

Riverside College

Widnes & Runcorn

RIVERSIDE COLLEGE 2025




Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider





99%
Level 3
Pass Rate
in 2024

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.

Tuesday 22nd October 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 26th November 5pm-7pm

For more information visit our website:

www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/open-evenings

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Not found what you are looking for:

Try the Cronton Sixth Form Prospectus or visit the website at: www.cronton.ac.uk

Ofsted Outstanding



Riverside College is proud to announce that following an inspection in April 2024, it has once again achieved an **OUTSTANDING** rating from Ofsted, replicating its success from four years prior.

“Students and apprentices benefit from highly effective teaching.”

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“Students and apprentices make or exceed their expected progress.”

Ofsted Outstanding 2024

“Students and apprentices are articulate, enthusiastic and polite.”

Ofsted Outstanding 2024



Results and the Class of 2024

The Class of 2024 has celebrated a **99% Level 3 Pass Rate** with successful students progressing to university, apprenticeships, and directly into jobs in their chosen industry.

Here are a few of the student's destinations:



Joshua McCaffrey

The Heath School
University of Chester,
Software Engineering



Maisey Shaw

Ormiston Chadwick
Academy
Liverpool John Moores
University, Adult Nursing



Crystal Joyce

Wade Deacon High School
Edge Hill University, Child
Nursing



Liam Dooley

St Gregory's Catholic
High School
Riverside College, HNC
Computing



Abby Sharratt

Ormiston Chadwick
Academy
Beauty Therapist,
Sapphire Beauty Salon



Kacper Graczykowski

Sandymoor Ormiston
Academy
Joinery Apprenticeship with
Lee Hallard Building Services

How to apply

a step-by-step guide

- **Sign Up:** Visit the website at www.riverside.ac.uk or scan the QR code to submit your application (please ensure you include accurate contact details and fully complete your application).
- **College Interview:** You will be invited to meet with a College Admissions Tutor who will help you choose the course/subjects that are right for your future career goals.
- **New Student Day:** Join us in July for New Student Day where you'll get a taste of your courses, meet your tutors, and get to know other students, setting you up for a smooth start to the term.
- **Enrolment:** After receiving your GCSE results, you will be invited to attend College to complete your enrolment and find out everything you need to start your course.
- **Let's Go:** Finally, in September, your classes begin.
Get ready for new adventures and learning at college!

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact our Admissions Team via email at courses@riverside.ac.uk or call 0151 257 2022.



Scan Here to Apply
Application Deadline
Friday 31st January 2025



FREE College Buses to start your journey with Riverside College

Students living 1.5 miles from college travel FREE on our 21 direct routes with Warrington's Own Buses.

Travel in Style from September:

All new electric buses for ZERO emissions!

Plus, the latest technology – charge your devices and connect to WiFi onboard!

Use this QR code to download our current timetables



Investing in your future

Riverside College has unveiled the Hydrogen Training Centre and, coming soon, The Green Energy Skills Centre, promoting sustainability and technological innovation. These facilities equip students with essential engineering skills for successful careers.

NEW for 2024: **Hydrogen Training Centre**



Scan the QR code to watch our facilities tour video

Coming Soon: **Green Energy Training Centre**



Facilities for an Outstanding Learning Experience





College Life A Winning Team

Riverside College students and apprentices have shown remarkable talent and dedication, earning recognition at various competitions and awards. Their achievements highlight their commitment to their new skills and the quality of education and training at the College. Congratulations to all winners and participants for their outstanding success.



Olly Baker, Level 2 Customer Services Apprentice, is awarded Employee of the Year at Remedi Solutions



Motor Vehicle students launch their Green Energy car at the Widnes Vikings Stadium



Tony Draper and Finley Jones at the NW Guild of Bricklayers Competition



Keeley Mullan

WorldSkills UK Gold Medal Winner 2023, Commercial Makeup

Enrichment

Go beyond the classrooms at Riverside College with exciting trips, inspiring speakers, work experience, and national competitions to give you a competitive edge. You will have the opportunity to take part in different enrichment activities including:

- National Competitions including WorldSkills UK
- Charity and fundraising
- Sports including Race for Life, fitness classes, table tennis club, yoga and cross-college 5-a-side tournament
- Driving Theory Classes
- Esports National League
- Social spaces including Starbucks





Student Wellbeing and Personal Support

At Riverside College, your welfare is our priority. Our Programme Management Team is on hand to support with your mental health and wellbeing, as well as providing assistance with financial support, college bursaries, and transportation options, including our free bus pass.

