

# Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

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## 2024 PROSPECTUS

**Ofsted**  
Outstanding  
Provider

# Open Events

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We are delighted to be holding our Open Events on the dates below. Come along to meet the tutors, hear from our students, and tour the facilities. Please check our website for any changes.

**Tuesday 7th November 2023, 5pm-7pm**

**Tuesday 12th March 2024, 5pm-7pm**

**Tuesday 11th June 2024, 5pm-7pm**

## Outstanding Results

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**99% Pass Rate**

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**91% Vocational High Grades**

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Emma Dunne  
Level 3 Beauty Therapy  
WorldSkills medal winner 2022

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# Welcome

At Riverside College we are a Centre of Vocational Excellence.

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As a student at Riverside College you will be at the centre of everything we do. We want you to reach your full potential, whilst also enjoying an inclusive and supportive college community where you can thrive.

We are exceptionally proud of the class of 2023 who have achieved outstanding results and progressed on to excellent apprenticeships, jobs and degrees.

This summer the college celebrated a 99% pass rate with 91% vocational high grades. These results demonstrate that the college continues to consistently perform well above national averages, meaning the college provides some of the best education in the country.

In March 2020 Ofsted inspected the college and we are delighted that they recognised the tremendous efforts of our dedicated teaching and support staff, and the motivation and exemplary behaviour of our wonderful students by awarding us with the highest possible grade; **Outstanding**

We continue to make significant investments in our facilities, the latest being £6 million in the development of a green technology building to provide courses to meet future jobs.

Our state-of-the-art facilities are designed to ensure you develop skills using the latest technology and equipment essential for the job market of today and the future, these include:

## **NEW for 2023**

- NEW Refurbished Scholars Training Restaurant
- Modern Computing and Digital Technology Suites with NEW Esports Room
- Five state-of-the-art engineering workshops with NEW Hydrogen and green energy training facilities
- NEW Starbucks café

## **Industry standard workshops, salons and training facilities including:**

- Five construction zones with indoor and outdoor training facilities
- A clinical practice ward and laboratory
- Modern training kitchens
- Vita Hair, Beauty and Nails Salons
- Media Makeup Studios

We are extremely proud of the service we provide to our community and I look forward to making you welcome at the college in September.



**Thalia Bell**  
Head of Riverside  
College

# Why choose Riverside College?



There are so many reasons to choose Riverside College. Here are a few important reasons why we think that you should make Riverside College your number one choice.

- 99% Pass Rate
- Ofsted Outstanding
- State of the Art facilities, equipment and technology
- FREE Bus Pass\* (see page 55)
- 18 dedicated college bus services
- Award winning support and exceptional progression opportunities
- Links with over 700 local, regional and national employers
- Opportunity to compete in national competitions
- Centres of Excellence in Hair & Beauty and Catering

## Ofsted Outstanding

Riverside College has been given the highest possible rating by Ofsted who judged the College to be **OUTSTANDING**

“Staff at all levels have high aspirations for their learners and apprentices. Consequently, learners and apprentices who study here do **exceptionally well**”

**FREE\***  
Warrington's Own  
Bus Pass for  
2024/25



# Student Success

Every year our students progress to a wide variety of universities, degrees, apprenticeships and exciting careers. With students achieving a 99% pass rate and 91% vocational high grades plus all of the exceptional opportunities to develop a wide range of skills and experience, our students really do stand out from the crowd. Here are just a few examples of student progression:

**Emma Dunne**



**Course:**  
Level 3 Beauty Therapy

**Previously from:**  
Archbishop Blanch  
C of E High School

**Destination:**  
Athelis Club & Spa,  
Beauty Therapist

**Zak Allen**



**Course:**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma  
Multimedia Computing and  
Cybersecurity

**Previously from:**  
Great Sankey High School

**Destination:**  
Falmouth University,  
Computer Science

**Megan Chaplin Hughes**



**Course:**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma  
Health and Care

**Previously from:**  
The Grange Academy

**Destination:**  
Liverpool John Moores  
University, Forensic Psychology  
and Criminal Justice

**Joseph Verney**



**Course:**  
Level 3 Extended Diploma  
Multimedia Computing and  
Cybersecurity

**Destination:**  
Degree Apprenticeship  
with Airbus

**Ellie Jones**



**Course:**

Level 1 Painting and Decorating

**Previously from:**

Ormiston Chadwick Academy

**Destination:**

Painting & Decorating Apprenticeship with Sodecor

**Alishia Corcoran**



**Course:**

Level 2 Hairdressing

**Previously from:**

St Chad's Catholic and Church and England Academy

**Destination:**

Hairdressing Apprenticeship with Complexions

**Jamie Macdonald**



**Course:**

Level 2 Electrical Installation, Level 3 Electrotechnical Apprentice with Halton Housing

**Previously from:**

Wade Deacon High School

**Destination:**

Electrician, Halton Housing

**Jessica Dodd**



**Course:**

Level 3 Professional Cookery

**Previously from:**

Wade Deacon High School

**Destination:**

University College Birmingham, Food and Nutrition

**Sophie Tague**



**Course:**

Level 3 Early Years and Education

**Previously from:**

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School

**Destination:**

Dunky's Day Nurseries, Nursery Practitioner

**Nathaniel Hinds**



**Course:**

Level 3 Engineering

**Previously from:**

Penketh High School

**Destination:**

Liverpool John Moores University, Electrical and Electronic Engineering with Foundation Year

# State-of-the-Art Facilities

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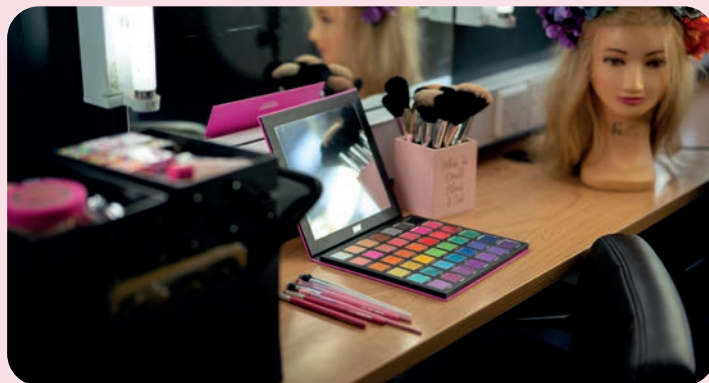
Take a look around all of our facilities with 360 photos of VITA Salons, Construction and Engineering Workshops, Digital Suites, Scholars Restaurant, Nursery Training Room and Health Practice Ward.

## CONSTRUCTION SKILLS CENTRE





VITA SALONS, HAIR, BEAUTY, NAILS AND MEDIA MAKEUP



ENGINEERING, WELDING AND MOTOR VEHICLE WORKSHOPS



COMPUTING AND BUSINESS SUITES





## SCHOLARS TRAINING RESTAURANT AND KITCHENS



## HEALTH & CARE AND EARLY YEARS EDUCATION



# Qualifications Explained

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## **How do you like to learn?**

Everyone likes to learn in different ways. Some people are good with their hands and prefer practical courses while others are more academic. The way you enjoy learning and the qualifications that you already have will have an influence on the type of course that you choose to study at Riverside College.

At Riverside College we have a wide range of qualifications that can put you on course for the career of your choice.

## **What are the different types of qualifications on offer to school leavers in this guide:**

### **Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 Diplomas**

You will start on a one year, Level 1 or Level 2 full-time course at the relevant level, depending on the entry requirements and the qualifications you gained in school. Successful students may have the opportunity to progress onto a one-year Level 3 Diploma.

You will focus on one subject and will learn through a mix of practical and classroom theory in our industry standard workshops, salons, kitchens and modern classrooms. You will be assessed via project study, portfolio work, practical assessments, and exams. You can progress through the levels and then into your chosen career.

### **Level 3 Extended Diploma**

This is a full-time course studied over two years and equivalent to 3 A Levels. This course will give you practical skills and specialist knowledge in your chosen subject to help you progress on to a degree, degree apprenticeship or into the workplace. During your course you will also complete work experience and you will be assessed over the two years via project study, portfolio work, practical assessments, and exams. See individual course information at [www.riversidecollege.ac.uk](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk) for individual course requirements.



