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Welcome!

You will have lots of new experiences, meet new people, and make new friends, but above all it will be a time in your life that will stay with you forever. Many learners tell us that being at College has changed their lives and given them a great start to their future careers, whether this is going to university, starting an Apprenticeship or securing employment, read about some of our learners' successes and experiences throughout this guide.

As the largest provider of post-16 education in Cheshire, we offer a comprehensive curriculum delivered by specialist staff. Your chosen programme of study will always be delivered at the Campus you enrol at and there is no travelling between our three sites.

We provide outstanding personalised pastoral support and mentoring to meet your specific needs, ensuring you

have every opportunity to excel. You will have access to modern inspirational world-class facilities. Our strong links with local and national employers and universities means that you will have access to work placements and industry professionals to ensure that you leave us equipped with the skills to succeed. We are immensely proud of our record of achievements.

I hope that you will join us and I look forward to welcoming you soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Jasbir Dhessi
Principal and Chief Executive

A Levels - The Cheshire College Edge

Why choose A Levels?

A Levels are the academic route to university or a higher-level Apprenticeship. They will give you the chance to continue studying your GCSE subjects at a higher level or you could choose subjects that you haven't studied before such as Psychology or Law. There are over 30 subjects to choose from so you are sure to find subjects you will love to study over the two years.

Why choose us?

A Levels are available at the Crewe Campus and this is one of the most popular places to study A Levels for learners in the area.

We are committed to academic excellence and each year we celebrate outstanding results with our learners securing places at the country's top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, London School of Economics, Durham, Exeter, University College London, Manchester, Liverpool, Warwick, Bristol and York.



A Level subjects are available in:

Art - Fashion & Textiles
Art - Fine Art
Art - Photography
Art & Design - Graphic Communication
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation
Computer Science
Criminology (Diploma)
Dance
Drama & Theatre Studies (BTEC Diploma)
Economics
English Language
English Literature
French
Further Maths
Geography
Geology
History
Law
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music Performance (BTEC Diploma)
Music Production (BTEC Diploma)

Philosophy, Ethics & Religious Studies
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Over
62%
of A Level learners
received A*-B
grades

100%
pass rate across all
A Level subjects

33%
achieved A*, A or B
grades or higher

Applied Science

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Being a learner in our science department will open your eyes to a world of exciting opportunities. Our modern laboratory and teaching rooms are the ideal place to develop your skills and knowledge in physics, chemistry, pharmacy, biology and physiology. The department boasts experienced teachers, many of whom have higher Degrees and industrial science backgrounds, and who have a wealth of expertise allowing the course content to be delivered in context giving learners an awareness of the diverse employment and university opportunities available.

Employers work with us to provide work placements and opportunities to visit and take part in exciting activities, including the NHS, University of Law, University of Chester, Blood Transfusion Service, Medical Mavericks, Chester Zoo, Operating Theatre Live, Cheshire Police, Cheshire Fire and Rescue, Keele University, Staffordshire University and Manchester Metropolitan University.

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Your college choices

Level 2

Health, Healthcare & Healthcare Science, T Level Transition Programme, 1 year, **CW or CH**

Level 3

Laboratory Science (Health & Science T Level Route), 2 years, **CW or CH**

Applied Science, BTEC, 2 years, **CW**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Dental Nurse, Lab Assistant, Scene of Crime Officer, Phlebotomist or Science Technician Research Assistant, Healthcare Science Assistant

Progression to advanced/higher Apprenticeship such as Dental Nursing, Pharmacy or Laboratory

Progress to Degree courses such as Nursing, Paramedics, Biochemistry, Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Pharmaceutical, Psychology, Occupational Therapy or Food Science.

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A year in the life of a learner

Class sessions 15 hours per week. Private study time 15 hours per week

**Course assessment:
Exams 40%
Assignments 60%**



Learner Limelight

Eliza Evanson

High School: Sandbach High School

Cheshire College Course: Applied Science BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: University of Aston to study BSc (Hons) Degree in Pharmacy

"My favourite part of the course was my work experience placement which meant we got to visit Staffordshire University and Keele University where we took part in practical sessions using the universities' labs and visited a crime scene in the Forensics House. We also found out about university courses and the range of science careers that are available.

My experience at College has been great. The teachers are all really friendly and always there to help if you need it. I'm nervous about going to university but also excited as it's a great opportunity for me."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 30%
Employment 70%



Staff Spotlight

Dr Ekram Haque

College Role: Science Tutor

"I have over 20 years' experience in industry as a Chemistry Lecturer and have only recently joined Cheshire College. I really enjoy teaching and passing on my knowledge to support the future generation of scientists to be successful. Whilst completing my PhD, I got experience lecturing at university, and following this I worked for various chemical companies such as ICI (now known as Ineos) and Warwick International, before coming back into education to help make a difference to the lives of learners.

I came into education to help people and it's been fantastic to see the learners I have taught this year develop throughout the course. I joined Cheshire College to help prepare young people for their next steps and it's the best feeling seeing the twinkle in a learner's eye when the penny drops."

Business

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Do you want to be your own boss? Entrepreneurs are at the forefront of our changing world, leading innovation in business and technology. Whether you want to run your own company, or see yourself leading companies you already admire, a business course at Cheshire College can be the launchpad for your ambitions. Business is an exciting and interactive course that provides an overview of how businesses are run and how they achieve success, giving you the skills needed to pursue many different careers and business specialisms.

You will build your confidence in a business environment and attend College wearing smart business dress as you would in industry. You will improve your communication skills as you'll be writing business reports and making professional presentations in class and working on real project briefs for employers and taking part in national competitions. You will also go on trips that have previously included day trips to the Law Courts, and Alton Towers for a business challenge workshop.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Creative, Digital & Enterprise (Vocational Studies), BTEC, 1 year, **CW** or **CH**

Level 2

Business & Administration, T Level Transition Programme, 1 year, **CW** or **CH**

Level 3

Business, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW**

Business (Management & Administration T Level Route), 2 years, **CW** or **CH**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Business BTEC HNC/D, 1 or 2 years, **CH**

Business Management, University of Wolverhampton, BA (Hons) Top-up Degree, 1 year, **CW**

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Customer Service Assistant, Admin Assistant, Finance Assistant or Business Administration Assistant

Apprenticeships such as Digital Marketing, Business & Administration, Customer Service and Accounting

Digital Marketer, HR Assistant, Payroll Assistant, Customer Service Assistant, Call Centre, Personal Assistant, Local Government Assistant or Accounts Assistant

Advanced Apprenticeships in Business Administration, Customer Service, Human Resources or Marketing

Progress to Degree courses such as Business, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Law or Management

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A year in the life of a learner

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**Course assessment:
Exams 10%
Assignments 90%**



Learner Limelight

Olga Kubalewska

High School: Ruskin Community High School

Cheshire College Course: Business BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: LLB (Hons) Degree in Law at Nottingham Trent University

"I enjoyed Young Enterprise most as it made me feel more confident in business in general. We also took part in Dragon's Den which was a great experience that gave us the chance to work in a team to develop a business idea and make it a reality.

I'm progressing to Nottingham Trent University to study Law. I'm very excited as I've always wanted to see what law was like and now I've got the chance to do it because of the Extended Diploma and my predicted grades. I'm so pleased I came to Cheshire College and I'm really excited to go to university."

