



**DERBY COLLEGE GROUP**

# **SCHOOL LEAVERS** **PROSPECTUS** **2021-2022**

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# WELCOME TO DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

Whether your ambition is to go straight into the world of work, to gain on-the-job training as an apprentice, to head to university or to set up your own business venture, Derby College Group (DCG) will put you on the right pathway.

The choice is yours: we offer a huge variety of subjects as well as different routes and entry levels so that you can select the study programme that is just right for you. Alongside traditional academic pathways, you will discover exciting vocational, technical and apprenticeship options that give you a real head start in your career.

Our portfolio has been improved further still this year with the introduction of T Levels, the new qualifications which combine classroom studies with an extended work placement. We are proud to be chosen by the government as one of the first colleges to launch this dynamic new route, designed in collaboration with business.

Whatever pathway you follow, we promise you a learning experience that is engaging, challenging and interactive – thanks to our excellent teaching, expertise in remote learning methods, nationally recognised support and strong employer partnerships.

Throughout, you will develop the knowledge, professional attitude and high-level skills that employers are seeking. Most important of all, you will be well prepared for an optimistic future and for success in work and life.



**Mandie Stravino OBE**  
Chief Executive  
The Derby College Group



**A GOOD  
COLLEGE WITH  
OUTSTANDING FEATURES**

# WHY CHOOSE DCG?

Study with Derby College Group (DCG) – and go further, faster in your career.

## A focus on success

We equip you with all the skills and knowledge you need to achieve your future goals – whether you want to secure a job or apprenticeship, to progress to further study at college or university, or even to launch your own business.

## Pathways to progression

From your very first contact with us, we ensure that you are on the right study pathway to match your career aspirations. It could be an academic or vocational route, an apprenticeship programme or one of our new T Levels.

## Praise from Ofsted

Our overall grade from Ofsted is ‘good’ and two aspects of our work are rated as ‘outstanding’ – our flourishing partnerships with employers and our support for high-needs students.

## Strong business links

We work with around 3,000 national and local employers, which keeps all our study pathways up to date and relevant to the workplace.

## Employer Academies

We have teamed up with leading business names to launch innovative Employer Academies. They offer you regular industrial placements, masterclasses and real-world projects – plus a guaranteed interview for a job or apprenticeship at the end of your study programme.

## Highly experienced staff

Our teaching teams are made up of industry-experienced professionals who can help you develop all the skills and qualities that employers are looking for. You will also have the support of a Student Experience and Progression Coach to help you get where you want to be.

## Innovative teaching

We have won national recognition for our expertise in remote teaching and learning. Our pioneering approach to using the latest digital technologies will complement the traditional classroom teaching we can offer you.



## Helpful advice

We offer full information, advice and guidance to help you decide on your next steps. The high quality of our careers education has been recognised with Career Mark Gold accreditation and the IAG matrix Standard.

## State-of-the-art facilities

Our colleges are inspirational places to study. We have invested in first-class industry-standard equipment and resources to bring your learning to life.

## English and maths

If you do not already have a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and Maths – or equivalent qualifications – you will continue studying these all-important subjects to help you succeed in your future learning, work and everyday life.



## Broaden your horizons

We enrich your studies with opportunities for work experience, community projects, fieldtrips, international placements, competitions, guest lectures and volunteering activities.

## A great social life

You will make new friends and discover fresh interests. Ours is a welcoming, close-knit student community where there is always something happening.

## Easy to reach

Our colleges are in convenient locations in Derby and Derbyshire, all served by good public transport links. There is a helpful map of transport routes on our website.



**AFTER CHECKING OUT THE OPTIONS  
IN THIS PROSPECTUS, WHY NOT JOIN  
ONE OF OUR VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS TO  
FIND OUT MORE?**

# VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS 2020-2021

Want to know how DCG can transform your future? Sign up for one of our popular virtual open days for full information about our exciting study pathways. There is plenty of choice to match your interests and ambitions.

## THE ROUNDHOUSE

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm

The following subject areas will be in attendance:

- Adult Maths and English
- Apprenticeships
- Brickwork plus Groundworks
- Business
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Childcare (featuring information on the NEW T Level in Education and Childcare)
- Electrical Installation
- Employer Academies / Work Experience
- Engineering
- GCSE Maths and English
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care (featuring information on the NEW T Level in Health)
- Hospitality and Catering
- Inclusion Curriculum (For Students with Learning Difficulties / Disabilities)
- LEXIS
- Motor Vehicle
- Painting and Decorating / Plastering plus Wall and Floor Tiling
- Plumbing and Gas Training
- Professional Construction  
(featuring information on the NEW T Levels in Construction)
- Professional Education, Training and Development
- STEPS
- Travel and Tourism including Cabin Crew

Plus information on Higher Education / University Level programmes

## THE JOSEPH WRIGHT CENTRE

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm

The following subject areas will be in attendance:

- A-levels
- Adult Maths and English
- Applied Science (featuring information on the NEW T Level in Science)
- Art and Design
- Creative Media
- Computer Science and Digital
- Digital Multi-Media  
(featuring information on the NEW T Level in Digital Support Services)
- Employer Academies / Work Experience
- Fashion Business and Retail
- Games Design (featuring information on the NEW Esports programmes)
- GCSE Maths and English
- GCSE Plus
- Music
- Performing Arts

**PRE-REGISTER FOR OUR  
VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS ON  
THE DCG WEBSITE NOW**

**VISIT THE EVENTS SECTION AT  
[WWW.DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS](http://WWW.DERBY-COLLEGE.AC.UK/EVENTS)**





## BROOMFIELD HALL

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021** 5pm - 7pm

The following subject areas will be in attendance:

- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Apprenticeships
- Arboriculture
- Conservation and Countryside
- Construction (Groundworks)
- Employer Academies / Work Experience
- Equine
- Floristry
- Horticulture
- Inclusion Curriculum (For Students with Learning Difficulties / Disabilities)
- Public Services
- Sport

Plus information on Higher Education / University  
Level programmes in Land-based, Sport and Public Services

VIRTUAL  
**OPEN**  
**DAYS**

## THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ILKESTON

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm

The following subject areas will be in attendance:

- Access to Higher Education
- Adult Maths and English
- Apprenticeships
- Brickwork
- Childcare
- Employer Academies / Work Experience
- GCSE Maths and English
- Health and Social Care
- Inclusion Curriculum (For Students with Learning Difficulties / Disabilities)
- Painting and Decorating
- STEPS
- Welding

## HOW TO ACCESS OUR VIRTUAL OPEN DAY EVENTS

- 1 Visit the Events section of our website and pre-register for the virtual event of your choice here.
- 2 On the day of the event, you will be sent an email with a link to access the virtual event along with your login details.
- 3 Use the 'registration number' and 'unique code' you received via email to login to the virtual event.
- 4 Then, you're in! Explore, live chat, watch videos and more!

Keep an eye out on our website for other events we have coming up, such as our Apprenticeship Event and our All Site DCG Event.

# HOW TO APPLY

1

## Decide on your career pathway

Take a look through this prospectus for some great ideas. Check out Career Coach on our website; use Kudos, the career matching software program; visit the National Careers Service website; and talk to your teacher or careers adviser.

2

## Research your options

Firm up your choices by joining one of our virtual open days. There could be options you had never considered before!

3

## Listen to the experts

Discuss your plans with our friendly staff who will help you choose a study pathway that is just right for you. If you are unsure about anything, talk to our Student Services team on **0800 028 0289**.

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## Submit your application

There is no deadline so you can apply right now at **[www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)**. You will find an online application form on every programme page. Click the Apply Now button and follow the instructions for inTouch. If you need some help, just give the Student Services team a call on **0800 028 0289** or book in at one of our campuses where we will help you fill in your application. Even if you have your sights set on an apprenticeship, it is important to apply for a full-time study programme too – it is your back-up plan until you secure your place with an employer.

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## Gain dedicated advice

Once you have applied to Derby College Group, you will be allocated a dedicated Student Services adviser. They will make sure your application is processed and your interview is arranged. You can track your application via your inTouch account.





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### **Come for an interview**

Your interview details will be updated in your inTouch account. You will be invited for an interview, taster session or – for some arts-based programmes – an audition. In some cases, you will also take an online screening assessment in maths and English just to check you are on the right pathway.

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### **Prepare for College**

During August you will receive full details about your enrolment. On GCSE results day we hold a special advice and guidance event if you need to talk to someone about your grades.

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### **Our Welcome / Enrolment Day**

Following GCSE results day we will finalise and confirm your study plans, send you your Student Learning Agreement to sign, and provide information about your start date.

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### **Become part of DCG**

During your induction you will be introduced to your Student Experience and Progression Coach as well as your programme team. You will also receive your Derby College Group ID card and student email address and will be shown how to access our online learning space and the Student Handbook.

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### **Accept your place**

We will write to let you know the outcome of your interview. If you have been offered a place, it could be conditional on exam results such as GCSEs. You will need to log into your inTouch account to accept your offer.

**For a step-by-step Application Guide, please visit:**

**[www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/how-to-apply](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/careers-courses/how-to-apply)**

# CHART YOUR FUTURE

Find your level and step up to the challenge with DCG.

We offer a wide range of study pathways – from Entry Level to Level 3 and beyond – so you are bound to find something that suits you and takes you a step closer to your dream career. Research shows that you can significantly boost your earning potential as you progress to higher levels of study. Find out more in our A-Z guide starting on page 26.





## Karan's book review speaks volumes

“ The Reading Ahead challenge has encouraged me to read far more. I love being able to immerse myself in a book – whether it is fact or fiction – and just block everything else out. ”

Karan Pabla is set to feature in a novel by crime writer Ann Cleeves after joining a national campaign encouraging young people to take up reading.

He was among thousands taking part in the Reading Ahead challenge to review a book of their choice. Singled out for his review, he will now appear as a character in the famed *Vera* series.

Karan was on our GCSE Plus programme at the time he submitted his review and has since progressed to study IT at DCG with his sights set on a Cyber Security degree. He said: “I can't wait to see my name in print – although apparently I am not one of the criminals!”



# WELCOME TO THE NEXT LEVEL

**LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT  
ROUTE TO ACHIEVE YOUR  
CAREER GOALS? T LEVELS  
COULD BE THE ANSWER.**

## **An exciting new pathway**

You now have a new study option after you have completed your GCSES: welcome to the world of T Levels.

A T Level is a two-year qualification which brings together classroom learning and an extended industry placement on a programme designed in partnership with businesses. You will spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% with an employer to gain valuable industry insights.

Equivalent to three A-levels, each T Level equips you with the knowledge and experience you need to get straight into employment, an apprenticeship or higher education. The T stands for 'technical' and your studies will include core theory, concepts and skills for a specific industry area.



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## **Why choose a T Level?**

- ▲ They have been developed with over 200 top-name employers to give you the skills and knowledge you need.
- ▲ You will spend at least 45 days on industry placement to learn what a real career is like while you are continuing your studies.
- ▲ On passing your T Level, you will receive a nationally recognised certificate to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.
- ▲ Your qualification will also be worth UCAS points if you want to continue into higher education at university or college. A T Level Distinction\* is worth the same as three A-levels at A\* grade.

## **T Levels at DCG**

We were among the first colleges selected by the government to launch T Level qualifications as a high-quality technical alternative to A-levels and apprenticeships.

We were chosen because of our strong existing partnerships with employers and our track record for promoting work experience, problem-based learning and work-related projects.

# T-LEVELS

## THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

### What is on offer?

From September 2021, we will be delivering T Levels in:

- ▲ Building Services Engineering for Construction – covering the principles of engineering design and the role of technology and sustainability.
- ▲ Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction – helping you progress to a career in construction roles such as surveying and design.
- ▲ Digital Production, Design and Development – ideal if you aspire to a career in software production and design, web and app development, and IT business analysis.
- ▲ Digital Support Services (Networking) – with opportunities to specialise in areas such as digital infrastructure, digital support and network cabling.
- ▲ Education and Childcare – covering the core knowledge and skills that underpin many jobs in early years education, childcare and teaching.
- ▲ Health – preparing you for careers in areas such as mental health, midwifery, therapy and adult nursing care.
- ▲ Science – equipping you for occupations in areas including laboratory sciences and food sciences.

More T Levels will come on stream in the years to come until 24 subjects are covered – from agriculture to catering and from engineering to management.

### A smooth transition

We want to give as many young people as possible the chance to benefit from T Levels, so we have also introduced dedicated pathways at Level 2 to ensure that you can make a smooth transition to the new programmes at Level 3.

The one-year 'Transition to T Level' options are available relating to all the T Level subjects we offer. They will provide the ideal preparation for students who may not quite be ready to embark on a full T Level programme straight away.



# YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Our study pathways offer you a clear route to long-term success.

## What can you expect?

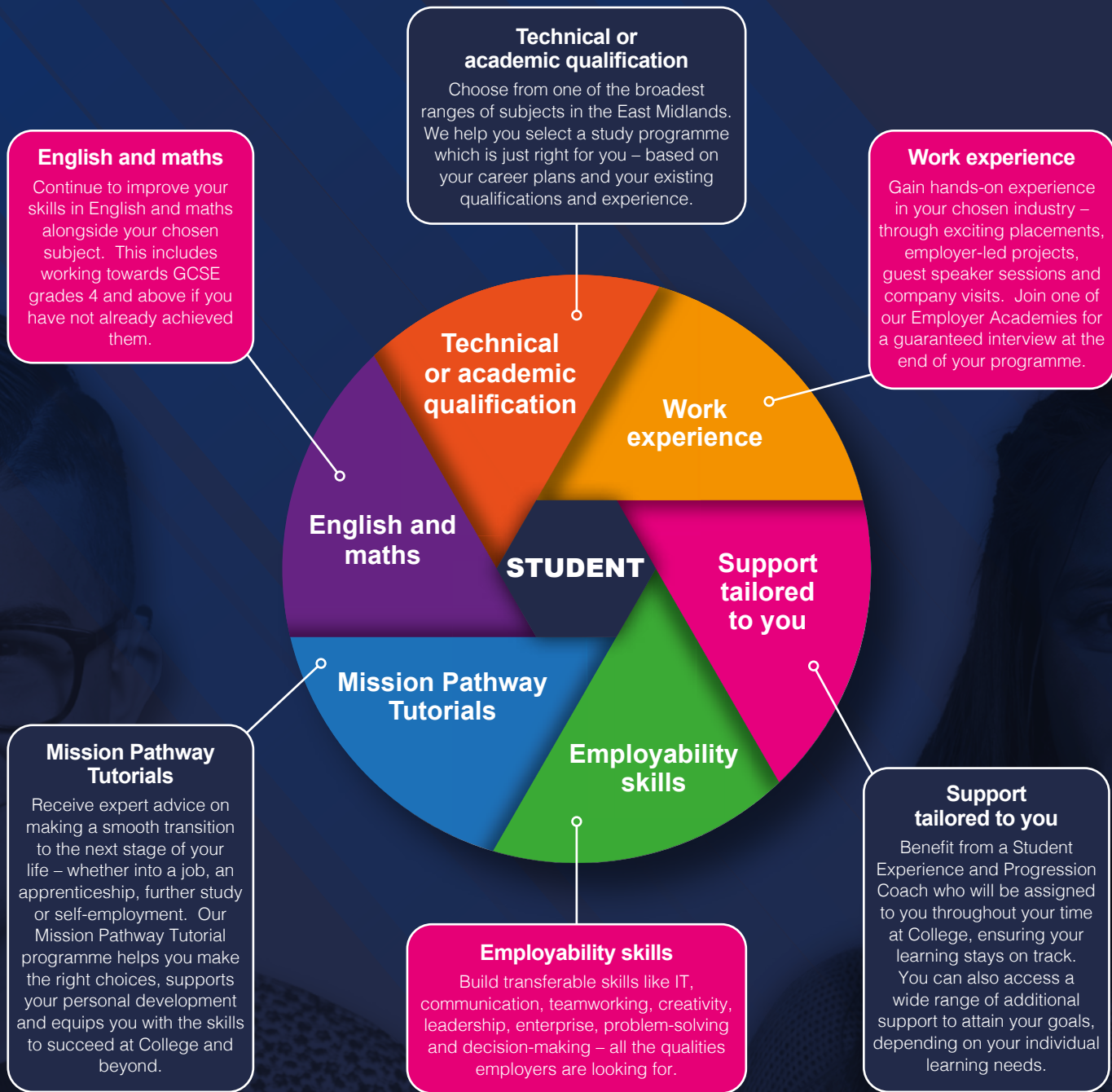
Whether you want to follow a technical or academic pathway, we will help you build a tailor-made study programme to match your individual needs and future ambitions.