## T-LEVELS

### T Levels

Technical Qualifications (T Levels) are a Level 3 full time course, studied over two years, and equivalent to 3 A Levels.

You will spend 80% of the course in college, and the other 20% on a meaningful industry placement. T Levels have been designed with more than 250 leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need to progress on to a degree, degree apprenticeship or into the workplace following your course. See website for more information.

### Maths and English

As part of all of our courses, you will study maths and English as part of your programme. 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.



### Apprenticeships

You will be in full-time paid employment and will learn on and off the job to develop your knowledge, skills and behaviours.

Off the Job learning will be a minimum of 6 hours a week and is often undertaken at the college on day release. You will achieve your apprenticeship by completing an independent End Point Assessment and most apprenticeships are now graded from Pass to Distinction.



# Competition Winners

## Top 10 Nationally for WorldSkills UK

Following on from the successful medal haul in 2021, the talented class of 2022 achieved fantastic success in the prestigious WorldSkills UK Finals. These results place Riverside College in the TOP 10 in the medal table.

Alongside the medal winners the media makeup students also received highly commended awards in the national finals.



Jade Oakes, Gold Medal,  
Painting and Decorating



Emma Dunne, Bronze  
Medal, Beauty Therapist



Georgia McIntyre,  
Bronze Medal AAT Accounting



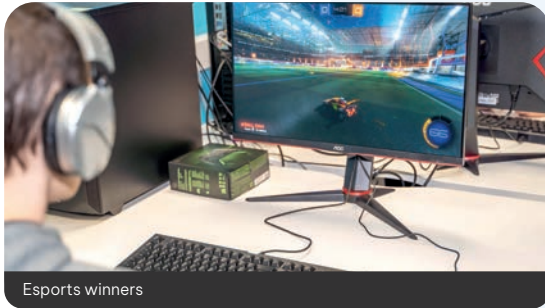
Andrew Plumpton,  
Bronze Medal AAT Accounting



2023 is set to be as exciting with students winning the regional competitions and preparing for the national finals later in the year.

Good luck to:

- Eve Boyde – Beauty Therapy
- Isabella Sherratt – Beauty Therapy
- Patience Swan – Beauty Therapy
- Emma Dunne – Beauty Therapy



Esports winners

## Winning Students and Staff

### British eSports Student Championships

Congratulations to Riverside eSports Team TRC Winton Warriors who topped their eSports League in the Overwatch Tournament.



Tony Draper



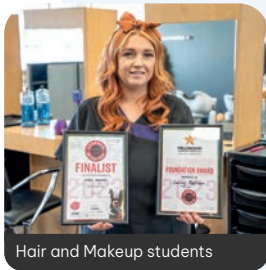
Ben Foster



Aiden Wraith

### Construction medal winners

Bricklaying students impressed the judges by showcasing their new skills in both the Guild of Bricklayers and SkillBuild competitions. Congratulations to talented students, Tony Draper, Aidan Wraith and Ben Foster. Congratulations to Electrical Tutor Christopher Horne who was awarded the EFIXX Lecturer of the Year Award.



Hair and Makeup students



Hair and Makeup students

### Top industry competition winners

Hair and Media Makeup students have shown off their impressive talents and placed in first position at highly competitive industry competitions including, the Concept Hair Magazine Finals, British Hair and Beauty Awards Apprentice of the Year and the North of England Hairdressing Award.



Annual Awards 2023



In-house competition

### Inhouse Awards and Competitions

Congratulations to all the talented and hardworking students who have been recognised and had the opportunity to shine at in-house competitions and awards ceremonies. This includes competitions in Hair and Makeup, Welding, and Painting & Decorating, and those who have received awards in the annual Vocational, Programme Management and Apprenticeship Awards.



Annual Awards 2023

### Highly Commended

Riverside College celebrated a Highly Commended award at the Halton Business Awards 2023.



# Exciting Opportunities

Students at Riverside benefit from a wide range of trips, guest speakers, masterclasses and work experience opportunities through our exceptional links with industry professionals. We have featured a few examples on these pages.

**Hair, Beauty, Media Makeup and Nails** students have had an exciting year and have been inspired by industry talks, demonstrations and workshops by industry specialists including Clarins and, ASP Haircare. Trips and visits including the Professional Beauty North Exhibition, Peaches and Cream and the Walker Art Gallery and fantastic work experience including theatre productions and catwalk shows.



Clarins guest speaker



Norton Priory



Scholars at Peaches and Cream



Professional Beauty North Exhibition



Chester Racecourse



James Holden



Connor Slater, Mana Restaurant



Royal Logistic Corps

**Catering** students have showcased their culinary and hospitality skills with work experience at events including at Chester Racecourse and taken inspiration from visiting chefs including James Holden from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and previous student Connor Slater from Michelin Star Mana Restaurant.



Sporty and caring students and staff have enjoyed a variety of **enrichment** and **wellbeing** activities throughout the year including fundraising with the annual Race for Life and Macmillan Coffee Morning. Students have also competed in sports competitions including the annual Five a Side Football Tournament, the Table Tennis Tournament and the Esports Teams.



Enrichment Fair



Race for Life

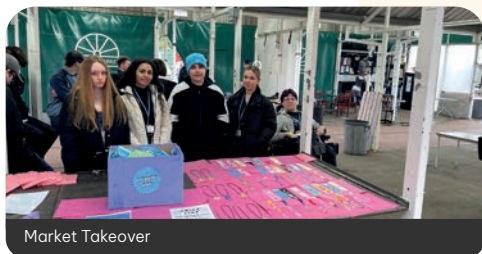


Table Tennis competition

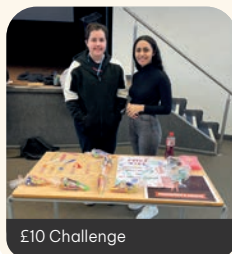


Wellbeing guest speaker

Entrepreneurial **Business** students practice their skills with the £10 Challenge and Widnes Market take over.



Market Takeover



£10 Challenge

**Construction** and **Engineering** students have had the opportunity to inspire their future careers with professional partners and industry guest speakers including Aqualisa and Riio Digital, work experience on community projects including a renovation of the Butterfly House and trips to sites including Rocksavage and onsite with GMI Construction.



Aqualisa



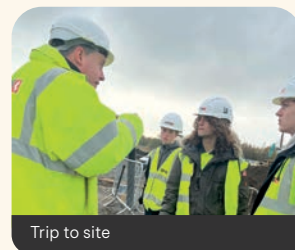
Butterfly House



David W Sime from Riio Digital Ltd



Rocksavage Engineering



Trip to site

# College Life and Enrichment

During your time at Riverside College you will have the opportunity to take part in a number of different enrichment activities. These will increase the enjoyment of your studies and equip you for further success. There are many to choose from so here's a little taster of some of them:

## Trips and Visits:

Each year we offer a large number of trips and visits for all students to take part in.



## Study and Social Spaces:

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and the brand-new Study Cubes provide students with a wide range of the latest computer facilities, online and offline resources and support to help you with your course. Students have the choice of the restaurant, Starbucks and they can also dine in our Scholars Training Restaurant.





## Awarding Achievements:

Each year outstanding students are recognised in the Annual Vocational and Programme Management Award Ceremonies.



## Fundraising and Charities:

Last year caring students and staff raised thousands for local and international charities, including the annual Race for Life, Children in Need, Ukraine charities and Macmillan Cancer Support.



## Sporting Opportunities:

Students can take part in sporting enrichment including fitness classes, table tennis, yoga and the cross college 5-a-side football tournament.



## Competitive Edge:

Talented students have the opportunity to showcase their new skills during the many in-house competitions.



# Personal, Academic and Financial Support



At Riverside College, we work in partnership with you to make sure that you realise both your full personal and academic potential. Enjoying college life and becoming fully involved will create an unforgettable experience.

You will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will be there alongside you every step of the way to guide you through college life and help you make decisions on both a personal and academic level.

