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COLLEGE

Course Guide

For School Leavers

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Welcome to North Kent Colleges Group

From September 2026, our campuses become colleges, each with its own distinctive identity, celebrating the important role every college plays within its local community.

This exciting evolution reflects both our growth and our commitment to providing education that is locally focused and group supported. As North Kent Colleges Group, we bring together strong local colleges under one resilient organisation, combining the personal experience of a local college with the opportunities, expertise, and resources of one of Kent's leading further education groups.

No matter which college you choose, you'll benefit from:

- High-quality teaching from experienced industry professionals
- Modern, industry-standard facilities
- Strong links with employers and universities
- Outstanding student support
- A welcoming college community that understands your local area
- The wider opportunities that come from being part of a larger college group

Whether you're preparing for university, starting your career, developing practical skills, or exploring your passions, we're here to help you achieve your ambitions and take your next step with confidence.





Local Colleges

Group Strength

Endless Opportunities

Our Promise to You

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you'll make. Wherever you study within North Kent Colleges Group, you'll be joining a college that is proud of its local community while benefiting from the scale, investment, and opportunities of a successful college group.

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you build the skills, confidence, and experiences you need for a successful future.

A Message from David Gleed CEO and Executive Principal

"Our evolution reflects both our growth and our commitment to local communities. Every one of our colleges plays a vital role within its local area, and becoming North Kent Colleges Group provides greater clarity about how we operate – locally delivered, group supported."

Our colleges are deeply rooted within the communities they serve. This new structure combines strong local responsiveness with the strength, expertise, and resilience of a wider college group, allowing us to continue providing outstanding education and opportunities for every student.

While our identity is evolving, our commitment remains the same: to support our students, communities and employers with high-quality education that changes lives."



Welcome to NKC Dartford College

At NKC Dartford College, we believe your college experience should be about more than gaining a qualification. It is about discovering what you are good at, developing your confidence, meeting new people, and gaining the skills and experience to take your next step.

As part of North Kent Colleges Group, we bring together the strength, expertise, and opportunities of four colleges across Dartford, Gravesend, Hadlow and Tonbridge, while maintaining a strong focus on the communities we serve. At NKC Dartford College, that means providing a welcoming, ambitious, and supportive environment where students can learn close to home while benefiting from the resources, expertise, and opportunities of a wider college group.

NKC Dartford College has a distinctive character and a strong focus on preparing students for the world beyond education. Whether you are passionate about the creative industries, interested in business and professional careers, looking to develop practical skills or preparing for a career helping others, our wide range of courses gives you the opportunity to find a pathway that works for you.

Our courses include Creative Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Media, Digital and IT, Business, Legal Administration, Health and Social Care, Sport, Public Services, Hair and Beauty, and so much more as well as a range of other study options and pathways.



For students with a creative ambition, Miskin Theatre provides an outstanding setting in which to develop performance skills and gain valuable experience. Our specialist creative facilities and podcasting studios give students the opportunity to put their learning into practice, build their portfolios and experience what it is like to work in a professional environment.

Across all our subject areas, we focus on learning by doing. Our industry-standard facilities, practical teaching, employer links and work experience opportunities help students connect their studies to the careers they are working towards. Whether your goal is university, an apprenticeship, employment, or further study, we will help you build the skills, knowledge, and confidence to move forward.

A Welcome Message from the College Principal

Choosing where to continue your education is an important decision, and I hope this guide gives you a sense of what makes our college such a special place to learn.

At NKC Dartford College, we are proud of our students, our staff, and our strong connection with the local community. We want every student who joins us to feel supported, challenged and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Whether you already have your future career mapped out or you are still exploring your options, you will find people here who are committed to helping you succeed. You will have opportunities to learn in specialist environments, gain real-world experience, discover new interests, and develop the confidence to take your next step.

Most importantly, we want you to leave ready for your future – with the skills, experiences, and belief in yourself to make it happen.

I look forward to welcoming you to NKC Dartford College and seeing where your journey takes you.

Lindsey O'Malley

**College Principal &
Chief Progression Officer**

NKC Dartford College



Open Events And College Tours

Our Open Events take place throughout the year, giving you the chance to explore everything NKC Dartford College has to offer.

It's the perfect opportunity to tour our facilities, meet tutors and students, and discover which course is right for you. You can also apply for a September 2027 start.

Keep an eye on our website for full details and to pre-register!



Find out more

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NKC Dartford College Open Events

2026

Tuesday 13th October
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday 15th October
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

2027

Tuesday 23rd February
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm



NKC Colleges Group Open Events

NKC Gravesend College

2026

Tuesday 3rd November
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

2027

Thursday 25th February
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

NKC Hadlow College

2026

Saturday 7th November
09:30 am – 1:30 pm

2027

Saturday 23rd January
09:30 am – 1:30 pm

Wednesday 9th June
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

NKC Tonbridge College

2026

Wednesday 4th November
3:30 pm – 7:30 pm

2027

Wednesday 3rd March
3:30 pm – 7:00 pm



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Where Are We?

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NKC Dartford College

Oakfield Lane, Dartford,
Kent, DA1 2JT

North Kent Colleges Group Locations

2

NKC Gravesend College

Lower Higham Road,
Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JJ

3

NKC Hadlow College

Tonbridge Road
Hadlow, Kent, TN11 0AL

4

NKC Tonbridge College

Brook Street, Tonbridge
Kent, TN9 2PW



How To Get To Us

Public Buses

The 429 bus route stops outside the College gates in Oakfield Lane. More information is available on the Arriva Bus and KCC websites.

FREE Shuttle Bus

Our FREE shuttle bus service runs from Dartford Town Centre during term time.

Train

Dartford Station is in Oyster card Zone 8. Once there, you can catch our FREE shuttle bus from the station to the College.

Car

The College is conveniently located just off the A2, and there is ample free car parking available.



More information
on how to get to
NKC Dartford College

Reasons To Be Part Of NKC Dartford College

A local college with big opportunities

Located just outside Dartford town centre, our college offers a welcoming environment where students can learn, make friends and enjoy college life. With excellent transport links and strong connections to local employers and the wider community, it's the ideal place to take the next step.

Easy to get to

Getting to NKC Dartford College couldn't be easier. Our free shuttle bus runs throughout term time between Dartford Station and the college, making travelling simple and stress-free.



Find out more by visiting the NKC Dartford College website.

Creative spaces to inspire

Home to the acclaimed Miskin Theatre, we offer outstanding facilities for the creative and performing arts. Students also gain valuable industry experience through our podcasting studios, broadcasting live on site.

The Miskin Theatre's ethos is to provide all of our actors, dancers, musical theatre performers, musicians and technicians with a realistic industry model: a centre of educational excellence that allows them to experience, explore and achieve at the highest level possible.

Employer Connections & Work Experience

We work closely with employers to provide meaningful work experience, industry placements and real workplace projects that build skills and confidence for the future.

Outstanding industry standard facilities

From the Learning Technology Centre to the Österberg Sports Centre, students benefit from modern facilities designed to support learning, wellbeing and student life. Spacious social areas and on-site catering provide plenty of places to relax and recharge between lessons.