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 and Carers

We understand the importance of keeping parents and carers informed, which is why we ensure prompt communication regarding attendance, progress, and achievements. Throughout the year, we host welcome evenings and progress evenings where parents and carers can engage with the college community and stay updated on your journey.

Inclusion and Learning Support Team

At Riverside, we have a dedicated team of tutors and support workers who assist students across college who may face barriers to learning, to ensure their success. Our team offers support in the following areas:

- Offering specific class support through learning support workers.
- Identifying and implementing tailored support strategies for teaching and learning.
- Organising and planning your work and developing study skills.
- Introducing resources such as assistive technology to promote independent learning.
- Conducting assessments for exam access arrangements, where applicable.
- Supporting students with an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) through a dedicated EHCP team to plan a smooth transition to college.



Careers Advice and Work Experience

Ace Team

The award-winning ACE Team are hugely successful in offering students progression support for application to apprenticeships, university or directly into industry.

Students can experience trips to universities, career fairs and industry specialist speakers to help them make important decisions about their next steps after college.

Students will receive support to engage in Work Experience and Industry Placements, gaining practical experience in real-world settings. For courses with mandatory work experience hours, our Industry Placement Team can support students to meet these requirements.

Financial Support Bursaries and Travel

At Riverside College, students can access financial assistance to support them during their studies.

We can support with:

- **FREE** Bus Travel for students who live 1.5 miles from College (See pages 10 and 11 for more details about the 21 Warrington's Own Buses dedicated college bus routes)
- **FREE** Breakfast Snacks
- **FREE** College Meals*
- **BURSARY Financial Support** paid directly to the student on a weekly basis*

*This financial support is means tested and given as per financial need for the course and as a result of a financial assessment. For more information about the options above and other financial support during your time at college please visit: www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/student-bursary



COURSES AT RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

Scan here for more information about courses at Riverside College or visit www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/school-leavers/course-areas



“Students and apprentices enjoy a broad curriculum that extends their experiences and prepares them for their next steps, work and life in modern Britain.”

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Please note: We make every effort to ensure the information in this guide is correct at the time of publication. However, subjects and qualifications are subject to government policy changes, and we reserve the right to make changes to our course offering for operational reasons.

Qualifications Explained

How do you like to learn?

At Riverside College, we understand that everyone learns differently. Whether you are hands-on or more academic, we offer a wide range of qualifications to suit your learning style, career goals, and exam grades.

Different types of qualifications on offer to school leavers in this guide:

Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 Diploma

Certain subjects begin at Level 1 while others start at Level 2 due to the incorporation of new practical skills. Some students may advance to Level 3, while some might progress onto an apprenticeship to further their training and qualifications.

Level 3 Extended Diploma

This two-year full-time course, equivalent to 3 A Levels, provides practical skills and specialised knowledge in your chosen subject, to help you progress to a degree, degree apprenticeship, or the workplace. You may be assessed via portfolio work, practical assessments, and exams.

T-LEVELS

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



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.

Maths and English

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 GSCE or functional skills in maths and English alongside your course.

Business and Retail

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 innovative professional environment. Our provision specialises in a range of business subjects covering retail, marketing, finance, travel, and enterprise.

A unique experience of:

- Guest Speakers to provide insights into various industries
- Work Placements to develop confidence and hands on experience
- Trips to companies and businesses in major cities
- Competitions to encourage leadership and entrepreneurial skills



BUSINESS AND RETAIL

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Business, IT and Employability | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Technical Certificate in Business Admin | Business, IT and Employability | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Extended Certificate | Business | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Extended Diploma | Business, Marketing and Finance | 2 Years Cronton | 5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths. |



Scan here for all
Business courses

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN

Catering and Hospitality

At the Centre of Excellence in Catering and Hospitality, students benefit from training with industry specialists and Michelin Star Chefs, extensive opportunities for paid work experience and hands on training in our state-of-the-art modern kitchens and restaurant; Scholars Restaurant.



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Scan here to watch the 10 Years celebration video



Paul Askew, Celebrity Chef and owner of The Art School Restaurant in Liverpool, joined the celebrations.



Scholars Training Restaurant and 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:

- Modern Training Restaurant and bar area
- 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



HOSPITALITY – FRONT OF HOUSE COURSES

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Food & Beverage Services | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Diploma | Food and Beverage Service Supervision | 1 Year | Level 2 Diploma in Food & Beverage and a good standard of English/Maths |



Scan here for all Catering and Hospitality Courses

CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|---|
| Level 1 Diploma | Catering and Hospitality | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Cookery | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & a grade 3 in Maths |
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Bakery and Patisserie | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Diploma | Professional Cookery | 1 Year | Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery and a good standard of English/ Maths |



Computing and Digital



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. Not only do jobs in computing and digital technologies offer great job satisfaction, but the demand for these skills also means that good starting salaries are paid.