3–4 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 65%
Employment 35%



Staff Spotlight

Gayle Neale

College Role: Business Tutor

"I joined the College two years ago and teach on the BTEC Business courses at Levels 2 and 3. I have previously taught on Foundation and undergraduate Degree programmes at university. I have a BSc (Hons) Degree in Business Administration and a PGCE teaching qualification, as well as Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status.

I have a passion for teaching and use my infectious enthusiasm to pass on my experience to learners. I have over 12 years' experience of real-life business scenarios in industry which I incorporate into my teaching sessions to bring the subject to life through group work, discussions, debates, presentations and mini competitions. My ambition is to educate, encourage and inspire young people to achieve their goals and aspirations."

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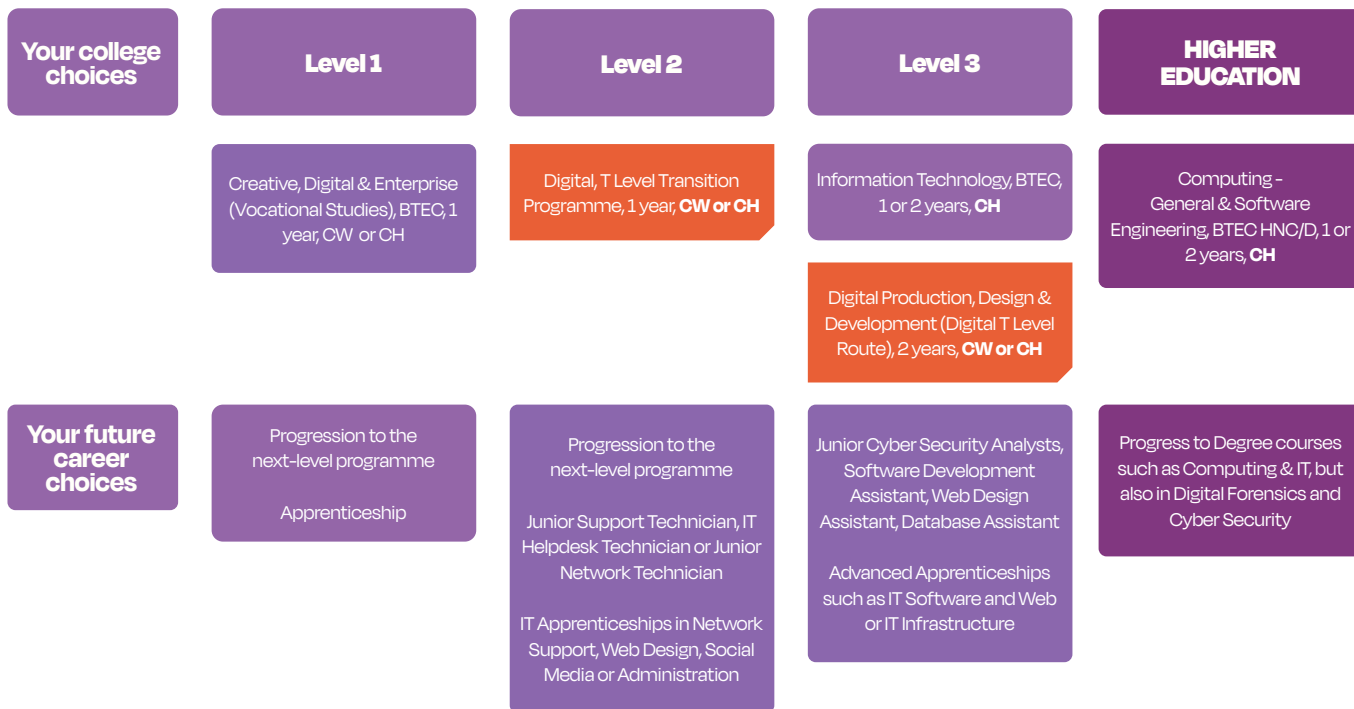
Computing & IT

Why Choose Cheshire College?

You will develop your personal skills and gain the practical and employment skills you need to work in different IT environments, including IT systems and software development. The course also covers computing hardware and you will use the latest industry-standard software applications such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, Netbeans, Eclipse Android Development, SQL Express and Microsoft Visual Studio. We also have fully-equipped IT labs, which are great for learning how to build and maintain PCs and create networks.

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Learner Limelight

Nathan Wainwright

High School: The Whitby High School

Cheshire College Course: Information Technology (Computer Science) BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in Professional Policing at Edge Hill University

"At first, I was scared about coming to College, having to get to know new people and the course, but all the tutors were lovely and it's been really nice. The course has been better than I expected and it's been a big help as it's got me to university which I didn't think would happen.

I've been able to attend College around my part-time job, complete my course and gain a university place. In the future, I hope to finish my Policing Degree and work in one of the policing departments as a Police Officer."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 65%
Employment 35%



Staff Spotlight

Simon Phillips

College Role: T Levels and IT Tutor

"Having been involved in computing since the mid-80s, I have gained extensive experience in computer hardware and software over the years. Taking my hobby further, I completed a BSc (Hons) Degree in Computer Science and then having worked in the programming industry, moved into teaching in 2013, teaching Computer Science. This has progressed more recently into studying an MSc in Advanced Computer Science.

I believe being a part of the ever-changing world of technology, educating learners into taking a computing/ICT based course as a career path is imperative in sustaining the digital business world, plus it contributes towards learners starting a fulfilling career path that is in demand globally. I am passionate about teaching and supporting young learners to start their careers in the IT industry."

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Construction and the Built Environment

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Construction and the Built Environment encompasses everything you can imagine from the design of buildings, bridges and infrastructure to the installation of lighting, water services and the physical construction of structures. You'll either join our Construction Vocational Studies course or choose a route to a specific profession or trade such as an Architect, Plumber or Electrician. Our close links with employers, such as Kier, BAM, AKD, CEF, Fuse Electrical, Balfour Beatty, Graham, Redrow, and Sanctuary Maintenance means we can offer work experience placements that help get you ready to work in the industry.

Practise your skills in our real working environments including plumbing bays, electrical bays for fitting and live testing of electrical installations, extensive carpentry and joinery facilities, brickwork bays, painting and decorating and plastering areas. Whichever trade interests you, we can set you up for the career or Apprenticeship that suits you.

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Assignments 60%**



Learner Limelight

Michael Unsworth

High School: Upton-By-Chester County High School

Cheshire College Course: Bricklaying C&G Diploma Level 2

Progressing to: Stonemasonry Apprenticeship at the Eaton Estate in Chester

"I initially got interested in Bricklaying when I helped with building an extension for a family member and thought the bricklaying element looked like something I would enjoy. I did the Level 1 and 2 Bricklaying courses at the College and, towards the end of the course, my tutor recommended I go for an Apprenticeship at the Eaton Estate. I went for it and was offered the job.

I would recommend the College to anyone as it's enabled me to gain an Apprenticeship in a skilled trade that will lead to a career I know I will enjoy!"

3 days in College each week

**Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%**

**Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 30%
Employment 70%**



Staff Spotlight

Ash Eldegwy

College Role: T Levels and Electrical Installation Tutor

"I have a number of years of experience working as an Electrician, running my own company alongside being a tutor at the College. This allows me to keep up-to-date with the latest developments and regulation changes in the industry so I can pass these on to my learners.

I became interested in teaching so I could share my knowledge and experience with learners so I can give them the best start possible in their future careers. I have completed my teaching qualification and my Internal and External Assessor qualifications enabling me to further support learners in progressing through their qualifications. We have a friendly and experienced team of tutors who will guide and encourage you to achieve the best grades possible."