## Parents will receive:

- Invitations to welcome / progress evenings and progress reports
- Invitations to celebrate and acknowledge excellent work and attainment
- Prompt contact in the event of poor attendance or progress

## Inclusion and Learning Support Team:

At Riverside we have a team of tutors and support workers who work alongside some of our students who have disabilities or learning difficulties/ differences such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Autism to support their success during their time at college. The team can help you with:

- Sharing what support strategies work for you with your teaching team
- Organising, planning your work and developing Study Skills

- Workshops in skills such as using technology to support your studies, improving English and Maths
- Arranging support assessments, providing specialist software and equipment
- Exam Access arrangement planning and support

Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan will work with a named EHCP manager and support team to plan a successful transition to college, set targets about your outcomes and track your progress.

## Student Services:

We have an experienced health and wellbeing team. Welfare is their priority and they can support you with any personal difficulties or obstacles you may encounter during your time at college.

## Our Student Services team can also help you with:

- Career decisions and higher education routes including UCAS applications
- Job vacancies and employment opportunities
- Managing your finances and financial assistance
- Individual support if you have any personal difficulties

## Bursary and Bus Passes:

The College bursary supports eligible students with the costs of attending college such as travel, meals, books, equipment, uniforms and much more. See our website for more information. See page 55 for information about the FREE Bus Pass.



# Foundation Studies



**Foundation Studies has been developed to meet the needs of young people with learning difficulties, disabilities and for those who need a supported transition into college due to social and emotional support needs.**

We have created a safe and supportive environment preparing students for progression to higher levels of study and adult life, supporting them to become valued citizens. We enable every student to have a brighter future.

## Foundation Studies Pathways

Before you start at Riverside College we will support your transition with various visits and activities which will help you onto an individual learning pathway enabling you to achieve your aspirations and ambitions.

### Pathway Options:

- **Pathway to Independence**
- **Pathway to Progression**  
With routes to study and work in:
  - > Construction
  - > Land based (including animal management)
  - > Catering and Hospitality
  - > Technology & Business
  - > Mixed Options (variety of subjects)
- **Work Ready** - for students who are ready to progress into paid or voluntary work

The pathways are designed to be personalised to a student's starting point and long-term plans. We work with students and their circles of support to build personalised targets (RARPA) and qualifications. Lessons take place in a highly supported environment and the wider community. Within the sessions, students have the opportunity to use the industry standard college facilities including the construction workshops, training kitchens, IT, and Art & Design spaces.

**Contact us on 0151 257 2022 for more information or to arrange a visit.**

# Apprenticeships



Sam Capper – Bell Group Painting and Decorating Apprentice

## Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to earn while you learn.

At Riverside College we have an excellent track record of delivering high quality apprenticeships across the region with outstanding achievement rates and destinations. By choosing an apprenticeship with us you will be able to:

- Get a real job and continue your education
- Work alongside experienced staff
- Earn a wage and get holiday pay while your training is paid for
- Be given time for study related to your role (equivalent to at least 6 hours a week)
- Gain hands-on experience and learn skills that employers want, helping shape your future career
- Choose from a variety of industries and organisations

## Apprenticeship Career Paths:

- Accountancy
- Autocare
- Beauty
- Bricklayer
- Business Administration
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Customer Service
- Digital Marketing
- Early Years
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Fabrication and Welding
- Geospatial
- Hairdressing
- Health and Social Care
- Information Communications Technician
- Laboratory Technician
- Network Engineer
- Painting and Decorating
- Software Developer
- Team Leading and Management

**All Riverside Apprentices receive outstanding support from our dedicated team of recruitment and apprenticeship mentors.**

## **An apprenticeship is a fantastic way to gain confidence in working with others and gain vital skills needed for employment.**

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### **What is an apprenticeship?**

An apprenticeship is a real job where you learn, gain experience and get paid. By the end of your apprenticeship, you will have the right skills and knowledge needed for your chosen career. Apprenticeships can take a minimum of 12 months to complete but most can take longer to achieve depending on which one you choose, what level it is and your previous experience.

### **Why choose an Apprenticeship?**

- Apprenticeships are an exciting option – you will receive hands-on specialist industry training and the chance to put your skills into practice with ongoing support.
- Earn whilst you learn – The National Minimum wage for an apprentice is currently £5.28 per hour. This is the minimum you will earn. However, many employers pay a lot more and offer their apprentices a competitive salary.
- No Tuition Fees.

### **How does an Apprenticeship Work?**

- During your apprenticeship, you will receive off-and-on-the-job training. This training will teach you the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the apprenticeship standard so you can achieve occupational competence.
- ‘On-the-job’ training will be delivered by your employer, and you will be supported to become competent and confident in your role.
- ‘Off-the-job’ training can take place in the workplace or at the college and can vary depending on the apprenticeship. This can include theory work, practical training and learning support.
- All apprenticeships also require an assessment at the end of the programme to assess and grade the apprentice’s ability and competence in their job role.
- You will also study relevant English and Maths qualifications.

The Riverside College Apprenticeship team work closely with employers to develop skills and enhance experiences for apprentices. They also work with our apprentices, supporting them to achieve their potential.

### Meet some of our apprentices:



**Mia Craig**

**Course:**  
Early Years Apprentice

**Employer:**  
Birchfield Nursery School

“When I finished school, I knew I wanted to get a job in early years. I enrolled on Level 2 Early Years at college and during this year my work placement offered me the opportunity to progress onto my Level 3 as an apprentice with them.

My role in my apprenticeship involved engaging with the children, looking at what the children need to develop and helping them reach their milestones. As well as helping children reach milestones, I'd also extend the children's learning as much as possible! I was doing staff training such as first aid, food hygiene, autism, staff wellbeing and so many more courses that has widened my knowledge about working in early years.

My setting had a job vacancy for a Level 3 teaching assistant, so I went for it! Starting in September I'll be a Level 3 Practitioner in the preschool. Doing my qualification while getting paid was also a bonus. I would definitely recommend doing an apprenticeship for anyone that's more hands on. It was the best thing I've ever done!”



**Lucy Haddock**

**Course:**  
Digital Marketing Apprentice

**Employer:**  
Rehome

“For me, the best thing about an apprenticeship is learning in a real-life situation with real customers and real targets. So far I have learned about coding and also the principles of marketing which I am able to apply to my day-to-day job.

As well as working full time, I also go to college for one full day every two weeks. It is great to be in a class with other apprentices, all with different jobs as we learn the same thing, but can all use the skills differently to suit our roles.

My tutor is very supportive and comes to visit me at work but is also on Microsoft Teams to answer any questions I have in between my college days.

There are a lot of opportunities with an apprenticeship, I have really enjoyed mine so far, it was definitely the right choice for me.”



### How do I apply for an Apprenticeship?

- We have a current list of available apprenticeships on our website:  
**[www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies/](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies/)**
- To apply for any of these apprenticeships you will need to set up an account at  
**[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)**
- You can also find your own employer, if you have an employer who would like to employ you as an apprentice please contact our Apprenticeship Team on **0151 257 2828** or email us on **[apprenticeships@riversidecollege.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@riversidecollege.ac.uk)** to discuss the next steps.

We recommend that you also apply for a full-time course alongside your apprenticeship applications.

### What levels are there?

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A* - C or 9 - 4
Advanced	3	2 A Level passes / Level 3 Diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6, and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's degree

(Equivalent table – apprentice qualification compared to traditional qualification)

### How much can you earn?

**Levels of starting salaries for apprentices are variable and are dependent on many factors such as:**

- The level of apprenticeship you apply for
- The sector you are working in e.g. engineering, health care, sciences, administration etc
- The type of employer you are working for e.g. small business, large corporation, public or private sector
- Your age, experience and existing qualifications

The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is currently £5.28 per hour, but the majority of our employers pay more than this.

# Business & Retail



Myuzhde Asenova - The Grange Academy

## Career Paths:

- Accounting
- Banking
- Marketing
- Retail Manager
- Personal Assistant
- Systems Analyst
- Events Management
- Office Management
- Financial Advisor
- Sales
- Human Resources
- Operations Management

## Unique Experience:

- Guest speakers including local entrepreneurs and CEOs of large multi-national companies
- Work placements and projects with local businesses and large companies such as Argos
- Trips to high profile employers including Chester Zoo, Cadbury and The Trafford Centre
- International trips including New York and Paris
- 10 X Challenge

**At Riverside College, Business Studies comes to life! Our aim is to equip you with the widest range of up to date business skills that will launch your career in this cutting edge professional environment.**

Our provision specialises in a range of business subjects covering retail, marketing, finance, travel and enterprise. Whether you want to enter employment, progress to higher education or start your own business, we will ensure that you are prepared for success in the modern business world.