With Derby College Group, you can look forward to a great learning experience, including:

- Nationally recognised qualifications which will help you progress to further study and skilled, sustainable employment
- High-quality work experience, industry placements and employer-led projects to offer you a taste of what it is like in the working world
- Support to achieve those all-important GCSE grades of 4 and above (A\*-C) in English and Maths if you have not already gained them



- Digital know-how to assist your learning and to help you keep pace with the latest developments in business and industry
- Access to a wide range of additional support, tailored to your individual learning needs, to help you attain your goals
- The chance to develop the broader attributes that employers want – from teamwork to problem-solving, communication to leadership
- All the information, advice and guidance you need to help you take the right pathway and to chart your future career direction



# READY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK

Build the high-level technical skills and specialist knowledge you need.

## Ensuring you are employable

Our study programmes are designed in partnership with employers to deliver the skills, knowledge and behaviours they expect and to respond to the changing demands of the 21st century economy.

It all means you will be well equipped to make a difference from day one in a new job – wherever you embark on your career.

## Work experience opportunities

You cannot beat hands-on experience of what it is like to work in your chosen industry. We support you to find placements so that you can hit the ground running in your career.

You will be given clear responsibilities, will be well supervised and will gain feedback about your performance. You will also improve your abilities in time management and meeting deadlines and will benefit from working with people of different ages and backgrounds.

## Exciting insights

There are many other opportunities to interact with employers, ensuring you understand their expectations and can make informed career choices. This could be through employer-led projects, workplace visits, guest speakers and professional mentoring – all industry specific, so highly relevant to you.

Having an up-to-date CV, plus knowledge of interview techniques, is also essential. DCG joins forces with employers in your chosen industry to help you develop these crucial skills.

## Our Employer Academies

We have teamed up with major employers for a programme that gives you the best possible introduction to working life.

Our Employer Academies, set up in partnership with specific organisations, offer industry placements, masterclasses, special projects and sometimes paid part-time work. You are also guaranteed an interview for an apprenticeship or job with the company at the end of your studies.

**Find out more:**

[www.derby-college.ac.uk/employers/employer-academies](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/employers/employer-academies)



## A rewarding life on the ocean waves for engineer Declan

**“College definitely gave me the step up I needed. I’d like other students to know where studying at DCG can lead – the right qualifications can take them anywhere.”**

Studying with DCG marked the start of a voyage of discovery for naval engineer Declan Clarke-Hancock.

The Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations programme helped him pursue a career as an electro-technical officer on the Sapphire Princess cruise ship – seeing the world while doing a responsible and rewarding job he loves.

Declan had to attend maritime college, undertake months of training at sea and pass tough Maritime and Coastguard Agency exams before taking up his role.



### Interested in part-time work?

We can help you find paid part-time employment with external companies during your studies. It is an excellent way to gain some extra cash while you are studying.

By finding work through our internal job service, DCG Recruitment, you will also build your CV and boost your employability, customer service and team working skills – increasing your confidence into the bargain.

### To register your interest:

Email: [DCGRecruitment@dcg.ac.uk](mailto:DCGRecruitment@dcg.ac.uk)

with your name and contact details or call **01332 387420**

Visit us at The Roundhouse, K101

# PREPARE FOR YOUR NEXT STEP

We will help you take full advantage of the exciting opportunities ahead.

## Outstanding careers advice

Unsure about your next step? We are here to help you take the right direction. No matter what stage of your learning journey you have reached, we offer high-quality careers guidance to set you on the right path.

Our impartial information, advice and guidance services will help you make more informed decisions about your future. We have been awarded the top accreditation under the national Career Mark scheme.

**Find out more:**

[www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support)

Call: 0800 028 0289.



## Keen on an apprenticeship?

Would you like the chance to earn while you learn? An apprenticeship could be the ideal choice. You will receive on-the-job training in a real job with a real employer and gain a respected qualification into the bargain.

See our A-Z guide – starting on page 26 – for details of all the apprenticeships available in our different subject areas, then visit our website for more information. We even offer a free service which could match you with an employer if you do not have an apprenticeship lined up.

**Find out more:**

[www.derby-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships-earn-learn](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships-earn-learn)

## Choose HE at DCG

We deliver a dynamic range of higher education (HE) and university-level programmes which will support and boost your progression to the next stage of your education.

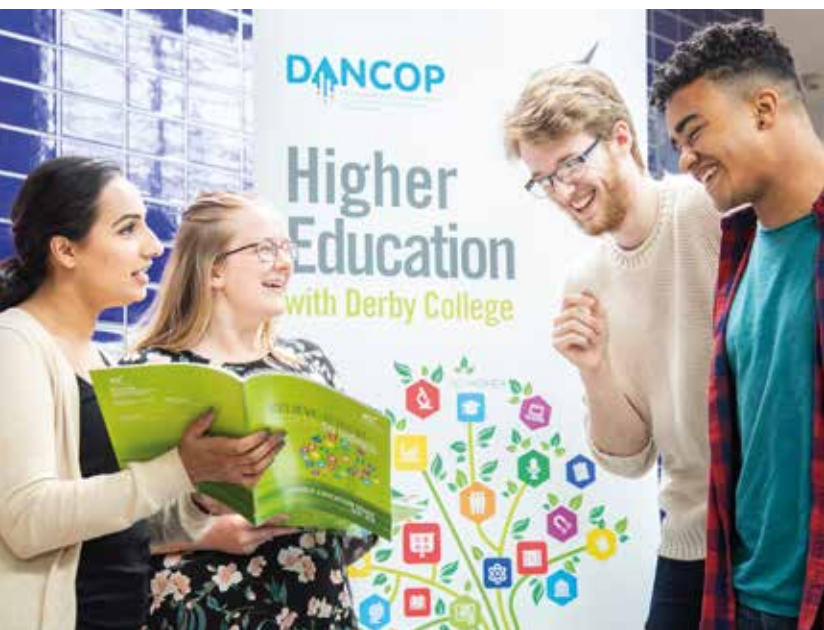
They include HNC, HND, Foundation Degree and full Honours Degree qualifications in a variety of exciting subjects.

Any Level 3 student who achieves the entry criteria – and can demonstrate good general performance in their studies – is guaranteed a place on a relevant higher education programme of their choice with Derby College Group.

With small class sizes, impressive academic support and reasonable fee levels, this is one of the most effective, affordable and flexible ways to invest in your future.

## Want to launch a business?

If you are keen to nurture your entrepreneurship skills, foster your creativity and boost your business acumen, you can access enterprise support at DCG, including guidance from local successful entrepreneurs. We offer you the chance to join business start-up sessions which will help you translate your enterprising ideas into action.



## Overseas business venture helps Alex hit his personal best

“One of my DCG marketing lecturers encouraged me to look deeper into situations and constantly ask why. This is something I now use with my own team.”

Former DCG Business student Alex Watts took his entrepreneurial know-how all the way to Myanmar where he has launched a lifestyle and fitness brand.

He and his partner Joanna Kyaing – who met while both were studying at the Roundhouse – left the UK straight after College to work in South East Asia. Together they have founded FORM Yangon, a lifestyle centre and fitness business to capitalise on an untapped market in Myanmar.

Alex says that his DCG studies in marketing, economics and business development have proved particularly valuable in his success as an entrepreneur.



# SUPPORTING YOU ALL THE WAY

We offer a full range of assistance to ensure you have a great experience.

## Student Services

If you need any information, support and advice, Student Services should be your first port of call.

Our experienced and friendly staff are dedicated to your wellbeing and success during your studies.

In addition to receiving high-quality careers guidance, you will benefit from:

- **Counselling:** if you are experiencing difficulties which may be affecting your studies, you can contact our approachable, non-judgemental team in complete confidence.
- **Welfare Advice and Support:** if you have concerns that are not directly related to your studies such as health and mental health issues, problems at home, financial hardship or relationship problems, our Welfare Support team is here to listen, support and guide you.



- **Inclusion and Support Services:** if you have any kind of learning difficulty and/or disability, we offer tailored services to meet your individual needs and make studying with Derby College Group as easy and enjoyable as possible.

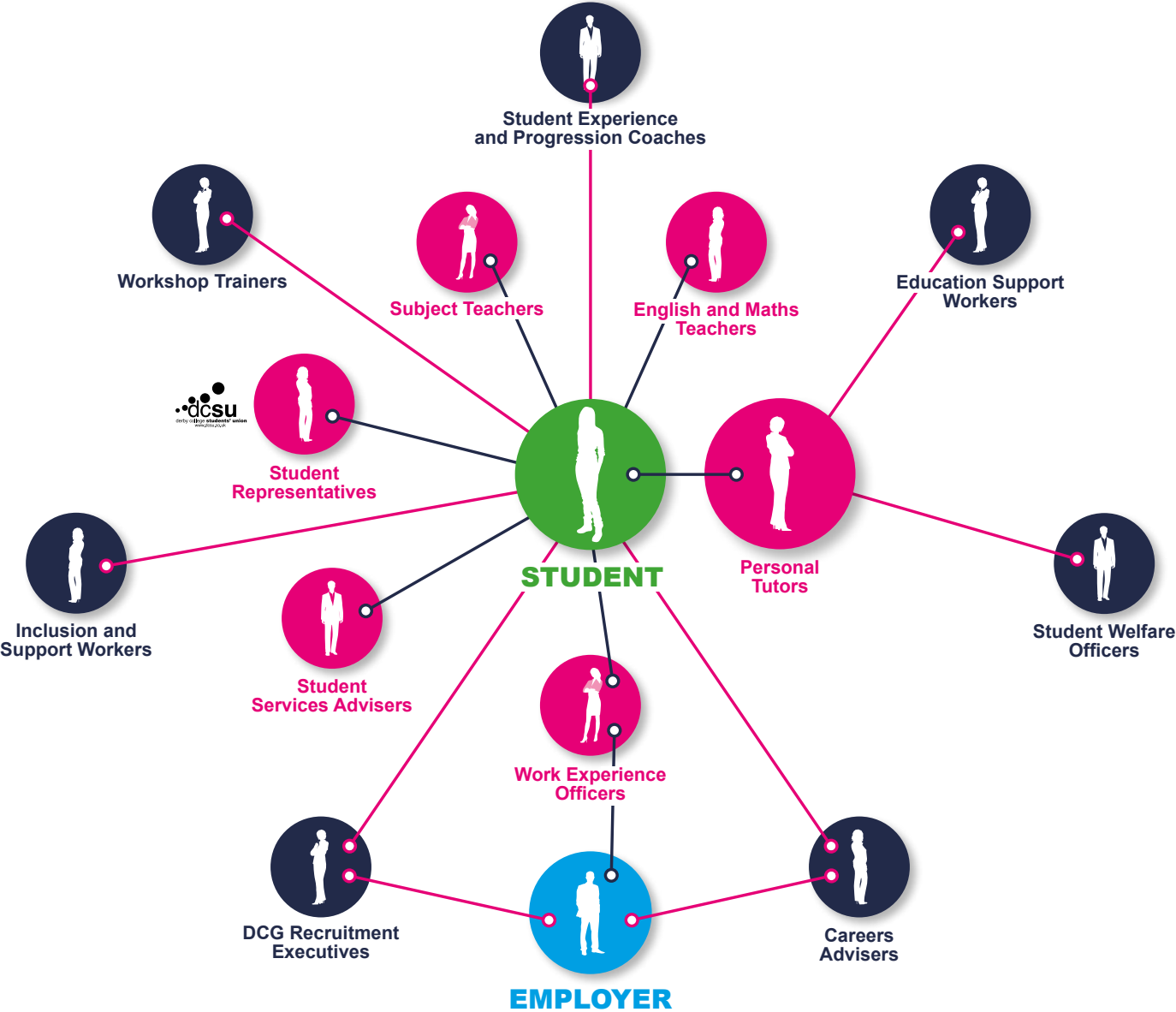
Find out more:

[www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support)

Call: 0800 028 0289



Support for full-time vocational and technical students



○ All students receive this support

○ Specific support tailored to meet student needs

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Help shape Derby College Group with your ideas and opinions.

## Make sure your voice is heard

Get involved by acting as a Student Ambassador or Student Representative. Take part in our student forums and other activities. And do not forget to contribute to our regular Student Voice surveys. Your feedback makes things happen.

**98%**

of students say that their study programme is preparing them for their chosen next steps

**98%**

of students agree their work is assessed regularly

**98%**

of students would recommend DCG to a friend

**96%**

of students feel they have been given helpful advice about what they can do after their studies

**96%**

of students feel they are kept interested in all of their sessions

**97%**

of students say they are learning  
at the right pace

**97%**

of students say the teaching on  
their programme is good

**97%**

of students think that the  
College is good at listening to  
students' views

**98%**

of students regard DCG as a  
safe place

**99%**

of students feel they are being  
helped to make good progress

Source of statistics: Student Voice Induction  
Survey and Student Voice Teaching, Learning and  
Assessment Surveys.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

So, what do you need to join a DCG study pathway?

## Expert advice on offer

You will find entry requirements for each study programme on our website. But remember that it is always best to discuss your career plans and qualifications profile with our staff.

If you join one of our virtual open days, you will get the most up-to-date advice. Together, we can find the right pathway to suit you and your individual circumstances.

## Changes to GCSE grades

A new grading system has now been phased in for GCSE subjects in England – you might want to bear these grades in mind when you apply.

The letters A\*-G have been replaced by numbers, with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The new scale is not directly equivalent to the previous one but there are some comparable points:

- The bottom of grade 7 is aligned with the bottom of grade A
- The bottom of grade 4 is aligned with the bottom of grade C
- The bottom of grade 1 is aligned with the bottom of grade G

The government recognises grade 4 and above as a 'standard pass' in all subjects, representing a similar achievement to the old grade C or above. For English and Maths GCSE, it also categorises a grade 5 or above as a 'strong pass'.

## GCSE GRADING

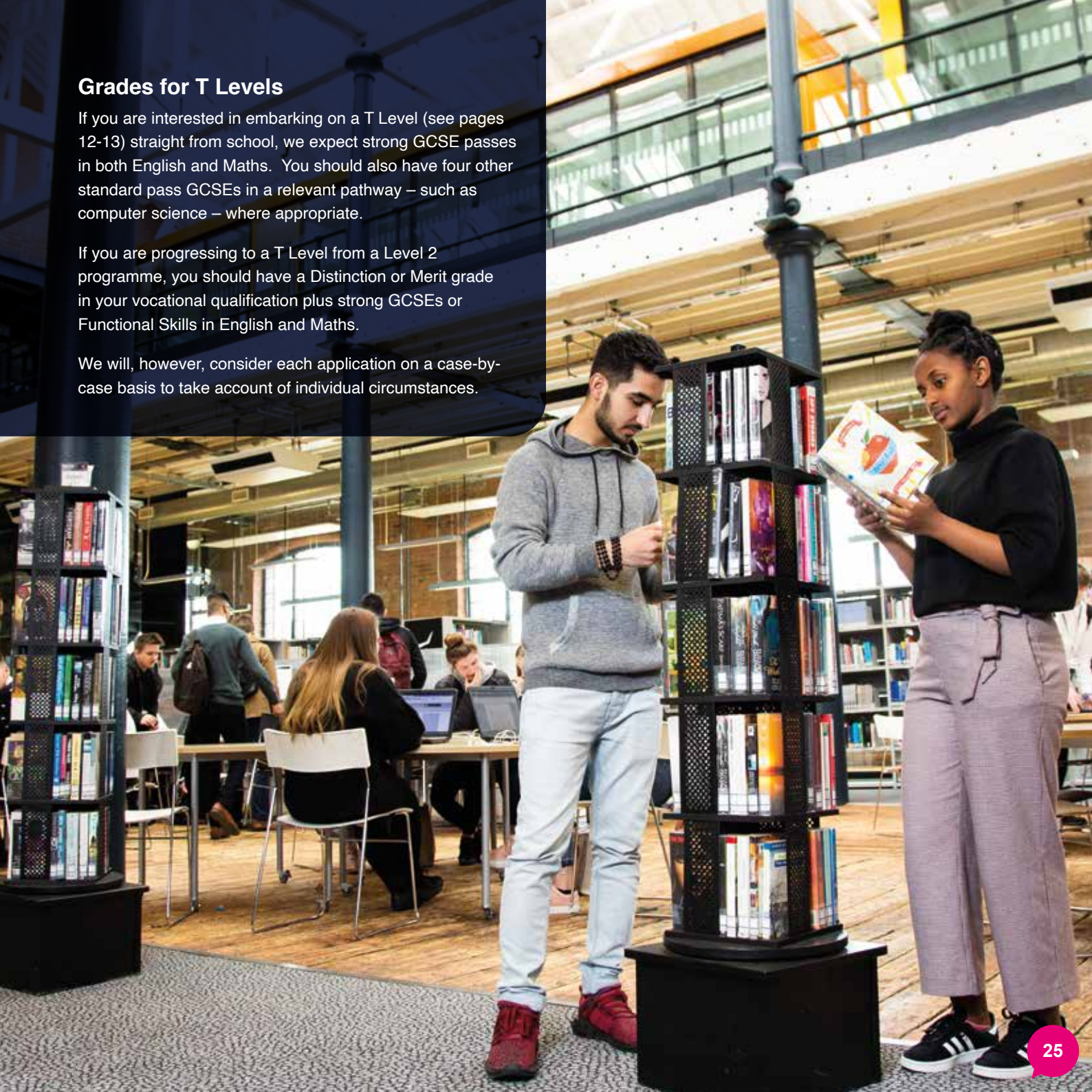
NEW GRADING STRUCTURE	OLD GRADING STRUCTURE
9	A*
8	
7	A
6	
5	B
Standard Pass 4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

## Grades for T Levels

If you are interested in embarking on a T Level (see pages 12-13) straight from school, we expect strong GCSE passes in both English and Maths. You should also have four other standard pass GCSEs in a relevant pathway – such as computer science – where appropriate.