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Early Years and Education

Why Choose Cheshire College?

The early years of a child's life play a critical part in their development and the person they will become. Playing a role in the early development of a child is hard work but extremely rewarding, and we will work with you to develop an awareness of best practice in working with children from birth to 5 years and through to Key Stage 1. Our programmes will enable you to develop your skills and understanding of settings which promote the latest in early years education, equality and diversity, inclusion and child development, which include Forest and Beach Schools and international perspectives.

Our teachers are highly experienced and have excellent links with employers, ensuring you get real experience in settings, such as day nurseries, schools or children's centres, to develop your practical skills, and early years professionals come into College to give talks on working in the sector. At the Crewe Campus, we also have our very own Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding' on-site facility, Starting Point Day Nursery.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Health, Social & Childcare (Vocational Studies), OACHE, 1 year, **CW** or **EP**

Level 2

Education & Childcare, T Level Transition Programme, 1 year, **CW** or **EP**

Level 3

Assisting Teaching (Education & Childcare T Level Route), 2 years, **CW** or **EP**

Early Years Educator (Education & Childcare T Level Route), 2 years, **CW** or **EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Certificate in Education or PgCE, 1 year, **CW**

Education, Childhood & Youth, University of Wolverhampton, BA (Hons) Degree, 3 years, **CW**

Your future career choices

Progression to next-level level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Nursery Assistant, Play Worker

Apprenticeship in Children and Young People's Workforce or Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools

Teaching Assistant, Nanny, Nursery Assistant, Pre-School Worker, After School Club Assistant, Room Leader

Advanced Apprenticeship in Early Years Educator

Progress to Degree courses such as Primary Teaching, Child Psychology or Early Years

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A year in the life of a learner

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**Course assessment:
Exams 10%
Assignments 90%**



Learner Limelight

Karolina Golebiewska

High School: Ruskin Community High School

Cheshire College Course: Childcare & Education (Early Years Educator) Technical CACHE/NOFE Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Employment as a Nursery Practitioner

"I've really enjoyed my College course and learned a lot about the industry. The tutors supported me and were always available to help with any queries and taking the next steps after College. As part of the course, you also get lots of experience working in early years and I did mine in the College's nursery. Whilst working there an opportunity came up for a position, so I applied and got the job!

I'm more than excited about the future. I'm keen to continue learning and feel I have the confidence to develop in my new role and have a fulfilling career."

3 days in College each week
1 day each week on placement

Theory sessions 90%
Practical sessions 10%

Learner destinations:
Further study/ university 10%
Employment 90%



Staff Spotlight

Jo Williams

College Role: Early Years and Health and Social Care Tutor

"I started my career as a Teaching Assistant in a school and following this I worked in communication support which involved supporting a Deaf learner by interpreting through Sign Language.

I had a lot of experience working with young people but felt that I needed some qualifications to complement this, so I undertook a BA (Hons) Degree in Families & Childhood Studies, followed by Master's Degree in Education and then a PgOE Post Compulsory Education and Teaching qualification. More recently I have been lecturing undergraduates at university in subjects such as education and early years/families.

I recently joined the College as a tutor and I'm really enjoying passing on my knowledge to the next generation of childcare professionals."

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Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue hoodie, is looking down at a yellow robotic arm. The arm is positioned over a black workbench with several white cylindrical objects. The background is a bright, industrial-looking workshop with white walls and metal structures. The text "Electrical, Electronic and Mechanical Engineering" is overlaid in white, with two large blue arrows pointing to the right.

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Depending on the route taken, you will have access to industry-standard equipment to develop your fabrication skills and gain a broader understanding of engineering in real workshop environments, including engineering workshops and specially-fitted classrooms.

You will experience a diverse range of working environments such as maintenance engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical and electronic engineering and gain an understanding of electrical applications. The employers we work with provide learners with work experience, projects to get involved in and give talks on engineering developments in the industry. Employers include Bentley Motors, Royal Engineers, National Grid, Cadent Gas, Altimex, SP Energy Networks and Harthill Cookery School.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Introduction to Engineering. Programme includes CAD, Manufacturing, Electrical Installation, Electrical Circuits, Digital Technologies, Problem Solving, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Level 2

Engineering & Technology, EAL, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Engineering, T Level Transition Programme, 1 year, **CW**

Level 3

Engineering, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW or EP**

Engineering Technologies (Practical skills-based course), 1 or 2 years, **EP**

Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing: Mechanical or Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Engineering and Manufacturing T Level Route), 2 years, **CW or EP**

Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic or Light and Electric Vehicles (Maintenance, Installation and Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing T Level Route) 2 years, **CW**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Engineering - Electrical, General or Mechanical, BTEC HNC/D, 1 or 2 years, **EP**

Engineering - Electrical, Manufacturing or Mechanical, BTEC HNC/D, 1 or 2 years, **CW**

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Semi-skilled Operative, Trainee Engineering Technician or Maintenance Engineer

Apprenticeship in Electrical & Electronic or Fabrication & Welding

Engineering Technician, Electronic Technician, Mechatronics Technician

Advanced Apprenticeship in Maintenance & Installation or Technical Support

Degrees in Engineering and Engineering disciplines or Degree Apprenticeships

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A year in the life of a learner

Class sessions 15 hours per week. Private study time 15 hours per week

**Course assessment:
Exams 40%
Assignments 60%**



Learner Limelight **Joe Lightfoot**

Cheshire College Course: Engineering BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3
Progressing to: Degree Apprenticeship with Leoni Electrical Engineering

"I received the 2020 Education Award in Engineering as part of IET Merseyside and Western Cheshire Local Network's Student Excellence Awards for the work I have produced, as well as outstanding effort and attainment. I've always had a passion for engineering and to be recognised for my work by one of the biggest institutes in the industry was a real honour.

The content covered by my Level 3 course has been really useful for my Degree Apprenticeship and I've been able to apply a lot of what I've learned to the job. My role is Electrical Engineer and I will be working in the company's laboratory. I'm really excited about the future and looking forward to gaining my BEng Degree and becoming a fully-qualified Electrical Engineer."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 30%
Employment 70%



Staff Spotlight

Saima Qureshi

College Role: T Level and Engineering Tutor

"I achieved my Engineering Degree in Computers and Microelectronic Systems from the University of Liverpool. I then stayed on and achieved my PhD in Robotics from the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. I have fourteen years' experience of teaching, learning, and assessing and I have taught courses at various levels up to Higher National Certificate (HNC) Level 4/5.

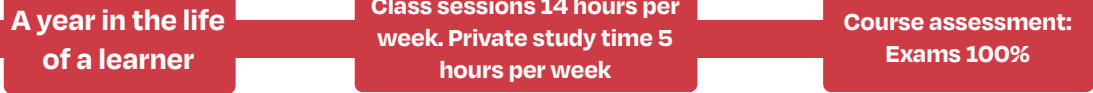
I am focused on professionalism and committed to staying up-to-date on best practice and other strategies for teaching. I have successfully completed my Level 4 Certificate in 'Leading the IQA of Assessment Processes and Practice', as well as working as a Standards Verifier for Pearson."