A unique experience of:

- Modern computer suites
- Esports Gaming PCs with RTX 3080 graphics
- Robotics
- Games Development
- CISCO IT Essentials and CCNA



Enrichment including the College Esports Teams



COMPUTING AND DIGITAL

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| Level 1 Introductory Diploma | Business, IT and Employability | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 BTEC Extended Certificate | Information and Creative Technology | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 BTEC Technical Diploma | Digital Technologies | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language and Maths |
| Level 3 National Extended Diploma | Esports | 2 Years | 5 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma | Software Development and Technology Systems | 2 Years Cronton | 5 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |



Scan here for all Computing & IT Courses

Construction

At Riverside College, we provide training in a variety of construction courses. Successful students progress into jobs in the industry, apprenticeships and some onto higher education and training.

A unique experience of:

- State of the art Construction Centre with industry standard workshops
- Gas Training Centre
- Links with local and national Employers
- Work Experience
- Industry specialist tutors
- Outstanding Apprenticeship Team
- HNC and HND in Construction



Scan here for all Construction Courses, including any extra entry requirements.



*“The college makes a **STRONG** contribution to meeting skills needs”*

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| JOINERY | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
| City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma | Joinery | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma | Carpentry and Joinery | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma | Carpentry and Joinery | 1 Year | Level 2 in Carpentry and Joinery and a GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 English Language and Maths |



BRICKWORK

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma | Brickwork | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma | Brickwork | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |



PAINTING AND DECORATING

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|
| City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma | Painting and Decorating | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma | Painting and Decorating | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |



| PLUMBING | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------|--|
| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
| City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma | Plumbing | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma | Plumbing | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma | Plumbing | 1 Year | Level 2 in Plumbing and a GCSE Grade 4 or Level 2 English Language and Maths |

| ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
| City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma | Electrical Installation | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 4 inc. Science, English Language & Maths |
| City and Guilds Level 3 Diploma | Electrical Installation | 1 Year | Achievement of Electrical Installation at Level 2 or equivalent (C&G 2330 Level 2 or C&G 2365 Level 2) and GCSE English & Maths Grade 4 or above |



Engineering

The Engineering department provides industry standard training for career development. Our purpose built workshops, developed in collaboration with industry partners, feature advanced technologies, ensuring our students acquire high-level skills and can transition directly into the workplace with nationally recognised qualifications.

A unique experience of:

- NEW Green Energy / Hydrogen Centre with a large-scale Hydrogen Training Pipe
- 5 Industry Standard engineering and welding workshops
- Work on live projects with local employers
- Industry Specialist Tutors
- Outstanding Apprenticeship Team
- HNC and HND in Engineering



Scan here for all Engineering and Motor Vehicle Courses



| ENGINEERING | | | |
|-----------------|--|----------|--|
| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
| Level 1 Diploma | Engineering and Manufacturing | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 NVQ | Performing Engineering Operations | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths or Level 1 Engineering |
| Level 3 Diploma | Advanced Industry Engineering | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grades 9 - 4 inc. Science, English Language & Maths |
| T Level Level 3 | Technical Qualification in Engineering and Manufacturing | 2 Years | 5 GCSE Grade 9 - 5 inc. Grade 5 in English Language, Grade 5 in Maths, and a Grade 5:5 Science |



Motor Vehicle and Motorsport

A unique experience of:

- Latest technology and equipment
- Trips to motor shows and exhibitions
- Links with high profile employers
- Green Car project challenge
- Motorsport car
- Industry specialist tutors



MOTORSPORT ENGINEERING

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|---|
| Level 2 PEO Engineering (Motorsport) | Motorsport Engineering | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths or completion of a level 1 Engineering qualification with strong English and Maths results |
| Level 3 Engineering Technology | Motorsport Engineering | 1 Year | A suitable Level 2 Diploma in Engineering or Motor Vehicle & GCSE Grade 9 - 4 in English Language & Maths |

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------|---|
| Level 1 VRQ | Light Vehicle Maintenance | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 VRQ | Light Vehicle Maintenance | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 VRQ | Light Vehicle Maintenance | 1 Year | Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance or equivalent Motor Vehicle qualification and GCSE Grade 4 in English Language & Maths |

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN

Hair, Beauty, Nails and Media Makeup

At the Centre of Excellence for Hair, Beauty, Nails, and Media Makeup, we have industry standard facilities, including hairdressing salons, beauty treatment rooms, a nail bar, and advanced media makeup studios. Our strong connections with top employers like Peaches and Cream, Lime Pictures, and St Tropez offer students job opportunities, work placements, and training on the latest techniques and products.