If you are progressing to a T Level from a Level 2 programme, you should have a Distinction or Merit grade in your vocational qualification plus strong GCSEs or Functional Skills in English and Maths.

We will, however, consider each application on a case-by-case basis to take account of individual circumstances.



## THE KEY TO YOUR FUTURE

Where will Derby College Group take you? Check out all the exciting opportunities ahead in our subject-by-subject listings starting overleaf.



### KEY TO OUR STUDY PATHWAY CHARTS:

**RH** = The Roundhouse

**JWC** = The Joseph Wright Centre

**BH** = Broomfield Hall

**ILK** = The Community College, Ilkeston

**HB** = Hudson Building

**JB** = Johnson Building

**WP** = Workplace



CHOOSE YOUR CAREER PATHWAY  
**OUR A-Z GUIDE**  
2021-2022

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# A-LEVELS

Unlock your potential with A-level qualifications that will set you apart in the eyes of universities and employers alike. With Derby College Group (DCG), you will discover exciting subject choices, high-quality teaching, first-class facilities, excellent careers advice and a vibrant learning environment.

## Where does your future lie?

Business high-flier, scientific researcher, journalist, lawyer, politician, economist, psychologist, computer expert – whatever your career aspirations, A-levels from DCG can help you turn ambitions into reality. Your qualification will prove you possess not only academic knowledge but also dedication, application and critical thinking. We will motivate you to stay on track to achieve your goals, including seamless progression to university.

## The choice is yours

A-levels are the more traditional route for progressing to university. Our students normally focus on three subjects over two years. While some may decide to take four subjects at A-level, many find it more appropriate to add a one-year option – the Certificate in Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) or the Extended Project Qualification – to bring an extra dimension to their CVs and strengthen their UCAS or job applications. See page 47 for more information.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Self-motivated to work on your own initiative
- Have well-developed study skills
- Enjoy reading and carrying out research
- Like debating complex ideas
- Thrive on written, classroom-based tasks
- Feel that you can perform well in exams
- Well-organised when planning work and meeting deadlines
- Capable of developing extended pieces of writing





## A broad range of subjects

Our portfolio of subjects is wide-ranging and flexible, so you will not be restricted to the conventional subject combinations familiar from school. Along with traditional A-level choices like English, Maths and Sciences, you can select disciplines such as Film Studies, Geology, Philosophy and Textile Design. If you would prefer a more vocational programme alongside your A-levels – or in place of an A-level – we also offer specialist certificates and diplomas covering subjects such as Applied Law, Criminology, Psychology and App Development to give you a head start in your career. See pages 48-49 for more information.

## Science success helps Sukhbir secure his place at Cambridge

“I want to thank everyone at the Joseph Wright Centre who has supported me – particularly my teachers and the careers advisors who helped me navigate applying to Oxbridge.”

Sukhbir Singh has headed to the University of Cambridge after clinching the A\* grades he needed in Physics, Maths and Further Maths, plus a national science award.

Aspiring to an aerospace engineering career, India-born Sukhbir secured his place to study Engineering at Robinson College. Having come to the UK from Italy two years ago, he had excelled throughout his studies at DCG, including receiving a gold medal in the British Physics Olympiad examination which was taken by thousands of students across the UK.



## The right study pathway

When selecting your A-levels, think carefully not only about the subjects for which you genuinely have enthusiasm but also about the subjects you might need to fulfil your ambitions. It is a smart move to do some research beforehand as you may be expected to have one or more specific A-level subjects for some university degrees or career pathways. If you want to keep your future options open, however, it might be better to take one or more of the 'facilitating subjects' frequently sought by universities such as Biology, Chemistry, English, Geography, History, Maths, Modern Languages and Physics.

## High teaching standards

We pride ourselves on delivering teaching which will help you shine in your studies. Our expert tutors will inspire you with their passion for their subjects, their in-depth knowledge and their influential professional contacts. They know exactly what universities and employers are looking for when they consider applications. Some work as external examiners so can ensure you are well equipped for exam success too. Based on your career aspirations, you will be assigned to a relevant tutor group where you will benefit from targeted sessions and resources to help you chart your future path.



## A new chapter for Abbie

“I’ve been looking forward to going to university. I gather there will be a greater element of virtual learning involved but it will be good to meet new people and make new friends.”

Abbie Leeson clinched A\* grades in English Literature and English Language plus an A grade in Philosophy, which secured her place at the University of Nottingham to study English and Creative Writing.

Of the lockdown which took up a major part of her final year, she said: “It was a scary few months because nothing like this had happened before and none of us knew how it would pan out. I wasn’t too worried about the results, though, because I knew I’d put the work in for the whole two years.”

Abbie also completed the Extended Project Qualification focused on an issue that was close to her heart and that turned out to be particularly timely – on students’ mental health concerns.



## Become an independent learner

Studying A-levels is a major step up from GCSEs and we expect you to complete at least five hours per week of independent learning outside the classroom. Some of your study programme will be timetabled for this, so you can take advantage of facilities like our Alchemy Study Areas, the Hayes Lounge or the library. Your independent learning could include reviewing notes before and after lessons; engaging with e-learning; creating mind maps or revision notes; completing exam-style questions; and collaborating with a subject buddy to boost your understanding.

## Assessing your performance

A-levels are ‘linear’ programmes, so you need to study for the full two years to gain your qualification. The exams that count towards your final grade are undertaken at the end of the two years. You will still, however, complete College assessments to give you essential exam practice and inform your applications for university, further study or employment. Throughout, you will complete a Student Academic Journal to record feedback from your assessments and to track progress towards your target grades.

## Uther plans a legal career after completing his degree at Oxford

“Having been home schooled, I wanted to study at the College because I knew it would give me the independence I'd been used to as I grew up. My teachers encouraged me to apply for Oxford, which I had not thought of doing before.”

A student of exceptional calibre, Uther Naysmith now studies Jurisprudence at Christ Church, University of Oxford and plans to become a barrister specialising in constitutional law and human rights.

In summer 2019 Uther achieved A\* in Politics and A grades in History and French A-levels, returning to DCG a few months later for the Joseph Wright Celebration Evening where he collected two subject prizes for his achievements.



### An inspiring community

The Joseph Wright Centre, our specialist post-16 Academic and Arts College in the city's Cathedral Quarter, is a hub of inspiration for around 1,700 students. It is a bright, inviting and friendly setting, centred on a stunning atrium and offering superb resources for academic studies. As well as extensive general teaching spaces and an excellent library and learning resources centre, facilities include IT suites, art and design studios, and modern science laboratories. You will work alongside students from our Creative Industries Academy, which adds up to a vibrant atmosphere.

### Supporting you all the way

We provide additional clubs, drop-in clinics and workshops to support your studies and challenge you to achieve more. Options include dedicated English and maths workshops with one-to-one support from teaching staff; the chance to gain additional Microsoft Office Suite qualifications; and evening Study Club sessions where you can work with fellow students to deepen your understanding of what you have already learned. You will discover plenty of assistance with revision and exam techniques as well.

## Broaden your horizons

Your learning will be enriched by activities such as study trips, fieldwork, guest lectures, exhibitions, performances, film screenings, theatre and museum trips, and community projects. Our A-level students have, for instance, expanded their worldview with international study trips to places such as Paris, Munich, Tenerife and San Francisco; shadowed professionals on a TV production set; witnessed debates at the Houses of Parliament; attended psychology and criminology conferences; and joined computer programming workshops. Guest lectures have covered fascinating subjects from forensic psychology to nuclear submarines.

## Skills to get you noticed

We develop you as a versatile and professional individual – with vital employability skills in areas like digital literacy, communication, critical thinking and enterprise that aid your personal growth. You will have the chance to take part in competitions such as science and maths Olympiads and creative writing festivals. You could also join various societies or contribute to the student newspaper, arts exhibitions, fundraising and volunteering. You could even take on additional responsibilities as a peer mentor, student representative or College ambassador. Such experiences will ensure your CV or UCAS application stands out.





## Martyn gains the focus for a high-flying photography career

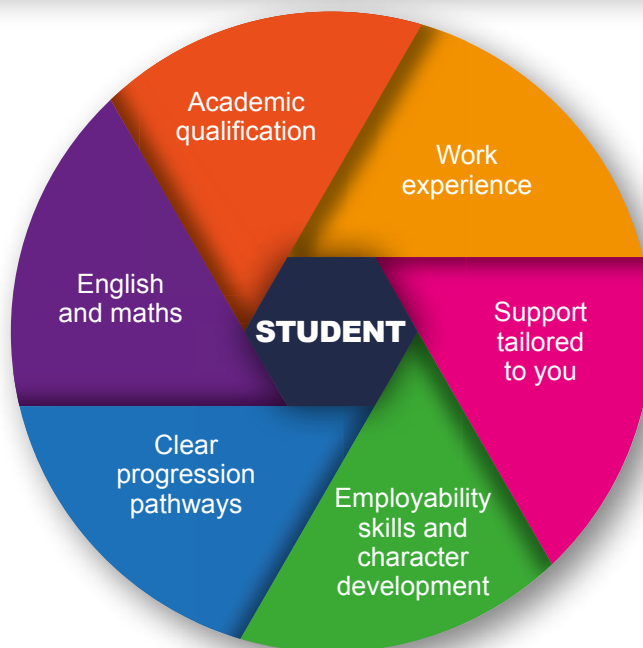
“I was definitely inspired by my lecturers at DCG. Because they knew the creative industry so well, they were able to tell us about the opportunities it presented.”

When photographer Martyn Ewoma first joined DCG to take A-levels, he had no idea where it might lead. Although he had no previous interest in photography, all that changed when he took pictures of his friends for a course project.

His new-found enthusiasm spurred him on to take a Visual Communications degree and then an MA in Media and Communications at Goldsmiths, London. Today, as a well-respected freelance fashion photographer, he has worked on projects for Vogue, Nike, Umbro, the BBC and the *Guardian*, even photographing the England football team before the last World Cup.

## Clear progression routes

Throughout your studies at the Joseph Wright Centre, you will receive up-to-date and relevant guidance on your next steps – whether you want to apply for university or head straight into the world of work, perhaps by securing a higher or degree apprenticeship with an employer. Your induction will include an ‘Aiming High’ advice session plus talks on important themes such as career planning. You will also benefit from university visits, including to Oxbridge colleges, which will help you make more informed decisions about your future. Our annual Progression Fair, attended by representatives from many different higher education institutions, will give you insights into university life too. If you opt for higher education, we can help you choose the right destination, mentor you through your UCAS application and advise on student finance.



## Resources to help you

You will be encouraged to make the most of Unifrog software, a one-stop-shop allowing you to explore your academic and personal interests in full before identifying the step that is just right for you on completion of your DCG A-level programme. Unifrog helps you to investigate, compare and contrast different university and apprenticeship options. It will also enable you to use MOOCs – free and flexible online programmes – for a taste of different subject areas and it will assist you to complete effective and impressive personal statements in conjunction with your personal tutor.

## Stay on for higher education

You do not even need to leave DCG to take your studies to the next level. We offer HNCs, HNDs, foundation and honours degrees in subjects like Business, Computing, Creative Practice and Criminal Justice. There are benefits to studying close to home with small group sizes and full academic support, not to mention a familiar learning environment. If you meet the entry criteria and have a good attendance and performance record, we guarantee you a place on a DCG HE programme as long as there are sufficient student numbers. See: [www.derby-college.ac.uk/highereducation](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/highereducation)

## Celebrating success

A highlight of our calendar is the Joseph Wright Celebration Evening where we recognise the impressive achievements of our students past and present. With special awards for the outstanding performer from each subject area, the event is also a chance to share the success stories of former students who have now moved on to university, higher apprenticeships or jobs.



# A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

If you choose A-levels, we assume that you will enrol on a two-year programme of study consisting of three or more subjects. You will be expected to demonstrate a committed attitude to learning and make positive progress in your first year to advance to the second year.

Our standard overall entry requirements are five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including grade 5 in English Language and grade 4 in Mathematics.

You should also provide a recent school report or reference demonstrating your attendance, punctuality and attitude to learning.

For specific subjects, there may be additional entry criteria above and beyond these requirements – please see each subject description for further details.

If you do not have the grades you need at this point in time, check out our GCSE Plus programme which will put you on the right track. See pages 106-109.

## A-LEVEL BIOLOGY

Study Biology and you could find yourself advancing scientific knowledge, pioneering new discoveries and tackling some of the challenges facing the world. You will gain a solid grounding in the foundations of biology plus in-depth knowledge of themes such as exchange and transport; biodiversity, evolution and disease; communication, homeostasis and energy; and genetics, evolution and ecosystems. Throughout, you will develop high-level practical skills too. Studying Biology provides excellent career prospects in professions from academic research and biological technology to health education and medical product sales.

**Entry requirements:** You need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at 6, 6. If you have taken Triple Science, Biology must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

## A-LEVEL BUSINESS

This A-level enables you to appreciate how and why business decisions are made. You will study internal business functions such as finance, marketing, production and human resources as well as external factors such as law, economics and politics. There are four main themes: marketing and people; managing business activities; business decisions and strategy; and global business. Business A-level is accepted for entry to a wide range of university degrees and the knowledge you gain will prove useful throughout your future career, as it applies to many roles in many sectors.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in Business Studies is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.



## A-LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

How are computers used to make the world work as it does: from the Internet to mobile phones, robotics to transportation? On this A-level, you will learn how to program a computer to behave as you want it to: it could be making life-saving calculations or building your own version of Amazon. You will also discover how computers communicate together to form networks. One of the key benefits of studying this subject is that you will gain experience in formulating and solving problems, an important life skill not only for computer scientists but also for people in a wide variety of professions.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in Computer Science is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.

## A-LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Chemistry is an important and exciting subject widely accepted as an excellent stepping stone to university and the world of work. It complements many other subjects and is invaluable for higher level qualifications in science-related fields such as medicine and pharmacy. While developing wide-ranging practical skills and a comprehensive understanding of the foundations of chemistry, you will also study themes such as the periodic table and energy; core organic chemistry; physical chemistry; and organic chemistry and analysis.

**Entry requirements:** You need Maths GCSE at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 6,6 or above. If you took Triple Science, Chemistry must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

## A-LEVEL ECONOMICS

This A-level demonstrates to universities and employers alike that you can analyse and understand economic subjects, supported by a sound financial knowledge. You will apply latest theory to investigate current economic trends and gain a deep appreciation of the inter-relationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. Among the many themes explored are market mechanism, failures and government intervention; price determination in a competitive market; the distribution of income and wealth; individual economic decision-making; financial markets and monetary policy; and the global economy.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

## A-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English Language A-level is very different from what you may be used to in your GCSE studies. It involves close linguistic analysis of a wide range of spoken and written texts using a large bank of new terminology; theoretical discussions of language issues such as gendered language or accentism; investigating how children acquire language; and discussion of how English has changed over time. You will also produce original writing for a 'real world' purpose and conduct research into a language area in which you have a particular interest. This A-level complements many other subjects and can help in a range of careers such as teaching, publishing, advertising, journalism, human resources and recruitment consultancy.

**Entry requirements:** You need a grade 6 in English Language GCSE.

## A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

This A-level gives you the opportunity to analyse, interpret, compare and understand a wide range of influential English texts from a variety of historical periods. You will investigate both the tragic and political perspectives of drama, prose and poetry and you will also be required to explore a Shakespeare text in depth in preparation for the examination. The skills and insights that you develop through this important qualification will stand you in good stead for careers spanning everything from teaching and the media professions to publishing and journalism, from education advice and guidance to administration.

**Entry requirements:** You should have GCSE English Literature at grade 5 (C/B) or above. You are expected to demonstrate a keen interest in literature and wider reading.



## A-LEVEL FILM STUDIES

Would you like to develop your skills in analysing mainstream and alternative films while discovering more about all aspects of the dynamic film industry? This A-level covers the production, distribution and exhibition of films. There are opportunities for you to try your own hand at film-making and to debate different varieties of film experience. On completing your studies, you will be well prepared for film and media-related degrees and can take your first steps towards careers in fields such as broadcasting, photography, TV production and journalism.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

## A-LEVEL FINE ART

Providing a thorough and rewarding programme of study, the Fine Art A-level enables you to explore, research and acquire artistic skills harnessing both traditional methods and digital techniques. With the discipline of drawing at the core of your studies, you will work in one or more areas of fine art such as portraiture, landscape, still life, human form, abstraction, experimental imagery, narrative and installation. You are also expected to demonstrate specialisation with materials, media and processes. The knowledge and skills you gain will aid your progression to foundation and degree-level study.