## Business, IT and Employability

1  
year

### Level 1 Introductory Diploma

During this course you will experience Business, IT and Employability to enable you to make informed career choices. You will study a variety of units that will help you to plan your future career including, planning a small event, investigating local businesses and employers to develop the skills you need to pursue the career path you want! On completion of this course you can progress to the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business or IT, Level 2 Technical Certificate or enter employment within an office/IT environment. You may also choose an apprenticeship in Business Administration or IT.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Business

1  
year

### Level 2 Extended Certificate

During this course you will study units including Enterprise in the Business World, Finance for Business, Working in Business Teams and Promoting a Brand. This is mainly a coursework based qualification, however there will be one online assessment in finance and a paper-based assessment about marketing. You will have the opportunity to travel as part of this course and also visit exciting employers around the UK. Successful completion of this course could lead to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business, apprenticeships, or to junior roles in industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths

## Business, IT and Employability

1  
year

### Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Admin

This course has been designed to allow you to build knowledge, master technical skills and then apply these skills in practice. It is designed for those who eventually want to start a career in business and professional administration. It is an ideal qualification for learners who are intending to progress directly to employment in an administrative role or to a business administration apprenticeship. A proportion of this course is delivered in the workplace to allow you to gain real experience in an office environment. You will study units including: Using Business Technology to Process and Communicate Information and Planning, organising and Supporting Business Events.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths.

## Business, Marketing and Finance

Cronton

2  
years

### Level 3 Extended Diploma

If you have a keen interest in business and management, then this course would be a great choice. The course is dynamic, hands on and closely linked to current world business events. You will study; economics, accounting, marketing, entrepreneurship, law and human resource management. You will plan real life events, create your own business plan and have the opportunity to study business on an international trip. Through guest speakers and external visits, you will experience the world of business and develop and discover skills and insights that you will draw upon in the future.

**Entry Requirements:** 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including English Language and Maths.



# Catering & Hospitality

..... CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE .....



Ellie Fagan – The Heath School

## Career Paths:

- Chef
- Front of House Management
- Food service
- Cruise ships
- Hospitality Management
- Events Catering (Kitchen/Restaurant/Bar)
- Executive Chef
- Events Planner
- Restaurant Manager
- Freelance Catering Services
- Specialist Chef
- Food Technician
- Bar Service
- University

**At the Centre of Excellence in Catering and Hospitality students benefit from training with Michelin Star Chefs, extensive opportunities for work experience and our state-of-the-art modern kitchens and restaurant.**

Students will benefit from exceptional opportunities including paid work experience with an external catering and events company. Along with national competitions, these opportunities will ensure that our student's CVs stand out when they progress into employment or on to university.

## Unique Experience:

- Train to work in Michelin Star restaurants
- Teachers who have worked in internationally renowned hotels and restaurants
- Brand new kitchen and restaurant
- Get real, paid work experience at venues including, Liverpool Football Club, Chester Races and with Bourne Leisure.
- Cater for large external events in local and regional venues
- Take part in national competitions
- 100% of students gained employment at the end of their course

# Outstanding Hospitality Training Facilities

## Modern Training Kitchens

Catering and Hospitality students will have the opportunity to train in brand new industry standard training facilities. The kitchens have been designed to provide students with a range of different cooking amenities to enable them to gain a variety of skills and techniques in preparation for a successful career in the industry.

### Facilities include:

- Top of the range modular kitchen equipment
- A mobile teaching station and separate teaching area
- Indoor BBQ
- Bakers oven
- Separate preparation and cooking areas
- Pastry kitchen



## Newly refurbished - Scholars Training Restaurant

Catering and Hospitality students have the opportunity to gain practical kitchen and front of house experience in the college kitchens and modern Scholars Training Restaurant. Students will benefit from:

- Modern 'Scholars' restaurant with bar, professional barista coffee machine and reception area with up to date computerised tills and billing which is open to the public and hosts events for up to 120 people.
- The latest industry facilities including a new kitchen with modern induction hobs, salamander grills and digitally programmed ovens and steamers.





## Professional Food and Beverage Services

1  
year

### Level 2 Diploma

This course is ideal for those wanting a career in the hospitality industry working in restaurants, hotels, or many other types of hospitality. You will cover a range of subjects including menu knowledge, billing, pre-service, table service, beverage and bar service, silver service, counter service, carvery, buffet and table drinks service. Successful completion of the course can lead to employment opportunities in hotels, event catering, restaurants, and cruise liners or even running your own business. You may wish to progress onto the Level 3 Professional Food & Beverage Service Supervision course to develop restaurant management skills.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths.

## Food and Beverage Service Supervision

1  
year

### Level 3 Diploma

On this course, you will develop your front of house experience and leadership skills to work at a supervisory level in the hospitality industry. Working alongside tutors in Scholars Restaurant and at external events, you will gain valuable experience of the various restaurant and management roles, allowing you to develop a high level of professionalism and service to customers and guests. You will also have the opportunity to plan and complete a number of themed events which will help you to acquire the management skills that industry require. Modules you will study include planning and supervising service operations, legislation, drinks mixology, table cuisine, management duties, point of sale procedures and barista/bar skills.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 Diploma in Food and Beverage and a good standard of English and Maths.



## Catering and Hospitality

Level 1 Diploma

1  
year

This course will give you an introduction into an exciting career in catering and hospitality. During your course you will be involved in both practical & theory modules which include knowledge of the catering industry, health & safety, teamwork, preparing & cooking a variety of savoury & sweet foods, front of house and work placements which will improve your employment opportunities in the catering industry. After this course, you may progress onto the Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery or obtain work in the industry as a Commis Chef.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 2 including English Language and Maths.

## NEW for 2024 - Professional Patisserie and Confectionery

Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

Bakery skills are in high demand in the food and drinks industry. This programme is designed for students who have a passion for baking and wish to pursue a career within the bakery and confectionery industry as a pastry chef or baker. You will benefit from links with some of the finest producers of breads and confectionary including Morris Bakery and Hovis. Our hands-on courses provide the knowledge, skills, and qualifications for you to secure employment in the food and beverage industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths.

## Professional Cookery

Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

On this course you will work in our practical kitchens preparing and cooking a variety of local and international menus. You will be involved in the preparation and cooking of a variety of savoury and sweet dishes. You will develop your customer service skills, working in our Scholars Training Restaurant. You will study a range of subjects including preparing and cooking a range of meat, fish and vegetarian starters and main courses and a variety of hot and cold desserts. All the practical skills are supported with underpinning knowledge sessions.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 including English Language.

## Professional Cookery

Level 3 Diploma

1  
year

On this course, you will work in our professional kitchens to develop a range of advanced practical skills supported with theory work. This will include preparing and cooking complex fish, meat, and poultry dishes, working with dough and pastry, preparing hot and cold desserts, teamwork and control of resources, maintaining a safe working environment and managing all areas of larder and production. You will also complete a work placement with a national events company and after completing this course, you can either work in the catering and hospitality industry or progress to university.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery with a good standard of English and Maths.

# Computing and Digital Technologies

## NEW FACILITIES

New Esports Gaming PCs with RTX 3080 graphics  
With enrichment including the College Esports Team



Amy Brookes - Wade Deacon High School

### Unique Experience:

- Adobe accredited centre
- Microsoft Academy



### Enrichment including:

- British eSports Championships
- Robotics
- Games Development
- CISCO IT Essentials and CCNA



## NEW for 2024 - eSports

Level 3 National Extended Diploma

2  
years

eSports is a rapidly growing industry within the UK. You will develop skills supporting development in problem solving, communication and negotiation skills, as well as self-management and development. The course is assessed through coursework projects and you will study a range of different topics including eSports Skills, Strategies and Analysis, Video Production, Producing an eSports brand and Enterprise and Entrepreneurship in the eSports Industry. On completion of this course, you could progress on to study topics such as Events Management and Media or enter the workplace in a range of different roles varying from eSports player to Video Production Editor and Data Analyst.