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Our ESOL Skills for Life qualifications are designed specifically for people living in Britain and focus on preparing learners for everyday life, further education and the world of work. The primary aim is to assist the learner in becoming independent of other people such as interpreters or translators when interacting with English speakers in a work environment and elsewhere. By improving your communication skills and fluency in English, you will significantly improve your employability skills and ability to fully participate in every part of life in Britain beyond your local community.

We offer ESOL courses at different levels to meet your specific needs, starting at Pre-entry Level for those who cannot read, write or speak any English, through to Level 2 programmes. Our ESOL study programmes include maths and citizenship qualifications to develop your understanding of British culture.



**A year in the life
of a learner**

**Class sessions 14 hours per
week. Private study time 5
hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 100%**

What will I study?

You will study on the Ascentis - Skills for Life qualifications from Pre-entry Level to Level 2 at the Crewe, Ellesmere Port or Chester Campuses. The course is one year in duration and you will cover various aspects of English including:

- Listening
- Reading
- Speaking
- Writing

The courses are intended for learners aged 16-19 years whose first language is not English and who are living or trying to settle in the UK.

On completion of the course, you could go on to further training or employment.

We have over 500 learners at the College from different countries around the world, and many learners meet new friends for life.



**3-4 days in College
each week**

Theory sessions 100%

**Learner destinations:
Further study/university 65%
Employment 35%**

Fashion Communication

Why Choose Cheshire College?

The fashion industry is an exciting, fast-moving sector that offers plenty of opportunities for creative and ambitious individuals. You will explore marketing and display techniques and find out how to deliver outstanding customer service. You will gain essential skills in management, buying, brand development, fashion promotion strategies, marketing and research and development, as well as learning about the history of visual merchandising and the process of bringing goods through from production to the store.

At our Chester Campus you can express your creativity in our visual merchandising pods with props and mannequins when working on visual merchandising and styling projects. The department works on collaborative projects with Art and Design learners and in the fashion studio at the Chester Campus.

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**Your college
choices**

Level 3

**HIGHER
EDUCATION**

Fashion Business and Retail,
UAL, 2 years, **CH**

**Your future
career
choices**

Visual Merchandising and
Fashion Buyer roles. Retail
Management programmes

Advanced Apprenticeships in
Retail, Visual Merchandising
or Buying

Progress to Degree courses
such as Fashion Journalism,
Fashion Communication,
Fashion Promotion or Fashion
Buying

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A year in the life of a learner

Class sessions 15 hours per week. Private study time 15 hours per week

**Course assessment:
Exams 40%
Assignments 60%**



Learner Limelight

Eve Davenport

High School: Ysgol Morgan Llwyd

Cheshire College Course: Fashion Business and Retail UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Year 2 of the Fashion Business and Retail UAL Extended Diploma Level 3

"I studied A Levels at sixth form for a year but really didn't like doing them. After looking at the courses, the Fashion Business and Retail course was the only one which really stood out for me as this is a job that I can see myself doing in the future.

I wanted to look at the business side of the industry and not fashion design and that is what this course does. The course is a new course and isn't offered in the local area so it will give me an advantage when it comes to finding a job."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 30%
Employment 70%



Staff Spotlight

Claire Cosens

College Role: Business and Fashion Communication Tutor

"After leaving College, I began an Apprenticeship with a labelling manufacturer where I worked as part of the marketing team, developing marketing strategies and creating promotional material and artwork. Following this I worked on the design and publication of a pharmaceutical business to business magazine.

Alongside teaching, I have also been running my own business working with a variety of clients including an international publishing firm, many local businesses and an award-winning landscape design and management company."

Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Whether you want to work in a hair, beauty or nail salon or progress to managing a spa/salon of your own, our range of hair, beauty and nail courses will help you to achieve this. In addition, our range of make-up artistry and media make-up courses could qualify you to pursue a career in the flourishing make-up industry, work in theatres, film and TV, salons or progress to university.

You will develop high-level skills and techniques by providing a range of hairdressing, beauty, nails and make-up treatments to high industry standards on real clients in modern commercial salons. You will be encouraged to take part in industry competitions to enhance your skills and raise your aspirations. There will be many opportunities to take part in work placements and collaborative projects with our employers, including Kirsty Meakin, Cherie Kirk, Airbase Make-up, Sandra Moreno - African Caribbean Hair Specialist, Toni & Guy artistic team, Elite Barbers, Fractured Society, Sally Collins, John O'Nions and Prestige Barbers.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Hair & Beauty (Vocational Studies), BTEC, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Level 2

Barbering, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Beauty Therapy - General Route, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Beauty Therapy - Technical Route, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Make-up Artistry Technical Certificate, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Nail Technology, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Women's Hairdressing, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Level 3

Beauty Therapy, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Media Make-up Artistry Advanced Technical Diploma, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Nail Technology NVQ Diploma, C&G, 1 year, **EP**

Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-up, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Women's Hairdressing, C&G, 1 year, **CW or EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Management Practice & Advanced Techniques in the Hair & Beauty Sector - Hair, C&G Diploma Level 4, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Management Practice & Advanced techniques in the Hair & Beauty Sector - Theatrical Media Make-up, C&G Diploma Level 4, 1 year, **EP**

Your future career choices

Progression to next-level level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to next-level level programme

Apprenticeship as a Beauty Therapist, Hairdresser, Barber, Make-up Artist, Spa Therapist or work as a junior in these roles

Hairdresser, Beauty Therapist, self-employment, Spa Therapist, Colour Technician

Make-up learners could progress on to university to study Theatrical Make-up or Make-up Artistry

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A year in the life of a learner

Class sessions 10 hours per week. Private study time 3 hours per week

**Course assessment:
Exams 30%
Assignments 70%**



Learner Limelight

Thomas Edwards

High School: Oaklands High School

Cheshire College Course: Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair & Media Make-up C&G Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Management Practice & Advanced Techniques in the Hair & Beauty Sector (Theatrical Media Make-up) C&G Diploma Level 4

"The course is fantastic and it has built up my confidence. The best thing about it is learning so much about Media Make-up. Being at the College makes you feel like you are in a safe and secure environment to learn in. While I have been on the course I have met lots of new people and it's given me a future direction that I am really excited about.

My plan is to stay at the College on the Level 4 Make-up and Special Effects Techniques course, and following this I would like to work for Morphe Make-up or work in TV and film as a Make-up Artist."

3 days in College each week with occasional evening attendance

**Theory sessions 30%
Practical sessions 70%**

**Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 10%
Employment 90%**



Staff Spotlight

Hannah Wood

College Role: Barbering Tutor

"I have been in the hair and barbering sector since I was 14 starting as a Saturday Girl and working my way up expanding and developing my skills within the industry. I worked for Toni & Guy for 14 years in various roles, including as an Apprentice, Artistic Director and Salon Manager, where I built up a healthy clientele of both ladies and gents. Initially I did hairdressing but expanded into barbering as my clientele demands changed and now I hold a Level 3 in both Hairdressing and Barbering. From the salon I moved on to follow my passion for teaching to become a Tutor at the Toni & Guy Academy, which was followed by gaining my role as Course Team Leader at the College whilst also supporting learners on the hairdressing courses."

Health and Social Care

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Health and social care is a rewarding and increasingly valued sector to work in. With an ageing population, a greater understanding of mental health and the expectation that people with disabilities lead independent and fulfilling lives, there is an increased demand and employers are looking to fill vacancies in a variety of roles. Our experienced tutors and employers will ensure you gain real experience in settings, such as day centres, residential care homes, hospitals, schools or children's centres, to develop your practical skills, along with hearing from health and social care professionals who give talks on working in the sector.