**Entry requirements:** You should have GCSE Art and Design or a similar creative subject at grade 5 (C/B) or above. A small portfolio of your work will also be required and you are expected to demonstrate a keen interest in art and design and a good awareness of contemporary trends in the discipline.

## Joanne has her academic progress off to a fine art

“I’ve always been creative and love drawing and making things. When I’ve finished my A-levels, I’d like to get an apprenticeship in an arts-related field.”

Joanne Grzelka has designs on an artistic career as she works towards A-levels in Art and Psychology alongside a Level 3 BTEC award in Criminology.

She has pursued her goals thanks to her outstanding achievements on the GCSE Plus programme, our stepping-stone option for students keen to enhance their GCSE grades before moving on to Level 3. Joanne gained a grade 5 in GCSE Maths – an improvement of two grades in just a year – and her attainments were recognised with a prize at our Joseph Wright Celebration Evening.



## A-LEVEL FRENCH

Improve your capacity to use French for the purpose of communication and to collect, analyse and exchange information, ideas and attitudes through the medium of the French language. This A-level enables you to analyse social issues and trends, political and artistic culture in the French-speaking world including art and literature, the experiences of teenagers, the right to vote, immigration, demonstrations and strikes, and where power lies. A foreign language will complement and enhance your other A-level subjects and will prove an asset in many career destinations from healthcare to business, politics to tourism, journalism to teaching.

**Entry requirements:** You should have GCSE French at grade 5 (C/B) or above.



## A-LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

You will apply geographical knowledge, theory and skills to the world around you, developing a critical understanding of people, places and environments in the 21st century. Your studies will span themes such as de-industrialisation, the decline of the high street, segregation and inequality in cities, ecosystems, globalisation, economic migration, weather and climate, and hazard management. You will complete an independent investigation on a theme of your choice and build vital transferable skills for progressing to higher education and careers ranging from town planning to conservation, GIS analysis to social work.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in Geography is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.



## A-LEVEL GEOLOGY

You can develop your scientific understanding of the Earth on this A-level which includes exciting opportunities for fieldwork. You will explore the fundamentals of geology such as elements, minerals and rocks; surface and internal processes; time and change; and earth structure and global tectonics. You will also learn how to interpret the geological record to investigate issues including past life and past climates. The A-level in Geology is your first step towards degree-level study in related subjects at university and it also prepares you for careers in important fields such as geotechnics, geochemistry, engineering geology, field seismology and hydrogeology.

**Entry requirements:** You need GCSE Combined Science at grade 4,4 or above.

## A-LEVEL HISTORY

History is a well-respected subject equipping you with a wealth of skills valued by employers and universities. You will become adept at questioning and analysing the world around you, reaching substantiated judgments which are evidence based yet unique in their own right. This A-level features three components which run in parallel over the two years: a breadth study of the modern history of the United States; a depth study of Britain 1951-2007; and a personal study entailing an independent historical investigation. It can lead to a variety of degrees in Humanities disciplines and careers in professions such as teaching, law and surveying.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in History is not a prerequisite. However, if you studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.



## Dedicated to becoming a doctor

“My teachers at College have been fantastic and I am so grateful for their support.”

With ambitions to become a doctor, mature student Arooj Qaiser secured high grades in Chemistry, Biology and Economics to confirm her place on the Gateway to Medicine Foundation Degree programme at the University of Nottingham.

Arooj came to the UK from Pakistan in 2014 and was unable to access education immediately. She taught herself English by watching YouTube and harnessing online resources which enabled her to pass enough GCSEs to embark on her A-levels.

She was among the many whose studies were inevitably disrupted amid the 2020 coronavirus lockdown. She said: “I worked so hard – often getting up in the middle of the night – and was very disappointed when we couldn’t take the exams. I was so relieved to receive my results as my goal is to become a doctor.”

## A-LEVEL LAW

The impact of the law can be seen all around us in our daily lives, from headline-grabbing crimes and problem neighbours to the day-to-day issues of selling goods. A knowledge of the law is not only interesting but also delivers excellent career prospects. You will study how the legal system works, the different types of court and the procedures for determining guilt. You will also consider how Parliament makes laws and how they are applied by judges. In addition, we focus on evaluating controversial issues such as abortion and euthanasia from the perspective of the law. Throughout, you will apply your learning to real-life scenarios.

**Entry requirements:** Standard



## A-LEVEL MATHEMATICS

Maths goes well with many other subject combinations and is highly regarded across varied employment sectors and in higher education institutions. You will study pure maths to develop skills in algebra, co-ordinate geometry, sequences and trigonometry and will be introduced to calculus, exponentials and logarithms. You will also investigate different kinds of statistical distributions, sampling, data presentation and interpretation, probability and hypothesis testing. Another key element of the programme is mechanics, with a focus on vectors, forces and motion.

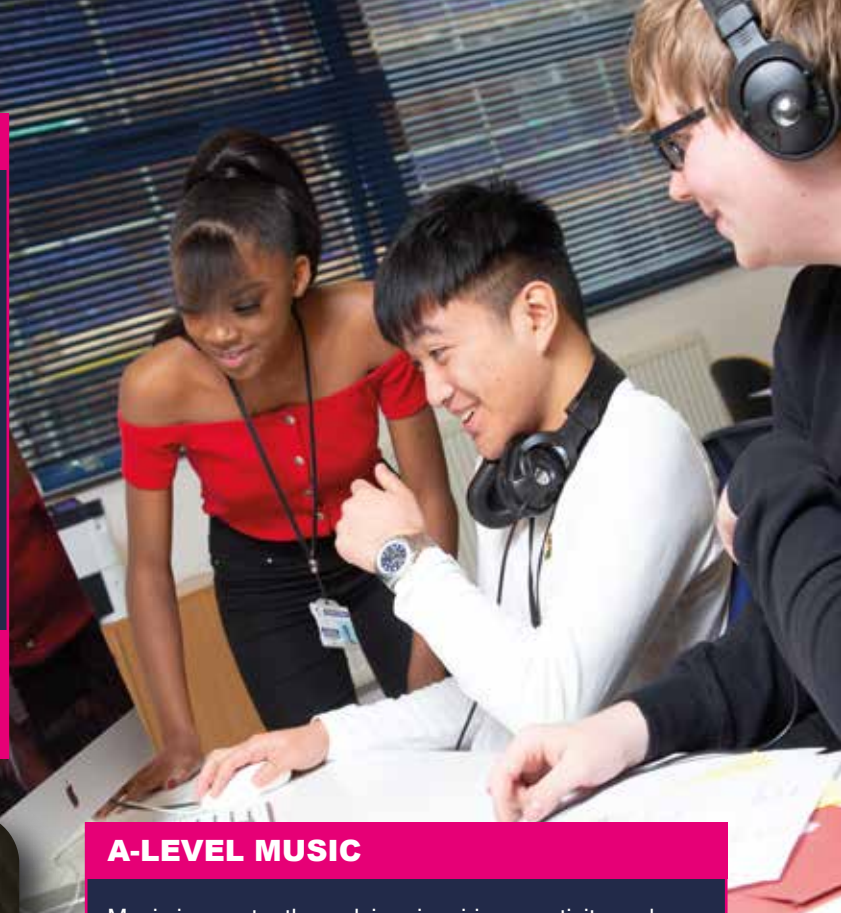
**Entry requirements:** You need GCSE Maths at grade 7. If you have a grade 6, you will need to pass our own assessment of your algebra skills to ensure these are well-developed enough for you to succeed. Decisions will be taken on a student-by-student basis, taking into account a range of factors.



## A-LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

Very much like studying a social science, the Media Studies A-level enables you to analyse media products such as magazines, film and TV programmes. You will also develop the creative practical skills to construct media products on your own or within a group while honing your research, debating and problem-solving abilities. By the end of your studies, you will have a deeper appreciation of the role media plays in our day-to-day lives. With the right grades and combinations of A-levels, you can go on to study degrees covering a range of themes such as film, television and journalism or secure a media-related job role.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in Media Studies is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.



## A-LEVEL MUSIC

Music is constantly evolving, inspiring creativity and expression in a way that no other subject can. This A-level brings listening, performance and composition to life in new and engaging ways which link to the world around us. You will develop and apply your musical knowledge, engaging critically and creatively with a wide range of music and musical contexts and reflecting on how music is used in the expression of personal and collective identities. The programme will not only provide a platform for degree-level studies in music-related subjects but also inspire a lifelong interest and enjoyment of music.

**Entry requirements:** In addition to the standard requirements, you should have GCSE Maths at grade 5 (C/B) or above.



## A-LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

What do you know and why do you know it? What is right and wrong and how should we decide? Who are we and why are we here? Philosophy seeks to address these fundamental questions of truth and falsehood, right and wrong, what is it to be a God and what is it to be human. For this A-level, you will consider western philosophical thinking, uncovering assumption and discussing alternatives. With its emphasis on reason and argumentation, Philosophy is excellent preparation for careers in law, religion, business, international diplomacy, social work, medical management or writing as well as university study.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

## A-LEVEL PHYSICS

Build on your knowledge of the laws of physics and apply your understanding to everything from sub-atomic particles to the entire universe. You will gain the ability to think independently and creatively in a challenging scientific environment. While developing practical skills and your understanding of the foundations of physics, you will study forces and motion; electrons, waves and photons; the Newtonian world and astrophysics; and particles and medical physics. This A-level commands universal respect, showing universities and employers that you grasp concepts quickly and are determined to seek out answers.

**Entry requirements:** You need Maths at grade 6 (B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 6,6 or above. If you have taken Triple Science, Physics must be at grade 6, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

## A-LEVEL POLITICS

Consider issues from the news headlines and relate them to ideas of democracy. Investigate the way the UK is governed and compare it with the USA. This fascinating A-level allows you to examine some of the ideologies behind our contemporary political system, while drawing upon historical events. You will look in depth at themes such as elections, pressure groups, digital democracy, Parliament and Congress, the Constitution, the Judiciary and Europe. There are talks by prominent politicians too. The qualification can be a stepping stone to a career in party political work, lobbying, PR, the civil service and the law.

**Entry requirements:** Standard



## A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Intrigued by the complexities of human behaviour? Choose this A-level and you will engage with psychology in your everyday life, adopting a scientific approach to studying human behaviour. You will cover different approaches and key topics in psychology, including social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology. You will also explore debates relating to gender, stress and forensic psychology. Talks by practising psychologists will broaden your outlook and your studies will be an ideal platform for varied careers including social work, probation services, occupational therapy and human resources.

**Entry requirements:** You need GCSE Maths at grade 5 (C/B) and GCSE Combined Science at grade 5,5 or above. If you have taken Triple Science, Biology must be at grade 5, with the other two sciences at grade 4.

## A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

If you want to gain a deeper understanding of the world, A-level Sociology is for you. It encourages you to reflect on social issues and your own experiences to encompass diverse thinking. You will consider topics such as culture, socialisation and identity, the sociology of the family, social inequalities, globalisation and the digital world, and crime and deviance. Throughout, you will build your critical, analytical and research skills to stand you in good stead for university social sciences degrees and training for careers in health and social care, personnel management, leisure and tourism, the police and legal professions.

**Entry requirements:** A GCSE in Sociology is not a pre-requisite. However, if you have studied it, a grade 5 (C/B) is required.





## A-LEVEL SPANISH

Develop your knowledge of Spanish-speaking countries and their culture. On this A-level, you will analyse social issues and trends, political and artistic culture in Hispanic society, including themes ranging from immigration, racism and integration to monarchies, republics and dictatorships. You will also conduct an individual research project and analyse literary texts and films. The aim is to help you to gather, analyse and exchange information and ideas in Spanish and to use Spanish for the purpose of communication. The language skills you develop will complement your other subjects and prove important in any walk of life.

**Entry requirements:** You should have GCSE Spanish at grade 5 (C/B) or above.

## A-LEVEL TEXTILE DESIGN

Exploring both traditional methods and contemporary techniques, you will develop your understanding of textiles and build your skills by working in one or more areas such as garments/fashion, accessories, soft furnishings, printed and/or dyed textiles, constructed textiles, textile installation, expressive textiles, and digital textiles. You are expected to demonstrate specialisation with materials, media or processes to allow an appropriate depth of study within set projects. This qualification will aid your progression to foundation and degree-related studies.

**Entry requirements:** You should have GCSE Design Technology, Art and Design or a similar creative subject at grade 5 (C/B) or above. A small portfolio of your work will be required. You will be expected to demonstrate a keen interest in textiles and a good awareness of contemporary trends in the discipline.

# ADDITIONS TO A-LEVELS

To enhance your CV further still, you can also consider taking additional qualifications alongside your A-levels. Both the Core Maths and Extended Project Qualifications attract UCAS points to boost your university applications.

## CERTIFICATE IN MATHEMATICAL STUDIES (CORE MATHS)

This exciting one-year qualification, which we recommend you take in Year 1 of your A-level study programme, helps you use maths in 'real-world' scenarios to prepare for success in your studies, future career and life. Half the size of an A-level, it enables you to become more confident and competent with maths, complementing other A-level and technical qualifications where mathematical knowledge is useful including Psychology, Sociology, Geography, Economics, Business and the Sciences. You will study themes such as data analysis, maths for personal finance, estimation and critical analysis.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

This additional qualification is well regarded by leading universities because it fosters critical thinking and independent learning skills. Taken over one year, it also gives you the chance to focus on a topic which reflects your personal interests and complements your other studies. Worth half the UCAS points of an A-level, it entails a project which is largely self-directed and self-motivated. After choosing your theme, you will draft a project title and aims, plan your research, carry out your project, provide evidence for your findings and deliver a presentation.

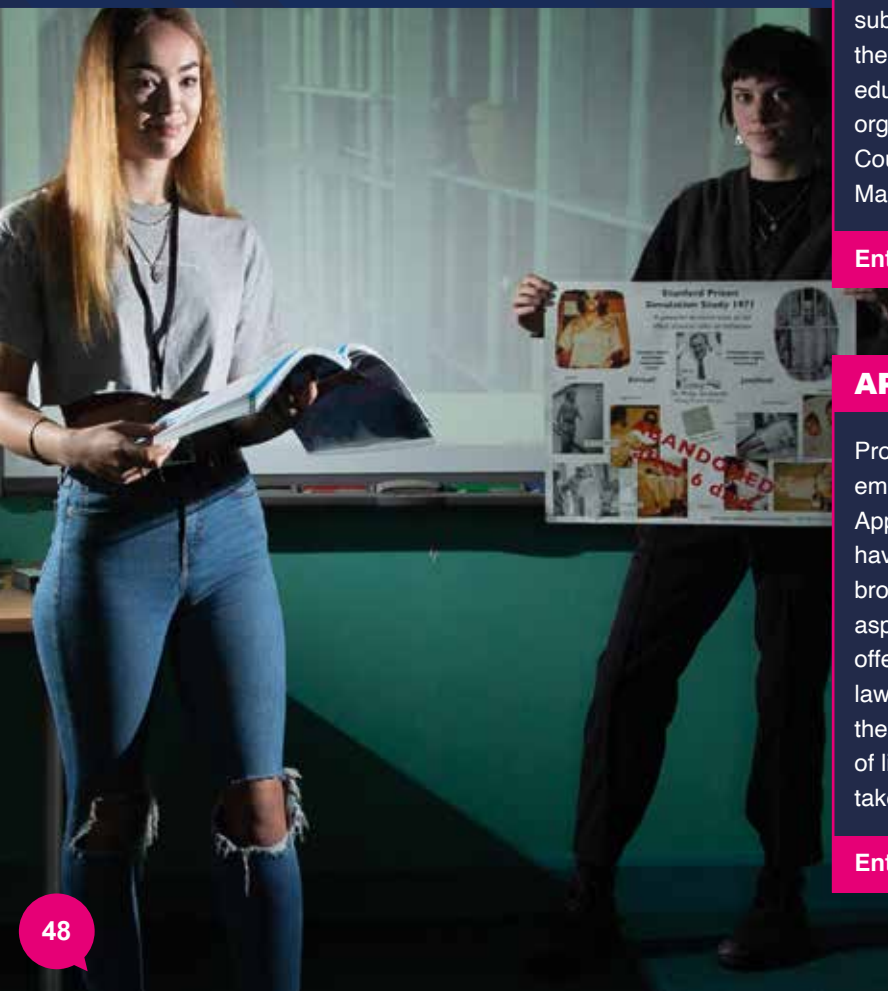
**Entry requirements:** Standard



# A-LEVEL ACCOMPANIMENTS

Would you prefer to take a more vocational, work-related programme alongside or in place of one of your A-level choices?