Good Ofsted
rating (2024)

Outstanding
for Behaviours
& Attitudes

Recognised Quality

We are rated 'Good' by Ofsted (2024), with an 'Outstanding' judgement for Behaviours and Attitudes, reflecting our positive, focused learning environment and strong student support.

Industry-experienced Tutors

Our tutors bring more than teaching expertise – they bring real industry experience, professional knowledge and valuable employer connections. Their passion and experience help bring learning to life, while strong links with employers ensure students gain relevant skills, practical knowledge and opportunities that prepare them for future success.

Supportive Environment

Our students are ambitious and their high expectations are supported by our experienced tutors. We are proud of our inclusive culture, where students feel safe, respected and motivated to succeed.



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Learning beyond the classroom

Whether performing on stage, broadcasting live on air or developing practical skills in specialist learning environments, students gain the confidence, experience and knowledge needed for university, employment or an Apprenticeship.

Students can...

- Perform in the acclaimed Miskin Theatre
- Learn in our Assisted Technology Suites and Hospital Ward
- Train at the Österberg Sports Centre

Learner Voice



> Every voice matters

It is important to us that all our learners are encouraged to have their voices heard and for them to play an active part in College life.

Learner Voice provides opportunities for our learners to share their views, represent their peers and help shape their experience at NKC Dartford College.

Through learner surveys, forums and feedback opportunities, we listen to what our learners have to say and use their feedback to continually improve their College experience.

> Developing future leaders

Our learners can also take on representative and leadership roles, giving them the opportunity to work with fellow learners and College staff, contribute ideas and get involved in activities across the College.

These activities help our learners develop valuable communication, teamwork and leadership skills, preparing them for their next steps into further study, an apprenticeship or employment.

Learner Enrichment

> More than just a course

At NKC Dartford College, enrichment plays an important part in helping our learners make the most of their College experience.

Alongside their studies, our learners have opportunities to try new things, meet new people and develop skills that support both their personal development and future ambitions.

> Opportunities to get involved

We are committed to providing a broad and varied enrichment programme as part of a learner's educational programme of study. Some elements of enrichment will be facilitated through a learner's curriculum area and others will be College wide to broaden their horizons even further.

We have a newly converted Enrichment Hub where we want to develop a fun, engaging and vibrant zone for learners to develop their social, intellectual and physical skills as well as expand their personal development with positive interactions with many diverse learners; building a safe, sense of community and belonging at NKC Dartford College.



Qualifications Explained

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Whatever your starting point, there's a qualification pathway to suit you.

Entry Level Certificates

Available to those who may not have the GCSE grades to go straight on to a Level 1 mainstream course, acting as a step-up qualification.

UAL, NCFE & BTEC Diplomas

One or two year full-time courses specialising in a specific vocational area at Levels 1 to 4. They accommodate the needs of employers and allow for progression to university, providing practical real-life learning with theoretical background. Level 3 Diplomas can be taken instead of A-Levels as a route to Higher Education.

VRQ (Vocationally Recognised Qualifications)

These courses, much like BTECs, specialise in specific vocational areas from Level 1 to 3. They aim to prepare you for the world of work focusing on a practical hands-on approach to learning, with theory to support this.

T Levels

Advanced Level 3 courses and equivalent to 3 A-levels. T levels offer longer periods of Industry Placement (usually 45 days across the 2-year programme). The course is a combination of in-class study and work placement.

Access to Higher Education

For people over the age of 19 who are interested in taking on an undergraduate degree programme, but who do not already have the required qualifications.

Apprenticeships

With an Apprenticeship you will be employed with an organisation and will do your technical training at college. This means you will get paid and achieve a qualification at the same time. An Apprenticeship can take between one and four years to complete and covers over 1,500 job roles in a wide range of industries.

Foundation Degrees and HNC/Ds

Undergraduate qualifications that are equivalent to years 1 and 2 of a university Bachelor's Degree. These programmes offer a more vocational element to university degrees, often with links to the industry itself.

Professional Qualifications

These provide practical and work-related skills and the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications, including CACHE (Council for Awards in Care, Health and Education) and I.S.T.D. (Imperial Society for Teachers of Dance).

English and Maths Requirements for 16–19 Learners

In line with government policy, all students aged 16–19 who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 (standard pass) in GCSE English and/or Maths are required to attend a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face, whole-class lessons in each academic year.

Most students will work towards achieving a GCSE qualification in English and Maths. However, for a small number of vocational learners on Entry 3 and some Level 1 courses, who have previously achieved a Grade 2 or below, an alternative pathway may be available. Where appropriate, these students may study Level 1 Functional Skills as a stepping-stone qualification to support their progression.



If you have not achieved a grade 9–4 or above in English or maths at GCSE level, you will work towards this at college.

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Please check the website for the most up-to-date information.



Entry Requirements & Progression Routes

LEVEL OF STUDY	EQUIVALENT TO	QUALIFICATION OFFER
ENTRY LEVEL	2 GCSEs at Grade 2–1	Entry Level Courses
LEVEL 1	5 GCSEs at Grade 3–1 NVQ Level 1, BTEC Introductory Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates
LEVEL 2	5 GCSEs at Grade 9–4 BTEC Diploma	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, Certificates
LEVEL 3	2 or 3 A levels, NVQ Level 3, Access	UALs, BTEC, Diplomas, T Levels
LEVEL 4	HNC, Foundation Degree, NVQ Level 4	Foundation Degree, HNC
LEVEL 5	HND, Foundation Degree (Year 1), NVQ Level 5	Foundation Degree (Year 1), HND
LEVEL 6	Degree (Final Year)	Degree (Final Year)



Indicative entry requirements – some programmes may have higher entry criteria because of industry standards.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	PROGRESSION OPTIONS
No GCSEs or formal qualifications required. Entry via interview.	LEVEL 1
You should have at least 2 GCSEs at grades 2–1	LEVEL 2
Usually 4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above, including 2 core subjects. For specialist trades, you may need a Level 1 City & Guilds or NVQ qualification	LEVEL 3
Usually 4 or 5 GCSEs at Grades 9–4, or a BTEC, UAL, City & Guilds Level 2 Diploma (or equivalent) with a Merit grade	LEVEL 4
You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 qualification	LEVEL 5
You must be over 18 and have relevant Level 3 or 4 qualification	LEVEL 6 DEGREE
This is a Degree Level qualification and you must have relevant Level 5 qualification	LEVEL 7 DEGREE

What Courses Where?

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NKC Dartford College Courses

Access to Higher Education

Access to Nursing & Healthcare

3

Business & Accounting

Business

2

3

T Level in Accounting

3

T Level in Business

3

Computing & Gaming

Game Design

2

3

IT

2

T Level in Digital Software Development

3

Creative Industries

Acting	2	3	
Next Gen Animation & Visual Storytelling		3	
Architecture, Interior & Product Design		3	
Art	1	2	3
Dance	2	3	
Fashion	2	3	
Graphic Design	2	3	
Media		2	
Media - TV & Film		3	
Media - Digital Journalism		3	
Media - Content Creation		3	
Miskin Voice	2	3	
Music Performance	2	3	
Music Technology	2	3	
Musical Theatre	2	3	
Photography	2	3	
Technical Theatre	2	3	

Early Years & Health Care

Early Years	1	2	
Health Care	1	2	
Social Care	3		
T Level in Education & Childcare	3		
T Level in Health/ Adult Nursing	3		

Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy	1	2	3
Hairdressing	1	2	3
Media Make-up	2	3	
Theatrical Make-up	3		

Course Level

E Entry Level	1 Level 1
2 Level 2	3 Level 3

For the most up-to-date information, please check the website as courses can change.

