

# Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

## PROFESSIONAL COURSE GUIDE

'22



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# OPEN EVENTS

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 or to see our Virtual Experience.

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NOVEMBER 2021 5PM - 7PM	MARCH 2022 5PM - 7PM	JUNE 2022 5PM - 7PM

## OUTSTANDING RESULTS

**100% Pass Rate**

**88% BTEC High Grades**

**48% BTEC Triple Distinction Star Grades**

(Equivalent to 3 A\* grades at A Level)



### INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

We have created interactive features and videos within this guide to show you some of our outstanding facilities and to bring Riverside College to life.

Hover over the QR codes in the facilities and subject area sections with the camera on your smart phone or tablet to get a 360 view and videos of the workshops, salons and classrooms.

You can access the complete interactive site with video tours and presentations about all of the individual subjects via this QR code.



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- Creative Arts
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# WELCOME

At Riverside College we are a Centre of Vocational Excellence.

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 2021 who, despite the challenges of this year, have achieved outstanding results and progressed on to exceptional apprenticeships, jobs and degrees.

This summer the college celebrated a 100% pass rate with 88% BTEC high grades and 48% BTEC triple distinction star 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 £4 million pounds 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:

- Five state of the art engineering workshops
- Five industry standard construction zones
- A clinical practice ward and laboratory
- Newly refurbished training kitchens
- Scholars Training Restaurant
- Vita Hair, Beauty and Nails Salons
- Media Makeup Studios
- Modern IT and Computing suites

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



WE ARE OFSTED

# OUTSTANDING



Following an inspection in 2020 the College has been given the highest possible rating by Ofsted who have judged the college to be **OUTSTANDING**.

## IN THE REPORT OFSTED PRAISED:

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

"Learners and apprentices are **exceptionally well motivated** and **demonstrate extremely positive attitudes to learning**"

"Leaders have **exceptional links** with local employers and regional business groups"

Overall effectiveness	<b>Outstanding</b>
The quality of education	<b>Outstanding</b>
Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Personal development	<b>Outstanding</b>
Leadership and management	<b>Outstanding</b>
Education programmes for young people	<b>Outstanding</b>
Provision for learners with high needs	<b>Good</b>
Adult learning programmes	<b>Outstanding</b>
Apprenticeships	<b>Outstanding</b>



# 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:

- 100% pass rate
- Outstanding Ofsted
- State of the art facilities, equipment and technology
- 16 Heavily Subsidised College Buses
- 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

# OUTSTANDING RESULTS



This year our students have achieved exceptional results once again, putting our college amongst the top in the country. We achieved a 100% pass rate, 88% BTEC high grades and 48% BTEC triple distinction star grades, resulting in a record number of our students progressing to university, apprenticeships or into employment.

## WE CELEBRATED 100% PASS RATES IN ALL OF OUR SUBJECTS:

- |                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| • Beauty                  | 100% |
| • Business                | 100% |
| • Brickwork               | 100% |
| • Carpentry & Joinery     | 100% |
| • Construction            | 100% |
| • Early Years & Education | 100% |
| • Electrical Installation | 100% |
| • Health & Social Care    | 100% |
| • Hospitality             | 100% |
| • Engineering             | 100% |
| • Gaming Design           | 100% |
| • Hairdressing            | 100% |
| • IT                      | 100% |
| • Media Makeup            | 100% |
| • Motor Vehicle           | 100% |
| • Nail Techniques         | 100% |
| • Painting & Decorating   | 100% |
| • Plumbing                | 100% |
| • Professional Cookery    | 100% |





# STUDENT SUCCESS



Every year our students progress to a wide variety of universities, degrees, apprenticeships and exciting careers. With students achieving a 100% pass rate, 88% BTEC high grades and 48% BTEC triple distinction star 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:

## HOLLY BOGUE



**Course:**  
Level 3 Professional  
Theatrical and Media  
Makeup

**Progression:**  
Arts University  
Bournemouth,  
Foundation Degree  
Make-up for Media and  
Performance

## WESLEY YANG



**Course:**  
Level 3 Multimedia  
Computing and Security

**Progression:**  
University of Liverpool,  
Games Design Degree

## BETHANY HYNES



**Course:**  
Level 3 Food and  
Beverage Service  
Supervision

**Progression:**  
Front of House  
Supervisor, The Holt,  
Rainhill

## ADAM MORRIS



**Course:**  
Level 2 Business

**Progression:**  
Cronton Sixth Form,  
Level 3 Business,  
Marketing and Finance



**THOMAS CORNS**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Multimedia  
Computing and Security

**Progression:**  
Liverpool John Moores  
University, Games  
Design Degree

**ELLIE BROOKS**

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

**Progression:**  
Liverpool John Moores  
University, Adult  
Nursing Degree

**DANIEL WRIGHT SMITH**

**Course:**  
Level 2 Apprenticeship  
Painting and Decorating,  
Bell Group

**Progression:**  
Paint /Decorator, Bell  
Group

**LUCCA GULINELLI**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Diploma  
Engineering Technology

**Progression:**  
Forwessun, Engineering  
Apprenticeship

**MELISSA BROOKS**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Extended  
Diploma Childcare and  
Education

**Progression:**  
Kids Planet Nursery,  
Childcare Assistant

**SAMANTHA MURPHY**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Professional  
Cookery

**Progression:**  
Foundation Degree,  
Hospitality and Event  
Management

# STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES

## CONSTRUCTION SKILLS CENTRE



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## INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE



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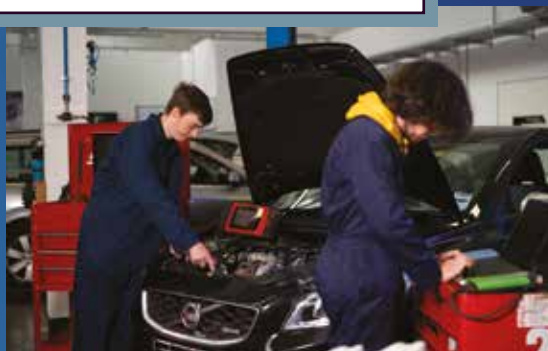
## VITA SALONS, HAIR, BEAUTY, NAILS AND MEDIA MAKEUP



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## ENGINEERING, WELDING AND MOTOR VEHICLE WORKSHOPS



## COMPUTING AND BUSINESS SUITES



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## SCHOLARS TRAINING RESTAURANT AND KITCHENS



## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND EARLY YEARS EDUCATION



# STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Talented students have the opportunity to shine and display their new skills in regional and national competitions such as WorldSkills UK and SkillBuild UK. Riverside students have won gold, silver and bronze medals with some outstanding students taking on an official role as a WorldSkills Champion.



Students also regularly take part in in-house competitions, judged by industry specialists and local employers, offering them the opportunity to impress potential future employers. Over the past year some of the competitions have been held virtually, with students displaying resilience alongside talent and creativity to impress the judges. Here you can see the work of some of our talented nails students during their inhouse competition, and some of the hardworking engineering students who received prizes kindly donated by Lincoln Electrics.

# EXCLUSIVE LINKS WITH INDUSTRY

Riverside College students benefit from our exclusive links with industry. We work alongside more than 700 local and national employers to provide students with a range of opportunities to learn new skills, gain valuable experience and learn first-hand from top industry professionals about different career possibilities and progression opportunities.

We work closely with our partner employers who support students by providing industry placements and donate state-of-the-art equipment to ensure students are industry ready.



## We work with over 700 employers including:

We have links with high profile employers including: Signature Living, Liverpool Football Club Dining, Chester Races, The Park Royal Hotel and Spa, Lime Pictures (makers of Hollyoaks), Urban Decay, The Makeup Store, Steiner Spas, Scottish Power, Howdens, Bell Group, Bloor Homes, Lincoln Electric, Michelmersh Brick Holdings, Westermanns International, McAlpine Plumbing, Metsa Wood, Virador, Glen Dimplex, BAC Mono, the NHS, Merseyside Police, Evolve, Halton Housing Trust and Plus Dane Housing.