**Entry Requirements:** 5 GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 including English Language and Maths

**The computing and digital technologies industry is exciting, dynamic and fast moving and our courses are designed to equip you to work in a growing industry with many varied employment opportunities.**

Not only do jobs in computing and digital technologies offer great job satisfaction, the demand for these skills means that good starting salaries are paid especially if you specialise in an area such as programming. Our computer suites include state-of-the-art gaming pc's to support learning and software development as well as participating in the British eSports Championships. We are recognised as an Adobe, and Microsoft Academy and are proud of our industry qualified staff who have worked in a wide variety of areas and also have their own areas of specialisation.

## Business, IT and Employability

1  
year

### Level 1 Introductory Diploma

During this course you will experience Business, IT and Employability to enable you to make informed career choices. You will study a variety of units including Developing a Personal Progression Plan looking at career options, Researching a Topic, Finding Out About Employers in Your Area and Contributing to Running an Event. On completion of this course you can progress to the Level 2 Extended Certificate in Business or IT, Level 2 Technical Certificate or enter employment within an office/IT environment. You may also choose an apprenticeship in Business, Administration, or IT.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Multimedia Computing and Cybersecurity

2  
years

### Level 3 Extended Diploma

During this course you will study units allowing you to develop skills in the following areas: Games Development and Testing, Mobile App Development, Website Production, Cybersecurity and Network Management. The course combines internally assessed project work and four external assessments including one written exam on Information Technology Systems and three controlled assessments. After completing this course, you could progress onto an IT related course at university, Higher Education programmes within the college, apply for junior positions or an apprenticeship in the industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including English Language and Maths

## Information and Creative Technology

1  
year

### Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate

During this course you will learn how to set up and maintain computer systems. You will be able to carry out day-to-day tasks for safely installing hardware and complete practical projects that cover the creative side of IT, including creating digital graphics and websites. You will also learn new skills in a variety of office software, including creating spreadsheets in Excel and developing databases in Access. Successful completion of this course could lead to the Level 3 Foundation Diploma in IT or Multimedia Computing. The qualification also prepares you for gaining an apprenticeship or employment in the IT industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths

## Software Development and Technology Systems

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2  
years

### Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma

During this course you will study units allowing you to develop skills in the following areas: Digital Marketing, Programming and Games Development, Graphics and Animation, Mobile Application Development, Cyber Security and Database Development. The course combines internally assessed project work and four external assessments including one written exam on Information Technology Systems and three controlled assessments. After completing this course, you could progress onto an IT related course at university, Higher Education programmes within the college, apply for junior positions or an apprenticeship in the industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including English Language and Maths.



# Construction, Plumbing and Electrical Services



Jade Oakes – Painting and Decorating Apprentice  
World Skills – Gold Medal Winner

**Students studying Construction, Plumbing, and Electrical Services at Riverside College will benefit from the exceptional workshops in our £3.6 million Construction Skills Centre.**

We offer training in a wide range of trades including plumbing, carpentry & joinery, brickwork, electrical installation and painting & decorating and have extensive links with local and national employers including Halton Housing, Bell Group, Johnstone’s Paints, Dulux, Wolseley (formerly Plumb Centre), Paslode, Travis Perkins, Metso, Bloor Homes, and Jewson. Our students take part in WorldSkills and other regional and national competitions.

### Unique Experience:

- State-of-the-art Construction Centre
- New Gas Training Centre
- Work experience for all students
- Extensive links with local and national employers including Halton Housing, Bell Group, Johnstone’s Paints, Dulux, Wolseley (formerly Plumb Centre), Paslode, Travis Perkins, Metso, Bloor Homes and Jewson
- Take part in WorldSkills and other regional and national competitions

### Occupational Studies

Entry Level

1  
year

Students who do not have the entry requirements for the construction courses on the following pages can apply for the Entry to Occupational Studies course. This course will offer students a taste of the construction trades with the aim to progress on to a Level 1 construction course in their chosen area upon completion.

## Carpentry & Joinery



### Carpentry and Joinery

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

This course will provide a detailed understanding of topics including: Building Methods and Construction, Roofing & Flooring, Stairs & Kitchens, Skirting Boards, Architraves, Door Frames, Doors, Windows and Safe Working Practices. As part of the course you will produce several pieces of practical work to be assessed that will demonstrate your ability and allow you to progress. The successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 3 Diploma or an apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths, and the successful completion of our Trade Entrance Test; or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 course.

### Joinery

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma

1  
year

This course will cover an introduction to the following topics: Safe Working Practices, Information, Quantities and Communication with Others, Building Methods and Construction, Prepare Timber, Working with Hand and Power Tools and Producing Basic Joinery Items. As part of the course you will produce several pieces of practical work to industrial standards that will demonstrate your ability and allow you to progress. Successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 2 Diploma or possible apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

### Carpentry and Joinery

City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma

1  
year

This course is designed to enable students to work to an advanced level in the industry. The course will cover topics including: Building Methods and Construction Technology, Carry Out First Fix and Second Fix Operations, Erect Complex Structural Carcassing Components and Maintain Non-Structural and Structural Components. You will be assessed by completion of practical tasks, the production of a portfolio and online exams. Many students progress to technician courses to develop organisational skills and take up managerial responsibility, or employment in the industry and an NVQ Level 3 Apprenticeship in Carpentry & Joinery.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 in Carpentry and Joinery and a GCSE grade 4 or Level 2 English Language and Maths.

# Brickwork



## Brickwork

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma

1  
year

On this course you will learn all of the basic skills required to become a Bricklayer. You will cover an introduction to the following subjects: Setting Out Damp Proof Course (DPC), Block Laying Skills, Bricklaying Skills and Cavity Wall Construction, Safe Working Practices, Information Relating to Quantities and Communication with Others. You will complete a number of practical projects and assessments. There are also end of unit assessments which are completed online. The successful completion of the course could lead to a Level 2 Diploma or possible apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 - 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Brickwork

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

This course will provide a detailed understanding of subjects including: Information Relating to Quantities, Piers, Attached Piers, Solid Walling and Cavity Walling. You will complete a number of practical projects and assessments. There are also end of unit assessments which are completed online. The practical projects you will complete will prepare you for real life work situations and give you the opportunity to take part in national competitions. The successful completion of the course could lead to a Level 3 Diploma or possible apprenticeship Programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs grade 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths, and the successful completion of our Trade Entrance Test; or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 course.



## Painting & Decorating



Ellie Jones - Sodecor Painting and Decorating Apprentice

### Painting & Decorating

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma

1  
year

This course will cover subjects including; Applying Paint Systems by Brush and Roller, Preparing Surfaces, Producing Specialist Decorative Finishes, Putting up and Dismantling Working Platforms. The practical work you will undertake will prepare you for real life situations. You will also learn about the preparation of different surfaces and substrates and the application of different types of finishes. The successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 2 Diploma or an apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 – 2 including Maths and English Language.

### Painting & Decorating

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

This course will cover subjects including; Applying Paint Systems by Brush and Roller to Ceilings, Walls and Other Substrates, Preparing Surfaces such as Timbers, Metals, and Trowelled Surfaces, Producing Specialist Decorative Finishes, Putting up and Dismantling Working Platforms. Other practical skills gained include wallpapering around complex areas such as a chimney breast, window walls, feature walls and ceilings. You will also learn about the standards needed to become a professional decorator. The successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 3 Diploma or an apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths, you will also subject to a Trade Entrance Test at Enrolment or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 course.

## Plumbing



Liam McLean – Saint Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy

## Plumbing

1  
year

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma

On this course you will prepare different materials for use in the plumbing process and be able to understand different types of plumbing systems and fittings. You will also fit systems in a workshop setting. You will have the opportunity to use modern state of the art tools, facilities and the tuition needed to develop your practical skills. The successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 3 qualification or possible apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths, and the successful completion of our Trade Entrance Test; or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 course.