Hospitality & Events

Hospitality & Event Management	3
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Legal Administration

Legal Administration	2	3
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Public Services

Uniformed Services	1	2	3
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Sport

Gym Studies	2
Personal Training	3
Sport	2
Sport and Exercise Science	3
Sport Coaching	3

Travel & Tourism

Vocational Studies	1	
Travel & Tourism	2	3

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NKC Gravesend College Courses

One of the
UK's top
performing
land-based
colleges

NKC Hadlow College Courses

Construction & Engineering

Brickwork	2
Carpentry & Joinery	2
Multi Trade Construction	1
Craft Engineering	1 2
Electrical Installation	1 2
Engineering	3 4
Introduction to Motor Vehicle Industry & Vehicle Technology	E
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1
Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair	2 3
Painting, Decorating & Interior Design	2
Plumbing & Heating	1 2
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	2
T Level Civil Engineering	

Hairdressing

Hairdressing	1 2 3
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Hospitality & Catering

Catering Professional Chef	1 2
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Course Level

E Entry Level	
1 Level 1	2 Level 2
3 Level 3	4 Level 4

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Land-based

Agriculture	1 2 3
Agricultural Engineering	2
Animal Management	1 2 3
Equestrian Studies	1 2 3
Fisheries Management	3
Floristry	2
Horticulture	1 2 3
Introduction to the Land Based Sector	1

Construction & Engineering

Carpentry & Joinery	2
Motor Cycle Maintenance & Repair	2 3
Motor Sport	1 2 3
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	1
Motor Vehicle Maintenance & Repair	2 3

NKC Tonbridge College Courses



Business

Business 2 3

Computing

Computing 2

T Level in Digital Software Development 3

Construction & Engineering

Multi Trade Construction 1

Electrical Installation 2

Painting, Decorating & Interior Design 2

Plumbing & Heating 2

Creative Industries

Applied Theatre 2 3

Art 1 2 3

Fashion 2 3

Graphic Design 2 3

Media 2 3

Music Performance 2 3

Photography 2 3

Early Years & Health Care

Early Years 2

Health Care 1 2

Social Care 3

T Level in Education & Childcare 3

Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy 1 2 3

Hairdressing 1 2

Hospitality & Catering

Catering Professional Chef 1 2

Public Services

Uniformed Services 1 2 3

Sport

Sport 2

Sport and Exercise Science 3

Travel & Tourism

Travel & Tourism 2 3

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Options After Your GCSEs

There are many routes after your GCSEs, from vocational programmes and A Levels to Apprenticeships – all of which can lead to your chosen career. The key is finding the right path for you. Here's an overview of your options.

Levels of study

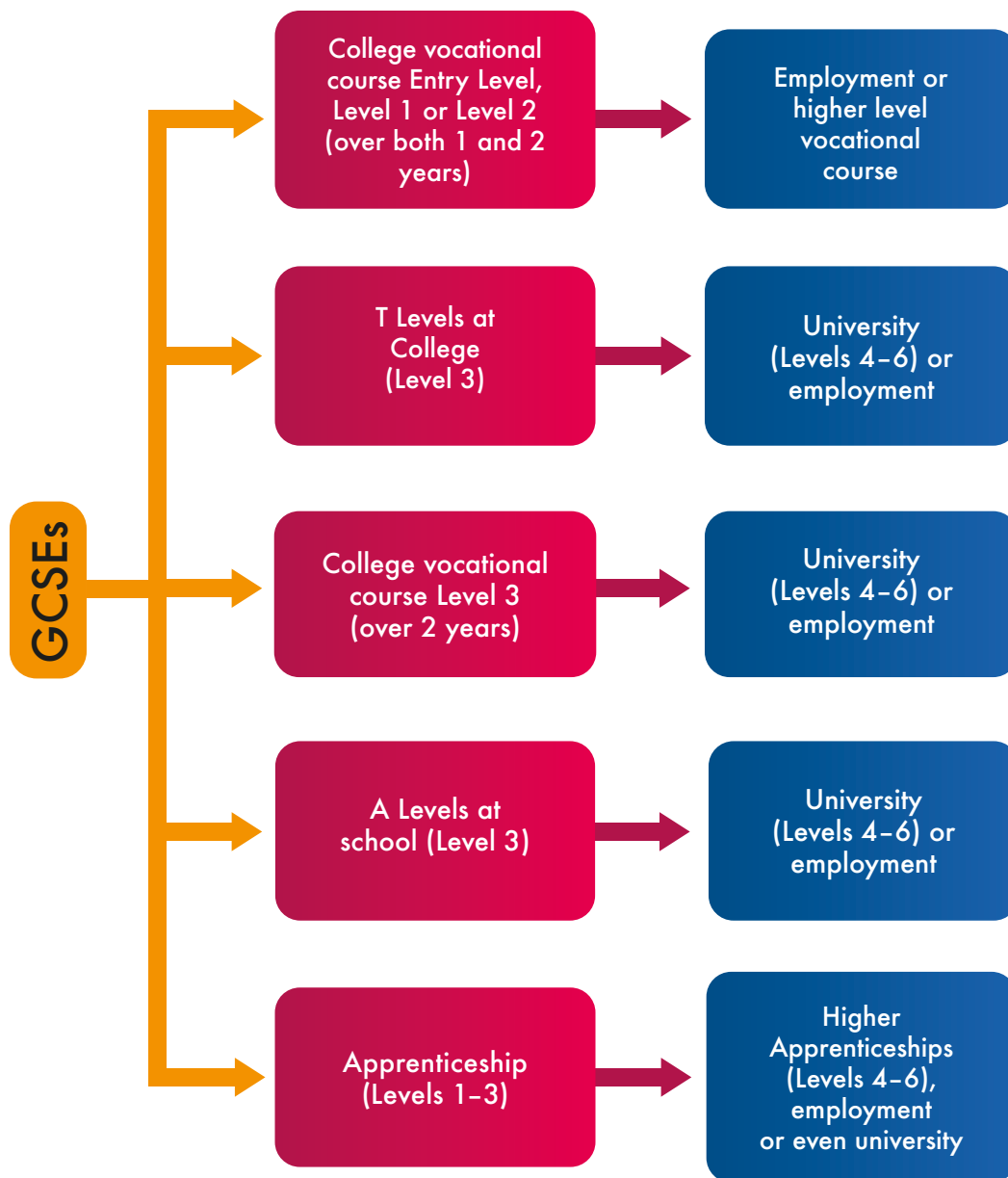
Based on your GCSE results (or predicted grades), our tutors will advise you on the most suitable level of study. This will be discussed at your interview and can be adjusted at enrolment once results are confirmed.