# 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:

- Charity Fundraising
- Boxing
- Badminton
- Ice Skating
- Netball
- Fitness Classes
- Table Tennis
- 5-a-side Football
- Yoga



## Trips and Visits

Each year we offer a large number of trips and visits for all students to take part in. We will resume trips as and when it is safe to do so.

## Study and Social Spaces

The 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 **NEW for 2021** restaurant, Costa Coffee Café and they can also dine in our Scholars Training Restaurant.



# CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

Student achievements are celebrated regularly with student of the month and annual awards. The Class of 2021 have worked extremely hard, despite all of the challenges this year and we were able to recognise some of these students at the Virtual Student of the Year Awards.

## Student of the Year 2021 Award Winners

Student Name	Award
Holly Bogue	Centre of Excellence for Hair & Media Makeup
Sophie Logan	Centre of Excellence for Beauty & Nail Services
Samantha Murphy	Centre of Excellence for Catering & Hospitality
Delia Komuves	Business
Josh Hopson	Early Years & Education
Molly Rowlinson	Health & Social Care
Lucca Gulinelli	Engineering
Kyle McDonald	Motor Vehicle & Motorsport
Kyron Molloy	Occupational Studies
Alexander Hymas	Construction (Brickwork, Carpentry & Joinery, Painting and Decorating)
Adam Donoghue	IT
Jennifer Edge	Construction (Building Services) (Plumbing & Electrical Installation)
Chloe Dennett	Foundation Studies
Daisy Pendleton	GCSE English
Ellis Yates	GCSE Maths
Cheyenne Gaskin	Functional Skills English
Charleigh Watmough	Functional Skills Maths

**ELLIS YATES**



**MOLLY ROWLINSON**



**LUCCA GULINELLI**



# 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.

## Ofsted said

"Managers, teachers and staff provide learners and apprentices with excellent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance before and during their programmes"



### 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

### STUDY SUPPORT

We have a dedicated Study Support team who are always on hand to assist you with:

- Organising / planning your work and time management
- Arranging for additional workshops in skills such as English, Maths and IT
- Developing your study skills and arranging specialist equipment if needed
- Helping you with language skills if English is not your first language
- Identifying and exploring your individual learning needs and exam support

We have a team of tutors and support workers who work with students who have disabilities or learning difficulties/ differences such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Asperger's Syndrome.

### 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 & 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.





# WORK EXPERIENCE AND INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Work experience is an integral part of all courses at Riverside College. Students undertaking Level 1, 2 or 3 courses and the NEW for 2022 T Level courses will complete industry placements as part of their course. These placements will range from 5 to 60 days depending on the type and level of course and will take place in a work setting.

Some courses require students to complete one full week or a community based project and other courses require students to attend their placement on a weekly basis.

At Riverside we have a dedicated team of Industry Placement Officers to support students and make sure placements are meaningful and successful.

## Industry placements offer:

- Fantastic opportunities to gain hands on practical skills in a real life working environment
- Great networking opportunities to make industry links and help with future careers
- The chance to experience more than one setting to help make future career choices

- The opportunity to enhance CV or university applications with practical skills and experiences
- Potential job or apprenticeship after successful placement

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# QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

## 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 courses that can put you on course for the career of your choice.

## 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 receive a grade 4 or above in GCSE maths and or English, you will continue to study your GSCE or functional skills in maths and English during your course.

## WHICH QUALIFICATION SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Below is a description of the different types of qualifications available at Riverside College:

**Full-time courses:** Our full-time courses are at Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 and you will start at the relevant level depending on the qualifications you gained in school. You will focus on one subject and will learn through a mix of practical and classroom theory and will be assessed via project study, portfolio work, practical assessments, and exams.

**T-LEVELS NEW for 2022 - T Levels:** Technical Qualifications are a Level 3 course you will study over two years. 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.

**Apprenticeships:** You will be in full-time paid employment and will learn by completing tasks in the workplace four days per week, supported by theory work in college one day a week. You will pass the course by completing a portfolio of work and a technical certificate.

