics
- mechanical principles

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 5 GCSEs grades A* to C, including A* to B grades in maths and science. You would usually be employed in a relevant industry sector. Selection is based on a successful interview and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education course in engineering or seek employment in the industry.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

GARY HURCOMBE

SITE SERVICES MANAGER, SPP PUMPS COLEFORD



For more than 130 years SPP Pumps has been a leading manufacturer of centrifugal pumps and associated systems, a global principal in design, supply and servicing of pumps, pump packages and equipment for a wide range of applications and industry sectors.

"To ensure that SPP continue their reputation as one of the world's premier pump manufacturers and continually provide innovative products to their target markets. We have a very good relationship with Gloucestershire College which provides access to state of the art equipment and lecturers for our apprentices to learn their craft".



HNC/D MECHANICAL/ MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

LEVEL FOUR/LEVEL FIVE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop in-depth engineering knowledge by specialising in one of two pathways: Mechanical Engineering or Manufacturing Engineering. Your studies will include:

- analytical methods
- application of pneumatics and hydraulics
- engineering science
- materials engineering
- mechanical principles

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For the HNC you need to have successfully completed a Level 3 Engineering Diploma at merit or above or equivalent, and be employed in a relevant industry sector. Selection is based on a successful interview, a maths test and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the HNC you can progress on to the HND. Once you have completed the HND you may choose to undertake further professional or vocational studies including entry on to year two of a degree programme, such as BSc Engineering.

HNC/D ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

LEVEL FOUR/LEVEL FIVE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Part-time: two years day release

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about electrical, electronic and control systems engineering and develop an in-depth knowledge of advanced electrical and electronic principles. Your studies will include:

- analytical methods for engineers
- electrical/electronic principles
- engineering science and maths
- microprocessor systems

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For the HNC you need to have successfully completed a Level 3 Engineering Diploma at merit or above or equivalent, and be employed in a relevant industry sector. Selection is based on a successful interview, a maths test and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion of the HNC you can progress on to the HND. Once you have completed the HND, you may choose to undertake further professional or vocational studies including entry onto year two of a degree programme, such as BSc Electronic Engineering.

STUDENT PROFILE

ANDY GARDINER
HND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING



Andy Gardiner has been developing his engineering career for seven years. The 26 year old from Stroud works full-time as an engineer at Herber, a company specialising in the design and manufacture of electronic controls. The company, which is based in Chalford near Stroud, build electronic control systems for different industries including domestic appliances and the gaming and amusement sector.

Andy, a former Thomas Keeble School pupil, began working at Heber after trying out a range of temporary jobs across different industries. Aged 19, his first role with the company involved working across different departments which allowed him to develop his work skills and knowledge of the industry.

Andy's current role as an engineer at the company involves designing circuit boards for a range of different applications. Keen to further develop his skills and his career at 21 Andy's employers sponsored him to undertake an ONC in Electronic Engineering, which he undertook at Gloucestershire College on a day release basis for two years. Upon successful completion of the qualification Andy then moved on to complete a HNC and is now in the final stages of completing a HND in Electronic Engineering.

Andy has been studying part-time at Gloucestershire College for five years and feels the training has been beneficial to his career:

"Learning on a day release basis really works because it means I can relate what I learn at college to my day-to-day job, so I am putting my new knowledge into practice every day. The qualifications I have gained are all industry recognised so will help me develop my career and open up new opportunities for me."

Andy's future plans involve continuing to work in engineering. He is also thinking about studying for an engineering degree through the Open University.

THE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY - FACTS

- 2.6 million employed workforce
- 8.1% UK Population Employed by this Industry
- Salaries Range from 20k – 65k per annum. (Assembly work to Design Engineer)
- Average earnings for industry are £32k+ per annum







HAIRDRESSING



A career in hairdressing is rewarding, energetic and varied. Students require a unique combination of skills and also a great deal of training. To be a competent and successful hairdresser or barber you will have to possess a vast array of abilities. You must also be an excellent communicator with all people from every age group, social background, ethnic background, occupation and gender.

Hair stylists are vibrant, enthusiastic and have strong stamina as well as creative flair and dexterity. They also possess qualities such as diplomacy and sympathy and have the ability to listen and communicate

Once you qualify as a junior stylist or junior barber your pay will increase. Stylists and barbers in top salons and those who progress to supervisory or management positions will earn even more.

With further training, qualified stylists and barbers can diversify into other hairdressing or barbering related occupations. Some are in teaching and training, which attract high salaries and benefits.

“Hair stylists and barbers love their work and gain enormous pleasure working with the public to enhance their well-being. Successful people in the industry can take their pick from many top jobs – preparing models, working on magazine and photo shoots, in theatre and film, or even tending to the rich and famous. The UK hairdressing industry is regarded as the best in the world, meaning there is ample opportunity to travel internationally.

Hairdressing and barbering as an industry will be here forever; it has an amazing product. But, most importantly in today's society with job losses and failing industries, the product that hairdressers and barbers produce and the skills they have will never go away.” www.habia.org

Lessons in Cheltenham, Gloucester, the Forest of Dean and Tewkesbury are taught within the college's four commercial salons; Graduations, which are fully equipped with modern, industry-standard tools and facilities to enable our students to develop their professional expertise. Our commercially run Graduations salons are set up to reflect the working environment of someone

working in the hairdressing or beauty and holistic therapy industries.

The Graduations salons are open to the public and offer a wide range of treatments and services, from a simple cut and finish, to an aromatherapy body massage. These treatments are available at very competitive prices and allow students to gain professional experience by working with paying customers, in a realistic working environment. The students are supervised by well-qualified tutors with extensive industry experience.

The state-of-the-art hairdressing and beauty salons are professionally equipped offering a wide range of services and retail products. TIGI, Matrix and GHD, Dermalogica are just some of the leading professional high street names that our students work with and sell.

Gloucestershire College School of Hairdressing and Beauty and Holistic Therapies is recognised by many local employers as a high-quality training establishment.



INTRODUCTION TO THE HAIR AND BEAUTY SECTOR (HAIRDRESSING ROUTE ONLY)

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Gloucester or Tewkesbury Launchpad

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will introduce you to a range of basic hairdressing techniques. Your studies will include:

- Shampooing
- Conditioning
- Blow-drying

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need a GCSE grade A* to D in English language. Selection is completed following a successful interview and an excellent educational or work reference with high attendance.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Diploma (NVQ) Level 2 in Hairdressing or Beauty Therapy.

HAIRDRESSING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Gloucester or Tewkesbury Launchpad

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will introduce you to a range of creative hairdressing techniques. Your studies will include:

- Cutting
- Styling techniques
- Colouring

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need either to have achieved GCSE grade A* to C in English language, or to have successfully completed the Diploma (NVQ) Level 1 in Hairdressing with functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and an excellent educational or work reference with high attendance.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Diploma (NVQ) Level 3 in Hairdressing or seek employment in the industry as a junior stylist or an apprentice.

HAIRDRESSING

DIPLOMA LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean, Gloucester or Tewkesbury Launchpad

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course will build upon your existing creative techniques in the salon and introduce you to a range of advanced practical hairdressing skills. Your studies will include:

- Advanced cutting techniques
- Colour combination
- Creatively dressing long hair
- All full-time learners also achieve NVQ Level 3 in Gents Barbering

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed the Diploma (NVQ) Level 2 in Hairdressing with functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and an excellent college reference with high attendance.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education course, specialising in salon management, either at Gloucestershire College or a university of your choice. Alternatively you may want to seek employment in the industry as a senior stylist.

STUDENT PROFILE

NATALIA MIRGA

COURSE: HAIRDRESSING DIPLOMA LEVEL 1



Natalia Mirga makes a head start in her career plan to become a hairdresser.

The 17 year from Tredworth is a student at Gloucestershire College's Gloucester Campus and is in the final stages of completing a Level 1 Diploma in Hairdressing. Keen to develop her career in the industry Natalia, a former Brockworth Enterprise School pupil, choose to study at the college as she thought it provided the best route into the industry; the course allows her to develop her skills and knowledge as she progresses through the different levels.



THE HAIR INDUSTRY - FACTS

- There are over 36,000 hairdressing salons in the UK
- There over 200,000 hairdressing staff in the UK
- The UK Hairdressing industry has a turnover in excess of £4.2 billion.



GC EXPRESS HAIRDRESSING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the underpinning knowledge and skills to become a hair stylist. Your studies will include:

- Shampoo and conditioning,
- basic cutting and perming,
- colouring and setting and dressing the hair

The qualification is based on continuous training and assessment or practical skills, with supportive evidence in the form of either online testing or written evidence of end of module tests and assignment writing.

PROGRESSION

On completion of this course you can progress onto the hairdressing diploma Level 3

GC EXPRESS BARBERING

DIPLOMA LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
16 weeks full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives the underpinning knowledge and skills of how to To learn how to deliver gents barbering. Your studies will include:

- using cutting techniques,
- styling men's hair
- trimming beards

PROGRESSION

On completion of this course you will be able to progress onto Level 3 barbering or employment in a barber salon.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

PACO DELGADO

DIRECTOR OF
PACO DELGADO HAIRDRESSING



Paco Delgado came to the UK in 1982 as a Spanish speaking hairdressing student. He trained at an academy in the Canary Islands called CEM (Centre for Education for Mujer) from age 13 ½. Paco came to Cheltenham in 1982 and went into partnership at his first hairdressing salon on Cambrey Place.

Paco then enrolled at Gloscat on The Park to learn English. From there he went on to own a hair salon on the high street for eight years, a salon by the Queen's Hotel in Montpellier for two years and has owned Paco Delgado Emporium at the top of Montpellier for 15 years. Paco is also part of the National Hairdressers' Federation and has styled celebrity clients such as Shirley Bassey and Michael Caine.

Paco has been working with Gloucestershire College for the last 25 years as a true ambassador of the School for Hairdressing. He has worked as an assessor for the college, at open evenings styling hair for prospective students, presented student awards and used students for charity events and catwalks shows locally. Paco is very supportive of the students and the staff at GC – always willing to help out and give the students an insight into the industry.

Paco says:

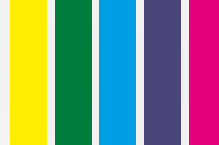
"If you want a career in the hairdressing industry don't compromise! Go for it! Be prepared to work hard. If you enjoy what you do, you won't work a day in your life. You have to be open-minded and 50% a superb hairdresser and 50% a superb communicator - you have to know how to deal with people as they are your clients. Be creative and enjoy!"



93.5%

Achievement rate





HEALTH, CARE AND EARLY YEARS

The largest employer in the UK, the Health Care sector represents 5.5% of the working age population of the UK and 7.3% of the working age population that are currently in employment.