After GCSEs, you may start at Entry Level, Level 1 or Level 2, which are usually one-year programmes. From there, you can progress to Level 3, which is equivalent to A Levels. Alternatively, you may begin directly on a two-year Level 3 programme, leading to progression onto university (Level 4 and above) or employment.

For students aiming for university, a Level 3 Extended Diploma is typically required in the subject area (or a closely related field). We offer a wide range of courses that provide strong progression routes into Higher Education.

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Work Placements

We believe that real experience is one of the best ways to prepare for your future career and make you stand out to employers.

By enrolling on a Level 2 or Level 3 course, you'll have the opportunity to take part in our work placement scheme.

A work placement is a key part of many of our Level 2 and Level 3 programmes, helping you become career-ready by the time you finish your course.

You'll have opportunities to work with local SMEs, well-known organisations and innovative start-ups, all linked to your chosen subject.

Work placements are a vital part of your learning, allowing you to apply your skills in real workplace settings. Many students also progress into part-time or permanent roles, or even Apprenticeships, with their placement employer.

Alongside your placement, you'll receive support with CV writing, applications and interview skills. Our industry placement team will guide you through the process and help you develop the confidence and professionalism employers are looking for.



The Benefits of a Work Placement:

- 1 Gain real experience in your chosen industry
- 2 Apply your learning in a real workplace
- 3 Learn directly from industry professionals
- 4 Build connections with potential future employers
- 5 Strengthen your CV and stand out when applying for jobs
- 6 Use relevant part-time work as part of your placement
- 7 Enhance your UCAS application for university progression



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Contact us on:
01322 629400 | business@northkent.ac.uk

By applying for a Level 2 or 3 course, you can participate in the industry placement scheme.

Start Your Career With An Apprenticeship



We are one of the leading Apprenticeship providers in the UK.

Whether you're just starting out in the world of work or if you want to change career, you can develop skills, knowledge and experience, and earn while you learn.

What is an Apprenticeship?

It's a great way to learn on the job, working alongside experienced professionals. You'll gain valuable skills and knowledge, and earn recognised qualifications at the same time.

Around 20% of your working hours will be training and development, either at college or in the workplace, while the rest of your time will be spent building real experience.



Find out more

Please check our website for the most-up-to-date apprenticeship information as these are subject to change.



Apprenticeship FAQs

> Do Apprentices get paid?

You'll usually be employed to work a minimum of 30 hours per week and be paid a wage no less than the National Minimum Apprenticeship Rate – £8.00* per hour, for the time you are in work and in off-the-job training.

If you are a part time employee, we will review your working hours and extend the duration of your Apprenticeship.

The amount you are paid is based on previous experience and current skill set, and your wage may increase as you make progress. You will also receive the same benefits as any employee, including holiday pay.

> Who can do an Apprenticeship?

Anyone who is 16 years old and over can do an Apprenticeship, if you have a right to work in England and are not in full time education. There is no upper age limit, and it doesn't matter if you are just starting out or have already been employed.

*Price correct at time of print.

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Apprenticeships offered at NKC Dartford College

Business Administrator (Legal/Finance Sector)

Early Years Educator

Hair Professional



Levels of Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are available from entry level through to degree level, offering opportunities to progress throughout your career. The level of Apprenticeship is based on the skills, responsibilities and knowledge required for the job role – not just the qualifications you already have.

Apprenticeship Levels are set and equivalent to:

2 **Level 2 (Intermediate):**
GCSEs

3 **Level 3 (Advanced):**
A-levels

4 **Level 4 (Higher):**
Foundation degree

5 **Level 5 (Higher):**
Foundation degree/first year of bachelor's degree

6 **Level 6 (Degree):**
Bachelor's degree

7 **Level 7 (Degree):**
Master's degree

What do I need to know about English and Maths?

English and Maths are an important part of your Apprenticeship. If you do not already hold the required qualifications, you will study English and Maths alongside your Apprenticeship.

Entry requirements vary depending on the Apprenticeship programme and your age, so please contact us for more information.

What is the End Point Assessment?

At the end of your Apprenticeship's practical training, you will complete an End Point Assessment (EPA) to demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have developed during your training.

The assessment is carried out by an independent assessor and may include practical observations, exams, professional discussions, projects or a review of your work portfolio, depending on your Apprenticeship programme.

Apprenticeships offered at NKC Gravesend College

Advanced and Creative Hair Professional

Engineering Operative

Engineering Technician

Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician

Maintenance and Operations Maritime Mechanical and Electrical Mechanic

Apprenticeships offered at NKC Hadlow College

Crop Technician

Horticulture and Landscape Supervisor

Horticulture or Landscape Construction Operative

Sports Turf Operative

Advanced Sports Turf Technician

Golf Greenkeeper

Golf Course Manager

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Progression and your next steps

We're committed to helping every student to progress.

Higher Education

Continue your studies with at Degree level, with our Higher Education Programmes.

Tuition Fees

Access high quality education at a fraction of university costs! Find up-to-date fee information on our website.

Study Locally

Stay close to home, keep your support network and save money by not moving away to university.

Supportive Environment

Our small size means greater personalised support throughout your studies.

Mature Students

If you're 21 and over, we'd love to hear from you. Even without the usual entry grades, relevant industry experience may make you eligible – we encourage you to apply.



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Business & Accounting

The Corporate Hub

The Corporate Hub brings together our Business and Finance provision, providing learners with the knowledge, skills and professional behaviours valued by employers and universities.

Learners benefit from industry focused teaching, employer engagement opportunities and the development of practical workplace skills that support progression into employment, apprenticeships or higher education.

We continue to build strong relationships with local and regional employers to help ensure our curriculum remains relevant, aspirational and aligned to current industry needs.

**The
Corporate
Hub**

at NKC Dartford College



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Courses

Business	Level	2	3
T-Level in Accounting	Level		3
T-Level in Business	Level		3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

Why us?

1

Industry-expert tutors

Learn from experienced professionals who bring real industry knowledge and academic expertise into the classroom.

2

Practical experience

Develop entrepreneurial skills by creating, managing and running your own business venture.

3

Progression Opportunities

Our learners achieve strong progression outcomes, moving successfully into employment, apprenticeships and higher education, supported by valuable employer links and industry focused learning opportunities.

Global Experiences and Enrichment Opportunities

Learners studying Business and Finance may have the opportunity to participate in educational visits and enrichment activities, including potential international experiences where appropriate.

Previous student visits have included destinations such as Miami and the Bahamas, providing opportunities to develop confidence, independence, cultural awareness and a broader understanding of the global business environment.

Alongside enhancing their studies, these experiences help learners build valuable personal, professional and teamwork skills whilst creating lasting memories with their peers.



Our Business courses are designed to give students much more than a qualification. We want them to develop the confidence, knowledge and practical skills they need to succeed in the world of work or progress to university.

Through engaging lessons, real business scenarios, employer involvement and opportunities to develop professional skills, our students gain a genuine understanding of how businesses operate.

We have a committed and experienced team who are passionate about supporting every student to achieve their ambitions and take their next step with confidence.