You will study a wide range of topics, such as Human Growth and Development, Safeguarding and Protection of Adults, Nutrition and Health, Creative Activities in Health and Social Care and Infection Control and Prevention. Our courses are designed to prepare you for a career in caring for others, including children, people who have a physical or learning disability and the elderly.

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A year in the life of a learner

Class sessions 15 hours per week. Private study time 12 hours per week

**Course assessment:
Exams 10%
Assignments 90%**



Learner Limelight

Caitlin Smith

High School: The Whitby High School

Cheshire College Course: Health and Social Care CACHE/NOFE Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: University of Hull to study BSc (Hons) Degree in Paramedic Science

"I was really into photography and art and design and I wanted to be a Wedding Photographer, however, I needed higher grades so I did the Level 2 in Art & Design. I didn't think this course was for me so I tried the Health & Social Care course and really enjoyed it.

I'm glad I came to College and was given the opportunity to change courses, as I now have a qualification that will get me to university and has given me a career path to aim towards. As well as being a Paramedic, I would also like to teach others and share my knowledge with them."

**3 days in College each week
1 day each week on placement**

**Theory sessions 90%
Practical sessions 10%**

**Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 10%
Employment 90%**



Staff Spotlight

Deborah Price

College Role: Health and Social Care Tutor

"I completed my undergraduate and postgraduate Degrees at Edinburgh University where I then went on to work as a senior research technician in the area of reproductive biology. When I relocated to Cheshire, I joined the College initially as a Science Technician where my first experience of teaching was through our Primary College, which I loved.

I then completed my PGCE teaching Applied Science which I continued to do alongside functional skills mathematics in my Technician role. In 2015, I became a Personal Development Tutor, which I really enjoyed supporting learners through their academic work and through the UCAS process. I was an EPQ Mentor for A Level learners for two years, and in 2019 I joined the Health and Social Care team as a Health Science Lecturer, and am thoroughly enjoying teaching full time."

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Hospitality and Catering

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Working in our award-winning Academy Restaurants, you will develop high-level skills and gain valuable experience through our many in-house and external events, including guest chef gourmet evenings, food festivals and much more. Our industry-standard commercial kitchens provide a professional environment for you to gain classical and innovative cookery skills. You will also work on large corporate events within the College such as College awards evenings and external events for our industry partners and private customers.

We have excellent partnerships with major local employers and renowned chefs such as Brian Mellor of Harthill Cookery School, Upstairs at the Grill, Brunning and Price, Luke Thomas, Ellis Barrie, Paul Askew, Peter Kinsella, Fazenda, Damien Wager, Francisco Martinez (Michelin Stars), Exose (MasterChef winner), Lu Ban Liverpool, Adam Smith (Michelin Stars), Adam Reid, Mark Hicks, Stu Collins of Docket 33 and 'The Great British Menu', who will provide you with opportunities to undertake professional training to develop your skills.



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Your college choices

Level 1

Hospitality (Vocational Studies), BTEC, 1 year, **CW** or **EP**

Level 2

Professional Cookery (includes Food & Beverage Service), C&G, 1 year, **CW** or **EP**

Professional Bakery, C&G, 1 year, **CW** or **EP**

Level 3

Professional Cookery & Patisserie, C&G, 1 or 2 years, **CW** or **EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Commis Chef, Food and Beverage Service Assistant, Front of House, Trainee Chef, Catering Assistant

Apprenticeship

Advanced Apprenticeship

Hotel Managers and Restaurant Supervisors, Chef roles such as Commis Chef, Chef de Partie, Junior and Senior Sous Chef, Pastry Chef and Events
Co-ordinators, front-of house staff

Progress to Degree courses such as Hospitality, Tourism and Events Management or International Hospitality and Tourism Management

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 10 hours per week.
Private study time 3 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 30% Assignments 70%**



Learner Limelight **Conan Leech**

High School: Adelaide School

Cheshire College Course: Professional Cookery (Cooking & Patisserie) C&G Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Chef at The Bank Corner Pub/Restaurant

"Whilst at College, I've enjoyed all the support I've had and developed as a person throughout my College experience. Being able to do the course has helped me to achieve what I want to do and I've learned lots of new skills.

I'm currently working in The Bank Corner restaurant in Alsager as a Chef and I'm really enjoying it. The College has been great for me and I'm looking forward to working my way up in the industry."

**3 days in College each week plus
some compulsory weekends**

**Theory sessions 30%
Practical sessions 70%**

**Learner destinations:
Employment 100%**



Staff Spotlight

Vicky Mulqueen

College Role: Hospitality and Catering Tutor and Academy Training Restaurant Manager

"I first started in hospitality at the age of 15 as a waitress in a local pub. Since then my love for the industry has never stopped! I took my passion for the industry to university and completed a BA (Hons) Degree in Resort Management. Alongside broadening my education, it took me to places such as the 5-star Belfry Hotel in Birmingham where I completed a one-year work placement as part of my studies.

Fast forward to now and I have a wealth of experience in bars, restaurants, conference and banqueting, contract catering and events management. My career has taken me to the sunshine of the Greek Islands and the vineyards of Australia, to supporting culinary competitions and working for several catering companies including Sodexo and Compass Group UK."

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Learning for Life and Work

Why Choose Cheshire College?

We have a fully-equipped Independent Living Flat and sensory garden at the Crewe Campus and Independent Living Area at the Ellesmere Port Campus which provide learners with the opportunity to develop key independent living skills such as cleaning, washing and ironing clothes, developing food preparation and cooking skills and household cleaning skills. Learners will go shopping for food at local shops developing their money management and budgeting skills, as well as undertaking a work placement at local retailers and care homes.

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**Your college
choices**

Entry Level 1

Entry Level 2

Entry Level 3

Level 1

Living
Independently, OCNWM,
1 year, **CW or EP**

Living Independently, OCNWM,
1 year, **CW or EP**

Skills for Living & Work,
OCNWM, 1 year, **CW**

Employability & Development
Skills, OCNWM, 1 year, **CW**

Hospitality & Catering,
OCNWM, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Skills for Living & Work,
OCNWM, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Employability & Development
Skills (including external work
placement), OCNWM, 1 year,
CW or EP

**Your future
career
choices**

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Supported Internships or employment

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week.
Private study time 15 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 10%
Assignments 90%**



Learner Limelight

Amy-Jayne Clarke

High School: Knight High School

Cheshire College Course: Skills for Living & Work OCNWMR Certificate
Entry Level 3

Progressing to: Employability & Development Skills OCNWM Award Level 1

"I've enjoyed the fact that I've learned more about myself than I probably have throughout high school and primary school. It's made me realise what strengths I have personally since I've been at the College. The College is very inclusive and everybody is really friendly and supportive of everything, no matter what difficulties you may have it's there to support everybody.

I plan to stay at the College and go on to the Level 1 course and I also hope to take part in tasters next year to help me decide what I am interested in and what I want to do in the future."

3–4 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/
university 65%
Employment 35%



Staff Spotlight

Kim Minshull

College Role: Entry Level Tutor

"I began working at the College in the early 1990s as a Ceramic Technician before becoming a Teaching Technician. I was encouraged to complete a Cert Ed which led me to teach on a breakaway course, Interior Decorative Techniques, in which one of my learners won silver in a national competition. I've used my artistic side to produce bespoke decorations and designs inside the College's Academy Restaurant.