# APPRENTICESHIPS



## 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 of one day a week)
- Gain hands-on experience and learn skills that employers want, helping shape your future career
- Choose from a wide range of industries and organisations

## APPRENTICESHIP CAREER PATHS:

- Accountancy
- Brickwork
- Business Administration
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Catering
- Customer Service
- Digital Marketing
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Health and Social Care
- Information Communications Technician
- Laboratory Technician
- Painting and Decorating
- Science Manufacturing
- Team Leading and Management
- Fabrication and Welding
- Geospatial
- Early Years

## UNIQUE BENEFITS

- We are Ofsted Outstanding for Apprenticeships
- Receive support from our dedicated team of recruitment and apprenticeship mentors
- Opportunities to enter Skills Competitions
- Become an Apprenticeship Ambassador

## AN APPRENTICESHIP IS A FANTASTIC WAY TO GAIN CONFIDENCE IN WORKING WITH OTHERS AND GAIN VITAL SKILLS NEEDED FOR EMPLOYMENT.

### 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 £4.30 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:

### AMBER FORSHAW



**Apprenticeship:**  
Electrical Installation  
Apprentice

**Employer:**  
Sure Safe Electrics

During my time as a full-time student at Riverside College, I thoroughly enjoyed the electrical installation course. The practical aspects of the course have given me greater experience which I can use during my apprenticeship. The theory work has allowed me to gain greater knowledge and understanding about how electrics really work.

I have been fortunate enough to gain an apprenticeship with the help of Riverside College with Sure Safe Electrics, a company I went to as part of my industry placement during my course. The college has lots of links with employers, which gave me wider opportunities in finding my apprenticeship, and the tutors supported me in securing my apprenticeship, they helped me with my personal statement and CV.

### KIERAN RAY



**Apprenticeship:**  
Laboratory Technician  
Apprentice

**Employer:**  
Koura

Throughout my apprenticeship with Koura I have attended college one day per week. During this time, I learn an array of scientific skills and knowledge which has helped me in my workplace. We also undertake practical experiments here at the college.

Alongside the theory and classroom work support is continually available from the college, whether that be via MS Teams, phone call or email. This has been extremely helpful, and I feel I always have support and the ability to contact someone if needed.



## HOW TO 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 Masters 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 £4.30 per hour, but the majority of our employers pay more than this.

# BUSINESS AND RETAIL



**Adam Morris**

**Course:**  
Cronton Sixth Form, Level 3  
Business, Marketing and Finance

**Eleanor O'Riley**

**Course:**  
Cronton Sixth Form, Level 3  
Business, Marketing and Finance

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.

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## 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
- Tenner Challenge competition. Can you start your own business with only £10 and grow it to make a profit?

## Business, IT and Employability

### Level 1 Introductory Diploma – 1 Year

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, plan a small event, investigate local businesses and employers and develop the skills you need to 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 and Employability

### Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Admin – 1 Year

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 4 units which are Business Administrative Environment, Providing Administrative Services and Support, Business Technology and Processing and Communicating Information

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

## Business

### Level 2 Extended Certificate – 1 Year

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, Marketing and Finance

### Level 3 Extended Diploma – 2 Years

CRONTON  
SIXTH FORM

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 AND HOSPITALITY

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE



**Bethany Hynes**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Food and Beverage  
Service Supervision

At the Centre of Excellence in Catering and Hospitality students benefit from training with Michelin Star Chefs, extensive opportunities for work experience and our brand new state of the art 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.

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### CAREER PATHS:

- Chef
- Front of House Management
- Hospitality Management
- Events Catering
- Executive Chef
- Events Planner
- Restaurant Manager
- Freelance Catering Services
- Specialist Chef
- Food Technician
- Bar Service

### 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 Signature Living, Liverpool Football Club and Chester Races
- 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

## NEW TRAINING KITCHENS

### State of the Art Training Kitchens

Catering and Hospitality students will have the opportunity to train in brand new industry standard training kitchens. The kitchens have been designed to provide students with a range of different cooking facilities 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



### Scholars Restaurant and Training Kitchens



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

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



## Professional Food and Beverage Services Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

This course is ideal for those wanting a career in the hospitality industry working in restaurants or hotels. You will cover a range of subjects including; menu knowledge, billing, pre-service, table service and beverage and bar service, silver service, counter service, carvery and buffet service and table drinks service. Successful completion of the course can lead to employment opportunities in hotels, event catering, restaurants and cruise liners. 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 Level 3 Diploma – 1 Year

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 grade 4 in English and Maths.