The health sector is represented by Skills for Health Sector Skills Council. It is estimated that the sector employs over 2 million people with 72% of the overall total being employed by the NHS, 26% in Independent Healthcare and 2% in the voluntary sector.

With an estimated workforce of 2.7 million, the Children and Young People industry is thriving. They provide publicly funded services accessed by between 1.5 and 2.5 million families per year. This includes early years, education, childcare, children's social care, family support, child protection, fostering and adoption services.

The children and young people's social care workforce includes over a quarter of a million people working within early years and childcare settings with 165,200 employed in full day care and 58,300 workers in sessional day care and an estimated 111,484 nannies.

Our Health and Social Care and Early Years courses are for those individuals who are passionate about working in care and early year's sectors. The courses on offer will equip you with the skills required to succeed in your chosen career.

Courses focus on the development of relevant knowledge and understanding. Our tutors are qualified professionals and range from primary school teachers to youth group workers along with experienced healthcare professionals, and are able to apply their rich experience to your learning.

Our three main campuses, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Forest of Dean all offer Health, Care and Early Years Level 1, 2 and 3. All three campuses have been invested in to ensure that the learning facilities are second to none providing our students with the best possible learning experience.

All courses cover a range of topics to enable you to progress onto further levels within Health and Social Care and Early Years and eventually on to employment in the industry.

Students are also able to progress onto a Foundation Degree in the chosen field at Gloucestershire College in partnership with the relevant partner university.



HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the skills and knowledge required for a career in health and social care. Units you will study include:

- Communication
- Individual needs and rights
- Ensuring safe environments
- Anatomy and physiology

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed three GCSEs, grades A* to C including English Language, or to have successfully completed a Level 1 qualification relevant to a merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview, positive reference, participation and successful selection at a "Taster day" and a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may progress on to a Level 3 qualification in health and social care, or to seek employment within the industry.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One and two year pathways available

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about and develop skills in health and social care. You will study:

- Effective communication
- Development through life stages
- Anatomy and physiology
- Sociological and psychological perspectives

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed five GCSEs, grades A* to C including English Language at grade B, or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 2 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview, positive reference, one weeks recent work placement with reference and a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may progress on to higher level specialist training e.g. midwifery, nursing, teaching or social work or seek employment in the industry.

HEALTHCARE PRACTICE (NURSING)

FOUNDATION DEGREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full time

COURSE CONTENT

This innovative course aims to develop health care practice skills combined with relevant underpinning knowledge. Course modules include:

- Health, wellbeing and the individual
- Principles and theories of health care
- Supporting individuals with long term conditions
- Research methods in the context of health

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 80 UCAS points from a relevant area of study to include English and Maths at GCSE Grade C or above. Exceptional entry may be authorised for mature applicants with previous occupational experience. A relevant QAA recognised Access Certificate awarded by an authorised validating body is also acceptable. Applicants whose first language is not English must have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 overall with 6.5 in each section. You will also require a health and Criminal Record Bureau checks.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion you can apply for an Assistant Practitioner post within a local Trust or Healthcare Organisation, or apply to progress to the final 18 months of the Adult or Mental Health Nursing degree, or the final year of a relevant degree programme at the University West of England (UWE).

UCAS CODE

B80 B901 (v)

THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY - FACTS

- Represented by the Skills for Care and Development Sector Skills Council and the Skills for Health Sector Skills Council.
- Adult care has a workforce of nearly 1.5 million accounting for 5% of England's workforce.
- Care for children and young people has an estimated workforce of 2.7 million.
- Over a quarter of a million people are working within early years and childcare settings.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



University of the West of England



PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On successful completion of our Level 3/4 courses you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

Honours Degree
 Childcare Practice
 Community Care Practice with Vulnerable Adults
 Counselling
 Early Childhood Studies
 Health, Community and Social Care
 Social Work

University of the West of England

BSc Hons
 Occupational Therapy
 Social Work
 Hons Adult Nursing
 Childrens Health
 Emergency Care
 Mental Health
 FdSc
 Paramedic Science

University of Worcester

BA Hons
 Early Childhood
 Applied Social Policy: Health & Society
 FdSc
 Mental Health
 BSc Hons
 Nursing



EARLY YEARS

LEVEL ONE

LOCATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the occupational areas of childcare. You will study:

- Human growth and development
- Food and nutrition
- Play
- Practical activities

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed GCSE, grade A* to D, in English. Selection is completed following a successful interview, positive reference and satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 2 CACHE Diploma in Early Years.

EARLY YEARS

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about children and young people's workforce. You will study:

- Play and learning
- Children's development
- The role of the childcare worker
- Working with parents

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed three GCSEs at grade A* to C including English, or have been awarded a pass/merit at Level 1 in a relevant course. Candidates must also have a good reference. Students progressing from Level 1 must have a positive College reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may progress on to a Level 3 Diploma for the Children and Young People's Workforce or employment.

EARLY YEARS

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One and two year pathways available

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about incorporating work experience opportunities in day nurseries, family centres and schools. You will study:

- Human growth and development
- Safe environments
- Learning through play
- Supporting learning in literacy and numeracy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed five GCSEs, grades A* to C including English at grade B, or to have successfully completed a Level 2 qualification in Early Years with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview, positive reference, and an acceptable Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may progress on to higher level specialist training in midwifery, nursing, teaching or social work or seek employment in the industry.

STUDENT PROFILE

NADIA BENNETT

COURSE: HEALTHCARE



Nadia enrolled on the course two weeks prior to the birth of her baby two years ago and has now, on successful completion of her BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care, secured a place at UWE (University of West England) to study nursing.

Nadia says

"Since I was 16 I have wanted to be an adult nurse and this course has allowed me to achieve that dream whilst raising my young daughter. With the support of great lecturers and a brilliant placement offer I passed my course with Distinctions."



EARLY YEARS

FOUNDATION DEGREE



LOCATION

Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

Two years full-time or three years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about and develop advanced skills with children. You will study:

- Child development
- Studying children
- Children's language and literature
- Studying early childhood

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved 80 UCAS points from a relevant area of study and an interview and skills test. Exceptional entry may be authorised for mature applicants where previous occupational experience is recognised. Applicants should be over 21 and have a minimum of two years' relevant work experience. A reference will be sought from your employer to indicate that you have their support throughout the course.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you can progress on to the final year of a degree related to health, community, childhood studies, early years studies or education studies at the University of Gloucestershire.

UCAS CODE

G50 X311G

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



INDUSTRY PROFILE

SARAH BLAMPIED

DIRECTOR OF NUTKIN NURSERY



Having been established for 18 years, Nutkin Nursery, based in Lydney in the Royal Forest of Dean,

provides full day care for children ranging from 3 months to 5 years. During the school holidays they also welcome back children up to 8 years old who have previously been cared for at the nursery and whose younger siblings attend Nutkin.

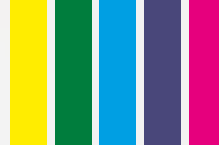
Sarah is an NVQ assessor and has taken on many GC student work placements over the years which have resulted in a couple of the students securing full-time jobs with the nursery. As owner of the business Sarah is involved with mentoring and training staff, supporting parents and ensuring quality of care, she considers her role to be a 'champion of Children'. Since establishing the business, Sarah has always ensured that Nutkin Nursery offers the quality of care that she would expect for her own children.

It is a well known fact that the Early Years industry is female dominated. Nutkin Nursery is on a mission to increase the number of men working within the industry and currently have a male employee on the team.

The main career pathways within this industry are Childcare, Social work, Midwifery and Nursing, all of which expect a qualification in the relevant subject and some work experience in a nursery. Nursery work can also lead on to careers in child psychology and speech therapy. However for those who make childcare their chosen career path there is a clear pathway to attaining the Early Years Professional Status (Level 6 qualification). The EYP is the Lead Professional in each childcare setting.







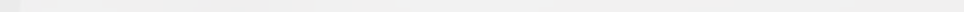
MEDIA, GRAPHICS, FASHION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

The Media Academy at Gloucestershire College has emerged as a leading provider of quality learning opportunities for the industry. The wealth of talent and knowledge as well as many staff that work in industry on offer at GC, as well as top quality media, music, photography and design facilities and equipment, make our courses some of the best in the country.

In 2007, the GC Media Academy became a member of an elite group of the highest quality of arts and media providers as it became a Skillset Media Academy partner – one of only 19 in the UK. This achievement reflects our commitment to delivering the highest standard of training available and demonstrates our recent and continuing success within the creative industries.

GC students have the opportunities such as: working on live briefs, taking part in Cheltenham Fashion Week, working for the College's in house design agency GC Overdrive, visiting major motion picture sets, taking part in an Ikonoskop A-Cam dll master classes by the camera manufacturers themselves and taking part in national campaigns such as the Pantrepreneurship Challenge 'Pants to Poverty' where GC students came third in the whole of the UK.

Studying a creative course with GC can mean the beginning of a successful career in the media industries, such as screenwriting, film, radio, photography, animation, fashion and graphic design. 2013 sees the launch of new courses such as: Package Design and Event Management.





GET CREATIVE

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to explore and experiment in a range of creative skills. Your studies will include:

- Music Technology, Animation,
- Video and Media, Art and Graphics, Performing Arts
- Photography, Fashion and Textiles

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully completed one GCSE from grade A-D or have an equivalent/relevant vocational qualification along with a successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you can progress to a Level 2 in Art, Media (Graphics and 2D Games), Music, Performing Arts and Photography

MEDIA

(VIDEO, FILM, TV, JOURNALISM AND RADIO)

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester or Forest of Dean (film only)

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to explore digital film and video, photography, radio, music, and journalism. Your studies will include

- Use of the latest technology (D.S.L.R's, Industry standard digital video cameras and new software)
- Practical assignments and live projects with industry professionals

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally you will need two GCSEs A*-C or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at level 1 with functional skills along with a successful interview and excellent reports and references.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you can progress to the Level 3 in Media Production In certain circumstances, some might progress to the Level 3 Graphics or Photography.

PHOTOGRAPHY

(DIGITAL AND TRADITIONAL)

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the world of Photography and digital imagery. Your studies will include:

- Lighting, and Studio Practice,
- Composition and Portraiture,
- Glamour, Landscape, Fashion and Architectural imagery

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally you will need two GCSEs A*-C or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at level 1 with functional skills along with a successful interview and excellent reports and references.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion you can progress to the Level 3 in Photography In certain circumstances, some might progress to the Level 3 Graphics or Media.