We offer a range of specialist certificates and diplomas at Level 3 which meet the specific needs of employers and professional bodies as well as paving the way to higher education. Taken over two years, they involve a more practical approach to learning and a focus on real-world scenarios. Assessments emphasise coursework and projects rather than traditional exams.



## APPLIED CRIMINOLOGY (DIPLOMA)

Interested in how cases are taken from crime scene to courtroom? Keen to explore society's changing awareness of crime? The Applied Diploma in Criminology introduces you to key theories about crime and punishment which are relevant to a wide range of occupations today. Linking in very well with subjects such as Sociology, Law and Psychology, the qualification opens the door not only to higher education study but also to careers with criminal justice organisations like the National Probation Service, the Courts and Tribunals Service, and the National Offender Management Service.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

## APPLIED LAW (EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)

Providing a broad educational basis for moving into employment within the legal and business sectors, the Applied Law qualification is designed for students who have an interest in the running of the law and how a broad range of cases are dealt with. You will investigate aspects of criminal law and the legal system, including offences like murder, as well as dispute solving in civil law such as problems over contracts. Knowledge of the way the law is applied is invaluable in many walks of life, giving you an edge wherever your future career takes you.

**Entry requirements:** Standard



### **APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)**

If you have an interest in science, health and people, the Applied Psychology BTEC is for you – offering an exciting chance to explore mind and behaviour. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of key approaches and theories in psychology and apply them to issues in contemporary society, such as lifestyle choices, mental disorders and addiction. You can choose from optional units on psychopathology, criminal and forensic psychology, children's psychological development, and applied sport psychology. You will also have the chance to conduct your own research project.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

### **IT: APPLICATION DEVELOPER (INTRODUCTORY DIPLOMA)**

Featuring industry-focused assignments, this IT technical qualification begins with the fundamental principles of computing and enables you to study different programming concepts. You will learn about testing, web development, commercial applications, mobile app programming and how to develop IT solutions for employers and customers. The qualification can pave the way to higher education or to junior scripting and app development jobs with software houses and companies which specialise in web, app and games development. It can also prepare you for self-employment in this field.

**Entry requirements:** Standard

### **SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT (EXTENDED CERTIFICATE)**

Ideal for students who would like to progress to study sports coaching in higher education – and pursue a career in this field – this qualification combines in-depth knowledge of health, wellbeing and sport with practical experience to develop coaching and leadership skills. You will get involved in coaching both within and outside the College environment with a range of clients such as sports clubs. You will also learn more about careers in the sport and active leisure industry. Endorsed by CIMPSA and fully mapped to professional standards, the programme also provides priority entry to DCG's Foundation Degree in Sport Coaching.

**Entry requirements:** It is advised that all students should have existing links with sports teams, clubs or associations as they will need to develop their coaching skills.

# APPRENTICESHIPS

Embarking on an apprenticeship will give you a strong foothold on the career ladder. You will be working for a real employer in a real job with training, a salary and paid holidays. And Derby College Group (DCG) will provide all the support you need as you take the fast track to a future of success.



## IS THIS YOU?

- Looking for an alternative to university
- Ready to kickstart your career right now
- Keen to earn and learn at the same time
- Prefer a hands-on approach to learning
- Want to gain an industry-recognised qualification

## Industry sectors

Derby College Group partners with employers to support apprenticeships in:

- Agriculture, horticulture and animal care
- Business, administration and law
- Construction, planning and the built environment
- Education and training
- Engineering and manufacturing technologies
- Health, public services and care
- Information and communication technology
- Leisure, travel and tourism
- Retail and commercial enterprise





## On the pathway to a nursing career

“The training we get is amazing. We learn on site, which is very flexible and our trainers are very understanding. Having health and social care qualifications can open up so many opportunities.”

Lead Adult Care Worker Apprentice Chloe Kingaby loves her job at Ashbourne Lodge Care Home – and the exciting career possibilities it offers her.

Chloe is progressing towards her Level 3 qualification, provided by DCG in the workplace, and hopes to train as a maternity or children's nurse once she has qualified.

She secured her apprenticeship at Ashbourne Lodge through the College, after completing her Level 2 qualification in Health and Social Care at the Roundhouse.

## A route into the workforce

An apprenticeship is the gold standard for work-based learning. You will 'learn-by-doing', gain job-specific skills, and achieve nationally recognised qualifications. Most of your week will entail training on the job with your employer but you will also study for a relevant industry qualification, usually for one day a week, with DCG. We are also developing new traineeship opportunities – ideal if you do not have the skills and experience to start an apprenticeship right now. A traineeship is a shorter sector-focused skills development programme that includes a work placement.

## Earn while you learn

Becoming an apprentice means instant rewards in your pocket. You will receive both a salary and holiday pay while working towards your qualification – avoiding the debt concerns that face many university graduates today. Your earning potential will receive a major boost too: statistics show that Higher Apprentices are likely to see increased earnings of an estimated £150,000 over their lifetime.

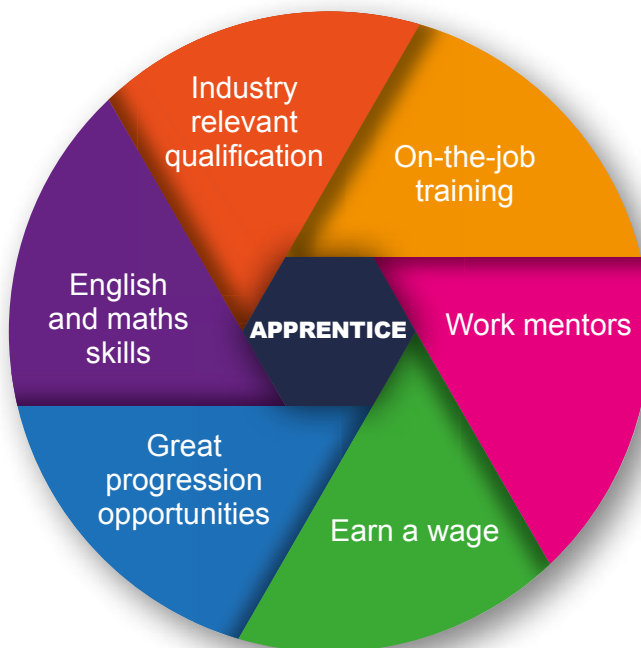


## Trained by professionals

Apprentices learn about a business from the bottom up. You will work alongside experienced staff, including a mentor to support your on-the-job progress. Through DCG, you will also be assessed, inspired and motivated by tutors who themselves have industry backgrounds to match their academic knowledge. They can help you develop the study skills you require to achieve your qualifications.

## Secure your place first

You cannot apply for an apprenticeship on its own: you will need to have a place with an employer before you start. If you are still waiting to secure that place, it makes sense to apply to DCG for a full-time programme in your chosen subject area as a back-up plan. We can also help you with the search for an employer. Thanks to our partnerships with around 3,000 local firms, we have a strong track record in finding suitable opportunities for apprentices.



## The right level for you

With your employer, we will plan a pathway at the right level which offers clear progression routes. Intermediate Apprenticeships are equivalent to five GCSEs at grades 9-4 and Advanced Apprenticeships equate to two A-levels. Higher and Degree Apprenticeships are available as well.

## Maths and English too

Maths and English help you get on in life and, as an apprentice, you will continue to study these vital subjects – including working towards GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already achieved them. This will support your main programme of training and help your future progression.

## Exciting opportunities

DCG will ensure your studies are vibrant and inspiring. While at College, you can get to grips with latest technology in our industry-standard facilities. You could also take part in national competitions, community projects, industry visits, overseas field trips and guest lectures.



## One step ahead

Employers believe that apprentices are 15% more employable than those with other qualifications, so you will have a distinct edge when it comes to rapid career progression and promotion. Your apprenticeship could also pave the way to even higher academic qualifications, providing you with valuable UCAS points if you decide to advance to higher education at the College or at university in the future.

## Helping you all the way

After deciding that an apprenticeship is the right option for you, you will be assigned to a DCG Apprenticeship and Recruitment Skills Hub for your chosen industry. Our Skills Hubs are made up of sector specialists who can support you while you are looking for an apprenticeship, throughout your time as an apprentice and even after you have completed your apprenticeship.



## WHERE TO START

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16 and living in England but your first step is to find an employer. Want to find out more?

- Visit **GOV.UK** and search for 'Find an apprenticeship'. You will need to create an account to apply for vacancies and track your applications. You can also follow the apprenticeships vacancy twitter feed: **@AppVacancies**
- Talk to Derby College Group and join one of our Apprenticeship and Recruitment Skills Hubs. We have got great employer contacts and offer our own apprenticeship matching service as well as 'apprenticeship-ready' sessions to ensure you are well prepared for the opportunity. Visit **[www.derby-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships-earn-learn](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/apprenticeships-earn-learn)**
- Find an apprenticeship independently. Many employers, from small local businesses to international organisations, advertise their vacancies on job sites. You could also approach employers directly. Once you have reached an agreement with an employer, contact us.

There are different entry requirements depending on the sector and the job. Find out more at: **[www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)**

# AGRICULTURE

Join the next generation of high-calibre farming professionals. Derby College Group (DCG) can give you a head start in one of our oldest but most dynamic global industries – a sector which is constantly innovating and looking to recruit ambitious, forward-looking people just like you.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Enjoy practical work
- Interested in the environment, science and technology
- Reliable and responsible
- Willing to work outdoors in all weathers
- Can cope with anti-social hours
- Undeterred by dirty or unpleasant duties

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Farm Manager
- Farm Worker
- Tractor Driver
- Agricultural Inspector
- Agronomist
- Crop Quality Technologist
- Feed Nutritionist
- Herdsperson
- Agricultural Salesperson
- Agricultural Engineer
- Food Scientist
- Animal Geneticist

## Experience to take you far

Every day brings a new challenge when you study at Broomfield Hall, our 210-acre working estate which is renowned across the farming community. In this exceptional rural learning environment, you will gain hands-on skills in everything from tractor operation and estate maintenance to crop production and animal husbandry – in fact, everything you need to know to work safely, effectively and professionally on a modern farm.





## Industry partnerships

We collaborate with land-based businesses locally, nationally and even internationally – so there are exciting work placement opportunities, guest speakers and visits to farms and agricultural shows to give you real insights. Our students have even headed to the Czech Republic on study tours hosted by tractor manufacturer Zetor.

## Practical know-how

On most days you will help out on the College farm, working with a wide range of livestock – including rare breeds – and learning how to handle high-tech machinery. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace – with on-the-job training from your employer that builds on your College studies.

## Expertise and inspiration

Our industry experienced teaching team focuses on the highest professional standards, introducing you to the latest technology and scientific advances which are transforming the agriculture sector today. Themes such as animal and soil science, habitat management, livestock breeding, business management and environmental awareness will all feature in your learning.

## Set yourself apart

Throughout your DCG studies, you will be spurred on to achieve more and to get yourself noticed within the industry: our students have excelled in a variety of national contests, including the Great Farm Challenge and the Next Generation Shepherds Competition.



## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your studies. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. There are Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also learn how to solve problems, show initiative and work well in a team.



## Choose the right pathway

DCG offers academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in agriculture, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.



## Set your sights high

If you would like to study different aspects of farming at a higher level, we can smooth your transition to university where you will discover a growing choice of degrees not only in Agriculture but also in subjects such as Rural Land Management, Agricultural Business Management, Sustainable Food Production, and Soil and Crop Management. We also ensure that you have a solid grounding in enterprise skills should you decide to go self-employed or to launch your own farming business venture in future.

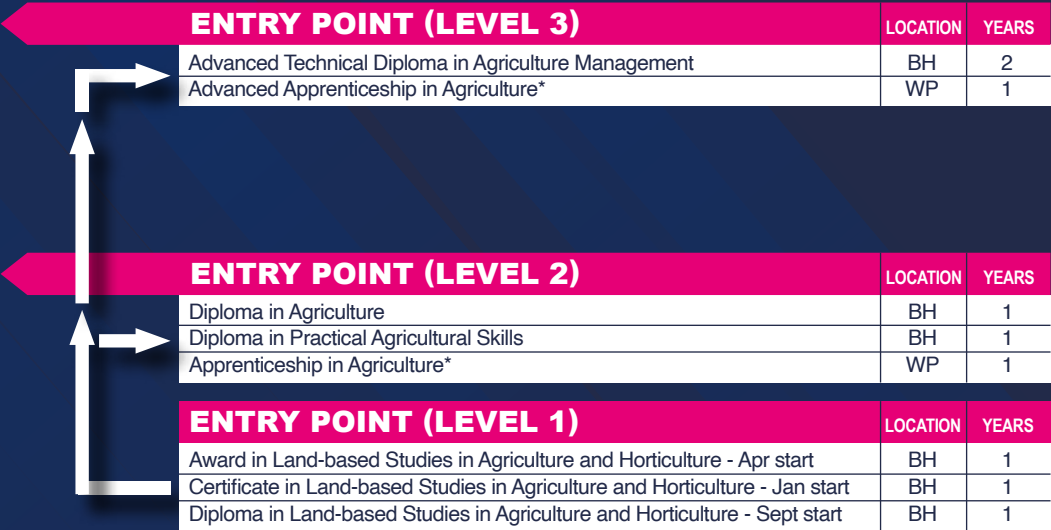
# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Assistant Farm Manager
- Junior Agricultural Inspector
- Crop Quality Controller/Technologist
- Technical Field Trials Assistant

Salary range £23k - £36k

- Herdsperson
- Pig Stockperson
- Farm Worker/Tractor Driver
- Farm Secretary

Salary range £16k - £20k



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# ANIMAL CARE

Would you like to prepare for an exciting and fulfilling future working with animals? Whether your interest lies in house pets or more exotic creatures, studying with Derby College Group (DCG) will give you all the technical skills and in-depth knowledge you need.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Passionate about caring for animals
- A patient and calm attitude
- A strong sense of responsibility
- Willing to get your hands dirty
- Happy to work anti-social hours
- Confident when dealing with injured or mistreated animals

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Welfare Adviser
- Animal Behaviourist
- Rescue Centre Manager
- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Husbandry Technician
- Animal Physiotherapist
- Dog Trainer
- Kennel/Cattery Worker
- RSPCA Inspector

## First steps to your dream job

Study surrounded by animals at Broomfield Hall, the perfect setting to prepare for a career where you can help make the world a better place for animals. You will build strong practical abilities in caring for, rehabilitating, handling, feeding, housing and training different species, so that you can choose from a wide range of animal-related jobs.

## Industry perspectives

Our flourishing employer links give you insights into what it is really like to work in the animal care industry. Our Land-based Employment and Skills Academy works with organisations like the RSPCA, Cats Protection and Castlefield Kennels to offer you opportunities for work experience, fact-finding visits and special employer-led projects. Our students have been on placement with organisations like zoos, kennels and wildlife centres.

## An inspirational environment

Hands-on experience will be central to your learning. You will study in our superb Animal Centre and professional dog grooming salon which form part of the extensive working estate that is Broomfield Hall. It is your chance to work with a vast array of farm animals, exotic species, rare breeds and wildlife – from donkeys, pigs, alpacas, meerkats and wallabies to snakes, spiders, lizards and porcupines. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly with your employer in your own workplace.

## Rich learning experiences

We cover all aspects of animal biology, habitats, health and welfare, nutrition, behaviour, breeding, training and how to identify different diseases. You could find yourself releasing hedgehogs that have been rehabilitated over the winter, discovering how discarded plastics are affecting our oceans, learning about badger vaccination programmes, enjoying insights into falconry or taking part in workshops on puppy development. The opportunities to broaden your horizons are endless.

## Exciting fieldtrips

Our Animal Care students visit fascinating locations near and far. In the past, fieldtrips have taken them behind-the-scenes to see how the animals are looked after at Twycross Zoo and Yorkshire Wildlife Park as well as how the world-famous Crufts dog show is run. Some students have also headed further afield to South Africa, conducting wildlife surveys and assisting with the management of a working game reserve.



## Expertise and encouragement

Our dedicated teaching team boasts experience across the animal management industries, including zoo keeping, veterinary nursing, animal psychology and farming. We also welcome regular guest speakers from animal care professions who will introduce you to different aspects of the industry and widen your career scope.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will form an essential part of your studies. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. In addition, we offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also gain skills like communication, enterprise and leadership to ensure you are 'work-ready'.

## Jessica is set on a veterinary career

“I loved my time at DCG. Animal Management is a brilliant course and I even got over my fear of spiders! I’m now looking forward to getting stuck into the degree programme.”

Animal Management student Jessica Christian has headed to London to study at the prestigious Royal Veterinary College, having clinched an overall Distinction Star in her studies at Broomfield Hall.

Jessica, who has always loved animals, completed a Level 2 qualification in the subject at Kirk Hallam Community Academy where she also won a leadership award from Aberystwyth University. She then enrolled at Broomfield Hall with her sights firmly set on studying Veterinary Medicine at university and she admits she was ‘gobsmacked’ to achieve the highest grade.



