

"Your gateway  
to success"

**University Level Courses**  
Career focused, local, affordable



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# make highbury your gateway to success



**Highbury College offers a genuine alternative to university. Our courses are career focused, high quality, local and affordable.**

**Options include full-time Foundation Degrees, HNC and HND Diplomas, part-time professional qualifications, teacher training and an award-winning fast-track journalism diploma accredited by the NCTJ.**

**We have partnerships with the Universities of Portsmouth, Sussex and Westminster, who validate our Foundation Degrees, and work closely with businesses and industry to ensure our courses equip you with the core skills valued by employers.**

Our strong focus on employability and work-related learning, and our highly experienced lecturers mean that you will benefit from high academic standards, excellent teaching and a first-class learning experience that will help you in your chosen career.

All our courses have been developed in collaboration with employers to ensure that you gain the skills you need to succeed. Our Foundation Degrees

include substantial work placements of up to 22 weeks, providing you with many opportunities to develop your employability skills and career prospects.

At Highbury College you will learn in a stimulating, supportive atmosphere. We are committed to equality for all students and aim to provide the right teaching, facilities and support to enable you to achieve the skills and qualifications you need to succeed.

## Ten reasons to choose Highbury

1. High academic standards
2. Career-focused courses
3. Work-related placements
4. Competitive tuition fees
5. Small class sizes
6. Close links with employers
7. Supportive staff
8. Friendly atmosphere
9. Fantastic facilities
10. Seaside, city location

“Highbury College offers high-quality university level courses.”

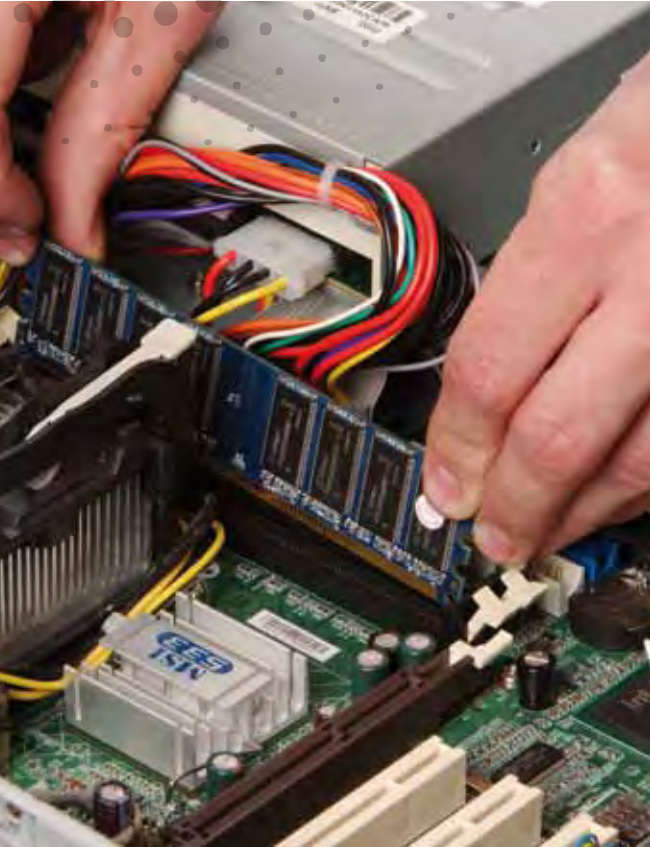


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# move on up

## boost your employment prospects



**At Highbury you learn by doing. Activities include live projects commissioned by employers, group work to build your team skills, work shadowing, industry visits and frequent guest lectures.**

### close employer engagement

The College has recognised links with industry for specific training needs, which include:

- UniBond Centre of Excellence
- Cisco Networking Academy
- Microsoft IT Academy
- Associated Company for CompTIA
- IMI Automotive Technician Approved Centre
- Institution of Mechanical Engineers
- Institution of Engineering and Technology
- NCTJ Best Performing Fast-Track Newspaper Journalism Course



All our courses have been designed in partnership with industry and professional bodies to give you the skills you need for work and further study. Highbury lecturers have extensive industry experience and maintain close links with employers to ensure courses are relevant and up to date.

### Substantial work placements

Our full-time courses include substantial work placements so you can gain relevant work experience. Highbury's Foundation Degrees in Hospitality Management and Travel and Tourism Management, for instance, include a 22-week work placement, which can be anywhere in the world. Students on our Foundation Degree in Computer Networking recently developed their technical and customer service skills by installing a computer network at a nearby country park. Our strong links with employers also provide you with opportunities for employment. A number of our students are offered full-time work as a result of their work placements.