Amanda Ball

Head of Curriculum, Business and Accounting



Computing & Game Design

Our Computing & Game Development department benefits from industry-standard hardware and software, helping you develop the skills and experience employers are looking for.



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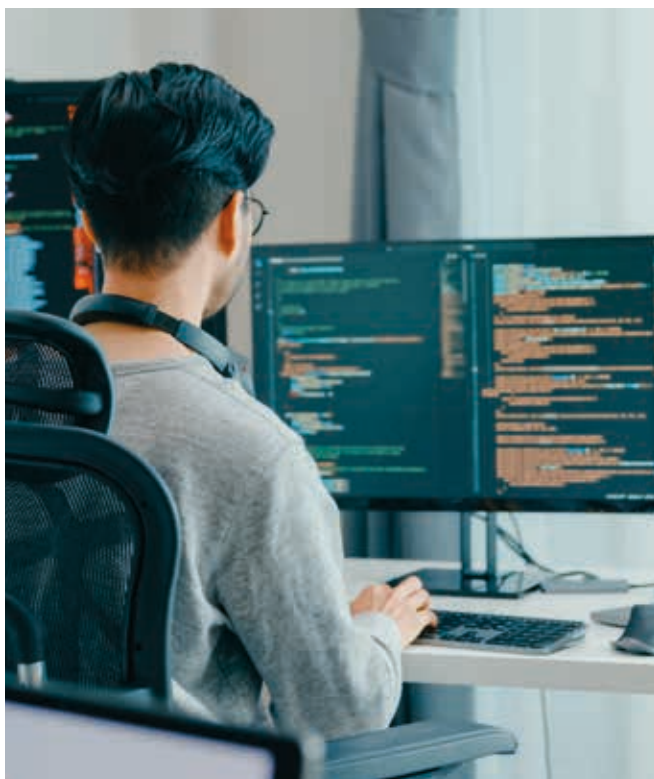
Courses

IT	Level	2
Game Design	Level	2 3
T-Level in Digital Software Development	Level	3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.



Why us?

1

Industry Experienced Tutors

Learn from tutors with industry and academic experience across computing, digital technologies and game development.

2

Specialist Facilities

Access modern computing hardware, specialist software and digital learning environments designed to support coding, gaming and technical project work.

Develop practical digital and creative skills through industry focused learning in areas such as software development, cyber security, game design and emerging technologies.

3

Strong Progression Opportunities

Learner's progress into higher education, apprenticeships and careers within the fast-growing digital, computing and gaming industries

Creative Industries

ual: awarding body

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Why us?

1

Beyond school and sixth form

Study in a specialist creative environment with professional facilities, expert tutors and opportunities that have worked in the industry and will help prepare you for creative careers or further study.

2

Progression to top universities

Develop the skills and portfolio needed to progress to leading universities, conservatoires and specialist arts institutions, including UAL, Goldsmiths, Brighton, Laine Theatre Arts and Rose Bruford.

3

Industry-connected tutors

Learn from experienced creative professionals who bring current industry knowledge, contacts and real-world insight into every project.

OUR COURSES

See pages 40-43



Why us?

4

Professional facilities

Train in industry-standard theatres, studios and workshops featuring Apple Mac workstations, 3D printing, CAD/CAM technology, Adobe Creative Suite, graphics tablets, VR and AR equipment.

5

Collaborative projects

Work alongside students from different creative disciplines, developing teamwork skills and gaining valuable experience of how the creative industries operate.

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Miskin Theatre Arts

Miskin Creative and Performance Studios

The state-of-art studios at Dartford contain 2,836 sqm of educational floorspace, including a performance venue, dance and acting studios, music technology spaces, vocal rooms, digital design classrooms and workshops, and a new food court and social zone serving the whole College.

Miskin Theatre Company

Our team of professionals will offer you training which is unrivalled in the country.

You will be part of the Theatre Company and work on a diverse range of productions.

There are visits to theatres and film sets, plus collaboration with our beauty, hair, music and media departments.

Our actors get to showcase their work at a variety of theatres, festivals, competitions and professional screenings, including the British Film Institute.

Dancers are offered the opportunity to perform at nationally recognised dance exhibitions including 'Move It' and 'Can You Dance' as well as other local venues.



Courses

Next Gen Animation and Visual Storytelling

Next Gen Animation & Visual Story Telling (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

3

Architecture, Interior & Product Design

Architecture, Interior & Product Design (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

3

Acting

Acting (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)

2

Acting (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)

3

Screen Acting (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)

3

Art

Art & Design (UAL Level 1 Diploma in Art, Design & Media)

1

Art (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design)

2

Art (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

3

Course Level

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

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Entry Requirements

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Creative Media

Creative Media (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design) 2

Content Creation (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design & Communication) 3

Digital Journalism (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) 3

TV and Film (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) 3

Dance & Musical Theatre

Dance (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) 2

Dance (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) 3

Musical Theatre (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) 2

Musical Theatre (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts) 3

Graphic Design

Creative Digital Design (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design) 2

Graphic Design & Illustration (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication) 3



Courses

Fashion

Fashion (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design)

2

Fashion (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

3

Music Performance / Technology

Music Miskin Voice (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

2

Music Miskin Voice (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

3

Music Performance (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

2

Music Performance (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

3

Music Technology (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

2

Music Technology (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance & Production)

3

Photography

Photography (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Art & Design)

2

Photography (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Practice: Art, Design and Communication)

3

Technical Theatre

Technical Theatre (UAL Level 2 Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)

2

Technical Theatre (UAL Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing & Production Arts)

3

Course Level

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

A photograph of two men, a student and a staff member, working on a blue and black robot. The student on the left is wearing a black t-shirt with a 'H.S.' patch and a lanyard. The staff member on the right is wearing a black t-shirt with a 'STAFF' lanyard. They are in a room with a white ceiling and a screen in the background. The image is framed by a white diagonal line on a magenta background with orange geometric shapes.

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**Work with the
same technology
and facilities used
by professionals,
from advanced
Mac suites to fully
equipped music
studios.**

Success



Kirsty J Curtis, North Kent College, Miskin student from 2004-2008, played the role of 'Bianca' in Othello by William Shakespeare at the National Theatre directed by Clint Dyer.

Kirsty started her Miskin journey by training in Dance before moving to Acting and graduating in 2008, Kirsty says "I graduated The Miskin nearly 15 years ago and still to this day I am supported and loved by the family. Everyone keeps in contact. I have even been back a few times to direct and work at The Miskin. These guys taught me my craft and discipline and I am always forever grateful to them. "

After studying at Miskin Kirsty went on to study at Rose Bruford Drama School and left in 2012 as a Graduate with a BA (hons) Degree. Since her time at Rose Bruford, she has worked with various agents and agencies whilst building strong working relationships, She starred in a variety of TV Series and short films including Harlots, Call the Midwife, Homeless Ashes and played Bianca in Othello at the National Theatre from November 2022 till January 2023.

Kirsty has recently starred in ITV's series *Joan*, playing Joan's sister Nancy, and Keely Wainwright in *Eastenders*.