A unique experience of:

- Professional Industry Standard Vita training salons
- Compete Nationally at Competitions including WorldSkills UK
- Industry Experienced Tutors
- Masterclasses from Industry Specialists
- Additional Specialist Qualifications



Vita
Hair, Beauty & Nails
Training salons

worldskillsuk
WINNERS

Outstanding Skills and Success

Over 40 Beauty and Makeup students have reached the WorldSkills UK Finals in the last 10 years with many achieving impressive Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals.



Scan here for all Beauty, Hair, Makeup and Nails courses

BEAUTY

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| Level 1 Diploma | Beauty Therapy | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Beauty Therapy | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Advanced Diploma | Professional Beauty Therapy | 1 Year | Completion of Level 2 in Beauty with a good standard of English & maths. You may be required to attend a trade test/assessment & interview |

Are you interested in the growing **Aesthetics** Industry? See page 58 for a combination of a health qualification alongside a Beauty and Skincare Enrichment Programme.



NAILS

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------|---|----------|---|
| Level 2 Diploma | Beauty Therapy with Professional Nails Specialism | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths, or by progression from Level 1 Beauty Therapy |
| Level 3 Advanced Diploma | Professional Nails Services | 1 Year | Level 2 in Nails Services or Level 2 Beauty Therapy with Professional Nails Specialism at Riverside College |



A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

A unique experience of:

- Industry Standard Equipment
- Work Experience in the Vita Training Salons
- External Work Experience which can include London Fashion Week and the award-winning 'A Place for Us' theatre production company
- Industry partners and links including Clarins and Peaches and Cream
- Extra add on short qualifications including Lash Lifting and Brow Lamination

Students who have successfully completed a Level 3 qualification at Riverside College in Media Makeup, Beauty, Hair, or Nails can apply for the HNC and HND Performing Arts (Makeup Artistry in the Creative Industries courses). Scan here for more information.

Media Makeup –
Higher Education
HNC/HND



HAIRDRESSING

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|
| Level 1 Diploma | Hairdressing | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Hairdressing | 2 Years | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language & a grade 3 in Maths |
| Level 3 Advanced Diploma | Professional Hairdressing | 1 Year | 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

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|--------------------------|--|----------|---|
| Level 1 Diploma | Makeup Artistry with Hairdressing | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Diploma | Professional Hair and Media Makeup | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Advanced Diploma | Professional Theatrical and Media Makeup | 1 Year | Successful completion of Level 2 Media Makeup, plus a minimum of GCSE Grade 9 - 4 in English Language & Maths |



Health and Care

Health and Care courses at Riverside College are both exciting and innovative, providing students with invaluable hands-on experience in our Clinical Practice Ward and Care Room. These courses include placement hours, ensuring students gain practical industry experience, setting them up for successful careers in health and care.

Interested in the Growing Aesthetics and Wellbeing Industry?

Students enrolled in the Level 3 Health Professionals course have the unique opportunity to enhance their skills through the **Beauty and Skincare Enrichment Programme**.

This additional beauty programme is studied alongside the Health course, offering students additional training in the Vita Beauty Salons at the college and includes extra qualifications in skincare, facial treatments, and relaxation/massage. These added skills and experiences will greatly benefit students' future careers in the aesthetics and wellbeing industry.



Scan here for all Health and Care courses

| HEALTH AND CARE | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------|--|
| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
| Entry Level | Early Years and Health & Care | 1 Year | N/A |
| Level 1 NCFE CACHE Diploma | Introduction to Health & Care and Children & Young People | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 Extended Certificate | Health & Care | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 Extended Diploma | Health & Care (Riverside College and Cronton Sixth Form) | 2 Years | A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 inc. English Language and Maths |
| Level 3 Extended Diploma | Health Professionals - Diploma in Health Studies | 2 Years | 5 GCSE Grade 9 - 4 inc. a Grade 4 in English Language, a Grade 4 in Maths and a Grade 4 in Science |



Early Years and Education

EARLY YEARS AND EDUCATION

| Level | Course Title | Duration | Entry Requirements |
|-----------------------------|--|----------|---|
| Level 1 CACHE Diploma | Introduction to Health & Social Care and Children and Young People | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 2 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 CACHE Diploma | Introducing Caring for Children and Young People | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 2 CACHE Diploma | Early Years Practitioner | 1 Year | 4 GCSE Grade 9 - 3 inc. English Language & Maths |
| Level 3 - T Level | Early Years and Education | 2 Years | A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade 9 - 4 including a grade 4 in English Language, Maths, and 4:4 in Science. Students must also have a clear DBS |



Each course includes specific placement hours and opens doors to various career opportunities. Scan the QR code to find the course that suits you best.