## Plumbing

1  
year

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma

This course will teach the basic skills and processes required to pursue a career in plumbing. You will prepare different materials such as copper, low carbon steel and plastic pipes for use in the plumbing process. You will be able to understand different types of plumbing systems, how they are installed and the various fittings and tools used in the plumbing industry. You will also make frames and fit systems in a workshop setting to current industry standards. The successful completion of this course could lead to a Level 2 qualification or apprenticeship programme.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Plumbing

1  
year

City and Guilds Level 3 Technical Diploma

This course will cover advanced topics including: Complex Hot and Cold Water Systems, Sanitation and Central Heating and Gas Installation. You will install and commission systems. You will also fit systems in a workshop setting and then check that they operate correctly and efficiently. You will learn to fault find and diagnose system faults. There is an amount of electrical knowledge required to complete the course at Level 3. Studies include the relevant legislation including, gas, electrical and building regulations. There is also a requirement for 45-60 days of industrial placement during the course.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 Plumbing Diploma or equivalent qualification and GCSE Grade 4 in English and Maths.

## Electrical Installation



### Electrical Installation

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

This course will develop practical and theoretical electrical skills covering topics such as Electrical Science, Electrical Installations Technology, Installation of Wiring Systems, Solar Photovoltaic, Micro-Renewable Energies and Communication within the Building Services / Engineering Industry. On successful completion of this course you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Electrical Installation. Alternatively, you could also apply for an electrical apprenticeship.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 including Science, English Language and Maths, or successful completion of an appropriate Level 1 programme of study.

### Electrical Installation

City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma

1  
year

On this course you will develop advanced electrical skills to enable progression to an apprenticeship or employment in electrical or affiliated industries. You will study modules including: Design, Construct, Test and Commission Electrical Systems, Electrical Science & Principles and Diagnose & Repair Electrical Faults. Successful completion of this course could lead on to an apprenticeship or employment. This course also offers UCAS points for progression to university.

**Entry Requirements:** Achievement of Electrical Installation at Level 2 or equivalent (C&G 2330 Level 2 or C&G 2365 Level 2) and GCSE English and Maths at grade 4 or above.

# Early Years and Education



Leah Downey - Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School

**The Early Years and Education department at Riverside College offers students exciting and innovative courses which will enable students to gain the nationally recognised qualifications which are essential to succeed in this industry.**

Students will study a wide range of subjects including practical care skills, observational skills, curriculum planning and safeguarding, allowing them to progress in a variety of careers in the Early Years sector. During the course students will undertake a variety of high quality placements, providing them with invaluable opportunities to develop their own professional skills and knowledge.

## Career Paths:

- Primary School Teacher
- Early Years Practitioner
- Au Pair
- Nannying
- Learning Support Assistant
- Child Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Childcare Reps Abroad
- Teaching Assistant

## Outstanding Facilities: Early Years and Education

Fully functioning Practice Nursery including:

- Sensory area with lights
- Virtual dolls
- Children's toilets
- Creative and story area
- Changing area
- Role Play area

See page 52 for the Entry Level Course in Early Years and Health and Social Care



## Introduction to Health & Social Care and Children and Young People

Level 1 CACHE Diploma

1  
year

This course will give you the opportunity to undertake practical activities to help you to learn to care for adults, young people and children. It will help you to develop your work and life skills whilst still learning to care for others. You will study topics including Communication, Healthy Eating, Range of Service Provision, Children and Young People's Development and Physical Care of Babies and Young People. Successful completion of this course could lead to progression onto either the Level 2 Early Years or Level 2 Health and Social Care.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Early Years Practitioner

Level 2 CACHE Diploma

1  
year

Upon successful completion of this qualification, you can apply for job roles as a qualified Level 2 Early Years Practitioner working with children from birth to five years with knowledge of children up to seven years. You will study modules including: Safeguarding, Supporting Development, Supporting Care Routines, Promoting Play and Positive Behaviour and will attend 250 hours of placement. Successful completion of this course could lead to employment as an assistant in a range of related job roles or for progression to a Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including in English Language and Maths.

## Introducing Caring for Children and Young People

Level 2 CACHE Diploma

1  
year

The course will give you the opportunity to gain an understanding of children and young people. It allows you to make an informed choice about working with children and young people within a variety of different settings covering different age ranges. You will study a wide range of topics including safeguarding the welfare of children and young people, young's people's development and support children with additional needs. You will carry out a number of block placements throughout the year within a variety of childcare settings. Progression onto Health and Social Care/ Early Years Practitioner.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including in English Language and Maths.

## Early Years and Education

Level 3 – T Level

T-LEVELS

2  
years

The Technical Qualification will equip you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours you need to enter skilled employment. During this course, you will study a wide range of subjects including Child Development Supporting Education, Observation and Assessment, Safeguarding, Behaviours, Equality and Diversity, Parents, Families and Carers, Special Educational Needs and Disability, and English as an Additional Language. Successful completion of this course will prepare you for a career as a practitioner in a day nursery, nursery school, reception class, pre-school worker, home-based childcare, or nanny (home and abroad). During this course you will also complete a minimum of 750 hours in placements, you will study in college three days a week and attend placement for the other two.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including a grade 4 in English language and Maths. Students must also have a clear DBS.

# Engineering and Motor Vehicle



Riley Baker - Ormiston Chadwick Academy

**The Engineering and Motor Vehicle department offers an excellent blend of industry standard provision to equip our learners to develop careers in their chosen industry.**

Programmes of study are delivered in our purpose built workshops and teaching areas. Our workshops have been developed in partnership with local and national industry employers and are fully equipped, boasting the very best in advanced technologies. All of our students gain a high standard of skills and are able to progress directly into the workplace after gaining their nationally recognised industry qualifications.

## Career Paths:

- Mechanical Engineer
- Fabrication Engineer
- Civil Engineer
- Aerospace Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Marine Engineer
- Design Engineer
- Automotive Service Technician
- Automotive Diagnostic Technician

## Unique Experience:

- £6 million investment in new green technology building
- 5 State-of-the-art engineering workshops
- Work on the latest technology and equipment
- Trips to motor shows and exhibitions
- Work on live projects with local employers
- Links with high profile employers
- Excellent progression opportunities
- Green Car project challenge
- Motorsport Cars

## Engineering and Manufacturing

1  
year

Level 1 Diploma

This course will develop practical engineering skills including: Bench Fitting, Welding, Machining, and Plumbing. The course is predominately practical based. It also includes the development of a portfolio of evidence and the development of basic maths and science used in engineering. The programme will allow learners to develop work related skills in preparation for further training or employment. On successful completion of this course you could progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Engineering. Alternatively, you could apply for an engineering apprenticeship.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Performing Engineering Operations

1  
year

Level 2 NVQ

This course will develop practical and theoretical engineering skills including: Welding, Hand Fitting as well as Machining (Turning). You will cover topics such as, Working Safely in Engineering, Using and Communicating Technical Information and Carrying Out Engineering Activities Efficiently, together with functional skills in numeracy, ICT and literacy. Successful completion of this course could lead to the Level 3 Diploma in Engineering. Alternatively, you could also apply for an engineering apprenticeship.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths or Level 1 Engineering.

## Advanced Industry Engineering

2  
years

Level 3 Diploma

This course will prepare you to enter the engineering industry as an advanced technician in multiple disciplines including maintenance, machining, welding and electronics. You will develop all of the necessary skills and knowledge required for modern advanced engineering, covering a wide range of units including: computer aided design (CAD), advanced machining and CNC, MIG and TIG welding techniques and mechanical and electrical maintenance activities. To support these advanced practical skills you will cover industry specific theory units. Progression from this course is either an advanced engineering apprenticeship or directly into industry as a Level 3 technician.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 – 4 including Science, English Language and Maths.

## Technical Qualification in Engineering and Manufacturing

T-LEVELS

2  
years

Level 3

This Technical Qualification consists of a core section including health and safety, material science, and engineering mathematics. The subject specialism is Maintenance engineering technologies. You will work in the engineering workshops to gain the required hand and machining skills, whilst attending theory lessons conducted in a classroom. An industry-based work placement is required to run alongside your course, this must be equivalent to at least 45 days and will further reinforce your newly learned skills and offer a true insight into the engineering industry.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 5 Including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths, and a Grade 5 Science.

## Motor Sport



### Motorsport Engineering

Level 2 PEO Engineering (Motorsport)

1  
year

This course will develop understanding of all vehicle systems required to service and repair motorsport vehicles. You will learn how to build, repair and maintain motorsport vehicles. The course will be completed using a wide range of racing vehicles including Formula 2000 and Group N rally cars. Successful completion of this course could lead to progression to Level 3 Motorsport or employment in the industry.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths or completion of a level 1 Engineering qualification with strong English and Maths results.