THE MEDIA INDUSTRY - FACTS

- The UK's interactive media industry is worth several billion pounds annually, but its products support a far larger economy.
- The Advertising industry generates £6.2 billion annually for the UK economy.
- Just over 2000 people work in animation in the UK, nearly half of them freelance, and there are currently more than 300 companies producing a range of work.
- The Photo Imaging industry is made up of 8,700 companies, two thirds (68%) of which are sole trading or freelance photographers.
- The fashion and textiles sector in the UK accounts for over 79,000 firms and is characterised by well established businesses and high levels of self-employment.
- Overall representation of women in film stands at around 43% which is slightly greater than representation across the rest of the creative media industries (42%).



FASHION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to experiment and investigate with both the Fashion and Photography industries. Your studies will include:

- Studio and location Photography
- Working with live models, make-up artists and art directors and market a fashion show.
- Developing the skills in a range of fashion units relating to design and garment construction

The qualification is based on continuous training and assessment of practical skills, with supportive evidence in the form of either online testing or written evidence of end of module tests and assignment writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Ideally you will need two GCSEs A*-C or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at level 1 with functional skills along with a successful interview and excellent reports and references.

PROGRESSION

On successful completion of the programme at a merit profile you can progress to the Level 3 in Fashion or Photography course. In certain circumstances, some might progress to the Level 3 Graphics or Media.

MEDIA, FILM, VIDEO, JOURNALISM

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION

Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course provides 'one of its kind' access to the skills required to break into the film, TV, radio & journalism industries. It provides a path to the industry through technical master-classes with working practitioners.

All students will have the opportunity to work with national and local industry professionals to produce work of broadcast quality. This is one of the only FE courses in the country which provides:

- Training on the Red digital camera system
- Sony FS 700 training
- Lighting and grip tutorials and training
- Sound recordists training on the Sound Devices system
- Avid, Final Cut, and Premiere CS6 training
- TV studio, green screen, and vision mixer training.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE A*-C (or more) with English or maths or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at Level 2 with a merit or higher grade with all functional skills in English or maths at Level 2. You also need a successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

After successful completion students can progress to the Level 4/5 HNC/HND in Graphic Design or Creative Practice at Gloucestershire College.

PACKAGE DESIGN

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the package design industry which covers retail as well as wholesale packaging and developing prototypes for shows and exhibitions. Your studies will include:

- 3D design for packaging and Computer Aided Design (CAD).
- Typography and Graphics.
- Marketing and how large supermarket chains target market share.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE A*-C (or more) with English or maths or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at Level 2 with a merit or higher grade with all functional skills in English or maths at Level 2. You will also need a successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

After successful completion students can progress to the Level 4/5 HNC/HND in Graphic Design or Creative Practice at Gloucestershire College.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

PETE BRISTOW
STATION PRODUCER
HEART RADIO



Pete is currently the Station Producer for Heart in Gloucestershire.

"Heart has an active relationship with Gloucestershire College, whether it is through advertising or student interest in finding out how to gain a career in radio. We actively encourage work placement plans where possible."

The College allows young people to gain specific industry experience in a variety of professions and it is rewarding when Heart has assisted in providing students valuable experience in the radio industry and in some cases those students have gone on to be successful in their chosen field.

A commercial radio station has many opportunities for a great career; sales, programming, street marketing, charity, design, technology and audio engineering.

What you hear on the radio might sound like a bunch of people having fun, but it takes passion and dedication to wake up each morning at 4am to present an award winning breakfast show. The best unplanned sounding radio shows are the most prepared and planned. There can be a lot of hard work but the rewards are worth it."



GRAPHIC DESIGN

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives students a comprehensive introduction into the graphic design industry. Your studies will include:

- Typography and Illustration
- Digital Manipulation and Life Drawing
- Marketing and Branding
- Web Design and Desktop Publishing

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE A*-C (or more) with English or maths or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at Level 2 with a merit or higher grade with all functional skills in English or maths at Level 2 and successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

After successful completion of the course students can progress to the Level 4/5 HNC/HND in Graphic Design or Creative Practice at Gloucestershire College.

FASHION AND CLOTHING

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION
Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION
Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

Fashion and Clothing is exciting and fast paced industry. Your studies will include:

- Fashion research, design,
- Illustration pattern and garment manufacture
- Methods to promote your designs and concepts.
- Completing a portfolio of work and the famous catwalk show.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSE A*-C (or more) with English or maths or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at level 2 with a merit or higher grade with all functional skills in English or maths at level 2 and successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

After successful completion of the course students can progress to the Level 4/5 HNC/HND in Creative Practice at Gloucestershire College.

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EVENTS MANAGEMENT

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

Event management involves studying the intricacies of the brand, identifying the target audience, devising the event concept, planning the logistics and coordinating the technical aspects before actually delivering the proposed event. Your studies will include:

- Event planning
- Logistics
- Budget management and Marketing
- Site/activity Design

The qualification is based on continuous training and assessment or practical skills, with supportive evidence in the form of either online testing or written evidence of end of module tests and assignment writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 GCSEs A*-B including maths and English and a preferred selection of academic and creative subjects or post A Level students looking to progress to university but want to add another string to their bow.

PROGRESSION

You can progress onto Event management at university or employment in the industry.

PHOTOGRAPHY (DIGITAL AND TRADITIONAL)

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Forest of Dean and Gloucester

DURATION
Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

The course is designed around professionalism, industry practice and deadlines studio and outdoors. Your studies will include:

- Lighting and studio practice
- Composition and Portraiture
- Landscape, Glamour and Fashion
- Architectural imagery

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE A*-C (or more) with English or Maths or equivalent/relevant vocational qualification at Level 2 with a merit or higher grade with all functional skills in English or Maths at Level 2 and successful interview and excellent reports.

PROGRESSION

After successful completion students can progress to the Level 4/5 HNC/HND in Creative Practice at Gloucestershire College.

STUDENT PROFILE

JACK MULCAHY
HND GRAPHIC DESIGN



Following on from studying A Levels in fine art, product design and ICT at Cheltenham Bournside School, Jack chose to study a HND in Graphic Design and Multimedia at Gloucestershire College knowing that the course was well-respected in the industry and that the College had a great reputation.

Jack sought out the opportunity to get on the future jobs scheme and through this he secured himself a Junior Graphic Designer role in the marketing department at Gloucestershire College. He has now been promoted and has been a permanent member of staff for three years.

"I was lucky enough to take part in the design and painting of the mural in the College principal's office at the new Gloucester Campus when it opened.

I would definitely recommend studying at GC; it gave me the qualifications to turn my passion for design into a career."





HND CREATIVE PRACTICE

LEVEL FOUR/FIVE



LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years (Full-time and PT options)

COURSE CONTENT

The course will target increasingly transferable skills in specialist creative design practice. Your studies will include:

- Graphic Communication (print and digital based),
- Photography (studio and editorial)
- Film and documentaries (training on Red's, Sony FS700, Avid Media Composer & Premiere CS6).
- Fashion Design and Print Textiles.
- Fine Art and Illustration

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A satisfactory reference and a tariff of 160 UCAS points from within the main programme area of study including a portfolio.

Any of the following are acceptable:

- BTEC National or Extended Diploma
- Foundation Art and Design
- Access to H.E.
- A levels (dependent on subjects)

PROGRESSION

BA in Graphic Design, advertising, animation, multimedia.

MA in Graphic Design, advertising, animation, multimedia.

HND graduates can progress to careers in (but not exclusively) advertising, animation, multimedia, web design, magazine design, the printing industries, sign writing, illustration and layout design.

UCAS CODE
G45 WWW6

HND GRAPHIC DESIGN

LEVEL FIVE



LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years, full-time

COURSE CONTENT

The HND is a dynamic two-year design gives a strong grounding in design theory and technique. Your studies will include:

- Typography, composition and layout,
- Visual presentation techniques, and IT-based multimedia design,
- Use of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash and InDesign.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The HND requires a satisfactory reference and a tariff of 160 UCAS points from within the main programme area of study.

Any of the following are acceptable:

- BTEC National or Extended Diploma
- Foundation Art and Design
- Access to H.E.
- A Levels (dependent on subjects)

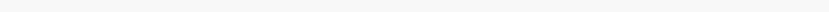
PROGRESSION

BA in Graphic Design, advertising, animation, multimedia.

MA in Graphic Design, advertising, animation, multimedia.

HND graduates can progress to careers into the design industry

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PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On completion of our creative courses you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

BA Hons
Advertising
Multimedia
Graphic Design

University of the West of England

BA Hons
Creative Practice
Graphic Design
Media, Culture and Practice
FdA
Creative Practice

University of Worcester

BA Hons
Advertising
Creative Digital Media
Graphic Design and
Multimedia







MOTOR VEHICLE

There are 32 million vehicles on the UK's roads, and all of them need to be serviced, repaired, bought and sold which is the role of the motor vehicle industry. It deals with all aspects of cars, vans and motorcycles including routine maintenance and repair, accident repair, roadside assistance, the design, build and fitting of body work and fast fit operations completed whilst the customer waits.

The industry currently employs around 514,000 people and is forecast to grow by 2% by the end of 2017. There are lots of career paths on offer within the motor vehicle industry, from technical to customer-service based roles – it all depends on what you are interested in. Jobs include: service technician, diagnostic technician, master technician, workshop supervisor, management, motorsport technician, paint technician and MOT examiner.

The motor vehicle industry offers exciting career opportunities for practical individuals with an interest in mechanics and technical work and Gloucestershire College's motor vehicle courses provide the perfect pathway to get your career into gear.

Gloucestershire College's engineering department is one of the largest providers of motor vehicle engineering training in Gloucestershire and has vast experience of delivering motor vehicle training at our centres in Gloucester and North Cheltenham, and from 2012 runs from our Mitcheldean Campus in the Royal Forest of Dean.

All our lecturers have motor vehicle industry experience and, combined with professional teaching qualifications, will support you to reach your full potential.

The GC learning experience takes place in state-of-the-art facilities and classrooms with interactive white boards. You will also practice your skills in a

real life working environment in one of our purpose-built motor vehicle workshops. Working on real cars using industry standard equipment including MOT bay, ramps, tyre changing facility and electronic diagnostic equipment, you will learn the theoretical and practical skills required to work in the industry and gain professional competence alongside recognised qualifications.

Our wide-ranging additional support services, including personal tutors, student services and library and learning centres, will ensure you make the most of your time here and settle in to college life. You can also develop your personal, social and professional skills through our enrichment activities programme: GC Culture, GC Energy, GC Green, GC Leadership and GC Volunteer.

Kick start your motor vehicle career at Gloucestershire College.



MOTOR VEHICLE

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Gloucester, North Cheltenham or Mitcheldean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn the basics of car maintenance and practice your skills in our purpose-built motor vehicle workshops. Your studies will include:

- Transmission units
- Workshop methods
- Mechanical components

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 5 GCSEs grades A* to E including English and maths. Selection is based on a successful interview, a short skills assessment and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could move on to a Level 2 course in motor vehicle or a motor vehicle apprenticeship.