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
 - > Catering and Hospitality
 - > Technology and Business
- **Mixed Options** (variety of subjects) including employability

The pathways are designed to be personalised to a student's starting point and long-term plans. All learners will study the appropriate level of maths and English included in their timetable. We work with students and their circle of support to build personalised targets (RARPA) and qualifications. Lessons take place in a highly supported college environment and within the wider community. Foundation Studies will support you in all areas of preparing for adulthood.

Within the sessions, students have the opportunity to use the industry standard college facilities including the construction workshops, training kitchens, and IT spaces.

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

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships at Riverside College let you earn while you learn. With our high achievement rates and successful destinations, you can:

- Get a real job and continue your education
- Work with experienced staff
- Earn a wage and receive holiday pay with paid training
- Have study time related to your role (at least 6 hours a week)
- Gain hands-on experience and valuable skills that employers want
- Choose from various industries and organisations



*“Apprentices rapidly develop the new industry standard knowledge skill and behaviours”
“they swiftly become valuable employees.”*

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Apprenticeship Career Paths available:

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

How to Apply for an Apprenticeship

- We have a current list of available apprenticeships on our website: www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships/vacancies and to apply for any of these apprenticeships you will need to set up an account at 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 to discuss the next steps.

Entry Requirements for an Apprenticeship

Level 2 – 4 GCSE passes at Grade 9 – 3 including English and maths or equivalent

Level 3 – 4 GCSE passes at Grade 9 – 4 including English and maths or equivalent

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

See page 8 for more information about applying for a full-time course.



Scan here to watch the videos to celebrate National Apprenticeship Week



Powerful Partners for your Future

At Riverside College, we pride ourselves on forging strong industry connections that provide our students with unparalleled opportunities for growth and success.

Our partnerships with leading companies, robust career services, and real-world project experiences ensure that our students are not only well-prepared for the workforce but also highly sought after by top employers.

Students also have the opportunity to secure valuable work placements with our partner companies, ensuring they develop practical skills, build professional networks, explore various career options, and boost their confidence.

“Leaders plan training effectively with employers to meet their skills needs. They engage very productively with employers and stakeholders to skilfully design and teach the curriculum.”

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Riverside College works with leading companies to ensure our students are equipped with the current knowledge and skills required in their chosen industries. Some of our esteemed partners include:



Working with industry partners, Riverside College launched the Hydrogen Training Centre and new green energy qualifications in 2024 to meet the needs and skills shortage in the Liverpool City Region.



Scan here to watch the video of the opening launch



Higher Education Courses at Riverside College

Progression to HNC/HND and Degree Level Courses

At Riverside College, we provide an exceptional opportunity for students to continue their higher education journey within a familiar and supportive environment. By staying with us, you benefit from the same dedicated teachers, convenient locations, and state-of-the-art facilities.

We offer a variety of progression courses including HNC, HND, and Foundation Degrees, with the option to complete a one-year top-up to earn a full Degree in the following subjects:

- Computing and Digital Technologies
- Construction (Cronton College)
- Counselling (Adults / Children and Young People)
- Education and Teacher Training
- Engineering (Cronton College)
- Health and Care
- Media Makeup (Performing Arts)
- Sport (Cronton College)

If you have previously studied at another institution, you are also welcome to apply directly to us. For more information about our courses, please visit www.riversidecollege.ac.uk

Why Choose Riverside College for Your Higher Education?

- Outstanding Results: Achieve your academic goals with a 100% pass rate for bachelor's degrees in 2024.
- Excellence in Education: 50% of our BA Degree graduates achieved a 1st Class Honours in 2024.
- Financial Advantage: Benefit from lower debt without compromising on the quality of your education.
- Exclusive Bursary: Receive a £500 bursary gift if you are a qualifying first-year full-time student.*

Embark on your higher education journey with confidence at Riverside College, where excellence and support go hand in hand.

*Terms and conditions apply.



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