Most courses, full- and part-time, include an assessed personal and professional development unit to give you the skills, knowledge, and professionalism that are valued in the modern workplace.

We also provide volunteering activities through our Leadership Academy to widen your career options and promote enterprise and entrepreneurship through sessions on setting up your own business and an enterprise competition judged by external business people.

### High academic standards

Our emphasis on practical learning is complemented by high academic standards. The combination of academic and vocational skills you acquire at Highbury will enable you to make an immediate contribution in employment.

You can be assured that you will leave your course with the up-to-date skills and knowledge that industry and the professions look for in their employees. In addition, you will have the academic credits that can form part of your future lifelong learning.

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# first-class facilities and support

**At Highbury we believe that students learn best in outstanding colleges.**

No matter what course or training you undertake, you are certain to benefit from the College's teaching and learning resources, which were judged to be high quality in the Quality Assurance Agency's 2010 review of our university level courses.

The facilities at Highbury College include Mac- and PC-equipped classrooms with the latest audio-visual equipment, a lecture theatre, specialist computer training rooms, a fully-equipped media studio, a modern performance theatre, hair and beauty salons and a sports centre.

A major feature of Highbury City of Portsmouth Centre (HCPC), situated in the heart of Portsmouth, is that training takes place in real-life work environments. Facilities at HCPC include industry-standard kitchens, a training restaurant, open to the public, a simulated aeroplane cabin, dentistry and healthcare suites and a nursery.

The College's Library service has a dedicated area for higher education students, who have access to 35,000 printed titles, e-books, magazines, CD-ROMs and DVDs. You will also benefit from wireless technology for personal laptops, free access to the internet including web-based email, advice on how to research and make the most of information resources, and the latest PCs and Apple Macs.

## **Accommodation**

The College has its own on-site Halls of Residence with 75 study bedrooms used by international and higher education students. The cost per week is £75 (2011/12 rates) and students have commented very favourably on the size and quality of the rooms. Other options include a shared house, or staying with a host family. Please contact us if you would like to discuss your accommodation needs.

## **Supporting you at every step**

Highbury is committed to equality for all students, including those with disabilities or learning difficulties. We aim to provide the right support to enable you to benefit from your studies.

We offer the best in student support from initial enquiries through to graduation and beyond. Support includes impartial careers guidance and course information, counselling and learning support. We will also help with career planning, writing CVs and applications and preparing for interviews.

Assistance is available for all aspects of financial guidance, including applying for student loans and career development loans and help with accessing the full range of grants and benefits, including childcare.

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# university level courses

**Highbury's higher education courses are ideal for anyone who wants to gain a degree-level qualification locally, contain their debt and enhance their career prospects. A range of full- and part-time courses is available, including Foundation Degrees, HNC and HND Diplomas and professional qualifications.**

## Qualifications at a glance

### Foundation Degrees

Foundation Degrees are vocational higher education qualifications that combine academic and work-based learning. They can be studied full- or part-time and are designed with the help of employers. Foundation Degrees are equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification or upon completion you can 'top up' to the final year of an Honours Degree.

**Entry requirements:** You will normally be over 18 years and have successfully passed a relevant course at FE Level 3 (BTEC, A Level, Access to HE) with a pass/merit profile, and have the appropriate technical ability in writing, speaking and reading English. The typical offer for A Level applicants is 120 UCAS tariff points. The College welcomes applications from mature students without these qualifications who may benefit from an HE programme of study (subject to interview).

### HNC and HND Diplomas

HNC Diplomas are studied over one year, making them ideal for anyone who is unable to attend a full-time course. HNC Diplomas are highly valued by employers and can often lead directly to employment. If completed with high grades the HNC Diploma can be 'topped up' to an HND Diploma, which can lead to the third year of a degree.

**Entry requirements:** You should have either qualifications and/or experience that are considered to give a reasonable chance of success on the course, or an appropriate National Certificate or National Diploma. You will need to possess a good standard of English and Mathematics.

### Professional qualifications

Professional courses are studied part-time and include National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs), the Certificate in Education (CTLLS) and Professional Certificate in Education (DTLLS) and professional development qualifications related to specific industries. Most professional qualifications take between one and two years to complete.

**Entry requirements:** Requirements for professional qualifications vary depending on the course, although you will be expected to possess a good standard of literacy and numeracy. To take a university level NVQ you will generally be employed at a managerial or supervisory position in the workplace.