MOTOR VEHICLE

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester, North Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about motor vehicle engineering so that you really understand how a car works and you can practice your skills in our purpose-built motor vehicle workshops. Your studies will include:

- Mechanical components
- Vehicle technology
- Transmission units
- Workshop methods

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 3 GCSEs at A* to C including English and maths. Selection is based on a successful interview, a short skills assessment and a positive reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to a motor vehicle apprenticeship, a Level 3 course in motor vehicle or seek employment in industry.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

PAUL LAW

MANAGING DIRECTOR:
PDL MOTS AND REPAIRS



In 2011 Paul Law set up his own MOT and Repair centre in Gloucestershire with the knowledge he had learnt through his advanced apprenticeship in vehicle repair and maintenance at Gloucestershire College. Paul completed his studies in 2009 and is now lucky enough to be managing director of his own business at the age of just twenty-five.

As a business owner, Paul is an excellent example of the entrepreneurial spirit that we as college impart on our students and also the benefits that advanced apprenticeships can bring to the economy.

As an MOT tester and maintenance engineer, Paul specialises in the care of vehicles which are more than three years old, and with the vast majority of cars falling into this category it is a good time to be in this area of work

"The motor industry is an ever growing market sector with more vehicles on the road than ever before and with increasingly complex engine systems being installed by manufacturers; it is imperative to ensure there is a supply of well trained technicians who have the latest knowledge and one of the most effective ways to achieve this is through apprenticeship training at Gloucestershire College"



STUDENT PROFILE

RAVALL DOUGLAS

COURSE: MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR



Ravall, 18, from Gloucester, has always wanted to be a car mechanic and sees the course at GC as a gateway to his chosen career. He loves the hands-on practical experience gained on the course, and also enjoys learning the learning theoretical knowledge and how this applies on the job.

"the course provides a real head start into the industry and lots of skills; I feel I have learned a lot about motor sport, much more than if I had done A Levels and then moved onto motor sport a degree. It has given me a good foundation."





THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY - FACTS

- Salaries Range from 20k – 45k per annum for Motor Vehicle Technicians
- Average earnings for industry are £25k per annum
- 31 million cars on UK roads
- One of the highest areas of labour demand in the UK







PUBLIC SERVICES

Uniformed Public services falls into the Skill's for Justice Sector Skills Council which encompasses several strands, Policing and Law Enforcement, Community Justice, Custodial Care, Fire and Rescue Services, Court and Tribunal Services, Prosecution Services and Forensic Science.

Currently the UK Justice Sector employs nearly 580,000 people, taking up approximately 2% of the UK workforce. The largest strand by far is Policing and Law Enforcement which accounts for more than half of the total workforce in the sector.

The total employment numbers have rose over the past two years and the sector suggests a pattern of stable employment. A staggering 98% of the workforce consists of employees on a permanent contract with 86% of the total workforce working full-time. Thought of as a very male industry, surprisingly 40% of the workforce is female.

Our range of courses can prepare students for a life in uniform, and the opportunity to travel all around the world serving the public as police officers, fire fighters, ambulance technicians and in the armed forces.

Students could even be eligible for an Army Bursary of £2,000. These are practical courses with very high pass rates for students who are good at coursework and who wish to develop their industry skills.

We are the only college in the county to offer the opportunity for our learners to gain experience of working in a uniformed public service via our link with the Gloucestershire Army Cadet Force. As a result of the skills our learners have gained through the partnership many former students have gone on to careers in the uniformed services such as the RAF, the police force, the fire service, military police in the Army and Royal Navy.

All of our lecturing staff are industry experts who have at some point throughout their career spent time in uniformed public services whether it be as a police officer or in the armed forces.

On completion of our Uniformed Public Services courses, students will have the skills and knowledge required to progress on to a higher level in Uniformed Public Services or to pursue a career in the sector. After completing a Level 3 Uniformed Public Services course with Gloucestershire College, students can progress on to a HND in Public Service Management at our Gloucester campus.

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL TWO

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about and prepare for life in the public services. You will study:

- Crime and its effects on society
- Public service fitness
- Expedition and navigation skills
- Employment in Uniformed Public Services

The College works in close partnership with the local public services, meaning you will have the opportunity to participate in work based learning such as riot training with the police and join the Army Cadet Force (ACF).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed four GCSEs, grades A* to E (including two grades A* to C) or to have successfully completed a relevant Level 1 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to Level 3 in Uniformed Public Services.

PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL THREE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about a range of aspects relating to public services. You will study:

- Outdoor and adventurous activities and expedition skills
- Leadership and teamwork
- Citizenship and diversity
- Crime and its effects on society

Learners can take part in the college's Army Cadet Force (ACF) and adventurous activities both in the local area and on residential trips. If you wish, you will also have the opportunity to gain additional qualifications such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards and first aid.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed either 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C (including English), or Level 2 in Public Services with merit and Level 2 functional skills. Selection is completed following successful interview and excellent reference. You must be able to take part in residential, outdoor and physical activities.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to progress to a higher education course in public services or seek employment within the industry.

HND PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT

HND

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

The course is designed to focus on:

- Providing education and training for a range of careers in Public Services.
- The opportunity for Public Service employees and full time learners to gain a nationally recognised Level 5, vocationally specific qualification.
- Developing knowledge, understanding and skills of learners in the field of Public Services.
- Opportunities for learners to focus on the development of higher skills in a Public Services context.
- Opportunities for learners to develop a range of skills, techniques and attributes essential for successful performance in working life.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have 80 UCAS points plus 5 GCSEs, grades A* to C (including English), or Level 2 in Public Services with merit and Level 2 functional skills. Selection is completed following successful interview and excellent reference. You must be able to take part in residential, outdoor and physical activities.

PROGRESSION

On completion of this course students may progress on to a relevant course with one of our partner universities or into employment.

UCAS CODE
G45 534L

PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On completion of the Level 3 programme you may be able to progress onto the final year of a relevant honours degree at one of our partner universities



INDUSTRY PROFILE

KEVIN POTTINGER

GROUP COMMANDER: GLOUCESTERSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Kevin is an Operational Commander for Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service which provides 24/7 emergency response for the county. Kevin also manages the Training and Development team and also the Risk Team, a team which ensures that the county risks such as historical buildings, industrial sites and the wider risks to the community are known to the staff as it is important that they all have information about the properties and incidents they could potentially attend.

Kevin says:

Many people join the service to become Firefighters and develop through a structured process. There are also a number of different roles within the Fire Service such as mechanics and equipment repair technicians we also have staff in Operation Support roles working in HR and Administration.

There are a number of ways that students can prepare themselves for a career in the Fire Service. They need to have a wide range of experiences and skills to support their role. Experience in other fields is also useful; in particular community work as understanding the community you support is very important.



THE PUBLIC SERVICES INDUSTRY - FACTS

- Uniformed Public Services falls into the Skills for Justice Sector
- The UK Justice Sector currently employs 580,000 people taking up approximately 2% of the UK workforce.
- Policing and Law Enforcement accounts for more than half of the total workforce in the sector.
- 98% of the workforce consists of employees on a permanent contract.







SCHOOL OF FOUNDATION STUDIES

The school of Foundation Studies provides learning opportunities for 16 to 24-year-olds and works closely with local providers to ensure clear, effective and cohesive progression routes are available from the age of 14.

Whether you would like to build your confidence, need independent learning or living skills or would like to improve your personal and social skills, Gloucestershire College's school of Foundation Studies has a course to suit.

Transition to the college is facilitated by our Transition Coordinators. These people act as the multi-agency key contact between your school and college before you start your studies and during your induction period. This is done via our Link Activity Programme.

The School of Foundation Studies offers courses at all three of our main campuses; Cheltenham, Gloucester and Forest of Dean.

Courses use a variety of facilities on and off site to enable you to have the best possible learning experience. Facilities include fully equipped domestic and industrial kitchens, operational cafe outlets, gardening opportunities at a variety of locations, access to multi-skills workshops and fully resourced art facilities.

To ensure you get the most out of your time with us, you will benefit from small group teaching and will be taught by our team of highly qualified and experienced teachers, teaching assistants, link workers and learning support assistants.

There are several opportunities to participate in trips and other activities. Depending on your course, there are opportunities to carry out fundraising activities to raise funds for a residential trip. Activities in the past have included making and selling hanging baskets and cakes, as well as selling second hand books, which have been donated by GC staff.

Upon completion and depending on the course you studied, you may be able to move on to other higher courses, paid, supported or voluntary work and/or supported/independent living. When you leave Gloucestershire College at the end of your course, you will be supported by the Transitions Coordinators.



MULTI-SENSORY PROGRAMME

PRE-ENTRY



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is designed for learners who have profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLDD). Learners enrolled on to this programme will have the opportunity to develop their ability to become self-aware, develop social relationships, encouraged to make choices and become active students of the college and the wider community.

Sensory Room

A sensory room for young people with profound multiple learning disabilities and complex needs is based at our Forest of Dean campus.

It is a multi-sensory environment that offers students a safe space to practise relaxation techniques and extend their understanding of cause and effect.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

LIFE SKILLS ENTRY PATHWAY



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is available to learners aged 16 to 24 who require, and will benefit from, high levels of additional support, guidance and supervision. They are specifically designed to address the educational needs of learners with learning differences through an embedded curriculum to raise self esteem and confidence.

- Working towards specific individual targets
- Independent travel
- Personal and social skills development
- Independent living skills
- English, mathematics and ICT skills as appropriate
- One-to-one tutorials

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, students will be able to move on to other adult courses and/or supported/independent living. Students who will be leaving the college at the end of their course will be supported by the Transitions Coordinators.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

WORK SKILLS ENTRY PATHWAY



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course is available for learners aged 16 to 24, who require additional support to help them move on to higher level courses and/or employment.

Work skills courses available are:

- Introduction to work skills
- Work skills specialist
- Work skills to employment
- Work skills adult

Through a fully embedded curriculum, the Foundation Learning Work Skills Entry Pathway enables you to gain qualifications to prepare you for further learning or work. Skills development and qualifications include:

- Personal and social skills
- English, mathematics and ICT
- Vocational qualifications (multi-skills, care and early years, retail, catering, gardening)
- Confidence building
- Independent travel
- Independence skills
- Work skills and experience
- One-to-one tutorials

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, students will be able to move on to paid, supported or voluntary work, or other higher level vocational courses. Students who will be leaving the college at the end of their course will be supported by the Transitions and Work Experience Coordinator.

STUDENT PROFILE

ASHLEY CRAWFORD

COURSE: LIFE SKILLS FOUNDATIONS



Ashley received the Foundation Studies Head of School Award at Gloucester Campus. When Ashley started at the College and throughout her first year here, she was very quiet and lacked confidence. Since being on the Life Skills course, she has made tremendous strides and found her voice.