I have taught on A Level, BTEC, City & Guilds and OCN courses, and latterly in our Learning for Life & Work department as a Tutor and Course Team Leader for Skills for Living & Work. I enjoy working with our learners and have learned a lot from them over the years."

Media and Games Industries

Why Choose Cheshire College?

You will use leading-edge facilities such as TV and film studios, and Adobe Creative Suite to create written pieces, self-designed magazines, artwork, radio drama, podcasts, websites and filmed documentaries. You will also have access to the latest equipment such as gaming PCs, HD and 4K cameras and lenses and drones. We have excellent links with employers, such as 'Cat FM' radio station, Bentley Motors Ltd and Bad Gorilla Studios, who work with us to offer real projects to work on and give talks on the industry.

You will get to use the latest software and equipment such as Autodesk 3D Studio Max, Substance Painter and Maya. The Media and Games Industries courses also teach and embed the Unreal Engine to all learners, and utilise this game engine software to concept and create fully-realised game ideas. The courses are designed to enable you to understand the Game Art Pipeline that is used in industry today for modern games.

The E-sports industry is rapidly-growing and one of the industries of the future. As well as connecting the gaming community together, E-sports could be where your future career lies, whether you want to take part as a player or get involved in the organising of events or coaching players who take part in competitions.

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 10 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight

Annabel Williams

High School: The Queen's School

Cheshire College Course: Creative Media Production – Games BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Higher National Certificate in Media at Cheshire College

"Originally I was interested in joining the fire service however after considering various options I decided that I would also like to try something media-related so enrolled on the course at the College.

The course has been really interesting and I've learned a lot. Studying at College has sparked a real interest in the subject and opened my mind to new opportunities. In the future, I want to continue studying on the HNC and hopefully follow one of the career paths that interest me."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 50%
Practical sessions 50%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
60% Employment 40%



Staff Spotlight

Iain McCluskey

College Role: Media and Games Tutor

"I first came to the College as a Games Development learner over 10 years ago, which first inspired me to become a teacher. Since leaving College, I have worked in the games industry creating games and applications for various platforms from mobile to console. I came back to the College as a teacher and am looking forward to passing on my knowledge and experience to the next generation by working on exciting projects such as our Humanoid Robot and sending a high altitude balloon to the edge of space.

The College is a very inspiring place to learn and work, and you will be encouraged to do your best and achieve your career ambitions. Seeing other learners get a sense of achievement when something from their imaginations becomes a reality is what makes teaching so much fun, and this is one reason why I love working here."

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Motor Vehicle

A young man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a blue polo shirt, is smiling at the camera. He is standing in a workshop, leaning towards a silver car with its hood open. The background shows other vehicles and workshop equipment, slightly out of focus.

Why Choose Cheshire College?

With cars becoming more complex and sophisticated, there is an increasing need for highly-trained Technicians who have the skills to service and repair these vehicles. Our impressive motor vehicle workshops have all the equipment and facilities you would expect to find in a commercial garage. Each workshop has vehicle ramps, numerous engines on stands and donated vehicles from Vauxhall and Toyota.

As well as learning about the principles of vehicle engineering, you will also learn about tyres, brakes, steering systems and more advanced concepts such as hybrid vehicles, electrical and chassis systems. You will benefit from our strong links with employers such as Bentley Motors and Vauxhall Motors and you will undertake work experience placements with local garages and service centres.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Motor Vehicle Maintenance -
Transport Maintenance, IMI,
1 year, **CW or EP**

Paint & Body Repair, IMI, 1 year,
CW or EP

Level 2

Motor Vehicle Maintenance &
Repair - Light Vehicle, IMI,
1 year, **CW or EP**

Paint & Body Repair, IMI, 1 year,
CW or EP

Level 3

Light Vehicle Maintenance
& Repair, IMI, 1 or 2 years, **CW
or EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Your future career choices

Progression to the
next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the
next-level programme

Service Mechanic, Vehicle
fitter, Motor Retail Assistant

Apprenticeship in Automotive

Motor Vehicle Technician,
Motor Vehicle Breakdown
Engineer, Garage Mechanic

MOT Tester training

Advanced Apprenticeship

Progress to Degree courses
such as Motor Sports

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 5 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight

Ben Edge

High School: The Thomas Adams School

Cheshire College Course: Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair Principles
IMI Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Employment at a motor vehicle garage

"I've always been interested in maintaining and fixing cars so it was natural for me to come to the College to do the course. I started on the Level 2 course and have just completed the Level 3. It's been great to learn the theory behind car repair so that you understand what you are doing.

Alongside the course, I have been working part-time in a garage so I've been able to put into practice what I've learnt in College. I will be working full-time in the garage following my course and eventually I hope to run my own garage."

3 days in College each week

**Theory sessions 60%
Practical sessions 40%**

**Learner destinations:
Further study/university 65%
Employment 35%**



Staff Spotlight

Alex Edmunds

College Role: Motor Vehicle Tutor

"After completing work experience during high school I found I had a knack for automotive work. I started my career on an Apprenticeship in an independent garage whilst taking every training opportunity available at the time. After relocating, I continued my training in the automotive trade before making the switch to education and into a position that I had aspired to for a long time.

During my 8 years of teaching automotive and engineering I have continued training in both trade and teaching practices in areas such as electronic and autonomous vehicles, additive manufacturing and areas surrounding the rise of industry 4.0 ensuring the learner experience either matches or exceeds industry standards. Among many other things, this aided me to support, educate and guide countless learners to achieve their goals and I look forward to helping many others."

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Performing Arts, Music and Technical Theatre

Why Choose Cheshire College?

The facilities at the College will give you the perfect platform to practise your skills and perform in front of live audiences. These include recording and sequencing studios, two fully-equipped theatres with control desks, dance studio, rehearsal spaces, lighting and staging equipment. To help you gain a foothold in the industry, our teachers will help you with your audition technique and provide links with contacts and agents in the performing arts industry for job opportunities. Previous learners have gained roles in West End shows, TV commercials, TV programmes, supporting live events and have progressed to prestigious dance, music and acting schools to study higher-level programmes.

We work with many individuals and employers in the industry who will broaden your knowledge and skills with talks, projects, demonstrations and work experience opportunities. We have excellent links with employers such as Cat FM radio station, The National Theatre, Storyhouse Chester, Crewe Lyceum, New Vic in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Crewe Market Hall, Robe Lighting and local performing arts schools.

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Your college choices

Level 2

Music Industry Skills, BTEC,
1 year, **CW**

Performing & Production Arts
Industry Skills, BTEC, 1 year, **EP**

Performing & Production
Arts Industry Skills (including
Dance), BTEC, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Level 3

Music Performance, BTEC,
1 or 2 years, **CW**

Music Production, BTEC,
1 or 2 years, **CW**

Performing Arts Practice -
Acting, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW
or EP**

Performing Arts Practice -
Dance, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW**

Production Arts Practice
- Technical Theatre & Live
Events, BTEC, 2 years, **EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Performing Arts - Acting or
Technical Arts, BTEC HNC/D, 1
or 2 years, **EP**

Technical Theatre, University
of Wolverhampton BA (Hons)
Top-up Degree, 1 year, **EP**

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Actor, Performer, Singer, Musician, Entertainers, Playwright,
Community Arts Worker, Performing Arts Marketer or Performing
Arts Teacher

Technical roles such as Technical Production Manager, Lighting
Technician, Rigger, Set Designer

Progress to Degree courses,
such as Acting, at performing
arts schools or universities

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 10 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight ***Sam Taylor***

High School: Hebden Green Community School

Cheshire College Course: Performing Arts - Acting BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in Acting at the University of Central Lancashire

"The course has allowed me to become more confident, particularly in a mainstream environment. The one great thing about this College is it's inclusive for everybody and everything I have has been adapted to help my learning.