## Catering and Hospitality

### Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

This course will give you an introduction into an exciting career in catering. 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, 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.

## Professional Cookery

### Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

During this course you will work in our practical kitchens preparing and cooking a variety of local and international savoury and sweet dishes. You will develop your customer service skills working in Scholars Restaurant, the Riverside College training restaurant. You will study a range of subjects including: exploring the catering and hospitality industry, food safety, health and safety and menu planning. After completing this course, you can either go into employment or progress on to the Level 3 Diploma.

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

## Professional Cookery

### Level 3 Diploma – 1 Year

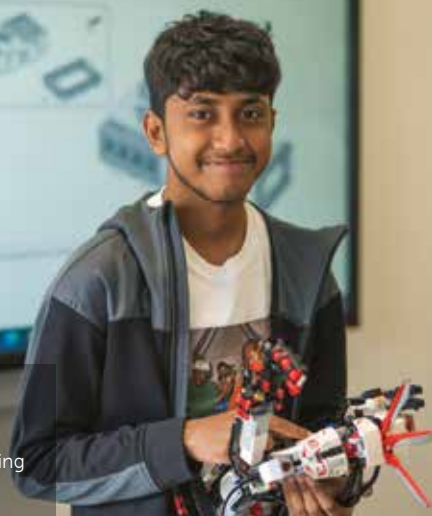
On this course, you will work in our professional kitchens and Scholars Training Restaurant to develop a range of practical skills supported with theory work. This will include preparing and cooking complex fish, meat and poultry dishes, working with dough and pastry, preparing hot and cold desserts, 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.

# COMPUTING AND IT

**Joseph Mathew**

**Currently Studying:**  
Level 3 IT Multimedia, Computing  
and Security



Computing and IT are exciting, dynamic and fast moving subjects and our courses are designed to equip you to work in a growing industry with many varied employment opportunities.

Not only do jobs in IT 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. We are recognised as a CISCO, 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.

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## CAREER PATHS:

- Games Developer
- Cyber Security
- Web Developer
- Computer Programmer
- Software Tester
- Network Engineer
- Computer Technician
- IT Teacher
- Systems Analyst
- Robotics
- Nanotechnology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Social Media Developer



## UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

- Gain industry qualifications as well as your main course:
  - > Adobe accredited centre
  - > Microsoft Academy
  - > CISCO IT Essentials and CCNA
- Trips such as:
  - > Berlin, Germany
  - > National Video Game Arcade
  - > Bletchley Park

## Business, IT and Employability

### Level 1 Introductory Diploma – 1 Year

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.

## Information and Creative Technology

### Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate – 1 Year

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.

## IT – Multimedia Computing & Security

### Level 3 Extended Diploma – 2 Years

You will study a range of subjects enabling you to develop highly sought after skills valuable to a range of Computing and IT industries through the use of industry standard hardware and software. Over the two years you will have the opportunity to study units such as: Digital Games Production; HCI and Website Production, Cyber Security, Digital Graphics; Programming and Database Development. Successful completion of this course could lead onto a related course at university, Higher Education programmes within the college, a junior position in the computing industry or an apprenticeship in software development.

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

## IT – Level 3 BTEC

### Extended Diploma – 2 Years

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During this course you will study units including: Programming, Cyber Security, Computer Games Development, Website Production, 2D & 3D Graphics, Digital Animation, IT Technical Support and Using Social Media in Business. The course combines internally assessed project work and also 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



**Connor Ryan**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Diploma Carpentry  
and Joinery

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.