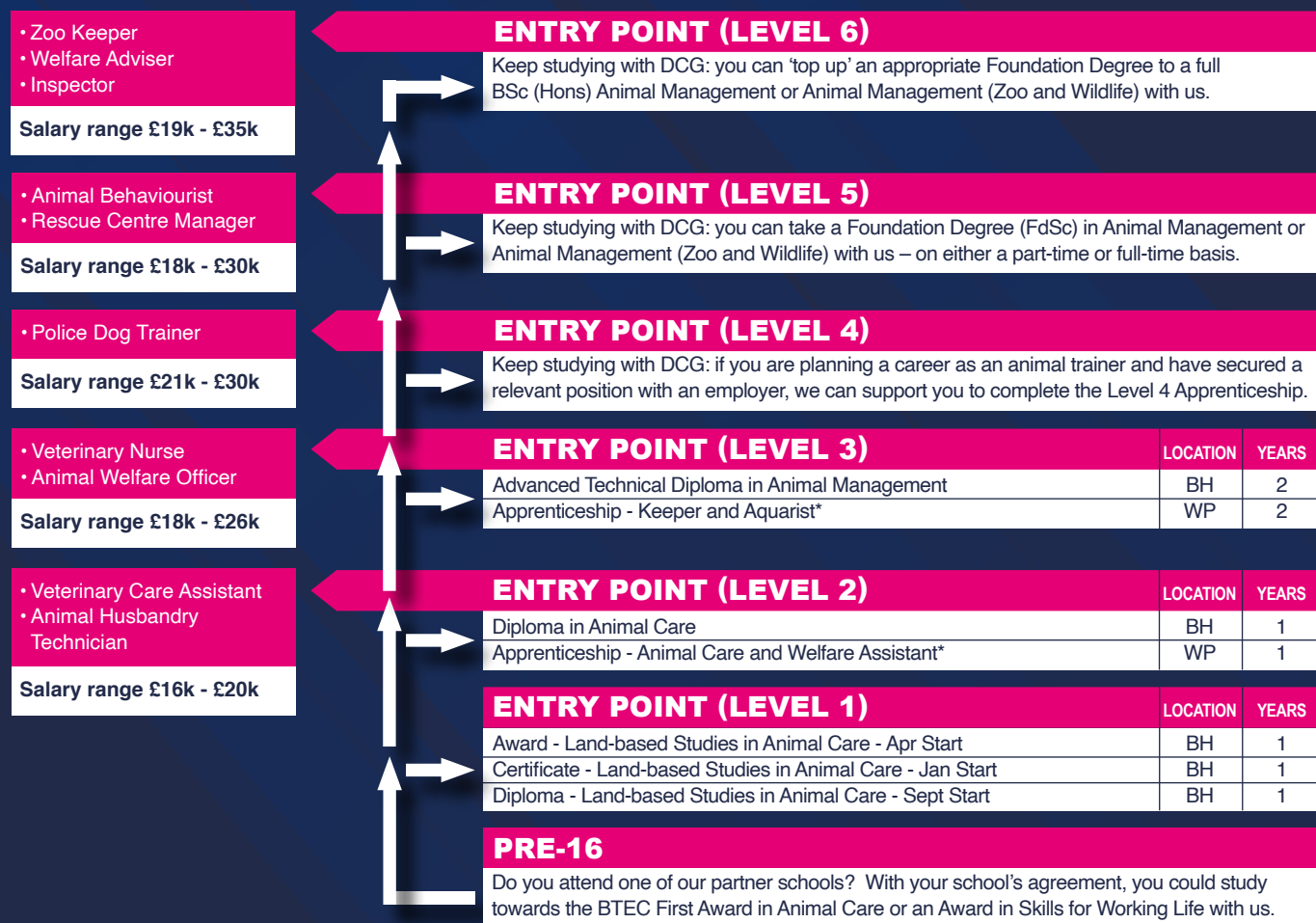
## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in animal care, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

## Stay on for higher education

Your qualification could take you in many different career directions. Some students progress to specialist degrees while others set up their own businesses centred on anything from dog grooming to animal training. You do not even have to leave DCG to take your ambitions to the next level. You can progress directly to one of our Foundation Degrees – in Animal Management or Animal Management (Zoo and Wildlife) – and then ‘top up’ your qualification to a relevant BSc (Hons) award with just one more year of study.

## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# ART AND DESIGN

Unlock your artistic potential with Derby College Group (DCG) – and see just how far your imagination and talent could take you in your career. With drive, originality and vision, you can go on to make your mark and enjoy a vibrant future in the ever-changing creative industries.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Enjoy being creative
- Good communicator
- Keen to explore new ideas
- Work well under pressure
- Can think on your feet
- Versatile and enterprising

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Fine/commercial artist
- Graphic/web/digital designer
- Illustrator
- Photographer
- Fashion or textile designer
- Product designer
- Set designer
- Museum assistant
- Arts administrator
- Art conservationist

## A broad portfolio of skills

Our focus is on your success. To give you a real head start in your career, we help you build high-level practical skills and an in-depth understanding of the latest ideas, techniques, materials and technologies shaping art and design today. Alongside our Art and Design options, we offer a Design and Innovation Diploma which is the ideal route into more design-related careers in industries such as automotive and construction.





## Taking artistic risks helps Kenneth set the bar high

Outstanding achievement on the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art and Design earned Kenneth Howarth a top prize at our Joseph Wright celebration evening.

Tutors praised him for his tireless dedication to his studies, noting that he was 'part of the furniture' in the studio five days a week – from first thing until the building closed.

They added: "The result was the highest grade attainable but, more importantly, he retains the willingness to take risks and try new things to develop alternative solutions. This is something that usually comes with maturity and a higher level of practice than that of a Level 3 student."

Kenneth continued with his DCG studies by progressing to the Foundation Diploma and is now taking a BA (Hons) Design for Performance: Theatre, Film and Live Events at Birmingham City University.

## Inspiring links with employers

From our base in Derby's Cathedral Quarter, we have established far-reaching connections with local arts organisations and businesses. You will become part of a dynamic artistic community stretching well beyond College, learning more about how the creative economy operates and enjoying opportunities such as work experience and projects devised by our partners. By the end of your studies, you will have an impressive portfolio of work to present to potential employers, universities or clients.

## Join a hotbed of creativity

Where better to discover your new artistic horizons than at the Joseph Wright Centre, surrounded by other creative students and supported by enthusiastic teachers? Our Post-16 Academic and Arts College is a hub of activity where you can finesse your skills in specialist art studios and harness industry-standard resources for photography, print-making, ceramics, 3D design, textile design and more.



## Fascinating experiences

Practical workshops, guest speakers, competitions, end-of-year exhibitions, and visits to university degree shows – all are part of the picture at DCG. Our students have visited exhibitions at venues like the V&A, Saatchi Gallery and the Barbican. Our Creative Industry Week also enables you to work alongside leading practitioners from varied disciplines.

## Showcase your talent

Live projects with employers give you experience of working to briefs, client liaison and meeting deadlines. Recent initiatives saw students working with Derby Book Festival, the Woodland Trust, Amber Lodge Dementia Care, Lathkill Dale Community Site and Rolls-Royce plc. They also created street art for Melbourne Arts Festival: for the last two years, DCG students have won the £500 'Emerging Artist' prize at this prestigious event and have even sold work.



## Skills employers need

Maths and English help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital literacy and you will also gain interpersonal and employability skills to ensure you are 'work-ready'.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer various pathways in art and design, plus different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need.

## University-level studies in mind?

Many students take their ambitions to degree level so our Higher Foundation Studies programme is a smart move if you want to explore your options. You could also stay on at DCG to take our new Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) in Creative Practice, validated by the Open University.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Freelance practitioner / entrepreneur in art, design, media, fashion, performing arts or music

Salary range £200+ a day

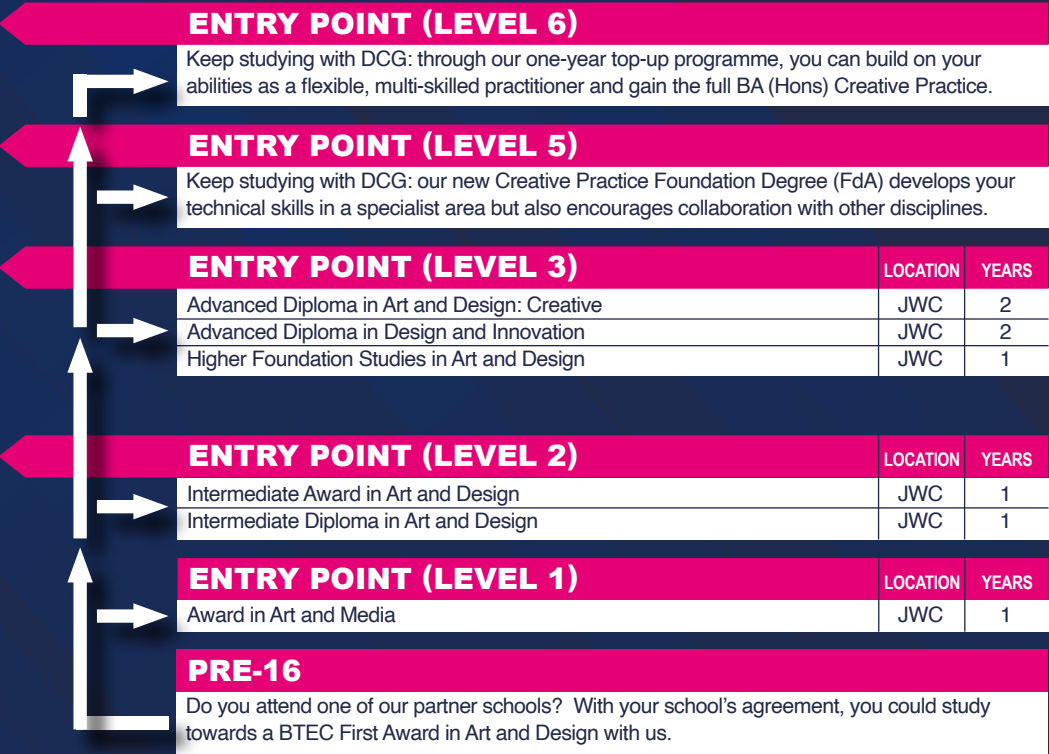
- Animator
- Ceramics Designer
- Commercial Artist
- Designer / Craftsperson

Salary range £15k - £30k

- Junior Illustrator
- Junior Photographer
- Junior Artworker
- Museum Assistant

Salary range £15k - £25k

For full entry requirements:  
[www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)



# BRIDGING PROGRAMMES

Derby College Group (DCG) can help transform your life chances – with bridging programmes that boost your confidence and steer you in the right direction. Supported by our friendly and encouraging staff, you will be well on your way to reaching your full potential.

## Learning tailored to you

Whether you are just setting out on a new stage of your educational journey – or whether you are looking to start afresh – our Lexis and STEPS programmes will put you on the right track. Flexible and rewarding, they are the ideal choice if you want to improve your English language skills or if you want to make more informed decisions about your future. Both will ensure you can progress confidently into further study or the world of work.

## IS THIS YOU?


- Aged 16 to 18
- Undecided about your future career direction
- Need support to improve your employability and enter the world of work
- Want to develop your communication skills if your first language is not English
- Looking for a friendly and supportive learning environment where teaching staff are dedicated to your future success



## A chance to improve your English skills

Lexis is a full-time programme for 16 to 18-year-old students whose first language is not English. You will enhance your abilities in the English language while also studying maths and ICT, equipping you with vital skills for further study or employment. To ensure you have a smooth transition into your studies with Derby College Group, we can also offer Introduction to Lexis classes, with multiple start dates throughout the year.

## Potential Entry Points and Progression Routes

	ENTRY LEVEL	LOCATION	YEARS
	Introduction to Lexis - Sept, Jan and April	RH	12 Weeks
	Lexis	RH	1
	STEPS	RH	1
PRE-16			
Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study Lexis Entry Level to Level 1 for pupils with English as a Second Language.			

For full entry requirements: [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)

### STEPS to boost your career prospects

Our one-year STEPS programme is ideal if you are unsure about your next move. Featuring maths and English qualifications, it builds your confidence and resilience as well as your communication, team working and time management skills. With the help of a personal tutor and mentor, you will set and achieve targets through individual studies, group work, trips and visits, work experience and vocational tasters.



### An inspiring experience

Ours is a vibrant learning environment. Our approachable, enthusiastic teaching staff offer a wealth of support to meet your needs. We also enrich your studies in many ways – from community projects to fundraising for good causes.

### Where next? Take our advice

On completing your bridging programme, you could pursue further study with DCG or use your new skills and qualifications to go into employment. Our staff are always happy to advise and you can learn more about our many study pathways at [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)

# BUSINESS

Do your career plans mean business? If you're interested in administration, customer service, accountancy, business analysis, marketing, management or even setting up a commercial venture of your own, Derby College Group (DCG) has a study pathway that is just right for you.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Good organisational and multi-tasking abilities
- Clear and logical thinking
- Attention to detail
- Strong IT and digital know-how
- An interest in business and enterprise

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Business Manager
- Business Analyst
- Marketing Manager
- Bank/Post Office Clerk
- Administrator
- Human Resource Manager
- Customer Service Manager
- Finance Officer
- Lawyer
- Entrepreneur

## Hit the ground running

Choose to study Business with us and your career options will be as broad as they are exciting. Strong business acumen is needed in every organisation, in every sector: it is as vital to charities and councils as it is to global companies, banks and law firms. We will equip you with the skills, knowledge and understanding you need to make a difference from day one – wherever your future takes you.



## Networked into business life

We have partnered with a wide range of companies to give you a head start in realising your ambitions. It means you will benefit from valuable opportunities such as placements, work-related projects and assistance with your CV and interview techniques. If you are pursuing an apprenticeship, you will complete on-the-job training mainly in your own workplace with your employer.

## Join an Employer Academy

While studying Business, you could make the most of our pioneering Employer Academies, launched in collaboration with leading companies. The Derby Telegraph Media Sales Academy, First Response Business and Finance Academy, HUUB Marketing and Product Development Academy, Oberoi Business Hub Academy, Sky Recruitment Solutions Academy and Ward Recycling Business Academy offer you additional work-related opportunities as you progress towards your qualification. At the end of your studies, you could even be guaranteed an interview for a job or apprenticeship at the company.



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## Work experience with Distinction for aspiring marketer Josh

“I couldn't have found anywhere nearly as good for my work experience. My range of knowledge has greatly increased and it has reinforced what I want to do: digital marketing is the way forward.”

Would-be marketer Josh Ince spent two block weeks honing his practical skills within the marketing department of leading digital agency Distinction, which boasts a variety of large well-known clients.

The Level 2 Business student was undertaking work experience for the first time and his stint with the agency was full of exciting learning opportunities – from social media planning to analysing web traffic statistics, from researching best office locations to ways of raising brand awareness. He even left with Google Analytics qualifications to support his DCG studies.



## Stretch yourself

You could find yourself taking part in competitions, industry visits, community projects or fundraising activities. Our employer-led Business Communications Day features talks and activities to highlight what is expected of you in the workplace. And, if you see yourself launching your own business one day, we also nurture your enterprise skills so that you can think creatively and seize new opportunities.

## Inspiration and support

Our teaching staff have specialist industry experience in areas like accounting, customer service, sales, team leading and management to help you broaden your career scope. They can draw on their extensive business contacts to run projects which will motivate and enthuse you.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your studies. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications too and you will gain employability skills like team working and project management.



## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in business, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Stay on for higher education

Your Business qualification is a stepping stone to managerial and senior roles in many different sectors – and the knowledge you gain can also pave the way to higher qualifications. You do not even have to leave DCG to take your ambitions to the next level. We now offer a Foundation Degree in Business and Management, validated by the Open University, which would make an impressive addition to any CV. You will discover a range of Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and AAT Accounting qualifications too.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# CHILDCARE

If you'd like to make a genuine difference to young people's lives, studying Childcare with Derby College Group (DCG) is the perfect stepping stone to success. As demand for well qualified, responsible and capable childcare professionals continues to grow, your career prospects will be bright.

## IS THIS YOU?

- An interest in child development and education
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Enthusiasm, energy and a sense of humour
- Creative and imaginative
- Reliable and responsible
- Able to stay calm under pressure

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Nursery Nurse/Assistant
- Playworker
- Nanny/Childminder
- Early Years/Foundation Stage Practitioner
- Youth Worker
- Children's Centre Practitioner
- Teaching Assistant
- SEN Support Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Residential Manager

## Support the next generation

Whether you are looking to work with babies, toddlers or primary school children, your DCG studies can equip you with vital practical skills and theoretical understanding covering many aspects of child development and education. We will give you a head start to secure your dream job.