**"No matter what course you undertake, you are certain to benefit from the College's world-class facilities."**

# student success



## Natalie Beadsworth



**Natalie Beadsworth took a Higher National Certificate in Mechanical Engineering at Highbury College as part of her Advanced Apprenticeship with the satellite technology company EADS Astrium.**

I took the course part-time, which allowed me to obtain hands-on experience at Astrium where I've been learning about everything from calculating how much it costs to launch a satellite to learning about the chemicals used to send it into space.

The course itself was a mix of practical work and assignments that gave me the theoretical background I needed to develop my skills in the workplace.

In the time my friends at school have taken to do their degrees, I've managed to go into education and get what I need from it, work for a brilliant company and get so much experience in different areas. And I'm not in debt.

## Ayo Adegboye



**Ayo Adegboye came to Highbury because he wanted to take a Foundation Degree in Computer Networking at a local college.**

The Foundation Degree in Computer Networking was the perfect course for me as it gave me a lot of hands-on experience, especially in the Cisco Academy lab, which has been really valuable. I liked the fact that I could study close to home and I found that the staff at Highbury were very helpful and encouraged me to aim high.

While I was at Highbury I was offered work experience updating the College website and plasma screens. This helped to improve my knowledge and also boosted my confidence in dealing with people on the phone and in person.

I graduated from Highbury in 2010 and moved on to Portsmouth University to take the third year of a BSc (Hons) in Computer Network Management and Design.

I feel that the Foundation Degree I achieved at Highbury will help me as it has given me so much practical experience alongside the theory.

## Sarah-Jane Rogers



**Sarah-Jane is a Corporal in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) and already had a Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) qualification so was able to go straight on to the second year of the Certificate in Further and Higher Education.**

I've found studying at Highbury really useful. In the Army we have a specific way of doing things but the Cert Ed has provided me with a fresh perspective, which is more student-centred and enables trainees to think more for themselves. Taking the Cert Ed has given me a real taste for teaching and learning. Once I've finished my period of military service I'd like to study for an English Degree and teach in a primary school.

## Brendan Sole



**Brendan Sole progressed to a Foundation Degree in Travel & Tourism Management at Highbury College after taking a Level 3 Resort Rep course.**

I chose Highbury because it was the only college in the area that offered a Travel & Tourism course at degree level. The course was fantastic because it was so practical – I knew I was actually learning the skills I'd need in the workplace.

A major part of my course was a 22-week work placement. I chose to do this at the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. This led to me obtaining a full-time position as Banqueting Manager at the Spinnaker, which I'm really enjoying.

I'm also topping up my Foundation Degree to a BA (Hons) Hospitality Management with Tourism at the University of Portsmouth. It's been great to obtain a degree level qualification locally and it's even better that my course helped me to find a good job.

## Alexandra Sage



**Alexandra Sage originally read history at University College London, and later gained a diploma in law at the London College of Law and practised as a solicitor for seven years before she decided it was time to pursue her passion for writing and enrolled on the 20 week fast-track journalism course at Highbury College.**

The journalism course at Highbury is accredited by the National Council for the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) and has an excellent reputation. The course covered the essentials of journalism including news writing and shorthand as well as newer aspects like 'blogging' and writing for the Internet.

The highlights for me were achieving 100 words per minute in shorthand, and 95% in the exam on central government earning me the Oxford University Press Public Affairs Award, which I was presented with at the NCTJ's annual public affairs seminar in London in September 2010.

The journalism course was very intense and extremely challenging but I enjoyed it immensely. I cannot believe how much I learned over such a short space of time.



# how to apply **apply**

## Full-time university level courses

Application for Foundation Degrees is through the Universities & Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). You can apply to UCAS electronically using the web-based online application procedure at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com).

International students can also apply for Foundation Degrees direct to the College if they prefer.

When you apply online you will need the following information: **Institution name: Highbury College; Institution code: H39**. Should you have any problems with your online application please contact UCAS directly by phone: **0871 468 0468**, or email: [enquiries@ucas.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@ucas.ac.uk).

Once UCAS receives your application you will be sent a letter of confirmation. We will then contact you to arrange an interview at Highbury College. If you are successful, we will offer you a place on your chosen course.

## Higher National Certificates, part-time or short courses

You can apply online at [www.highbury.ac.uk/applynow](http://www.highbury.ac.uk/applynow) for Higher National Certificates, or a part-time or short course.

Alternatively contact **Highbury's Advice Centre** on **(023) 9238 3131** or email [info@highbury.ac.uk](mailto:info@highbury.ac.uk) to request an application form.

Once we have received your application we will invite you to attend an interview. If you are successful, we will offer you a place on your chosen course.

## Finance

Tuition fees will vary according to what course you are studying. Loans and grants may be available to help cover the costs of your course and your living expenses.