In the future, I will be going to the University of Central Lancashire to do a BA (Hons) Degree in Acting. I'm looking forward to the new challenges ahead and my plan is to become an Actor, on stage or screen, and to represent other people with disabilities through acting."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 50%
Practical sessions 50%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
60% Employment 40%



Staff Spotlight

Natasha Hudson

College Role: Acting Tutor

"I trained at The Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts in London from the Age of 14 and on graduating I won the part of a regular character, Kate Patrick, in Hollyoaks, working for two and a half years at Mersey Television learning my craft.

Over the years, as well as directing, my television credits have included Casualty, Heartbeat, Touch of Frost, Waterloo Road, Coronation Street and most recently Emmerdale.

Teaching was something which I decided to take more seriously when I did a Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Theatre at Central School of Speech and Drama in London. I gained my Certificate in Education and have been working as a Tutor within the performing arts department for six years.

I enjoy sharing the knowledge I have gained and my professional connections will help prepare learners for the competitive performing arts industry."

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Sport



Why Choose Cheshire College?

We offer a variety of programmes, with specialist coaching and tuition and excellent facilities. They offer a mix of theory and practical sessions which include learning about anatomy and physiology, participating in a variety of sports to increase your skills and personal effectiveness and exercise and fitness, which will prepare you well for working in the industry.

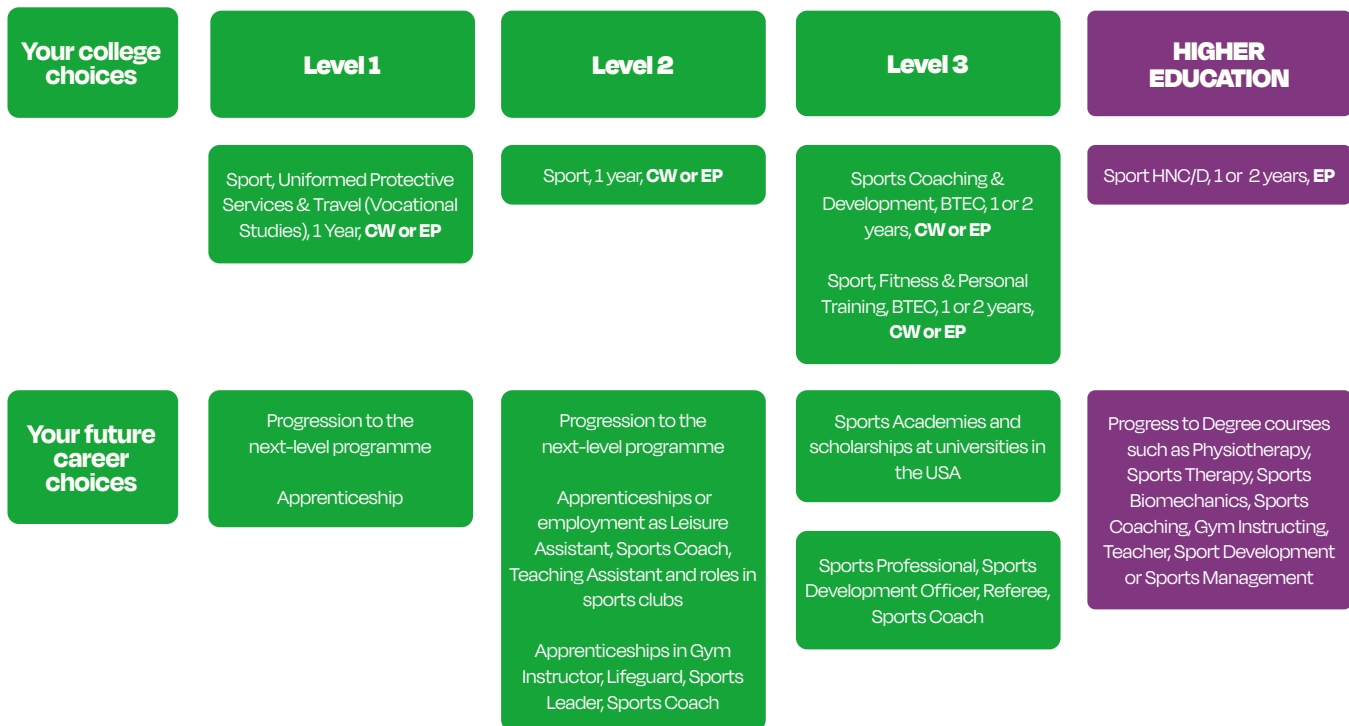
You will benefit from our excellent facilities, including a sports arena with basketball, volleyball, badminton courts, ATP-approved tennis courts, well-equipped gyms and fitness studios, as well as an outdoor multi-use games area and a climbing wall at the Crewe Campus. Join one of our Sports Academies, alongside any of our qualifications, and participate in training and playing in competitive matches in local leagues and competitions.

We have excellent links with a range of sporting organisations, including the Cheshire Phoenix professional basketball team, Manchester City FC, Everton FC, School Sports Partnership, Cheshire FA, Stoke City FC and Airbus UK Broughton FC. Local sports organisations and individuals will also support you with talks, real projects and work experience opportunities.



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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 10 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight **Niamh Horan**

High School: The Whitby High School

Cheshire College Course: Sport BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Sport BTEC Higher National Diploma Level 5

"I spent two years studying Health & Social Care and during this time I got really interested in sports and playing basketball so decided to do the Sport Level 2 course. I'm so happy I made the change as I've been able to continue playing basketball at a level where I am now training with the national GB team and was selected as a reserve player for the Tokyo Paralympics.

I've continued my studies at the College on the HND course as I know I will get the support I need to achieve my goal of playing for the GB team at the next Paralympics in Paris 2024. The tutors have been brilliant and have really shared this journey with me to gain my sport qualifications and be part of the national GB basketball team."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 50%
Practical sessions 50%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
60% Employment 40%



Staff Spotlight

Jamie Crowther

College Role: Sports Coaching Tutor

"I started my career as a Sports Coach at the age of 16 years working in a football academy and since then have gained over 10 years' experience working with elite youth and senior players. I currently hold my UEFA A Licence and am working towards an MSc in Advanced Performance Football Coaching.

I find being a tutor really rewarding, helping learners develop not only academically but also their wider social skills.

I am also head of the academy programmes we have here at the College, overseeing the men's and ladies' football teams in association with Airbus UK Broughton FC and the men's basketball team who are linked with Cheshire Phoenix."

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Travel and Tourism

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Our travel and tourism qualifications will give you the skills and confidence you need to progress into a vibrant, exciting career in one of the world's most dynamic industries. Our courses prepare you for jobs in a variety of settings, which include the airline industry, travel and tourism organisations in the UK and abroad, hotels, cruise ships and tourist boards. You will benefit from excellent facilities and resources with realistic aircraft cabins at our Crewe and Ellesmere Port Campuses, where you can practise your cabin crew skills and evacuation procedure briefings.