In September, Ashley will progress to the Introduction to Volunteering course run by the college.





SCHOOL OF FOUNDATION STUDIES - FACTS

- There are approximately 210,000 people in England with moderate or severe learning disabilities and a further estimated million people with mild learning disabilities
- Currently 2.4 million students are diagnosed with learning disabilities and receive special education services in our schools, representing 41% of all students receiving special education
- Over 50% of children with autism are not in the kind of school their parents believe would best support them







SIXTH FORM

Gloucestershire College Sixth Form offers over 30 A Level and four GCSE subjects in a whole variety of combinations. You can study from Accounting to Archaeology; from Electronics to World Development. We are continually expanding our provision and it's well worth checking with us whether we do a particular A Level or GCSE subject.

Available on both our Cheltenham and Royal Forest of Dean campuses, both centres are well equipped with the latest interactive whiteboards in all rooms and extensive dedicated art rooms, IT suites and fully equipped science labs. Gloucestershire College offer a large sixth form community with over 800 students enrolled over both campuses offering a range of social opportunities and activities.

We enforce a strong work ethic and closely monitor the continuous progression of our students, with a primary focus on achievement. We incorporate various ways of supporting students, with attendance officers monitoring on a day-to-day basis, a student performance coordinator keeping a continuous eye on student attainment and personal tutors whose responsibility is facilitating individual tutorials and weekly on-track sessions. With our exceptional pass rates, wide range of A Level and GCSE subjects, we offer a real alternative to staying on at school.

Gloucestershire College sixth form provides a friendly and supportive learning environment which encourages mutual respect and completes the development that students need, in order to progress to university or the workplace. We pride ourselves on the vocational and teaching expertise in our teaching teams and providing an effective environment that supports learning. We are sure your experience with us will be a positive one.

Our A Level subjects are delivered in four lessons per week and our daytime GCSE's delivered in three. We also run several evening courses that can accommodate students who need to keep the day free because of other commitments.

Our daytime timetable starts at 9.00am and finishes at 4.00pm at Cheltenham and 8.45am to 4.00pm at RFD, with plenty of additional study facilities for students to work independently. Most students will only be timetabled for lessons four days per week, with most having all day Wednesday for free study.

Our teaching staff are second to none and are experts in their specific field. Their experiences and wealth of knowledge ensure that our students receive the best possible learning experience whilst they are with us.

Please note that not all subjects are available at both campuses.



STEP UP TO A LEVELS

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain enough A* to C passes at GCSE level to progress to an A Level or Level 3 course. The course consists of three core GCSE subjects and two other GCSE subjects. Subjects available are:

- English
- Maths
- Science (Human Health and Physiology)
- Philosophy and Ethics (RS)
- Law

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed year 11 with grades D and E. Students who have completed year 10 may also be considered, as may be home educated students.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, students who end the year with at least five GCSE subjects passed at A* to C grades are eligible to progress on to A Level or other Level 3 courses.

ACCOUNTING

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the way in which financial information is recorded and used in business.

At AS Level course units include:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Financial and Management Accounting

At A2 Level course units include:

- Knowledge gained in Units 1 and 2
- Accounting techniques

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and Maths.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Accounts at grades A to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses or into professional accounting qualifications. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment as an Accountant.

ANTHROPOLOGY

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the way in which financial information is recorded and used in business.

At AS Level course units include:

- Introduction to Financial Accounting
- Financial and Management Accounting

At A2 Level course units include:

- Knowledge gained in Units 1 and 2
- Accounting techniques

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and Maths.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Accounts at grades A to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses or into professional anthropology qualifications. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment as an Accountant.

98.6%

A Level pass rate

ARCHAEOLOGY

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the study of past human societies from the investigation of material remains.

At AS Level course units include:

- The archaeology of religion and ritual
- Archaeological skills and methods

At A2 Level course units include:

- World archaeology
- Archaeological investigation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C to include English Language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Archaeology at grades A* to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2 or Access to Higher Education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

ART AND DESIGN FINE ART

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to experiment with media and processes, and develop and refine your ideas, presenting your own personal outcomes for a chosen theme. Your studies will include:

- Exploring a chosen theme such as "Autobiography"
- Practical work and personal study
- Exam

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including art or a portfolio and English Language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Art and Design Fine Art at grades A* to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

BIOLOGY

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION
One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop your understanding from GCSE Biology.

At AS Level course units include:

- Lifestyle, transport, genes and health
- Development, plants and the environment

At A2 Level course units include:

- The natural environment and species survival

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and Maths. You must also have a grade B in core and additional Science.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Biology at grades A* to D.

PROGRESSION

A Level Biology can lead on to a career or higher education in fields such as biology, biochemistry, pharmacy etc.

STUDENT PROFILE

LORNA RUSSELL

EX-SIXTH FORM STUDENT – RFD CAMPUS



Lorna left Gloucestershire College in Summer 2011 getting 3 Bs at A2.

"I am currently doing work experience at The Forester and developing the skills I learnt at college. I interview people in order to write stories for the paper and am really interested in building a career as a journalist."

All my courses were really enjoyable and interesting. I also go to do lots of enrichment activities including playing Hamlet in Shakespeare's Last play and being part of the 'Active Young Citizens' of Europe project."





BUSINESS STUDIES

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop understanding of business organisations, the markets they serve and the process of adding value from a variety of perspectives.

At AS Level course units include:

- Planning and financing a business
- Managing a business

At A2 Level course units include:

- Strategies for success
- The business environment and change

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and maths.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Business Studies at grades A* to C

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

CHEMISTRY

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to prepare you for a career in almost any industry, and is usually needed by universities for careers in medicine, dental nursing, veterinary surgery and pharmaceutical science.

At AS Level course units include:

- Foundation chemistry
- Chemistry in action
- Practical and investigative skills

At A2 Level course units include:

- Kinetics, equilibrium and organic chemistry
- Energetics, redox and inorganic chemistry
- Practical and investigative skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and maths. You also must have a grade B in double, additional or single Sciences. Preferably to have a grade B in high tier maths.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Chemistry at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

CRITICAL THINKING

AS (AVAILABLE ONLY TO A2 STUDENTS)



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain the skills to understand the difference between a well structured argument, involving skills of reasoning, and the effective use of evidence and an argument which is unpersuasive and badly constructed. Your studies will include:

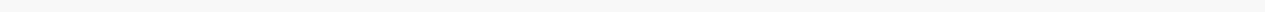
- Introduction to Critical Thinking
- Assessing and developing argument

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved high grades in your AS Levels.

PROGRESSION

A5 Critical Thinking is a qualification valued by universities as an addition to A2 subjects.



ECONOMICS

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to understand how economic policy influences the daily lives and decision of individuals, business organisations and governments. Your studies will include:

- Micro economics – The operation of individual markets
- Macro economics – Government policy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and maths and another essay based subject A* to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses.

ELECTRONICS

AS LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about basic electronic principles and a systems approach in order to lift the lid on many modern electronic systems encountered in everyday life. Your studies will include:

- Introductory electronics
- Further electronics
- Practical system development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and Maths.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION
Cheltenham

DURATION
One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the study of Language and Literature theories. At both levels you will be given the opportunity to develop your critical analysis of texts and your creative writing skills.

At AS Level course units include:

- Introduction to Language and Literature study
- Themes in Language and Literature

At A2 Level course units include:

- Talk in Life and Literature
- Text transformation

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Literature and English language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS English Language and Literature at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, Access to Higher Education courses.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about areas of study including prose, poetry and drama and completion of a coursework essay to broaden your reading experience whilst improving writing skills.

At AS Level course units include:

- Aspects of narrative
- Dramatic genres (coursework)

At A2 Level course units include:

- Texts and genres

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including B in English Literature and C in English language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS English Literature at grades A* to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2, A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about a range of issues, with a focus on the scientific principles and concepts that underpin them.

At AS Level course units include:

- The living environment
- The physical environment

At A2 Level course units include:

- Energy resources and environmental pollution
- Biological resources and sustainability

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language, maths and science.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

AS (AVAILABLE ONLY TO A2 STUDENTS)



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

Taken in the A2 year, it is of A2 standard and attracts the same UCAS points as an AS. Students are required to research a topic of their choice and produce a 5000 word written report and presentation or a 1000 word written report to support an artefact, such as a film or a multimedia presentation exhibition.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, and completed your AS year with grade C or above.

PROGRESSION

The Extended Project Qualification can lead to higher education courses.

STUDENT PROFILE

PATRICK DOYLE

EX-SIXTH FORM STUDENT – CHELTENHAM



Patrick attended Gloucestershire College to complete his A2 studies in History, Geography and Archaeology.

Patrick says

"I would highly recommend studying A Levels at Gloucestershire College. The learning environment was extremely productive. Moreover, the College provided great facilities for its students and the tutors were instrumental in my academic development."



GEOGRAPHY

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop an understanding of the relationship between people and their environment. The course enables students to appreciate the changing nature of modern world. Your studies will include:

- River, population, glaciation and energy
- Geographical skills
- Plate tectonics, world cities, globalisation and development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSE, grades A* to C, including English Language, and Maths grade C.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Geography at grades A to D.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2 or Access to higher education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the way political systems operate and how governments function in the UK and the USA. Students need to follow current affairs closely.

At AS Level course units include:

- Participation and voting behaviour in the UK
- The British system of government

At A2 Level course units include:

- Participation and voting behaviour in the USA
- The American system of government

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Government and Politics at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2 or Access to higher education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or various employment opportunities.

HISTORY

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of history relating to Russia, life in Nazi Germany and the making of modern Britain.

At AS Level course units include:

- Tsars of Russia
- Anti-semitism, Hitler and the German people

At A2 Level course units include:

- The making of modern Britain
- Equality, democracy and America 1865-1980

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language (C in GCSE History desirable, but not essential).

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS History at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2 or Access to higher education courses. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.



ICT (APPLIED)

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop your IT skills using a range of advanced software applications whilst gaining an understanding of how ICT systems are used in large and small companies.

At AS Level course units include:

- E-business
- E-skills

At A2 Level course units include:

- E-project
- Optional unit

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved GCSE ICT or equivalent, e.g. DIDA Diploma. A minimum of 5 GCSEs A* to C including English language.

PROGRESSION

Almost every job or career uses ICT. This course will equip you with valuable skills and experience of ICT and enable you to apply them in any future employment or higher education.

LAW

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop an overview of how the civil and criminal courts work. You will see how law develops and changes over time.