### Motorsport Engineering

Level 3 Engineering Technology

1  
year

This course is aimed at students who would like to pursue a career as a Motorsport Engineer or Race Technician. This course will focus on diagnostic techniques, using the latest diagnostic test rigs and equipment. Students will develop work related and technical skills in preparation for higher education and training or employment. The course will be conducted on our proven race fleet, including our Formula Renault 2000 race car and Group N Rally car.

**Entry Requirements:** A suitable Level 2 Diploma in Engineering or Motor Vehicle & GCSE grade 9 – 4 in English Language and Maths.



## Motor Vehicle



## Light Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 VRQ

1  
year

During this course, you will develop knowledge of motor vehicle technology including modules covering the maintenance of suspension, transmission systems, and electrical principles. On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles. Alternatively, you could apply for a motor vehicle apprenticeship or employment in the motor trade.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths.

## Light Vehicle Maintenance

Level 1 VRQ

1  
year

This course is an introduction to the motor vehicle industry. It is ideal for students who have a keen interest in learning about the maintenance of vehicles and machinery used in the automotive sector. You will develop knowledge and skills in a mainly practical setting, studying modules including, Engine Operation and Components, Tools, Equipment and Consumable Materials for Vehicle Maintenance, Wheel and Tyre Construction, and Vehicle Electrical Circuits and Components. On successful completion of this course, you could progress to the Level 3 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Light Vehicle Maintenance

Level 3 VRQ

1  
year

This course combines technical and workshop activities which focus on diagnostic techniques using up to date diagnostic test rigs and equipment. During your course you will work on a variety of vehicle types including high spec race cars. On successful completion of this course you could progress to a relevant higher education motor vehicle course or apply directly for employment in a motor vehicle technician role.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance or equivalent Motor Vehicle qualification and GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

# Hair, Beauty, Nails and Media Makeup

..... CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE .....



Emma Dunne – Archbishop Blanch C of E High School

## Career Paths:

- Hair Stylist
- Beauty Therapist
- Spa Therapist
- Nail Technician
- Colouring Technician
- Spa / Salon Manager
- TV / Film Makeup Artist
- Beauty Consultant
- Freelance Makeup Artist
- Session Stylist
- Aesthetics Clinician

See page 53 for Health Professionals

**Vita**  
Hair, Beauty & Nails  
Training salons

**At the Centre of Excellence for Hair, Beauty, Nails and Media Makeup we have recently refurbished contemporary facilities, including hairdressing salons, beauty treatment rooms, a nail bar and state-of-the-art media makeup studios.**

Our extensive links with prestigious employers provide students with employment opportunities, work placements and training on the latest techniques and products. Our partners include MAC Cosmetics, Lime Pictures, A Place for Us Theatre Company, NSI, The Makeup Armory, Jessica Nails, St Tropez, Clarins and Mood Colours.

## HNC & HND Performing Arts

### (Makeup Artistry in the Creative Industries):

We are delighted to offer talented and successful Media Makeup students the opportunity to progress to our HNC and HND course which focuses on the development of skills in Media Makeup in preparation for an exciting career in the industry.

For more information visit:

[www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/higher-education/media-makeup-courses/](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/higher-education/media-makeup-courses/)

## Hairdressing



Alishia Corcoran – St Chad's Catholic and Church of England High School  
Hairdressing Student of the Year 2023

## Professional Hairdressing

Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

On this course you will study modules including shampoo and conditioning of the hair and scalp, creative cutting techniques, barbering skills, bridal hair, and the art of dressing hair as well as client consultation. You will also develop your creative skills in colouring and lightening hair, perming techniques and different styling techniques. Successful completion of the Level 2 course could lead to progression onto Level 3 in Hairdressing or employment as a junior stylist within a salon.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including English Language.

## Hairdressing

Level 1

1  
year

On this course you will be introduced to a variety of hairdressing treatments and will have the opportunity to practice your hairdressing techniques in the college's industry salons. You will study modules including Shampoo and Conditioning Hair, Blow Drying and Styling, Dressing long hair, Bridal Hair, Plaiting and Twisting Hair and Basic Colouring techniques. You will also learn how to create a hair and beauty image by taking part in a fashion shoot or fashion show. Successful completion of this course could lead to Level 2 Diploma in Hairdressing or a career as an assistant within a salon.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Professional Hairdressing

Level 3 Diploma

1  
year

On this course you will improve and advance your hairdressing techniques, including: colour correction and progressive cutting techniques. You will organise and work on photo shoots and hair and fashion shows. The course consists of written assignments/ tasks/ tests and practical assessments. Modules include bridal hair, competition work; advanced cutting techniques, the dressing of hair to create 'avantgarde' designs, creative colouring techniques and colour correction. Successful completion of this course could lead to salon management or Higher Education Level 4 Hairdressing.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 in Hairdressing with a good standard of English and Maths. You may be required to attend a trade test and an interview.

## Media Makeup



Ciara Jacobs - The Prescott School

## Makeup Artistry with Hairdressing

1  
year

### Level 1 Diploma

On this course you will be introduced to a wide variety of fashion and creative makeup techniques, combined with developing your hairdressing skills. This will prepare you for the many different career pathways in this industry. You will study modules including skin preparation, foundation matching, day & evening makeup, bridal hair & makeup, lash & brow treatments, an introduction to colouring techniques and creating a full fashion image. Successful completion allows you to specialise at level 2 with pathways in makeup, hairdressing, beauty therapy or nail services or a career assisting in a makeup or hair salon.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Professional Theatrical and Media Makeup

1  
year

### Level 3 Diploma

On this course you will study modules including Makeup techniques for the catwalk, photographic shoots and television and film. You will learn how to style and fit hair pieces, apply airbrush makeup, complete fashion and photographic makeup looks, create, and apply prosthetic pieces and bald caps for special effects, craft hair pieces and design and apply face & body art. Successful completion of this course could lead to higher level and degree courses or employment within the industry, e.g., photographic studios, TV, film, fashion houses, theatre or work as a freelance makeup and hair artist.

**Entry Requirements:** Successful completion of Level 2 Media Makeup, plus a minimum of GCSE grade 9 - 4 in English Language and Maths.

## Professional Hair and Media Makeup

1  
year

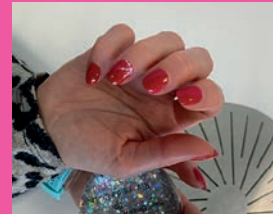
### Level 2 Diploma

This course will give you a comprehensive coverage of various fashion, editorial and photographic make-up techniques, alongside developing your hairdressing skills, required by the industry. You will study modules including Skin preparation, day and evening makeup, editorial makeup, creative makeup skills and the art of photographic makeup as well as developing skills in body art design, lash & brow treatments, short and long hair dressing, basic cutting, and hair colouring techniques. Successful completion of this course could lead onto a Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair, and Media Makeup course. You could also gain employment within industry, e.g., photographic studios, TV, film, fashion, or theatre.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grades 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths.



## Professional Nail Services



### Beauty Therapy with Professional Nails Specialism

1  
year

#### Level 2 NVQ Diploma

The focus on this course will be the study of nail service techniques. This will include manicures and pedicures, spa nails, advanced nail art techniques, gel nails systems, and artificial nail application. You will also study all aspects of beauty therapy including lash and brow treatments, facials, and makeup techniques. You will study this course in our modern VITA Salons including our industry-standard nails room which is equipped with the latest equipment and products to allow you to develop all of the skills required for the nail technician industry. Successful completion of this course can lead to the Level 3 Professional Nails Services.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths, or by progression from Level 1 Beauty Therapy or relevant salon experience.

### Professional Nails Services

1  
year

#### Level 3 NVQ Diploma

This qualification is designed to develop higher level skills for a career as an advanced nail technician. Through demonstrations and working on clients in the college's industry salons, you will learn highly developed nail enhancement techniques which includes 3D nail art services, gel nail systems, liquid, and powder nail enhancements, nail wraps, creative nail structures and e drilling nail techniques. Successful completion of this course could lead to a career as a nail technician on cruise ships with Steiner, nail bars, spas, beauty salons or progression on a teaching or training qualification (depending on experience).