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## 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, Johnstones 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



**Morgan Gunther**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Carpentry and Joinery

### 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 2 Diploma - 1 Year

This course will cover 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.

### 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



**Charlie Smith Dunne**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Brickwork

## Brickwork

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma - 1 Year

This course will cover 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.

## 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.

# PAINTING & DECORATING



**Hashim Cheema**

**Course:**  
Level 2 Painting and Decorating

## 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.

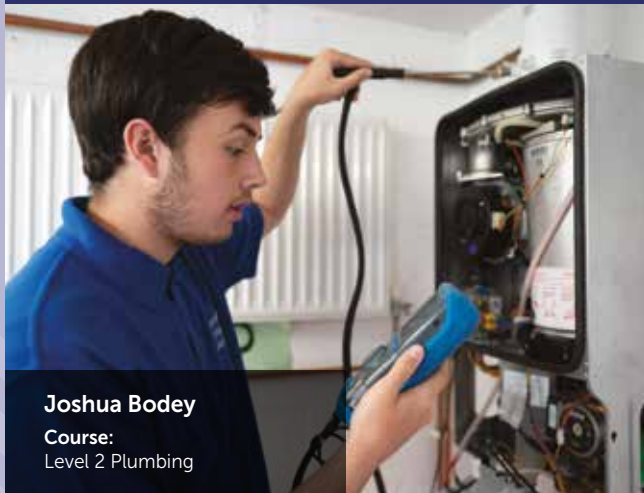
## Painting & Decorating

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.

## PLUMBING



**Joshua Bodey**

**Course:**  
Level 2 Plumbing

### Plumbing

City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

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

City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

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 grades 9 - 2 including English Language and Maths.

### Plumbing –

City and Guilds Level 3 Technical Diploma – 1 Year

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



**Jennifer Edge**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Electrical Installations

### Electrical Installation

City & Guilds Level 1 Diploma - 1 Year

On this course you will learn, develop and practice the skills required to succeed in this industry. This Level 1 course will develop practical and theoretical electrical skills covering topics such as electrical science, installation of wiring systems and communication within the building services / engineering industry. On successful completion of this course you could progress to the Level 2 Diploma in Electrical Installation. Alternatively, you could also apply for an electrical apprenticeship.

**Entry Requirements:** 4 GCSEs at grades 9 - 3 including English Language and Maths. You will also need a good understanding of science to complete this course.

### Electrical Installation

City & 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 Technical 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



**Melissa Brooks and Josh Hopson**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Childcare and Education

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

## 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

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**Layla Roche**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Childcare and Education

## Introduction to Health & Social Care and Children & 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.

## T Level Technical Qualification In

Education And Childcare Level 3 – 2 Years **T-LEVELS**

NEW FOR 2021

The Technical Qualification will equip you with the knowledge, skills and behaviours you need to enter skilled employment. The occupational specialisms are: Early Years Educator. During this course you will study a wide range of subjects including Wider Context, Child Development Supporting Education, Observation and Assessment, Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Wellbeing, Reflective Practice, Behaviours, Equality and Diversity, Parents, Families and Carers, Special Educational Needs and Disability, Working with Others 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



**Nathan Shryan**

**Course:**  
Level 3 Engineering

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

- £4 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

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## Engineering and Manufacturing

Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

This course will develop practical engineering skills including: Bench Fitting, Welding, Machining, Plumbing and Automotive. 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

Level 2 NVQ – 1 Year

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.

## Technical Qualification in Engineering and Manufacturing: Maintenance, Installation and Repair

Level 3 – 2 Years

NEW FOR 2022

**T-LEVELS**

This Technical Qualification consists of a core section including health and safety, material science, and engineering mathematics. The subject specialism is Maintenance engineering technologies. After completing basic skills modules you will progress on to learning about advanced diagnostic techniques for multiple mechanical systems. 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 and Maths.