At AS Level course units include:

- Understanding legal values
- Legal reasoning, personnel and methods

At A2 Level course units include:

- Substantive Law
- Law in context

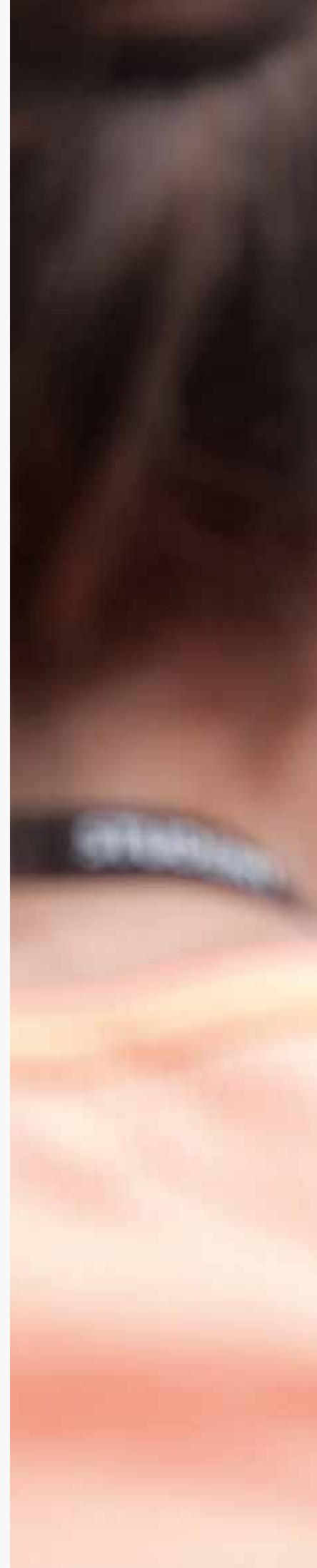
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Law at grades A to C

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2 or Access to higher education courses.







MATHEMATICS

AS AND A2 LEVEL (FURTHER)



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study applied units in Statistics, Mechanics and Decision Maths.

At AS Level course units include:

- Core Mathematics 1 and 2 plus one applied unit

At A2 Level course units include:

- Core Mathematics 3 and 4 plus one applied unit

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English language and B in maths (higher tier).

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS maths at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

MEDIA STUDIES

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study applied units in Statistics, Mechanics and Decision Maths.

At AS Level course units include:

- Media representations and responses
- Media production processes

At A2 Level course units include:

- Investigation and production
- Text, industry and audience

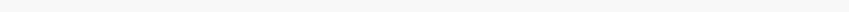
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Media Studies at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.



PHOTOGRAPHY

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to be creative, experimental and work with the latest digital equipment. This course offers a balance between practical and theory; students are expected to complete all practical, research and written elements for successful qualification.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English, maths and art or portfolio of work. Mature students with an interest or experience in the subject will be considered.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS photography at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

PHYSICS

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to broaden the understanding and knowledge of students who took Physics at GCSE. We encourage Physics students to also take AS Maths.

At AS Level course units include:

- Mechanics, materials and waves
- Particles, quantum phenomena and electricity

At A2 Level course units include:

- Fields and further mechanics
- Nuclear and further mechanics

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English, grade B in maths and science (core and additional).

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Physics at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

PSYCHOLOGY

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the core areas of Psychology.

At AS Level course units include:

- Cognitive and developmental psychology and research methods
- Biological and social psychology and individual differences

At A2 Level course units include:

- Relationships, aggression and gender
- Psychopathology (schizophrenia), psychology in action and research methods.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English, maths and science.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Psychology at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES (PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS)

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to evaluate aspects of human life and existence that are of interest to virtually everyone who thinks about the meaning of life.

Philosophy course units include:

- Ancient Greek and Judaeo-Christian beliefs. Traditional arguments for the existence of God and challenges to religious belief.

Ethics course units include:

- Ethical theories, such as natural law and utilitarianism. Applied ethics, such as abortion, euthanasia and genetic engineering.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language. Students should display an aptitude for thinking deeply about issues, a commitment to reading outside of class and the ability to write essays.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Religious Studies at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

SOCIOLOGY

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to gain a broad overview of British society. This includes the influence of media, our friends, family, school and religion on who we are and how we see ourselves.

At AS Level course units include:

- Acquiring culture
- Understanding culture

At A2 Level course units include:

- Understanding power and control
- Understanding social divisions

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language and an essay based subject.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS Sociology at grades A to C. Grade D may be considered upon discussion with subject tutor.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT

AS AND A2 LEVEL

LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study applied units in Statistics, Mechanics and Decision Maths. Your studies will include:

- Development, resources and global citizenship
- Poverty and inequality
- Perspectives on development
- Economic development

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For AS Level you need to have successfully achieved a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C, including English Language.

For A2 Level you need to have successfully achieved AS World Development at grades A to C.

PROGRESSION

AS can lead to A2. A2 can lead to university, a higher education course or employment.

HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS

GC Students have chosen to continue their studies at one of our partner institutions (UWE, University of Gloucestershire and University of Worcester) as well as at the following universities:

- Kings College London
- Bristol University
- University of Birmingham
- Warwick University
- Cardiff University
- Derby University
- Exeter University
- Liverpool University
- Manchester University
- Nottingham University
- Brunel University



ART

BTEC DIPLOMA



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for Subsidiary Diploma and two years full-time for full Diploma

COURSE CONTENT

An exciting practical course. Each level has the same UCAS points as one A Level for university entrance. You will create a portfolio of artwork as you respond to a variety of art briefs. The course will allow you to explore art through a wide variety of media. Students will choose one or two AS subjects to study alongside their art programme.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved five GCSEs at grade A* to C.

PROGRESSION

Progression to higher level courses or employment in multimedia.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

EXT. CERTIFICATE/SUB. DIPLOMA



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for both Extended Certificate and Subsidiary Diploma

COURSE CONTENT

A practical work-based course that combines both academic study and the development of practical skills and knowledge. The course focuses on the music industry, performance and analysis of different types of music. You will learn to record and manipulate sounds and music (studio and digital based), as well as attend classes in theory.

The Extended Certificate is equivalent to one AS and the Subsidiary Diploma is equivalent to the full A Level.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully achieved five GCSEs at grade A* to C.

PROGRESSION

Progression to higher level courses or employment in multimedia.

THE BACCALAUREATE

AS AND A2 LEVEL



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time for either AS Level or A2

COURSE CONTENT

The Baccalaureate recognises and celebrates the achievements of well-rounded students, giving credit for achievements outside of academic studies. It is available to all AS students at RFD campus. Your studies will include:

- Three A Levels
- AS Critical Thinking in your second year
- An Extended Project allowing you to study a subject of your choice in greater depth demonstrating independent learning.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to be studying three A Level subjects and to complete the Extended Project and AS Critical Thinking in A2.

PROGRESSION

It is a valuable addition to any university or job application as it demonstrates a well-rounded person with the ability to work independently and are highly motivated.

SIXTH FORM - GCSEs

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English Language
- Maths







SPORT AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



The sport and recreation industry is part of the active leisure, learning and well-being sector. Currently employing, 663,300 people and representing just over 2% of the UK workforce and an estimated 1.9 million volunteers in England. There is an estimated 29,800 workplaces, of which 74% employ 10 or less members of staff.

The sport industry covers a full range of sports provision from grass roots community projects, day to day running of amateur and professional sports clubs, and the promotion of an active and healthy lifestyle right through to the professional and well-known sports men and women.

Overall there are 371,800 people working in the sport and recreation industry, together with a significant number of volunteers.

At our Gloucester campus, the college boasts a state-of-the-art sports hall. All courses study a variety of pathways aimed at development, fitness and coaching routes within sport, through a mixture of theory and practical-based lessons.

Students take part in activity block weeks, which are designed to increase knowledge of the sports industry. Activities range from trips and team-building days to talks from guest speakers about their particular area of expertise. Students will also complete extra qualifications such as first aid and nationally recognised coaching qualifications. These courses are action packed and not for the faint hearted!

With London having hosted the Olympics in 2012 there couldn't be a more exciting time to study for a career in the sport industry. We were proud to support and cheer on one of our very own students who was lucky enough to be selected as one of the few torchbearers.

By choosing to study sport, you will be active and willing to partake in activities. A qualification in sport can lead on to a number of different careers, some of which are not always initially associated with sport such as sports development officer, club/coach development officer, activity team leader, sports physiotherapist, masseur, dietician, events manager, stewards and many more.



SPORT AND PUBLIC SERVICES

LEVEL ONE



LOCATION

Gloucester or Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about a range of sport and uniformed public services. Your studies will include:

- Map reading and navigation
- Developing training programmes
- Teamwork
- Career planning and employment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed two GCSEs, grades A* to D. Selection is completed following successful interview and an excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may move on to an apprenticeship or seek employment within the industry.

SPORT

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the sports industry, specialising in fitness and coaching elements. Your studies will include:

- Planning and leading sports activities
- Fitness testing and training
- Outdoor adventurous activities

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed either four GCSEs, grades A* to E (including two grades A* to C), or a relevant Level 1 qualification with merit and functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and excellent reference. You must be able to take part in residential, outdoor and physical activities.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 3 in Sports Development, Coaching and Fitness.

SPORT

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about fitness and coaching elements. Your studies will include:

- Talent identification and development
- Fitness testing
- Sports coaching and organising sport events
- Psychology and sports performance

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed either five GCSEs, grades A* to C (including English), or Level 2 in Sport with merit and Level 2 functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and an excellent reference. You will need to be committed to taking part in physical activities.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to a higher education course specialising in sports or seek employment.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

GORDON AITKEN

OPERATIONS MANAGER - ASPIRE SPORTS & CULTURAL TRUST



"You need to have a passion for sport and activity to be in this industry. I would say to anyone looking considering a career in sport to start at the bottom and don't be afraid to get your hands dirty. There are a number of qualifications that are required so work hard but also get as much voluntary or work experience at local sports clubs and help out with coaching. A coaching qualification is highly important. Also a National Pool Lifeguard qualification is very sought after in the industry."







PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On completion of the Sports courses at GC you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

Hons Degree
Sports Coaching and Development
Sports Fitness and Physical Activity
Sports Management
Sports Coaching and Sports Education

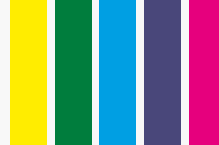
University of the West of England

FdA
Outdoor Adventure
Sports Business Management
FdSc
Sport Performance
BA (Hons)
Sport and Exercise Management

University of Worcester

MSc
Sports Management
Sports Coaching
BSc (Hons)
Sport Business Management
Outdoor Adventure
Leadership and Management
MA
Outdoor Education





CERTIFICATE FOR THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY LEADER

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the importance of health and safety while delivering outdoor activities. Your studies will include:

- Health and safety
- Planning productive and exciting experiences for clients
- Vital skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed four GCSEs, grades A* to C (including two grades A* to C). All prospective students will be interviewed and may be asked to do a short presentation.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move on to the Level 3 Certificate for the Outdoor Industry.