You may be eligible for a student loan for tuition fees, which is paid directly to the College, and a student loan to help pay for living expenses. Students may also be eligible for a maintenance

grant. Professional and Career Development Loans may be available to help you retrain for a new career. The Government pays your interest while you study and repayments start once you've left your course.

## Students from the EU

EU students face the same costs as Home students and, depending on circumstances, may also receive help with tuition fees and the cost of living.

## Directgov

The quickest and easiest way for Home and EU students to obtain funding is to apply online. Visit [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) and select **Education and learning**, followed by **University and higher education**. Follow the instructions on the website to register and apply. You will also find lots more information at the Directgov website, including information for students with children, disabled students and loan repayments.

## International students

International students will usually have to pay higher fees than Home/EU students but may also be able to receive help with funding. The best source of information about this can be found on the website for the UK Council for International Student Affairs. Visit [www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk) and select **Fees and funding**, followed by **Sources of funding for your studies**.

## Student Support Services

If you have any further queries about funding your university level course at Highbury next year, please contact **Student Support Services** on **(023) 9238 3131**. Alternatively, you can email [info@highbury.ac.uk](mailto:info@highbury.ac.uk).

**We look forward to hearing from you.**

# unique portsmouth – the waterfront city

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**Portsmouth is a vibrant city and has much to offer in terms of entertainment and culture. There are plenty of bars and clubs, as well as numerous opportunities for shopping and entertainment.**

## Music and nightlife

The city’s music scene is thriving, with many live music venues. Big name bands and other touring attractions play at the Portsmouth Guildhall. Independent acts and comedy can be enjoyed at the Wedgewood Rooms in Southsea. Guildhall Walk is the place to go clubbing and Gunwharf Quays is a popular spot for nightlife. You will find a diverse range of restaurants and pubs in the Albert Road and Palmerston Road areas of Southsea.

## Culture and history

Portsmouth is the current headquarters of the British Navy, and has a huge harbour packed with naval craft of every imaginable type, from Tudor warships and 19th-century gunboats to Second World War submarines and modern aircraft carriers. One of its most famous attractions is the Historic Dockyard, home to the world famous warships HMS Victory and the remains of King Henry VIII’s favourite ship The Mary Rose.

## Shopping

There are some great shopping areas in Portsmouth, including Gunwharf Quays, the city’s landmark waterfront development, which has over 65 designer outlet stores, as well as bars, restaurants and a cinema. Southsea’s Palmerston Road has a wide range of shops, including independent outlets, department stores and high street names.

## Spinnaker Tower

In 2004 the city skyline was transformed by the iconic 170 metre-high Spinnaker Tower. From the Crow’s Nest at its top you have stunning views of Portsmouth Harbour, the south coast and the Isle of Wight.

## Sport and leisure

Portsmouth has much to offer sports enthusiasts. There are plenty of opportunities to learn sailing, yachting, powerboating, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking. Portsmouth is also an ideal destination for football enthusiasts as it is home to Portsmouth Football Club (PFC) proud winners of the 2008 FA Cup. PFC is known for its great atmosphere and passionate fans.

## Further afield

Portsmouth’s location, in southern England, is ideal for easy access – being only 100km (60 miles) from London and half an hour from the nearest international airport. Mainland Europe is within easy reach by ferry, as Portsmouth is one of Britain’s best-connected ports. Closer to home, Brighton, Winchester and the Isle of Wight are nearby.

Portsmouth is also on the doorstep of the South Downs National Park, which has a beautiful landscape, diverse wildlife and a fascinating cultural heritage. Nearby is England’s Jurassic Coast, 150km (95 miles) of wild beaches, sheer cliffs and stunning rock formations. This UNESCO World Heritage site is famous for its geology and fossil finds.



Sun, sea and sand – and shops!



HMS Victory

# fast facts

## our mission: to enable all our students to succeed

- Our student success rates make us one of the top general further education colleges in England.
- The UK government's Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) has judged Highbury to be Grade 1 Outstanding.
- Highbury College is the largest college in Portsmouth and one of the largest colleges in the South East of England.
- In 2009 we completed a £54 million redevelopment programme.
- Highbury's Foundation Degrees are validated by the Universities of Portsmouth, Sussex and Westminster.
- In 2013 we will have been educating people for 50 years.
- Highbury currently has over 11,000 students, 25% of whom study full-time and 75% part-time.
- Students from more than 100 countries currently study at Highbury.
- Highbury has regular student exchanges with colleges in France, Germany and Israel.
- The College works closely with local, regional, national and international businesses, offering training solutions to more than 800 employers.



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