

Vocational 16-18 Study Programmes and T-Levels

Standard Entry Requirements

If you have a clear idea of what type of career or trade you'd like to work in, then vocational study programmes are ideal as they are focused on individual industry sectors.

They provide you with a mix of practical hands-on work and theory in fun, interactive sessions. The course content is shaped around the technical skills employers look for and you study them over one or two years.

If you do not achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE maths and/or English in school, you will continue to study your GCSE or functional skills in maths and English alongside your course

T-Levels are a type of practical qualification designed by leading businesses. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on an industrial placement with one of our partner employers.

What are the different levels of qualifications?

Levels	Description and Entry Requirement
<p>Aspiring Professionals: Pre-GCSE/Introductory or beginner level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no formal entry qualifications required to study at this level. • Basic levels of literacy and numeracy are expected.
<p>Level 2: GCSE/Intermediate level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 3 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 3 to study at this level. • If you have a beginner/Introductory qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 3 (or Functional Skill level 1) you can study at this level. • Entry requirements for Level 2 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry – we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.

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<p>Level 3:</p> <p>Advanced level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 courses are usually 2 years in length. • You will need 4 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. One of the 4 GCSE's to be Maths or English at Grade 4 to study at this level. • If you have a level 2 qualification in the subject you want to study and a maths or English GCSE at Grade 4 (or functional skill level 2) you can study at this level. • Entry requirements for Level 3 courses in some sectors may be more specific. If you're unsure whether you meet these requirements, don't worry – we can help you find a suitable course that aligns with your skills and experience.
<p>T-Levels:</p> <p>Advanced Level technical qualifications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-Levels are equivalent to three A Levels. They are developed in collaboration with employers to ensure the content meets the need of specific industries and include a significant industry placement. • You will need 5 GCSE's at Grade 4 or above. Two of the 5 GCSE's to be maths and English at Grade 4 or above. • If you have achieved at least a merit in a level 2 qualification in the subject you want to study and have a maths and English GCSE at Grade 4 or above (or functional skill level 2) you can study at this level.

Additional Considerations:

- **Individual Course Requirements:** Some courses may have specific entry requirements, such as skills tests, portfolios, auditions, or vocational qualifications.
- **Entry Requirements:** If you don't meet all the requirements, don't worry, we offer personalised career guidance to help you find the best path forward. We'll work with you to explore your options and achieve your goals.
- **Individual Assessments:** Applicants may be considered on an individual basis if they can demonstrate suitability for the course, even if they don't meet the standard entry criteria.
- **Funding Eligibility:** Applicants must meet funding eligibility criteria to enrol.
- **EHCP:** Applicants with an EHCP should notify the college at the point of application. Offers are subject to meeting the needs outlined in sections B and F of the EHCP.
- **DBS Check:** Some courses may require a satisfactory DBS check. Certain convictions may prevent students from completing essential work experience.

This is a simple guide to the different levels but to check the entry requirements for individual courses, please visit our website.

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