CERTIFICATE FOR THE OUTDOOR INDUSTRY

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Forest of Dean

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about and develop skills in outdoor activities. Your studies will include:

- Understanding and knowledge of adventurous activities and sports.
- Leadership skills
- Vital skills to develop a career pathway

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed five GCSEs, grades A* to C (including two grades A* to C). Or to have completed Level 2 certificate in Outdoor Activity Leadership and Level 2 functional skills. All prospective students will be interviewed and may be asked to do a short presentation.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you are suitably qualified to apply for instructor roles within the outdoor adventure industry.

INDUSTRY PROFILE

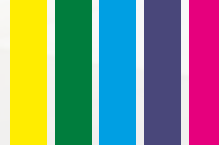
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"To be in this industry, you need to have a passion and heavy interest in teaching on the water. I would suggest to anyone who is considering entering the industry that they spread their talent as much as possible, so as not to become an expert in just one particular area. It is important to have a qualification in Outdoor Adventure as it provides students with great background knowledge into the industry. I would also recommend that students carry out a good amount of work experience as this provides them with a true insight into the industry and can see that a career within this industry, particularly if it were to be in a small company like ourselves, involves a number of additional tasks such as marketing, finance and admin. "





TEACHER TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Would you like to embark on a career in teaching or are you already teaching and would like to be qualified to further your career?

The reasons why you might like to embark on a career in teaching are as diverse as the subjects available for you to teach. Gloucestershire College can help you to take your first or next steps into teaching in the lifelong learning sector; offering a variety of flexible teacher training courses suitable for those interested in teaching in continuing and adult education, as well as those who would like to become teaching assistants in schools.

Courses include on-the-job vocational training to help you develop your practical skills in areas such as assessment, inclusion and classroom management, which will help prepare you for employment within the sector. They provide you with the opportunities to focus on the development of essential skills within the context of teaching.

If you are an energetic and responsible person with sound skills in English and Maths we will have a course to help you work towards your future career in education.

If you are looking to get into teaching and don't have any teaching hours, our Preparation for Teaching course may be just what you are looking for. Part of the assessment for your course will be based on your delivery of a short lesson to fellow students.

If you already have a number of hours teaching experience, from 30 to 150, one of our other courses may be more suitable.

All of our teaching staff are qualified and experienced in their fields and offer support and guidance to help you achieve your goal of either becoming a teacher or progressing in your teaching career.

The teacher training courses at Gloucestershire College are part-time and can be studied in all three of our main campuses; Cheltenham, Gloucester and Forest of Dean.

However, if you would like to study full-time, one day a week, and have successfully completed 100 teaching hours we are able to offer the Diploma in Post-Compulsory Education and Training as a one-year course. Places are limited for this and so early application is advisable.



PREPARATION FOR TEACHING IN THE LIFELONG LEARNING SECTOR (PTLLS)

LEVEL FOUR



LOCATION

Cheltenham, Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

34 weeks part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study towards a professional, nationally recognised qualification leading to Associate Teacher status in the Lifelong Learning Sector (ATLS). Your studies will include:

- Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have successfully completed 30 hours of teaching, have a minimum Level 3 qualification in your specialist subject, a minimum Level 2 in English, a Level 1 in maths and working towards a Level 2 in ICT. You will also need to have a mentor.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you will be qualified to pursue ATLS and could progress on to the University of Gloucester Diploma (PCET) or PGCE (PCET) if you have a degree in your subject specialism and to gain QTLS (Qualified Teacher Status in the Learning and Skills Sector.)

CERTIFICATE FOR TEACHING IN THE LIFELONG LEARNING SECTOR (CTLLS)

LEVEL FIVE



LOCATION

Cheltenham or Gloucester

DURATION

Two years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study towards a professional, nationally recognised qualification, leading to Qualified Teacher status in the Learning and Skills Sector (QTLS) with the additional quality mark of the University of Gloucestershire. Your studies will include:

- Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector
- Planning and enabling learning and assessment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 100 teaching hours, have a minimum Level 3 qualification in your specialist subject, a minimum Level 2 in English, a Level 1 in maths and working towards a Level 2 in ICT. You will also need to have a mentor.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could have the opportunity to progress on to a Diploma in Higher Education and BA (Hons) Education in Professional Practice.

DIPLOMA IN POST-COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (2YR)

LEVEL FIVE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course allows you to study towards a professional, nationally recognised qualification, leading to Qualified Teacher status in the Learning and Skills Sector (QTLS) as a one year intensive course with the additional quality mark of The University of Gloucestershire. Your studies will include:

- Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector
- Planning and enabling learning and assessment
- The Professional Practice of Teaching

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 100 teaching hours, have a minimum Level 3 qualification in your specialist subject, a minimum Level 2 in English, a Level 1 in maths and working towards a Level 2 in ICT. You will also need to have a mentor.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could have the opportunity to progress on to a Diploma in Higher Education and BA (Hons) Education in Professional Practice.

TEACHER TRAINING FACTS

- Salaries for unqualified teachers is between £18k and £22k per annum
- Salaries for newly qualified teachers is between £23k and £35k per annum
- Higher rates of up to £39,000 are possible if you take on extra responsibilities.



DIPLOMA IN POST- COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (1YR)

LEVEL FIVE

LOCATION
Gloucester

DURATION
One year (One day a week)

COURSE CONTENT

This course allows you to study towards a professional, nationally recognised qualification, leading to Qualified Teacher status in the Learning and Skills Sector (QTLS) as a one year intensive course with the additional quality mark of The University of Gloucestershire. Your studies will include:

- Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector
- Planning and enabling learning and assessment
- The Professional Practice of Teaching

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed 100 teaching hours, have a minimum Level 3 qualification in your specialist subject, a minimum Level 2 in English, a Level 1 in maths and working towards a Level 2 in ICT. You will also need to have a mentor.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you could have the opportunity to progress on to a Diploma in Higher Education and BA (Hons) Education in Professional Practice.

PGCE IN POST- COMPULSORY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

LEVEL SEVEN

LOCATION
Cheltenham or Gloucester

DURATION
Two years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to study towards a professional, nationally recognised qualification, but at a post-graduate level. It will allow you to pursue Qualified Teacher status in the Learning and Skills Sector (QTLS) and is delivered with the additional quality mark of The University of Gloucestershire. Your studies will include:

- Preparing for teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector
- Planning and enabling learning and assessment
- The Professional Practice of Teaching

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to be currently working in the post-compulsory sector, including part-time, have a minimum of 150 teaching hours, an undergraduate Degree, a minimum Level 3 qualification in your specialist subject, a minimum Level 2 in maths and English and have a mentor.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, and as part of the Post-graduate qualifications framework, these courses could give credits towards a BA Education in Professional Practice, Postgraduate Diploma or MEd/ MA Lifelong Learning qualifications.

STUDENT PROFILE

DANNY BARTHORPE

COURSE: CERT ED



Danny Barthorpe, 29 from Cheltenham studied the Cert Ed course over two years and is a Lecturer at Gloucestershire College.

At the time of starting his Cert Ed course, Danny He had been working as a Teaching Assistant, also here at GC, teaching Key Stage 4 (year 10 and 11) in Technology.

Prior to this he studied a HND in Design and Technology, also at Gloucestershire College.

"The best thing about being on this course is that it fits around my job. It's relevant to becoming a new teacher and has put me in a good position to go for a lecturer post, which I did half way through the course and was successful. I plan to continue working as a lecturer as this is what I enjoy, and specialise in behaviour management in a wide variety of subjects".





THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

DIPLOMA LEVEL FOUR



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

Two years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course provides professional training in counselling, through which you will acquire both a sound theoretical framework and the practitioner skills required to work safely and effectively as a counsellor. Your studies will include:

- Introduction to counselling practice (skills practice)
- Self-development for counsellors
- Integrated practice for counsellors
- Working professionally as a counsellor
- Client issues in counselling
- Work-based learning for counsellors

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have evidence of relevant life experience and both a CPCAB Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills and CPCAB Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies, or equivalent. You will need English at GCSE grade C or above or an equivalent English language qualification. Applicants are required to provide satisfactory references and attend a briefing and interview.

PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of this course, you will have the opportunity to progress to level 5 through a variety of awarding institutions such as the Open University and other CPCAB accredited organisations. You will also be qualified to practice as a professional counsellor and have sufficient qualifications to work towards accreditation through BACP.

THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING

FOUNDATION DEGREE



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

Two years full-time/four years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course provides professional training in counselling, through which you will acquire both a sound theoretical framework and the practitioner skills required to work safely and effectively as a counsellor. Your studies will include:

- Introduction to counselling practice (skills practice)
- Self-development for counsellors
- Integrated practice for counsellors
- Working professionally as a counsellor
- Client issues in counselling
- Developing a professional approach to counselling
- Work-based learning for counsellors
- Advanced study skills

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have evidence of relevant life experience and both a CPCAB Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills and CPCAB Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies, or equivalent. You will need English at GCSE grade C or above or an equivalent English language qualification. Applicants are required to provide satisfactory references and attend a briefing and interview.

PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of this course you will have the opportunity to progress on to other Higher Education courses such as a BA in Counselling at the University of Gloucestershire.

UCAS CODE

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BSc PSYCHOLOGY

YEARS ONE AND TWO



LOCATION

Cheltenham

DURATION

Up to four years part-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course provides an introduction to key themes within the discipline, including cognitive and developmental psychology, industry research methods and current issues and debates. You will benefit from a general understanding of the subject, whilst developing knowledge of the critical skills and practices used by those within the industry of psychology.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to provide a tariff of 280 UCAS points, if you are under the age of 21. Mature students who do not have the required formal qualifications can be assessed for their suitability to meet the demands of the course by completion of an essay and interview. Alternatively, successful completion of an Access to HE course will secure a place. A relevant QAA-recognised Access Certificate, which has been awarded by an authorised validating agency, is also accepted.

PROGRESSION

Upon successful completion of the course you will have the opportunity to continue to study towards a full BSc in Psychology at the University of Worcester.





STUDENT PROFILE

DALE PHILIPS
COURSE: CERT ED



Dale Phillips, 29, from Gloucester studied the Cert Ed teaching course from 2008-2010 at Gloucestershire College's Cheltenham Campus.

At the time of starting the course, Dale had been teaching for approximately four years at Bridge Training in Gloucester.

"The best thing about this course is that I was able to relate the theory into practice and have been able to implement a lot of what I learnt.

I was able to share best practice with fellow students from other teaching backgrounds and it gave me the confidence to apply for a Masters, which I have done with the help and support of my fabulous tutors".