## Powerful partnerships

You will benefit from our thriving links with employers, including play groups, nurseries, children's centres and schools – so we can offer you plenty of opportunities for meaningful work-related activity. If you secure an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace.

## Practical experience

Our study pathways include work placements where you can gain experience as an Early Years Educator, developing your abilities in supporting behaviour, assessing and fostering children's learning and development, and planning a range of educational activities.

## Check out our new T Level

We have led the way nationwide with the introduction of T Levels, the gold standard technical pathway designed in partnership with employers. Our T Level in Education and Childcare is one of the first of its kind and features technical knowledge, a substantial industrial placement, and maths, English and digital skills. The qualification you receive will meet the criteria for you to become an Early Years Educator. At Level 2, we also offer a Transition to T Level option to prepare you for the challenge. We have just invested in state-of-the-art facilities to support these programmes, including a virtual laboratory that replicates workplace environments such as pre-school nurseries.

## Learn from the experts

You will be taught by staff with strong professional backgrounds in the Early Years sector who can keep you up to date with latest developments. Ours is a friendly and approachable team, dedicated to ensuring you achieve your career goals.

## Inspiring activities

Along with work placements, we offer visits to a wide range of childcare and educational settings. There are also guest lectures and the chance to take part in community volunteering projects. Our Early Years students regularly raise important funds for children's charities.



## Skills employers need

Early Years employers require you to have Maths and English qualifications at Level 2 or above, so we support you to achieve GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already gained them. You will also build employability skills in communication, team working, problem-solving, and equality, diversity and inclusion.

## Choose the right pathway

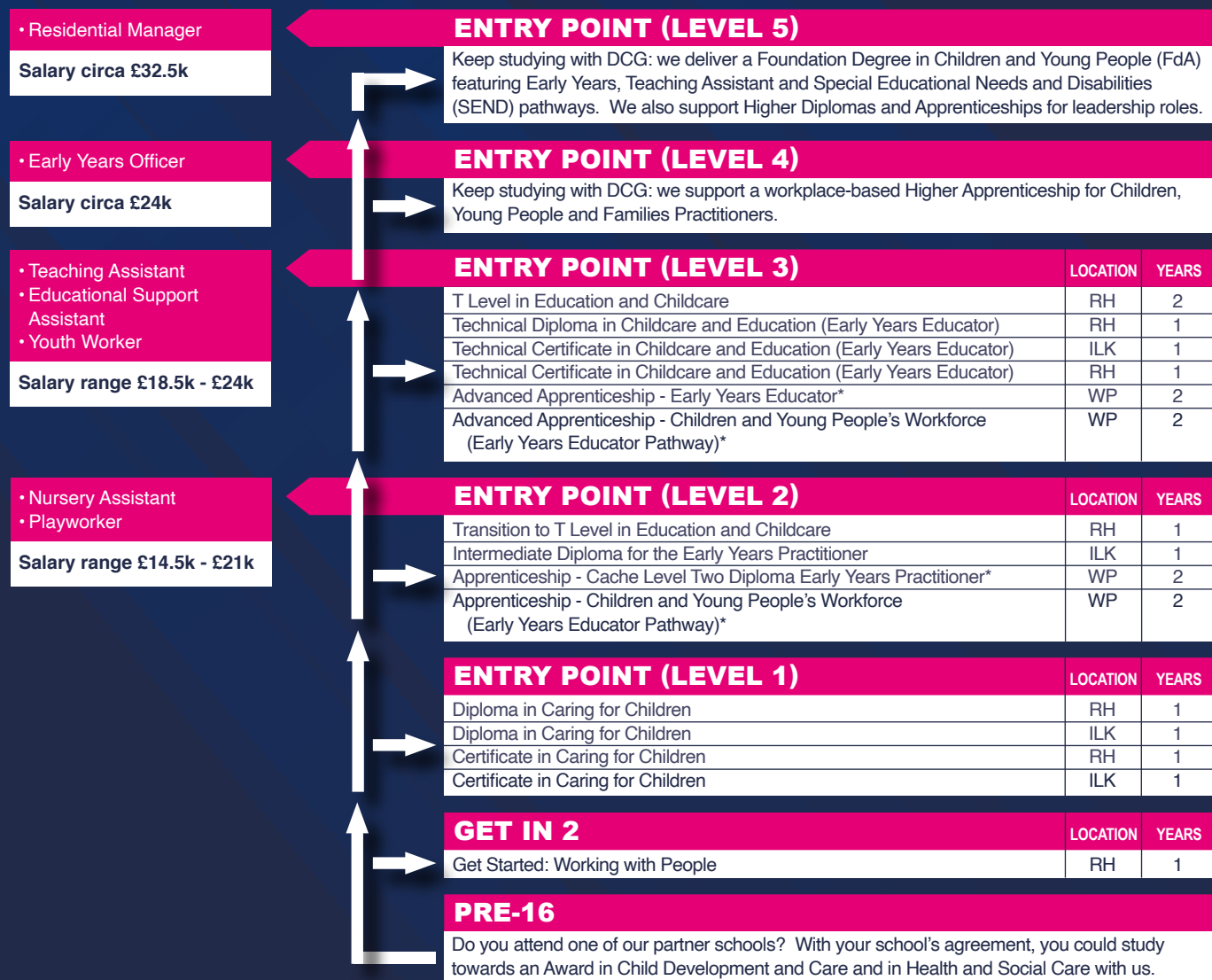
We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in childcare, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice you need.

## Stay on for higher education

There are exciting opportunities if you want to advance to university study. Many students use their qualifications as a platform for teacher training or for degrees in subjects like Childhood Studies or Education. You do not even have to leave DCG to take your studies to the next stage: we offer a Foundation Degree in Children and Young People.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DIGITAL

Computing and technology skills are in demand the whole world over. If you want to log on to a high-powered digital career, Derby College Group's expert teaching and strong employer links will put opportunity at your fingertips.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Keen to keep up to date with latest technology
- Excellent communication skills
- Good problem-solving and organisational skills
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- High levels of accuracy and attention to detail
- Work well in a team

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Business Systems Analyst
- Software Engineer
- Software Programmer
- Software Development Technician
- Web Designer
- Digital Marketer
- Mobile App Developer
- Systems Security Manager
- Technical Consultant
- Software Tester

## Upgrade your future plans

From programming and networking to cyber security, from software development to e-commerce, from social media to app design – we will equip you with the in-depth knowledge and high-level technical skills you need to excel in today's fast-paced digital economy.

## Ensuring you are 'work-ready'

We pride ourselves on our strong partnerships within the computing industry. We are at the cutting edge of IT innovation – chosen as one of the first institutions globally to become a Microsoft Showcase College and one of the first nationally to deliver the new Digital T Levels. We have also joined the Fujitsu Digital Champions programme which gives our students the chance to help drive digital transformation College-wide.

## First class opportunities

You will get to grips with latest technology and software in an outstanding learning environment at DCG. If you are pursuing an apprenticeship, however, you will learn mainly in your own workplace and attend College on day release. You will meet leading professionals from the outset: our first-year students enjoy an Employer Induction Day with major firms to highlight work experience and career opportunities. You can also gain additional Microsoft qualifications and take part in workshops led by industry experts.



## Investing in a bright future after work experience with NatWest

“ One of the main reasons I chose DCG was the work experience opportunities that were available and I had heard that the programme was very work-focused to ensure students are ready for their careers. ”

Hayden Rhodes is among the latest DCG students to secure a full-time role with NatWest after impressing during his work experience with the global banking group.

For his Level 2 IT studies, he spent time with NatWest in Kegworth, undertaking special projects and work shadowing professionals in various departments. NatWest offers work experience for up to 12 DCG students a year.

On completing his programme, Hayden successfully applied for a role as a service desk analyst and now provides IT support to colleagues across the group.



## Join an Employer Academy

You can strengthen your work-related experience further still by taking part in our acclaimed Employer Academy programme. Through our partnerships with RDS Global Technology, PKF Cooper Parry and Lubrizol, we can offer you placements and special projects to improve your skills in fields such as telecoms, engineering and IT support, boosting your employment prospects.



## Check out our new T Levels

We have led the way with the introduction of T Levels – the technical pathway designed with employers to ensure young people gain both knowledge and practical experience for a skilled profession. Each of these exciting new qualifications is equivalent to three A-levels. We offer one T Level in Digital Production, Design and Development and another in Digital Support Services (Networking). Both feature technical knowledge, at least 45 days on industrial placement, and maths and English skills. You can even choose our Level 2 Transition programme to smooth your progress to these T Levels.

## At the forefront of change

We keep in touch with the skills that leading tech companies are seeking, so what you learn will always be up to date and relevant. Latest programming languages, coding for web technologies and the business applications of social media – all will feature in your studies. You will be motivated by a dynamic team of staff including not only computer scientists but also specialists in maths, accounts and business who can bring new perspectives to your learning.



## Enrich your learning

You will not be glued to a computer all day, every day. We broaden your experience through work placement opportunities, employer-led projects, industry visits, guest lectures, community initiatives and university computer science taster days.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in computer and digital science, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can advise you.

## Stay on for higher education

Computing is a key sector where employers are increasingly looking for candidates with higher qualifications to plug gaps in technical skills, so further study could boost your employability and earning potential. You could even advance to higher level studies at DCG. Our Foundation Degree Computing (FdSc) is run in partnership with the University of Derby and offers direct progression to the final year of the BSc (Hons) Computer Science.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Business Systems Analyst
- Software Engineer

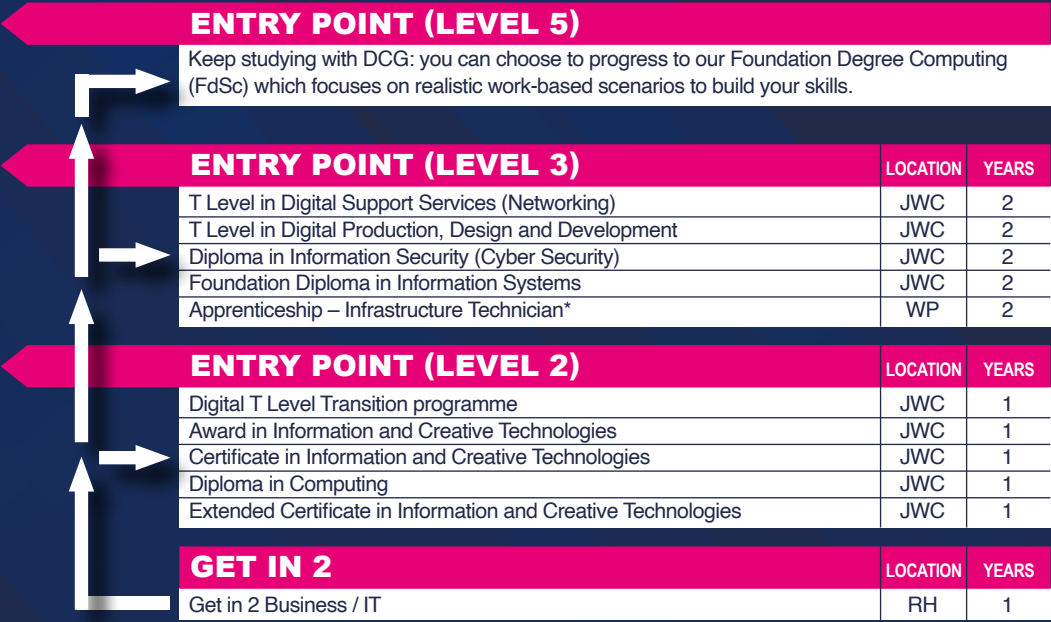
Salary range £42.5k - £72k

- IT Software Programmer
- IT Systems Administrator

Salary range £27k - £43k

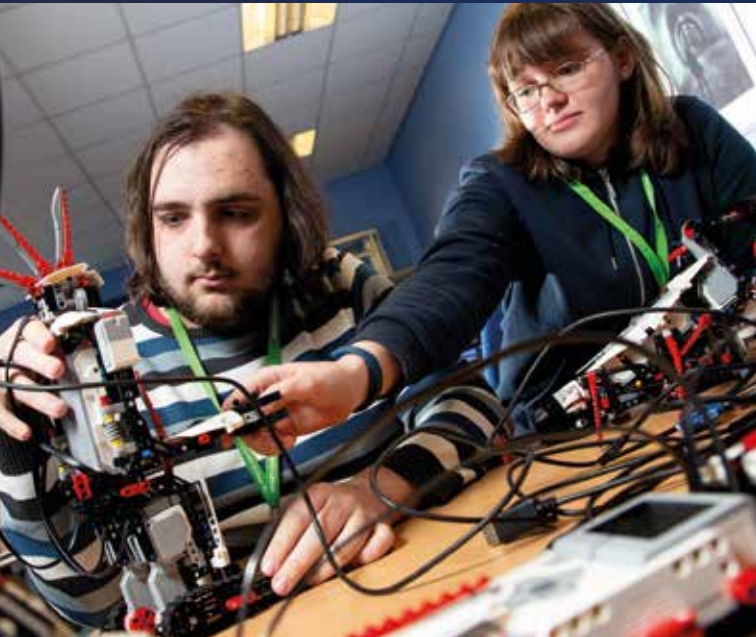
- Data Entry Clerk
- Administrator
- Social Media Assistant

Salary range £16.5k - £26k



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# CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND ARBORICULTURE

If you want to learn all about working in the countryside – and how the countryside works – Derby College Group (DCG) provides your stepping stone to a vast range of rewarding jobs in ‘green’ industries.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Enthusiasm for the countryside and conservation
- Practical and mechanical skills
- Strong communication and teamworking abilities
- For arboriculture – a head for heights and physical fitness
- For conservation – the ability to explain technical and scientific issues

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Countryside Manager
- Countryside Ranger
- Forestry Manager
- Tree Management Officer
- Tree Surgeon
- Estate Worker
- Nature Conservation Officer
- Senior Ecologist
- Environmental Consultant
- Environmental Education Officer



## Careers in the great outdoors

Whether you want to safeguard landscapes, habitats and wildlife; monitor biodiversity; maintain forests and waterways; or help other people enjoy and understand the environment around them, our study pathways will open up exciting opportunities for you. Broomfield Hall, a working estate featuring ancient woodlands, extensive farmland and ornamental gardens, provides an exceptional setting for your studies.

## Strong industry perspectives

Opportunities for work placements, field trips and investigative projects in the land-based sector will broaden your horizons. Our students have gained work and voluntary experience with organisations ranging from the Heights of Abraham to the Butterfly Conservation Trust. In a new venture, we have joined forces with Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust to launch an Employer Academy, paving the way for you to contribute to projects aimed at restoring biodiversity and accessibility along the canal route, with a focus on key aspects of land management.



## Develop your practical know-how

No day is ever the same when you study at Broomfield Hall. You will develop hands-on estate skills, operate land-based machinery, conduct ecological and wildlife population surveys, identify plant and tree species, monitor pollution and learn about woodland management, coppicing, tree climbing and tree felling techniques. There is also the chance to try your hand at countryside crafts like dry stone walling, hedge laying, creating barn owl boxes and bat roosts, and building bespoke bird tables. Throughout, we will give you full guidance on the safe working practices which are essential for the conservation and arboriculture professional of today.



## Experience and expertise

Our teaching team come from different backgrounds in the land-based industries and have excellent contacts with employers such as local authorities, national parks and environmental organisations as well as voluntary groups. These collaborations give you the chance to take part in projects that benefit the wider community, such as creating outdoor study areas for schools.

## Skills employers need

Maths and English help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also gain important skills like project management to ensure that you are 'work-ready'.



## Choose the right pathway

We offer various pathways for your journey to success in conservation, countryside and arboriculture careers. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Routes into higher education

Success in your studies with us could help you secure a university place to advance your career plans. There are degrees in fascinating subject areas such as conservation biology, environmental stewardship, forestry management and sustainable development.

# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

## CONSERVATION AND COUNTRYSIDE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manager in Forestry</li></ul> <b>Salary circa £26k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
	Advanced Technical Diploma In Land and Wildlife Management	BH	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conservation Worker</li><li>• Assistant Ranger</li></ul> <b>Salary range £17k - £24k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
	Apprenticeship - Countryside Worker*	WP	1

## ARBORICULTURE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forestry Worker</li><li>• Tree Climber</li><li>• Tree Surgeon</li></ul> <b>Salary range £15k - £30k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>YEARS</b>
	Diploma in Arboriculture and Forestry Skills	BH	1
	Apprenticeship - Arborist*	WP	2

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# CONSTRUCTION

Want to build a career where you can improve and transform the world we live in? Derby College Group (DCG) can give you firm foundations for a rewarding future in construction – and first-rate skills in trades where there will always be a demand for high-calibre professionals.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Interested in design and technology
- Good at paying attention to detail
- Enjoy working outdoors
- Operate well in a team
- Strong practical skills
- Keen to work in a fast-paced industry

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Bricklayer
- Groundworker
- Carpenter/Joiner
- Maintenance Assistant
- Painter and Decorator
- Plasterer
- Tiler
- Electrician
- Plumbing/Heating Engineer



## Set your standards high

Whether your focus is on brickwork, carpentry, painting and decorating, plastering, wall and floor tiling, plumbing or electrical installation, Derby College Group will help you deliver high-quality work and keep up to date with latest techniques and technologies. It is all about giving you a solid platform for career success.