“

I believe Miskin Theatre is the best place to learn and grow as a performer. There is no other place like it! You are taught your profession and your passion here and I would not have had it any other way. Miskin is your second home and a place of encouragement and real solid training.

”



**Find
out
more**



Acting



Art



**Creative Digital
Design**



**Creative
Media**



**Dance & Musical
Theatre**



Fashion



**Graphic Design
& Illustration**



Music



Photography



Early Years

Gain practical experience of Forest School, an outdoor learning approach that helps children develop confidence, independence and a connection with nature.

Forest School sessions are integrated into our Early Years courses and led by our experienced Forest School Leaders.



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Courses

Early Years	Level 1 2
T-Level in Education & Childcare	Level 3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.



Apprenticeships are available for this course.
Please see page 26.

Why us?

1

Real-world experience

Build practical skills through work placements that provide hands-on experience and valuable insight into the Early Years sector.

2

Industry-expert tutors

Learn from experienced professionals who bring real industry knowledge and academic expertise into the classroom.

3

Enrichment opportunities

Enhance your learning through industry visits, guest speakers and experiences that bring the sector to life.

Progress with confidence through enhanced university progression pathways, including guaranteed interviews and offers for selected programmes, subject to eligibility criteria.

Future Careers

Early Years Practitioner

Nanny

Play Therapist

Speech and Language
Therapist

Special Educational Needs

Teacher

Student Progression

Here is a small selection of where our learners have progressed to...

Higher Education Progression

University of Chichester, Bournemouth University, University of Sussex, Canterbury Christ Church University, University of Greenwich and The University of Manchester

Industry Progression

Dimples Day Nursery, Bright Beginnings Nurseries, Busy Bees Nurseries, Enchanted Wood Nurseries, Grace's Day Nursery and many more

Hairdressing & Beauty Therapy

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Beauty & Spa Therapy



Hairdressing & Barbering



Make-up Artistry





Why us?

1

Real salon experience

Develop your skills through hands-on experience in our commercial salons, spa and make-up studios, which are open to the public and reflect real industry standards.

2

Industry-expert tutors

Learn from highly qualified tutors with extensive experience across hair, beauty and make-up artistry, including salon ownership and work in TV and film production.

3

Creative career pathways

Our Make-up Artistry courses prepare you for careers in fashion, film, TV and theatre, with clear routes into university and the creative industries.

4

Outstanding facilities

Train in industry-standard environments, including professional salons, spa facilities, saunas, steam rooms and Vichy shower systems.

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ACADEMY SALONS
IN KENT!**



**2026
EDUCATOR
OF THE YEAR
WINNER**

Our Lee Stafford Academy salons bring world-class hair education to Kent

Our Salons are the only Lee Stafford affiliated in Kent and South East London. The quality of education and the skills being delivered by our master trainers is exemplary.

You will receive training in up to 24 fundamental skills and techniques which you will learn to what Lee calls 'Michelin standard'.

“

“I’m very passionate about giving young professionals the best opportunity for a good education within hair dressing.

It’s so important to be armed with the right tools and a wealth of knowledge when entering the world of hair dressing today. The college staff share my passion in delivering this ultimate training programme.”

Lee Stafford

”

Courses

Beauty

Beauty Therapy	1	2	3
Beauty - Hair & Media Make-up	2	3	
Beauty (Theatrical, Special Effects & Media Make-up Artistry)			3

Hairdressing

Hairdressing	1	2	3
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Level 1 2 3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.



Apprenticeships are available for this course.
Please see page 26.

Trips and enrichment

- Hair and Beauty Students visit Salon International at Excel London
- Lee Stafford Education have the opportunity to participate in the annual Lee Stafford Education photoshoot competition
- Make up students participate in workshops with Mac and Kryolan
- Beauty Therapy students participate in Dermalogica and Eve Taylor workshops
- Hair Students participate in Training focus days with Wella Education

BBC's Glow Up Spotlights Talented North Kent College Make-Up Student

Jamie Arnold, a talented student on the Level 3 Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up course at North Kent College, is proudly representing the College on the popular BBC series Glow Up: Britain's Next Make-Up Star. Jamie's appearance on the show is a testament to the dedication he has shown to his craft and the support he has received throughout his studies. The course has played a key role in helping him refine his technical skills, build industry knowledge, and gain the confidence to work professionally within the sector. With the guidance of expert tutors and access to real-world work experience, Jamie has successfully secured employment in the make-up and media industry, an inspiring achievement for both him and the College.

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NOW**



Health & Social Care

Interested in a career in Health and Social Care?

The Health and Social Care sector offers rewarding career opportunities where you can make a positive difference to the lives of others whilst developing valuable professional skills and experience.

Progress with confidence through enhanced university progression pathways, including guaranteed interviews and offers for selected healthcare and public health degrees, subject to eligibility criteria. Something that highlights University progression pathways.

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Courses

Health and Social Care	Level	1 2
Level 3 - Health & Social Care (Social Care Pathway)	Level	3
T Level in Health/Adult Nursing	Level	3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

Student Progression

Real-World Experience through NHS and Social Care Placements

Health students at North Kent College gain hands-on experience through work placements with a range of NHS Trusts, including Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust, and King's College NHS Trust, as well as various social care opportunities. These placements help develop the practical skills necessary for a successful career in health and social care. Placement opportunities vary by course and availability.

Industry Progression

Healthcare Assistant

- Care Support Worker
- Care Worker (residential, home, or day care)
- Senior Care Assistant
- Social Work Assistant
- Trainee Nursing Associate
- Healthcare Support Worker (NHS)
- Assistant in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, or mental health settings

Why us?

1

State-of-the-art Assistive Living Suites

Experience innovative assistive technology designed to support independence, inclusion and person-centred care. Learn how digital solutions are transforming health and social care while developing the skills needed to support individuals with diverse needs.

2

Work Experience

Students take part in supervised placements tailored to their course level and programme. From observing professional practice to assisting with patient care, these experiences build confidence, practical skills and can lead to further opportunities and positive employer feedback.

3

Simulated Clinical Environments

Develop practical skills within our simulated hospital wards, care environments and training ambulances, designed to replicate real industry settings and prepare you for professional practice.

4

Digital Skills for Modern Healthcare

Gain experience using digital technologies and online care record systems, including Care Vision, helping you develop the practical and technical skills used across today's health and social care sector.

Hospitality & Events

Do you want an exciting career in the Events and Hospitality industry, one of the UK's largest and fastest-growing sectors?

This dynamic industry offers a wide range of career opportunities as it continues to evolve.

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Courses

Hospitality & Event Management

Level

3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

In addition to meeting entry requirements, courses are subject to completing a taster day.

Future Careers

Business Development

Food & Beverage Service

Corporate Hospitality

Front of House Operations

Event Planner/Management

Hotel Management

Event Coordinator

Sales & Marketing

Course Trips and Enrichment Opportunities

Enhance your learning through educational visits, employer engagement activities and enrichment opportunities designed to broaden your understanding of the industry.

Learners may have the opportunity to visit a range of businesses, events and destinations, including potential international experiences where appropriate, helping to develop professional awareness, confidence and a broader understanding of global industries and career opportunities.