Our highly-qualified and experienced staff have excellent links with major travel organisations who come into College to give talks on the wide range of careers available in the industry and to promote vacancies they have. These include Holiday Inn, Sykes Cottages, Travel Lab, Hayes Travel, TUI, Easyjet, Swissport, Jet2, BA, Virgin Atlantic, Work a Season, Premier Inn, Grosvenor Hotel Chester, The Abode, Marketing Cheshire, University of Chester, Liverpool John Moores University and Liverpool Cruise Terminal.

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 10 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight ***Sian Hamilton***

High School: Neston High School

Cheshire College Course: Travel & Tourism BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in Event Management at Liverpool John Moores University

"I originally started at the College five years ago when I started on the Level 1 course and now I've worked my way through the levels to Level 3. The thing I've most enjoyed about College is making new friends and having tutors that look after you and support you.

The College has given me a lot of opportunities and that means a lot to me. Doing Travel & Tourism has been the best thing for me and I wouldn't have gone anywhere else to do it."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 50%
Practical sessions 50%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
60% Employment 40%



Staff Spotlight

Helen Smith

College Role: Travel and Tourism Tutor

"I completed my Degree in Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Management and following this began working in the hospitality industry in management positions in various hotels, restaurants and bars.

I decided I wanted to see the world so took a gap year to go travelling in Europe and Africa. I still had the travel bug so found work as a Resort Rep working for Thomas Cook in Turkey, Greece and Spain.

I completed my PGCE 10 years ago and started teaching in a couple of other colleges until I came to Cheshire College in 2014. Being a Travel and Tourism Tutor is great as I am able to share my experiences and knowledge of the industry with learners to help them achieve their full potential and gain exciting careers in the industry."

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Uniformed Protective Services

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Are you driven to help others, especially in times of crisis? Do you take pride in what you do and want to play your part in solving problems which help communities and individuals to be safe? If so, a rewarding career in the Uniformed Protective Services may be the role for you.

You will develop the skills and level of physical fitness you need to enter uniformed protective service organisations. Our tutors have worked in a variety of armed and emergency services and they will guide you to be better prepared to deal with challenging and unpredictable situations. We work with many individuals and employers who support with talks, projects and work experience opportunities, including British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, local Police stations, local fire stations, Ministry of Defence and the National Citizen Service.

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Your college choices

Level 1

Sport, Uniformed Protective Services & Travel (Vocational Studies), 1 Year, **CW or EP**

Level 2

Entry to the (Uniformed) Protective Services, BTEC, 1 year, **CW or EP**

Level 3

(Uniformed) Protective Services, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW or EP**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Uniformed Protective Services, BTEC HNC/D, 1 or 2 years, **EP**

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Initial roles with the armed forces

Apprenticeship with the fire service or armed forces

Roles within the armed forces, police service, fire and rescue, prison and probation services and NHS ambulance service.

Advanced Apprenticeships

Progress to Degree courses such as Law, Criminology or Policing, Paramedics or International Relations

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 10 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 20%
Assignments 80%**



Learner Limelight ***Palvi Sharma***

High School: Birkenhead High School Academy

Cheshire College Course: Public Services BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: BA (Hons) Degree in Policing at Liverpool John Moores University

"I enjoyed the range of units we completed from the physical work to the theory. I felt that throughout the years I have improved my fitness and the course encouraged this by the activities we completed in College and in the gym.

By taking part in group activities and teamwork, the course has made me a more confident person, and it has improved my people skills which I will take with me to university and my career. It also gave me an insight into what life would be like at university and I now feel I am ready to take the next step.

Being on the course was great as I was treated like an adult which made me feel independent and gave me the confidence to undertake any task. It gave me a taster as to what my adult life would be like and this has encouraged me to always take that one extra step even though I might face many challenges. With the help of the tutors and careers advisors, I feel as though I have made the right choice in my future career."

3 days in College each week

Theory sessions 50%
Practical sessions 50%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
60% Employment 40%



Staff Spotlight

Sherrell Covell

College Role: Uniformed Protective Services Tutor

"I began my career in the Royal Navy serving on aircraft carriers. Following basic training, I progressed onto my branch trade as a Weapons Engineer in Portsmouth. The Royal Navy provided me with many opportunities to travel around the world and gave me an exciting career. I have always been a sporty person and did regular circuit training, football and netball whilst I was in the Navy.

After I left the Navy, I studied Sport at university and decided to follow teaching as a career. I'm passionate about the protective services and sport and enjoy sharing my skills with learners, including taking them rock climbing, orienteering, mountain walking, through the Duke of Edinburgh programme, as well as actively promoting sport and fitness sessions."

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Visual Arts

Why Choose Cheshire College?

Studying in our Art and Design Schools will give you the opportunity to explore your creative ideas and develop advanced skills in a broad range of artistic practices, including fine art, graphic design, photography, product design, illustration, ceramics, fashion and textile design, sculpture and printmaking.

Depending on which Campus you are based at, you will benefit from working in large, open-plan workshop areas and the latest technology, including photography darkrooms and studios, printmaking studio, fashion and textiles studio, large format printing for exhibitions, Adobe Creative Suite software, ceramics workshop and 3D workshop for the crafting of wood, metal, plastic and glass. Local employers, including visual artist, Russell Kirk, Storyhouse in Chester, Grosvenor Museum and Corspace, support your programme with exciting projects and talks on their experiences in the industry.

Your Career Route

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Your college choices

Level 1

Creative, Digital & Enterprise (Vocational Studies), BTEC, 1 year, **CW or CH**

Level 2

Art & Design Skills, BTEC, 1 year, **CW or CH**

Level 3

Art & Design Practice, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW or CH**

Graphics - Art & Design Practice, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW**

Photography - Art & Design Practice, BTEC, 1 or 2 years, **CW or CH**

HIGHER EDUCATION

Art & Design, University of Wolverhampton BA (Hons) Degree, 3 years, **CW or CH**

Your future career choices

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Progression to the next-level programme

Apprenticeship

Artist, Graphic Designer, Photographer, Illustrator and Fashion or Product Designer

Progress to Degree courses such as Fine Art, Graphics, Illustration, Photography, Textiles and Fashion, Furniture Design, Interior Design or 3D Design

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A year in the life of a learner

**Class sessions 15 hours per week
Private study time 15 hours per week**

**Course assessment:
Exams 10%
Assignments 90%**



Learner Limelight

Nya Spry

High School: Bishop Heber High School

Cheshire College Course: Art & Design BTEC Extended Diploma Level 3

Progressing to: Goldsmiths University of London to study BA (Hons) Degree in Fine Art Sculpture

"Studying art and design has definitely allowed me to become a more creative person. I wasn't really allowed to experiment previously whereas, at the College, the tutors encourage you to experiment with different materials and techniques to develop your skills and creativity.

It's given me a lot of independence and the freedom to express myself which has set me up well to go to university and eventually my future career."

3–4 days in College each week

Theory sessions 65%
Practical sessions 35%

Learner destinations:
Further study/university
67% Employment 33%



Staff Spotlight

Charlotte Taafe

College Role: Art & Design Tutor

"I graduated from the University of Bolton in 2013 where I studied Textiles and Surface Pattern, since then I have taught across a variety of different courses specialising in the digital arts. I have been teaching at the College for 3 years now and within the Visual Arts team based at the Crewe Campus.

I am passionate about being creative and inspiring the next generation of designers to have the best careers possible."



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