**Entry Requirements:** A Level 2 qualification in Nail Services or Beauty Therapy with Professional Nails Specialism at Riverside completed in the last 3 years unless you have been working within the industry.

## Beauty Therapy



Olivia Dugdale - Ormiston Chadwick Academy

## Beauty Therapy

Level 1 Diploma

1  
year

During this course you will study modules including presenting a professional image in the salon, skin care techniques, applying basic makeup and themed face painting. You will also learn how to provide nail art services, manicure, and pedicure treatments, and create a hair and beauty image for a photo shoot. Successful completion of this course could lead onto a Level 2 programme or employment as an assistant in a beauty salon.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Professional Beauty Therapy

Level 2 Diploma

1  
year

During this course you will study both practical and theory modules to gain your qualification including working in the beauty industry, customer care & communication, salon reception, facial skin care and massage techniques, manicure, pedicure and nail art skills, makeup artistry, tanning and removal of hair using different waxing treatments. Successful completion of this course could lead to a job in a salon or progression to Level 3 Beauty.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 9 – 3 including English Language and Maths or progression from Level 1 Beauty Therapy.

## Professional Beauty Therapy

Level 3 Diploma

1  
year

During this course you will study modules including Facial Electrotherapy Treatments, Body Electrotherapy Treatments, Stone Therapy Massage, Microdermabrasion, Body Massage, and pre-blended oils. On the course you will also organise events and learn how to sell products and services. Successful completion of this course could lead to a career in the beauty industry including salon management.

**Entry Requirements:** Completion of Level 2 in Beauty with a good standard of English and maths. You may be required to attend a trade test/assessment and interview.

### Are you interested in a career in the Growing Aesthetics Industry?

At Riverside College, you can combine the Level 3 Health Professionals course with accredited Beauty Qualifications, see Health Professionals (See Page 53)

# Health, Care and Nursing



Alyssa James - Penketh High School

## Career Paths:



- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Nurse
- Midwife\*
- Care Worker
- Child Psychologist
- Physiotherapy\*
- OPD\*
- Radiography\*
- Youth Worker
- Teacher
- Learning Support Assistant
- Aesthetics Clinician

**The exciting and innovative courses in Health, Care and Nursing at Riverside College provide students with invaluable experience in our Clinical Practice Ward and Social Care Room.**

An integral part of these courses is the completion of a range of placements. At Riverside, students benefit from our innovative partnerships with the NHS and Community Integrated Care (CIC) which offers students a wide range of prestigious placements in settings including hospitals, mental health care settings, care homes, SEN schools and social work agencies.

**Students must have a clear DBS.**

## Unique Experience:

Students studying Health and Care will gain both theoretical knowledge and invaluable practical experience to enable them to progress to employment or further education in their chosen sector. Students will also have the opportunity to enhance their learning experience through a variety of trips, visits and guest speakers from the sector.

## Early Years & Health and Care

1  
year

### Entry Level

Students who do not have the entry requirements for the Early Years and Health and Care courses can apply for the Entry to Early Years & Health and Care course. This course will offer students a taste of the early years and health industries with the aim to progress onto the Level 1 course upon successful completion.

## Introduction to Health & Care and Children & Young People

1  
year

### Level 1 CACHE Diploma

This course will give you the opportunity to undertake practical activities to help you to learn to care for adults, young people and children. It will help you to develop your work and life skills whilst still learning to care for others. You will study topics including Communication, Healthy Eating, Range of Service Provision, Children's and Young People's Development and Physical Care of Babies and Young People. Successful completion of this course could lead to progression onto either Level 2 Early Years or Level 2 Health & Care.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 2 including English Language and Maths.

## Health & Care

1  
year

### Level 2 Extended Certificate

During the course you will study a range of health and care related subjects including Health and Care Services, Human Lifespan and Development and Individual Needs in Health and Social Care. You will also undertake a compulsory work experience within a range of care environments. Successful completion of this nationally recognised course may lead directly to employment in the caring services e.g. day care, residential or community work. Alternatively, you may consider progressing onto a relevant Level 3 Extended Diploma.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grade 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths.





## Health & Care

### Level 3 Extended Diploma

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and  
Riverside

2  
years

On this course you will study a variety of health related areas such as legislation, communication and sociology. You will complete work experience in a variety of settings including residential homes to work as a volunteer and to share good practice. Successful completion of this course could lead to degrees and employment in Adult & Children's Nursing, Midwifery, Mental Health, Learning Disability Nursing, Social Work and Youth Work, Public Health, Social Care, Community Work and SEN. You could enter employment as a senior care worker in a range of settings including residential and nursing homes.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including English Language and Maths.

## Health Professionals

### Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health Studies

2  
years

If you are considering a career in nursing or any of the healthcare professions, this innovative course will give you broad insight and invaluable experience in a variety of different healthcare settings. You will study a variety of topics including Anatomy and Physiology, Biomedical Science, Psychology, Sociology, Physiological Disorders, and Science for Health, and will attend a rotation of clinical placements for two days a week at Warrington and Halton Hospital Trust gaining valuable hands-on experience in our fantastic clinical practice ward. You will carry out many practical elements of the course, providing you with the knowledge and qualities for you to progress in your chosen career.

**Entry Requirements:** A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 – 4 including a grade 4 in English Language, a grade 4 in Maths and a grade 4 in Science.



### Are you interested in working in the growing aesthetics and wellbeing industry?

**Vita**  
Hair, Beauty & Nails

Students studying on the Level 3 Health Professionals course will also have the option to follow the Beauty and Skincare Programme. This will provide them with extra skills and experience to benefit their future career. Students on the programme will have the opportunity to train in the Vita Beauty Salons at College and will complete additional qualifications in skincare, facial treatments and relaxation/massage.

# How to Apply

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## Course Information and Application

- If you would like more information about a course you are interested in, you can look on the College website **[www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)**. Here you will find a course information sheet for each course that gives details of what you will study, how you will pass the course and any special equipment you may need to purchase.
- Open Events are a good way to hear from our course tutors, current students and see the facilities.
- Please note, many courses are oversubscribed, apply early to secure your place.

## Apply now to secure your place

### Step 1: Fill in an application form

You can fill in a form by visiting **[www.riverside.ac.uk](http://www.riverside.ac.uk)** to apply online. Make sure you enter your email address and telephone number correctly as this is how we will be contacting you.

### Step 2: Set a date

Once we receive your application form, you will receive an appointment for your admissions interview. This will take place in school or after school in college.

At your interview, you will have the opportunity to ensure that the course you have chosen is right for you and your future career goals.

### Step 3: The Offer

At the end of your interview, if you and the interviewer decide that this is the right course for you, you will be offered a place at the College. Your offer will be conditional upon you achieving certain grades in your GCSEs. You may also be required to attend College for an additional appointment or skills test.

### Step 4: New Student Day

You will be invited to a New Student Day in July, where you will sample your course, meet your tutors and fellow students to prepare you for the start of the term.

### Step 5: Enrolment

Once you have received your GCSE results you will be invited into College to complete your enrolment.

### Step 6: The Experience

In September your new course and life at College begins!

**For further information please contact the Schools Liaison and Admissions Team by emailing [courses@riverside.ac.uk](mailto:courses@riverside.ac.uk) or calling 0151 257 2022**

# Getting to College

**At Riverside College we aim to ensure that your journey is a smooth one by providing you with:**

A FREE\* bus pass for the academic year 24/25 for Warrington's Own Buses, who run the college services. (For students who live more than 1.5 miles away from college).

The bus service includes 18 dedicated, direct bus services at the beginning and end of the college day from the following areas:

- Widnes
- Runcorn
- St Helens
- Rainhill
- Warrington
- Stockton Heath
- Knowsley
- Halewood
- Huyton
- Liverpool
- Helsby
- Frodsham

And many more – go to [www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/buses](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/buses) to see our full range of timetables. The Admissions Team will discuss a personal transport plan with you at your interview.



\*Please note the bus pass is free for students who live 1.5 miles or more from college. There may be a small charge for the following academic year.

## Open Events

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**  
5pm – 7pm

**Tuesday 12th March 2024**  
5pm – 7pm

**Tuesday 11th June 2024**  
5pm – 7pm

- 99% Pass Rate
- 91% Vocational High Grades

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