## Engineering Technology

Level 3 Diploma – 1 Year

This course is designed to give you knowledge and understanding of the principles and practical skills needed for a career in a broad range of engineering fields. It provides an ideal opportunity for learners without relevant experience to develop the necessary skills and underpinning knowledge to progress to an apprenticeship in engineering. The course content will focus on the essential skills needed of engineering craftsmen and technicians e.g. health and safety, electrical and electronic principles, welding, maintenance and machining techniques. Successful completion could lead to an engineering apprenticeship or further study at an equivalent or higher level.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 in Engineering

## 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.



## MOTOR VEHICLE

### Light Vehicle Maintenance

Level 2 VRQ – 1 Year

During this course you will develop knowledge of motor vehicle technology 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 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.



Jack Bradfield-Smith

## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE HAIR, BEAUTY, NAILS AND MEDIA MAKEUP

Izaak Macdonald

Course:  
Level 3 Hairdressing



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.

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### 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 Nursing Cadets

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Hair, Beauty & Nails  
Training salons



### NEW: HNC PERFORMING ARTS (TECHNICAL ARTS)

We are delighted to offer talented and successful Media Makeup students the opportunity to progress to our new HNC course which focuses on the development of skills in Media Makeup.

The HNC Performing Arts (Technical Arts) course will launch in September 2022 at Riverside College.

**For more information visit:**

[www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/  
course/hnc-performing-technical-arts/](http://www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/course/hnc-performing-technical-arts/)



## Creative Students Impress at National Events

Talented Centre of Excellence in Hair, Beauty, Media Makeup and Nails at Riverside College continue to impress industry professionals whilst gaining vital work experience at high profile events.

Over the past few years, students have had the opportunity to display their talent, creativity, passion, and professionalism to support professional teams at events including Miss World, Miss England, London Fashion Week, Liverpool Fashion Week, and outdoor theatre productions including Electric Dreams at Norton Priory and Macbeth.



The professional outdoor theatre event, Electric Dreams, took place within the grounds of Norton Priory and St Luke's The Bombed Out Church, over the summer. Riverside students assisted with the dramatic hair and makeup for the show, and they impressed the theatre director and cast with their professional work during the whole production.



## HAIRDRESSING



**Jessica Brunt**  
Course:  
Level 3 Hairdressing

### 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 hair, Plaiting Hair and Basic Colouring. 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 2 Diploma - 1 Year

On this course you will study modules including: Shampoo and condition the hair and scalp, Cutting techniques, Barbering Skills 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 - 3 including English Language and Maths.

### Professional Hairdressing

Level 3 Diploma - 1 Year

On this course you will improve your hairdressing techniques, including: colour correction and advanced 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 'avant-garde' designs, and creative colouring techniques. Successful completion of this course could lead to salon management or Higher Education Level 4 Hairdressing.

**Entry Requirements:** Level 2 in Hairdressing. You may be required to attend a trade test and an interview.

## MEDIA MAKEUP



**Holly Bogue**

**Course:** Level 3  
Professional Hair and Media Makeup

## Professional Theatrical and Media Makeup Level 3 Diploma - 1 Year

On this course you will study modules including: Makeup Techniques for the Catwalk, Photographic Shoots, Television and Film, Style and Fit Hair Pieces, Apply Airbrush Makeup, Complete Fashion & Photographic Makeup Looks, Create and Apply Prosthetic Pieces and Bald Caps for Special Effects & 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 free-lance artist.

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

## Makeup Artistry with Hairdressing Level 1 Diploma - 1 Year

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: Preparing the skin, foundation matching, day & evening makeup, bridal hair & makeup, Lash & brow treatments, 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 Hair and Media Makeup Level 2 Diploma - 1 Year

This course will give you a comprehensive coverage of various fashion photographic make-up techniques and hairdressing techniques. You will study modules including: Applying Creative Makeup and Photographic Makeup, Body Art Design, Lash & Brow Treatments, Dressing Short & Long Hair and Basic 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 the 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.