These experiences are designed to complement classroom learning and support the development of valuable skills such as communication, teamwork, problem solving, customer service, professionalism and cultural awareness.



I really enjoyed the course because it provided me with opportunities to gain work experience in different areas of the events and hospitality industry. It has also helped me build my confidence and provided ideas of what career I'd like to pursue in the future. I now feel prepared Events & Hospitality Industry.

Alice Oxley, Level 3 Hospitality & Events



Work Experience

As part of your study programme, you will complete work experience within the Hospitality and Events industry. Industry placements are designed to help you build the skills needed to enter employment, progress to an Apprenticeship, or strengthen your UCAS application.

Positive Destinations

Our Hospitality learners progress into rewarding careers with leading employers across the industry.

Recent destinations include:

- Two year training programme with Concorde Hotels
- Edge Hotel School industry placement
- Roles within hotels, restaurants and hospitality venues

Legal & Office Support

Interested in a career in Administration?

Are you organised but need help prioritising a busy workload? Confident with IT and keen to build advanced Microsoft Office skills? A strong communicator wanting to develop teamwork skills? Apply for our one-year Administration for Legal & Professional Services courses.

We'll help you develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to succeed in legal and professional services administration.

Our Level 2 course supports Year 11 leavers progressing to Level 3 Business Administration Apprenticeships, including opportunities with law firms in London and beyond.

Our Level 3 course is aimed at Year 12 or 13 leavers, with strong employer links supporting progression into full-time administrative roles.



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Courses

Legal Administration

Level **2** **3**



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

Please note, some courses set their own entry requirements. These may vary from those outlined on page xx. For up to date information, and course-specific requirements, please refer to our website.

Level 2 career options

**Tabitha works at
Hogan Lovells
Cadwalader LLP as a
Junior Personal Assistant**



Thanks to completing the Level 2 Legal Administration course, I commenced employment at a London law firm as a Team Assistant Apprentice. No two days were ever the same – one day I could be working on billing and expenses, the next I could be creating bundles and running to Court to assist in cases!

The course really developed my skills and knowledge in preparation for the professional workplace and I have learnt so much since working at Hogan Lovells Cadwalader. I have now successfully achieved the Level 3 Business Administrator qualification and have recently been promoted to a Junior Personal Assistant role. I could not recommend the one-year Level 2 course and apprenticeship route more!



Why us?

You will be taught by tutors with industry and professional experience, helping you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours valued within the sector.

Through our strong employer links and industry engagement opportunities, learners benefit from valuable progression routes into apprenticeships, higher education and employment, including successful progression into legal and professional services organisations.

Level 3 career options

**Jessie works at
Linklaters LLP as a
Personal Assistant**



My favourite part of the Level 3 course was how much flexibility it offered, allowing me to use my free time to attend a work experience placement at another London law firm. There are countless opportunities to network and build connections with recruiters at top firms, such as work experience placements and presentation days, where employers would visit the college and educate us on what to expect when we joined professional firms ourselves.

For those looking into the Legal Administrative career path, my advice would be to utilise the support your tutors can provide you with. Their knowledge of the industry cannot be understated and I still use the tips and tricks from my time at college every day!



Public Services

**APPLY
NOW**



Find out more

Do you want to have a career that enables you to make a difference in your community and help others whilst having varied and challenging work days that are never the same?

Working in the Public Services can offer this exciting and worthwhile career opportunity.



Courses

Uniformed Services

Level **1** **2** **3**



Entry Requirements

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Future Careers

Air Force

British Army

Firefighter

HM Border Force

Royal Navy

Police Officer

Prison Officer

Higher Education

Would you like to study criminology, policing or criminal investigation at university?

You can progress to these pathways after achieving one of our Level 3 diplomas here at college, opening the door to a wide range of opportunities.



It doesn't just cover one job you want to do, it covers all the services.

Madison, Public Services Level 3

It offers a lot of exciting services; I joined college because I wanted to go straight into the fire services, and this is the quickest way for me to do that.

Jonathan, Public Services Level 3



Sports



Our Facilities

You'll train in outstanding facilities at our Dartford campus, based in the £22 million Osterberg Sports Centre. These include a multi-purpose sports hall, sports fields, a strength and conditioning suite and a modern fitness centre. Our Sports Massage suite and clinic offer a realistic workplace environment for Personal Training and Sports Science students.



Personal Training
& Sports Science



Sports Coaching
& Performance

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Courses

Gym Studies	2
Personal Training	3
Sport	2
Sport and Exercise Science	3
Sport Coaching	3

Level 2 3

Future Careers

Gym Instructor

Sports Psychologist

Personal Trainer

Sports Therapist

Physiotherapist

PE Teacher

Sports Nutritionist



I've always had a drive to want to be successful and work for myself, but the course really helped me and supported me to get to where i am today. Staff took a chance on me and I am so grateful for their support and the knowledge they gave me.

Ellie Cole

Level 3 Personal Training – PT Business Owner



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

**APPLY
NOW**



Football Academy

Do you have serious aspirations about playing football at the highest level whilst continuing your academic studies? Scan here for more information.

Travel & Tourism

Our Facilities

We offer a unique learning environment with extensive resources and the latest facilities to enhance your learning experience.

Our resources include a mock-up aeroplane for a real-life cabin crew learning experience.



Find out more

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Courses

Vocational Studies	Level	1
Travel & Tourism	Level	2 3



Entry Requirements

For more information, please see page 16.

Future Careers

Cabin Crew

Resort Representative

Ground Crew

Tour Guide

Hotel Management

Travel Agent



Learners build confidence and employability skills through guest speakers, work experience and industry visits.

We also provide learners with a range of enrichment opportunities designed to provide valuable industry insight while developing teamwork and customer service skills. Previous enrichment opportunities have included residential and international trips to destinations across the USA, South Africa and Europe.

Helen Ward-Nixon
Head of Curriculum



Course Trips

You'll build your knowledge through visits to local businesses, gaining real insight into this fast-moving sector. Annual international trips also showcase global opportunities in events, travel and business, offering experiences beyond the UK.

Our residential and day trips across the UK and overseas help you explore different destinations, understand the industry and learn about sustainable tourism.

Together, these experiences broaden your perspective and prepare you for your future career.

**Our
outstanding
facilities include
our very own
mock aircraft
cabin.**



Access to Higher Education

Access to Higher Education Diplomas help prepare you for university if you do not currently have the traditional entry requirements. Designed for learners aged 19+, they provide a relevant Level 3 qualification to support progression onto an undergraduate degree at university or North Kent College Group.

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Course

Access to Nursing
& Healthcare

Level 3

Our Access course has a strong track record of helping students progress to university and achieve their career goals. We understand that returning to education can feel daunting, so we provide full support throughout your journey.

You'll develop essential academic skills, including research, referencing and essay writing, while building the confidence and mindset needed for university-level study.

“

My College experience was empowering - supportive tutors, a well-structured Access course, and a positive learning environment gave me the skills and confidence to progress to university and qualify as a midwife.

If you're unsure about returning to education, take the leap — this College is the perfect starting point. It transformed my life. I went from self-doubt to becoming a qualified midwife.