TRAVEL AND TOURISM

The Travel and Tourism industry is part of the hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism sector. This sector also includes the following industries: food and service management; gambling; hotels; pubs, bars and nightclubs; restaurants; self-catering accommodation, holiday centres and youth hostels; visitor attractions and hospitality services.

The industry has grown over the last 20 years and despite the current recession; it is predicted to continue to grow over the next couple of years. The sector currently employs almost two million people.

The majority of the workforce is employed full-time. Jobs in the industry range from travel agents, tour guide, blue badge tour guide, business travel agency manager, home-working travel consultant, tour operator, resort manager, tourism officer and tourist board manager.

Our travel and tourism students are given the opportunity to learn about how the industry operates in the UK and also the importance of excellent customer service. Students will develop knowledge of destinations throughout the world, as well as specific job related aspects of travel and tourism industry, such as resort representatives, cabin crew, marketing and entertainment.

The course features many curriculum-based excursions, which have previously included visits to The Big Pit, Bristol Zoo, Disneyland Paris and three-day cruise on the P&O ship Oriana. Level 3 students undertake a work experience placement, which have recently included locations such as Gloucestershire Airport, Ramada Jarvis Hotels, Marketing Gloucester, Gatwick Airport and Pontins, resulting in a number of students securing full-time positions.

With excellent facilities, including our very own aircraft simulation room, students are sure to get a real-life example of what a career in the Travel and Tourism industry could be like.

Offering Level 2 and Level 3 courses in Travel and Tourism, once completed, you would be eligible to progress onto a higher education course at University in a Travel and Tourism subject or into a career within the industry.



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

LEVEL TWO



LOCATION

Forest of Dean or Gloucester

DURATION

One year full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the travel and tourism industry. Your studies will include:

- UK destinations
- Customer care
- Holidays in the Americas
- Holidays in the Airline operations

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed a minimum of four GCSEs, grades A* to E (including two grades A* to C). Selection is completed following a successful interview and excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

You need to have successfully completed a minimum of four GCSEs, grades A* to E (including two grades A* to C). Selection is completed following a successful interview and excellent reference.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

LEVEL THREE



LOCATION

Gloucester

DURATION

Two years full-time

COURSE CONTENT

This course gives you the opportunity to learn about the industry in greater depth. Your studies will include:

- Travel and tourism; home and abroad
- Customer service and marketing
- Entertainment for holidaymakers
- Special interest tourism

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You need to have successfully completed either a minimum of five GCSEs, grades A* to C (including English), or to have successfully completed Level 2 in Travel and Tourism with merit and Level 2 functional skills. Selection is completed following a successful interview and excellent reference.

PROGRESSION

Upon completion, you may be able to move onto a higher education course in travel and tourism or seek employment.



INDUSTRY PROFILE

KIM DAVENPORT

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS
LANDSIDE MANAGER



"The travel and tourism and aviation industry has given me so much over the years that I really enjoy bringing young people into the industry, enabling them to see what it has to offer and how exciting and interesting it is to work in. We work really closely with Gloucestershire College and are always impressed by the standard of students that come from the college; they all have excellent skills and basic knowledge of the industry. We have recruited two ex-Gloucestershire College Travel and Tourism students who are valued members of our team and who are excellent role models for current and future students looking to get into this industry".





PROGRESSION AND OUR PARTNERS

On completion of the travel and tourism courses at GC you may be able to progress on to the following courses at our partner universities.

University of Gloucestershire

Honours Degree
Tourism Management
Strategic Tourism
Management (top up)
Hospitality Management and
Tourism Management
Events Management and
Tourism Management

University of the West of England

BA Hons
Environmental Management
with Tourism
Geography with Tourism
Tourism Management
Business Studies with Tourism

University of Worcester

FdA
Service Sector Management
(Hospitality/ Retail/ Travel &
Tourism)





APPLICATION FORMS

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Application form



STUDENT ID (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr etc: _____

Surname: _____

Forename(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

Address for correspondence:

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Applicants NOT born in the United Kingdom please complete this section:

Country of birth: _____

Your nationality: _____

Country of domicile: _____

Date of last entry to UK: _____

Emergency contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

PROGRAMME/COURSE DETAILS

What would you like to study? *(Please use the correct course title as stated in the prospectus)*

1. _____

2. _____

Course type: Full-time Part-time Apprenticeship

Location: Cheltenham Gloucester Royal Forest of Dean

North Cheltenham Tewkesbury Launchpad

MOST RECENT SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Give details of exams taken or pending

Subject	Level Eg. GCE/ GCSE/GNVQ/ OCN/NVQ	Results		Date achieved (if applicable)	School/College
		Predicted	Actual		

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EMPLOYMENT

Please enter previous and present employment in date order (you may include details of voluntary work)

Employer's name and address	Nature of work	From (date)	To (date)

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please tell us about yourself and your career plans.

EDUCATIONAL/EMPLOYMENT REFERENCE

Please give the name and address of your school, employer (paid or unpaid) or previous tutor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

DECLARATION

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information given on this form is correct.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of parent/
guardian (If you are under 18): _____

Date: _____

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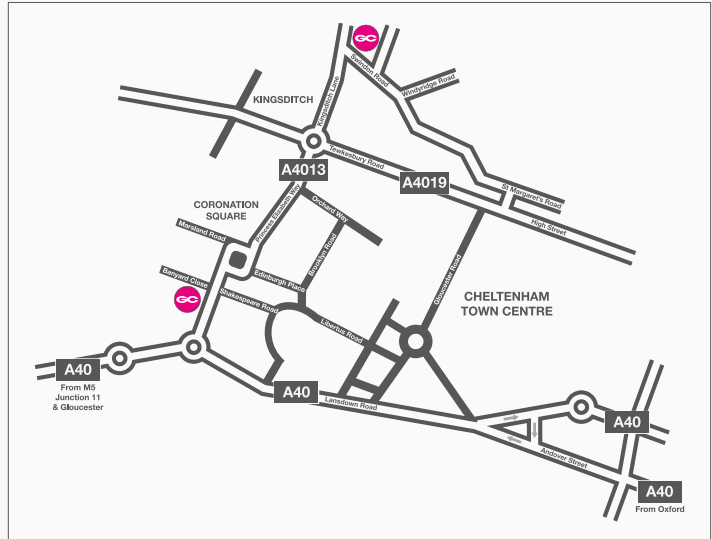
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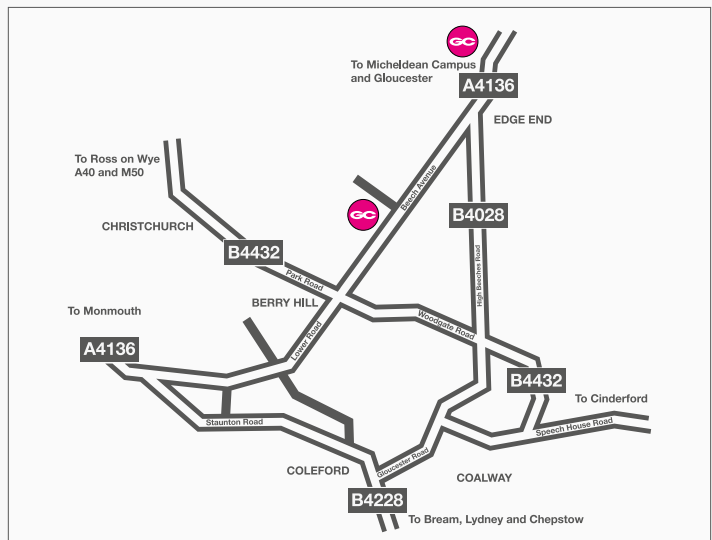
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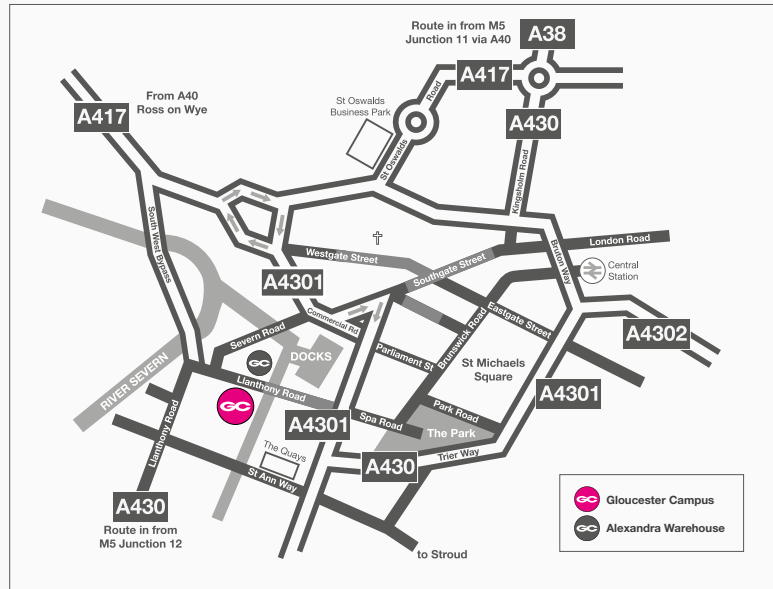




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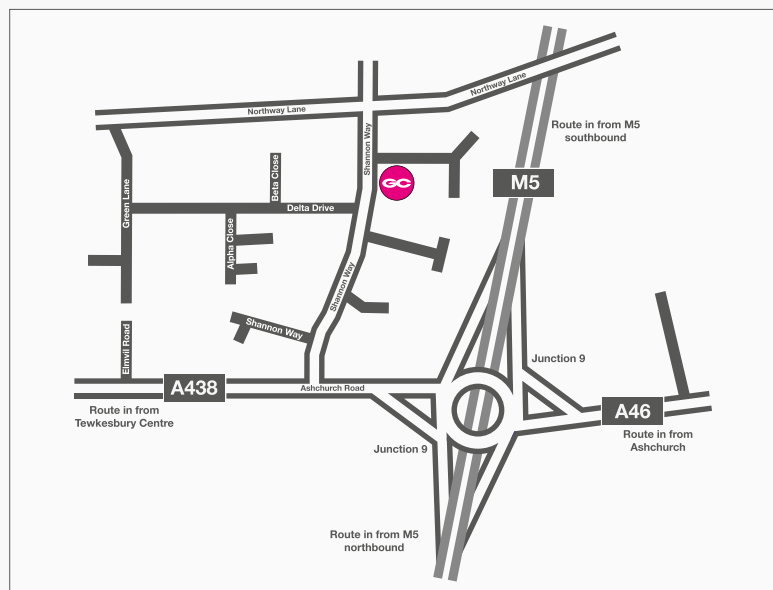
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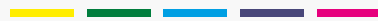


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