## BEAUTY THERAPY



**Amy Oldfield**

**Currently Studying:**

Level 3 Professional Beauty Therapy  
*WorldSkills UK Finalist in Nov 2021*

### Professional Beauty Therapy

Level 2 Diploma – 1 Year

During this course you will be involved in both practical and theory modules to gain your qualification including: Working in the Beauty Industry, Health & Safety, Customer Care & Communication, Salon Reception, Facial Massage Techniques, Selling Products and Services, Removing Hair Using Waxing Techniques, Manicure, Pedicure, Nail Art Techniques, Makeup, Tanning and Facial Skin Care for Men. 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.

### Beauty Therapy

Level 1 Diploma – 1 Year

During this course you will study modules including, Presenting a Professional Image in a Salon, Creating an Image Using Colour for the Beauty Sector, Skin Care, Applying Basic Makeup and Themed Face Painting. You will also learn how to provide nail art services, manicure treatments, pedicure treatments, create a hair and beauty image and follow health and safety in the salon. 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 3 Technical Diploma – 1 Year

During this course you will study modules including, Facial Electrotherapy Treatments, Body Electrotherapy Treatments, Stone Therapy Massage, Microdermabrasion and Body Massage. 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, plus a minimum of GCSE grade 9 – 3 in English Language and Maths.

### Nursing Cadets (See page 53)

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

Combine a Level 3 in Health and Social Care with accredited Beauty Qualifications



## PROFESSIONAL NAIL SERVICES

### Professional Nail Services

Level 2 NVQ Diploma – 1 Year

During this course you will study the techniques needed to become a nail technician including: manicure, pedicure, nail enhancement, gel polish, and nail art services. Your practical skills will be combined with the study of anatomy and physiology and customer care. Successful completion of this course could lead onto the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Nail 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 Nail Services

Level 3 NVQ Diploma – 1 Year

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 and creative nail structures. 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 completed in the last 3 years, unless you have been working within the industry.



# HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND NURSING



**Chloe Cook**

**Currently Studying:** Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

The exciting and innovative courses in Health, Social Care, Nursing and Nursing Aesthetics at Riverside College provide students with invaluable experience in our brand new 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.**

## Career Paths:

- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Nurse
- Midwife
- Care Worker
- Child Psychologist
- Youth Worker
- Teacher
- Learning Support Assistant
- Aesthetics Clinician



## Beauty and Skincare Enrichment Programme

Students studying on the Nursing Cadets Level 3 Extended Diploma Health and Social Care course at Riverside College and have an interest in the growing aesthetics and beauty industry can combine their qualification with a unique enrichment programme allowing them to gain two additional qualifications in beauty during their course to complement their health and social care qualification.

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 the Level 2 Award in Skincare and Facial in year 1, and Level 3 in Electrical Facial Treatments in year 2.

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## Introduction to Health & Social Care and Children & 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'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 and Social Care.

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

## Health and Social Care

Level 2 Extended Certificate – 1 Year

During the course you will study a range of health and social care related subjects including Health and Social 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.

## Nursing Cadets

Level 3 Extended Diploma – 2 Years

This course uniquely combines elements of the health and social care qualifications with industry experience within a beauty therapy context. Key features include a variety of health related areas such as legislation, communication and sociology alongside an in depth understanding of the beauty industry and skin rejuvenation procedures used in specialist salons and clinical environments. This is an exciting combination of health related units which will allow for a progression pathway in to aesthetics after gaining a nursing degree

**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.

## Health and Social Care

Level 3 Extended Diploma – 2 Years

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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.

# HOW TO APPLY

## 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**. 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.
- Once you have decided which course you want to study you need to complete an application form.

## 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** 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 or over the telephone depending on current Covid 19 guidelines. 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 our journey is a smooth one by providing you with:**

A heavily subsidised bus pass for Warrington's Own Buses, who run the college services, if you live more than 1.5 miles away from college.

Plus 16 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.

## OPEN EVENTS

**Tuesday 16th November 2021** **5pm – 7pm**

**Wednesday 9th March 2022** **5pm – 7pm**

**Tuesday 7th June 2022** **5pm – 7pm**

- 
- > 100% Pass Rate
  - > 88% BTEC High Grades
  - > 48% BTEC Triple Distinction Star Grades

(Equivalent to 3 A\* grades at A Level)



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