Sarah Kruger

Access to Nursing and Healthcare Professions

”

If you have never studied at Level 3 (A Levels) or above, and are aged 19-23 years, there are no tuition fees for these courses. If you're aged 19+ and have studied at Level 3, the Advanced Learner Loan can be applied for from Student Finance England.

Please note:

Once you complete your University course your Access loans are written off. However, you will need to go straight to University without gap years, for the loan to be written off.

Future careers

Nurse

Psychologist

Residential Care Worker

Social Worker

Midwife

Paramedic

Counsellor

Physiotherapist

Lecturer Sarah Hitchings with former student Sarah Kruger



Learner Success

Meet some of the current learners and former students making their mark at NKC Dartford College and beyond.



Discover more

Hayden Appleby

Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship

Hayden is completing his Apprenticeship while working as an Apprentice Junior Legal PA at international law firm Watson Farley & Williams in London.

“

NKC Dartford College made it possible for me to achieve my ambition of working in a law firm through my Apprenticeship.

I have felt fully supported throughout my studies and particularly value the personal attention from staff and being treated like an adult and employee.

”





Connor Furlong

BTEC Level 4 HNC in Computing

Connor, who studied BTEC Level 4 HNC Computing at Dartford from 2020 to 2021, has gone on to work in various sectors thanks to his qualification, including Education, TV Production, PR and Marketing and Art Galleries, which included a stint working at an Art Gallery in Spain!



Studying computing at NKC gave me a strong foundation in IT and problem-solving, which has been invaluable throughout my career.

The hands-on approach to learning all aspects of Computing in IT, combined with the supportive teaching staff, helped me develop the technical skills and confidence needed to progress in the industry.

I particularly appreciated the project planning elements of the course, which prepared me well for real-world IT projects and gave me confidence to deal with communication with VIPs within companies.



Sileena Farrell

Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science

Studied Level 3 Sport and Exercise Science from 2020 to 2022, and it has lead her on quite a path. She is currently in the USA on a Track and Field Scholarship.



The best three things about studying at NKC was the encouragement from the teachers, the variety of coursework for the course and the practical aspect of the course.

College has helped me pave the way to becoming a physiotherapist and has helped me to earn money while studying to gain my physiotherapist degree.



How To Apply

So, you've found the perfect course and you're ready to take the next step – great choice!

1

Apply Online

Simply visit **dartford.ac.uk** to submit your application. Year 11 students in Kent can also apply through the Kent County Council online system – your school will be able to guide you.

2

Application Check

We'll review your form and contact you if we need anything else.

3

Interview Invitation

Once we have processed your application, you'll be invited for an interview to discuss your course options – don't forget to bring your latest school report. Interviews run throughout the year, and we aim to contact you with a date within three weeks of your application.

4

Your Interview

This is your chance to tell us about yourself, and to learn more about us. You may receive an unconditional or conditional offer, or we may suggest a more suitable course.

5

Offer Confirmation

We'll email your offer, well done! Accept it to secure your place, after which we'll send details about accommodation, finance and fees.

6

Taster Events

All successful applicants will be invited to a Taster Event, whereby you will get the chance to meet members of the curriculum team and find out more about your course.

7

Enrolment

You'll receive joining instructions over the summer. Enrolment takes place at the end of August. If your exam results are slightly lower than expected, don't worry – we'll work with you to find the right level within your chosen subject.



**APPLY
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NKC Dartford College

Scan for more information
on how to apply.

Student Welfare



Student Welfare

For more information on welfare and safeguarding support, scan the QR code to visit our website.

Careers Advice

Our qualified advisers offer year round, confidential guidance on career choices, university routes and job applications.

Counselling

College life can bring challenges, so our confidential, non-judgemental counselling service supports students with emotional wellbeing and personal difficulties when they need to talk.

Equal Opportunities

We are committed to a respectful, inclusive environment where no-one receives less favourable treatment, on any grounds including age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origins, creed, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, sex, marital or parental status, political belief or social or economic class. We actively support learners with difficulties or disabilities.

Disability Support

Specialist staff advise on appropriate support so all students can access the full curriculum.

Welfare & Safeguarding Support

We help students settle into college life so that they can thrive, with a range of support services.

Personal Tutors

Every student has a Personal Tutor for academic guidance, target setting and pastoral support.

SEN Support

Our Learning Support Team assists students with EHCP's and other disabilities and learning needs including exam access arrangements.





Student Financial Support

Money and Finance doesn't have to be a worrying experience. We want your transition into college to be as smooth as possible.

North Kent Colleges Group administers bursary funding to assist with additional course costs for low-income families.

Students aged 16-18 do not pay tuition fees for Further Education courses.

19+ Students who are on a full-time course funded either by the Government or via a 19+ Advanced Learner Loan, may also be entitled to assistance with the additional course costs.

Additional costs may be payable, such as kit, uniform, equipment, travel to and from college, trips, free college meals and childcare.

If your household is on a low income, you may be entitled to assistance with a contribution towards these costs.

The bursaries the college administers does not cover tuition fees for 19+ students.

Free College Meals

Students must be aged between 16 and 18 on the 31 August 2027 to be eligible to apply for free college meals and must meet the eligibility criteria set by the Government. Students aged 19 – 24 who have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) who meet the eligibility criteria are also entitled to Free College Meals.

How to apply

To apply for any of the college bursaries, please complete and submit the online application form, along with the required evidence. The application form can be found on the website of the college you are applying to.

The bursary portal will open after the Easter break.

Your Journey Towards NKC Dartford College

 September
2026:

1 Explore Options

Start thinking about your next steps. Pick up a School Leavers' Guide or browse courses online.

 October–November
2026:

2 Visit & Apply

Come to our open events, meet tutors and students and tour our facilities. You can apply on the day and start receiving monthly VIP email updates.

 December 2026
–February 2027:

3 Find Out More

Keep in touch! We're happy to answer any questions. If you missed our open events contact us to book a tour. And if you've already decided to apply, we'll send your interview date and then your offer.

 May–June
2027:

6 Good Luck

Best of luck in your exams. We can't wait to hear how you get on, and if you need any support we are here for you.

 March–April
2027:

5 Revision Time

Exams are coming up and we've got loads of revision tips on our website. Remember to look after yourself too during this busy time.

 February–March
2027:

4 Another Chance to Visit

More open events, more opportunities to explore NKC Dartford College and apply on the day!



May–July
2027:

7 Taster Events

All successful applicants will be invited to a Taster Event, whereby you will get the chance to meet members of the curriculum team and find out more about your course.



July
2027:

8 Summer Break

Enjoy your summer!

You'll receive your enrolment invitation in August, and we are still here to help over the summer, just get in touch.



August
2027:

9 Results & Enrolment

Got your results? We hope it's what you needed.

But if they're not what you expected or are better than you predicted, don't worry there will be options and we'll help you find the right level for you.



September
2027:

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Welcome

Congratulations, you're officially a NKC Dartford College student! You'll receive your start date and ID at enrolment and we'll look forward to welcoming you.

Thanks for choosing us and best of luck!



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