## Change of career pays off for Gareth

“I’m really happy and the teaching at DCG is spot on. Our tutor is fantastic: he’s helped me develop my skills right from my first day when I didn’t even know how to pick up a trowel.”

Plastering apprentice Gareth Wheatley has discovered that it is never too late to change career direction. Having previously held a wide variety of roles, he embarked on his apprenticeship with Derby Homes in his 30s – and says he has not looked back since.

Attending the Roundhouse on day release, he admits that he was initially a little unsure about being a more mature apprentice among students aged 18 or 19. But he adds: “I needn’t have worried: they do call me ‘dad’ sometimes but we all get on very well!”

## Constructing connections

We have partnered with construction firms large and small so that you can take full advantage of industrial placements, practical challenges and inspiring lectures by top professionals. You could even benefit from one of our pioneering Employer Academies launched in association with leading names. The Atlas Building and Groundworks Academy, the Bell Painting and Decorating Academy, the Cricket Derbyshire Facilities Management Academy, the Harlow Academy and the Howarth Timber and Building Supplies Academy will bring you even closer to your chosen industry.



## The space to excel

With industry-standard resources and generous space for practical work, you will learn all the tricks of the trade in our first-rate facilities – the £3.5m construction skills centre at the Roundhouse Hudson Building and the dedicated construction technology centre at Ilkeston. Our facilities are rated so highly that they are often chosen to host prestige industry events. However, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace.

## Rich learning experiences

Your study pathway will offer genuine variety. You can visit construction sites, attend trade masterclasses and undertake initiatives that make a difference – such as revamping local sports venues or community facilities. Recent examples have included a major refurbishment project at Derbyshire County Cricket Club and wall repairs at a local parish church. Some of our Construction students showcase their skills in regional and national competitions and some secure coveted bursaries to boost their careers.



## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to improve your digital know-how and you will also gain skills like problem-solving and leadership.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can advise you.

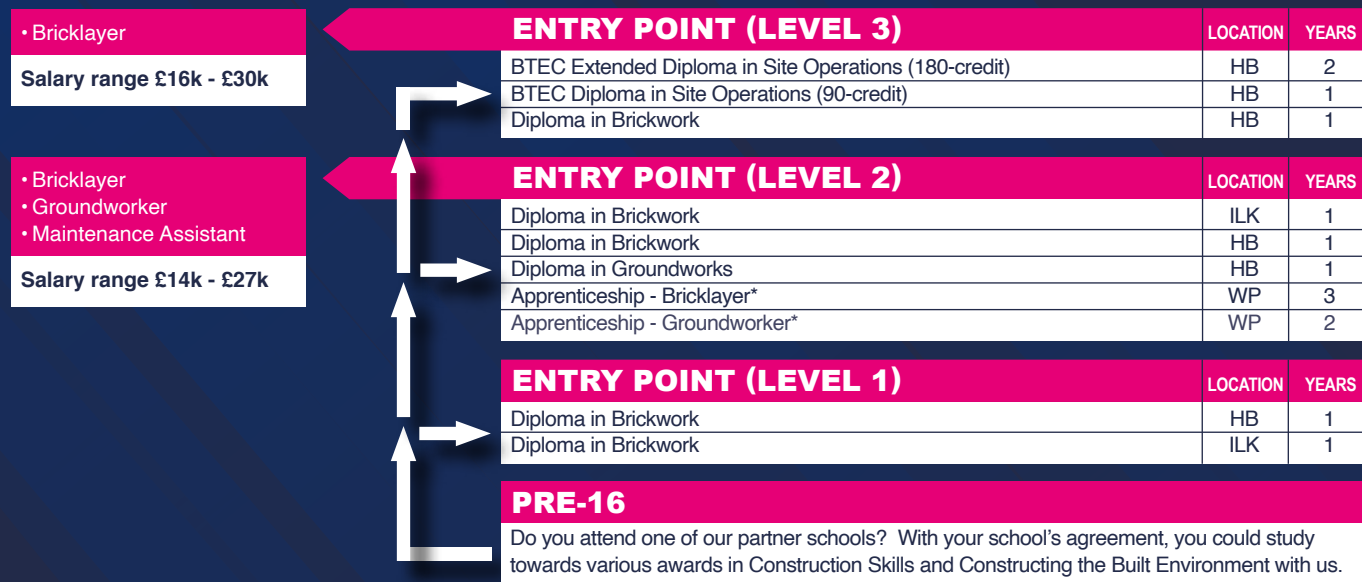
## Rising through the ranks

There are smooth progression routes if you want to achieve higher qualifications and take on greater responsibility at work. We can pave the way for you to pursue careers like surveying, site management or civil engineering. You could even progress to a Professional Construction HNC, HND or Foundation Degree by continuing your studies with DCG.



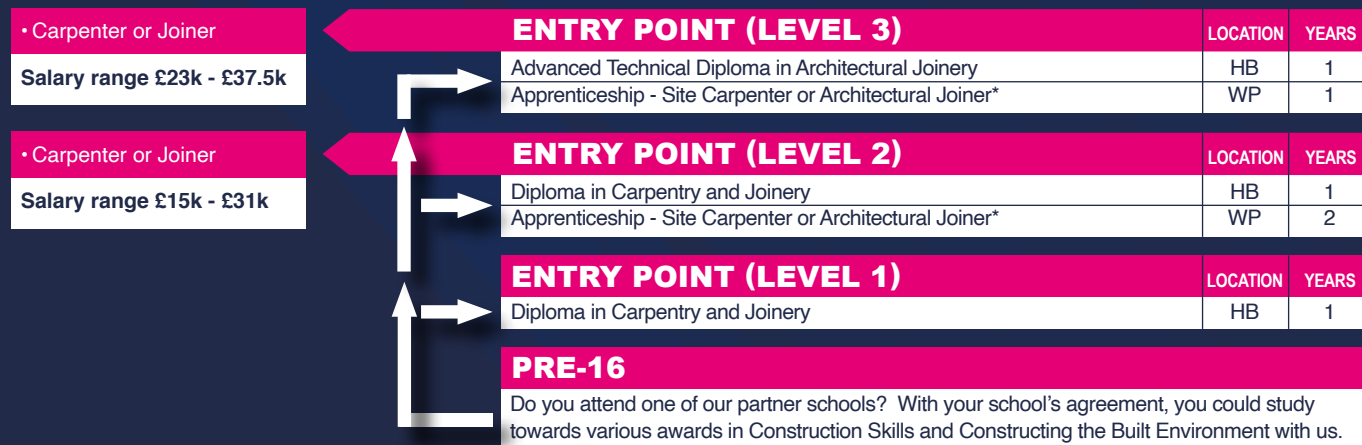
## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

### CONSTRUCTION - BRICKWORK



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### CONSTRUCTION - CARPENTRY AND JOINERY



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# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

## CONSTRUCTION - ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

<div>• Electrical Maintenance Technician</div> <div>Salary range £22k - £39k</div>	ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)		
	Advanced Technical Diploma in Electrical installation	LOCATION	YEARS
<div>• Trainee Electrician</div> <div>Salary range £15k - £18k</div>	Apprenticeship - Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician*	RH	1
		WP	4
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)			
	Diploma in Electrical Installation	LOCATION	YEARS
		RH	1
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)			
	Diploma in Electrical Installation	LOCATION	YEARS
		RH	1
PRE-16			
Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study towards various awards in Construction Skills and Constructing the Built Environment with us.			

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## CONSTRUCTION - PAINTING AND DECORATING

<div>• Painter or Decorator</div> <div>Salary range £15k - £30k</div>	ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)		
	Advanced Technical Diploma in Painting and Decorating	LOCATION	YEARS
<div>• Junior Painter/Decorator</div> <div>Salary range £12k - £15k</div>	Diploma in Painting and Decorating	HB	1
	Apprenticeship - Painter and Decorator*	WP	3
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)			
	Diploma in Painting and Decorating	HB	1
	Apprenticeship - Painter and Decorator*	WP	3
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)			
	Diploma in Painting and Decorating	HB	1
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	Pathway to Construction Skills (Entry Level)	HB	1
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PRE-16			
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## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

### CONSTRUCTION - PLASTERING

- Master Crafts Plasterer
- Partitioning Systems Operative

**Salary range £29k - £32k**

- Plasterer
- Tiler

**Salary circa £28k**

ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)		LOCATION	YEARS
Advanced Technical Diploma in Plastering		HB	1
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)		LOCATION	YEARS
Diploma in Plastering		HB	1
Apprenticeship - Plasterer*		WP	3
Apprenticeship - Wall and Floor Tiler*		WP	3
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)		LOCATION	YEARS
Diploma in Plastering		HB	1
PRE-16			
Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study towards various awards in Construction Skills and Constructing the Built Environment with us.			

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### CONSTRUCTION - PLUMBING AND GAS TRAINING

- Plumbing/Heating Engineer

**Salary circa £37.5k**

- Service Installer
- Bathroom Fitter

**Salary range £13.5k - £35k**

ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)		LOCATION	YEARS
Advanced Technical Diploma in Plumbing and Heating		RH	1
Apprenticeship - Gas Engineering Operative*		RH	2
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)		LOCATION	YEARS
Diploma in Plumbing Studies		RH	1
Apprenticeship - Plumber*		RH	2
Apprenticeship - Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician*		RH	2
ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)		LOCATION	YEARS
Diploma in Plumbing Studies		RH	1
Introduction to Building Services (Electrical and Plumbing)		RH	1
PRE-16			
Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study towards various awards in Construction Skills and Constructing the Built Environment with us.			

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# DIGITAL MEDIA AND GAMES DESIGN

From mobile apps to film special effects, viral advertising campaigns to action-packed computer games, you can get your name on the credits – thanks to the innovative study pathways on offer from Derby College Group (DCG).

## IS THIS YOU?

- Good communication skills
- Enjoy being creative and exploring new ideas
- Enthused by latest digital technology and trends
- Versatile, willing to adapt and can cope under pressure
- Work well in a team and listen to others
- Confident in 'selling' your ideas

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Computer Games Developer
- Gameplay Designer
- Computer Games Tester
- TV/Film Production Manager
- Production Runner
- 3D Digital Artist/Animator
- Video Editor
- Sound Editor
- Video/Audio Engineer
- Social Media Assistant



## Press start on your career

Choose Derby College Group for a future at the cutting edge. Employers are looking for up-and-coming talent to deliver powerful media products. Whether you want to design engaging websites, develop social media solutions, devise digital games or work in the dynamic world of film and TV, we can help you take the media industry in your stride.

## Experience that counts

We are networked into the creative community so you could go on industry visits, enjoy work placements, undertake employer-led projects and meet prominent figures from the media world. Our Creative Industry Week enables you to take part in live briefs while hearing from leading professionals. As 40% of the creative workforce is self-employed, we equip you to deliver winning pitches, research and plan media projects, communicate concepts, work to a client brief and meet strict deadlines.

## Practical skills in close-up

You will become familiar with working across diverse media platforms and using latest interactive technologies to create content with real impact. Our study pathways are designed with the workforce of the future in mind, so you will gain broader business, research and IT skills alongside your practical experience in everything from animation to sound, photography to editing, storyboarding to 3D modelling.



## A creative buzz

Your base will be the dedicated studio facilities at the Joseph Wright Centre where you can experiment and explore using industry-standard software such as 3D-Coat, Maya 3D, Unreal Engine, Photoshop and Adobe Premiere. Our teaching team is made up of skilled media professionals and you will be surrounded by students on other creative study pathways so there is plenty of opportunity for collaboration.

## Raise your profile

In a city striving to become the UK's digital capital, we give you every chance to take part in 'live' projects. Our students have, for instance, produced interactive games for arts groups, councils and charities. During lockdown, five students celebrated clinching top prizes in the Sidequest global game jam, working collaboratively from home to conceptualise and build games on set themes within seven-day timescales.



## Aiden makes the final cut at awards

Now studying Editing and Post-Production at Ravensbourne University in London, Aiden Hetherton returned to DCG to step into the spotlight at the latest Joseph Wright Centre Celebration Evening.

Aiden won the subject prize for Creative Media Production – thanks not only to his outstanding assignment grades but also to the way he excelled in the workplace on placement with the British Film Institute.

He also took control of a client brief, leading his classmates in producing a corporate video for HSG, one of the College's partners.

His tutors said: "Aiden went above expectations, putting in extra effort to perfect his editing skills and techniques to create a professional production for his final thriller piece, entitled *Glance*."



## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital literacy further still and you will also gain interpersonal and employability skills.

## Choose the right pathway

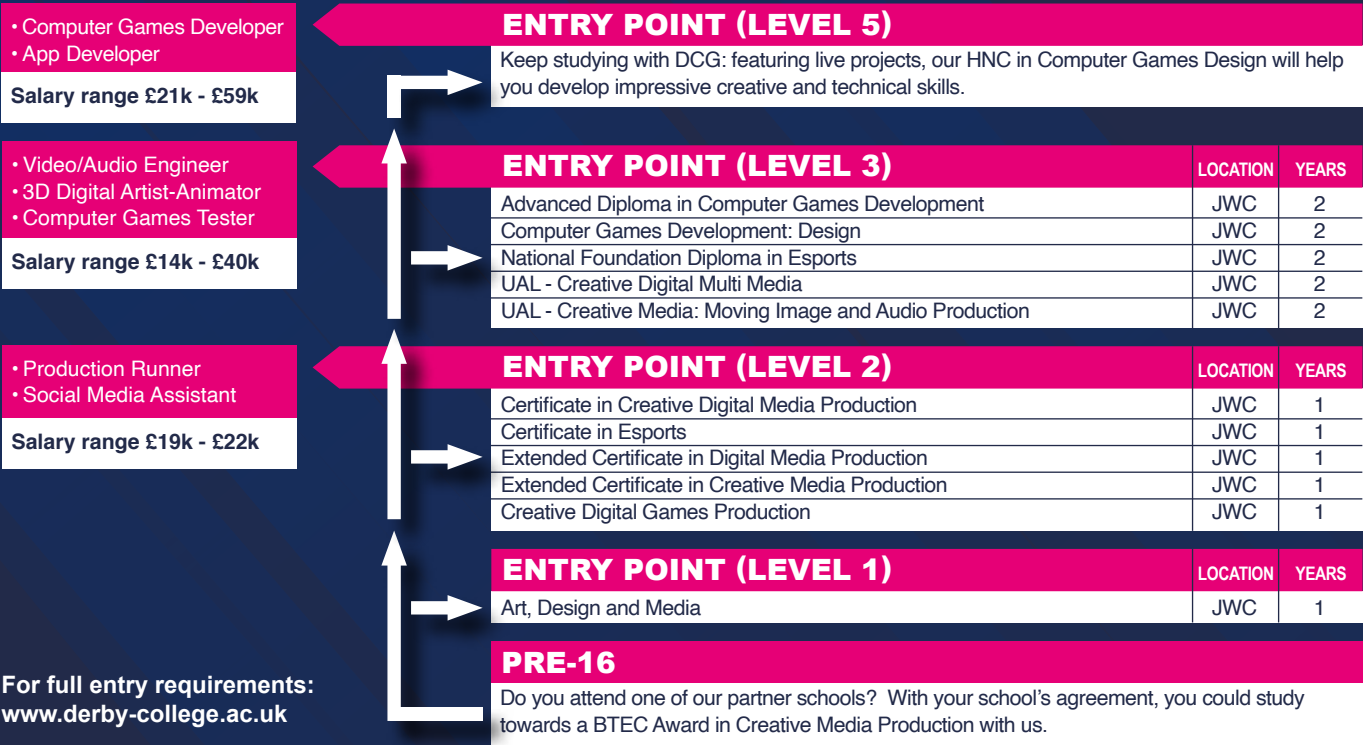
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## Reach the next level

When you complete your studies, you will have an eye-catching portfolio to showcase your talent to potential employers. Media professionals tend to be well qualified – 60% have a degree – so your qualification could also provide a platform for university study. There is a fascinating variety of honours degrees for aspiring games, film, TV and media practitioners. If you are interested in a career in the world of gaming, you may not even have to leave College to further your ambitions: we now offer a part-time HNC in Computer Games Design.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# ENGINEERING

Power up your career plans. Study Engineering with Derby College Group (DCG) and take your place at the forefront of a profession where innovation and ingenuity are rewarded. As one of the UK's most diverse sectors, engineering offers many exciting career directions for the problem-solvers of tomorrow.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Good at maths and science
- Like knowing how things work
- Enjoy practical tasks and problem solving
- Skilled with IT
- Organised and willing to use your initiative
- Work well in a team

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Graduate Engineer
- Mechanical Design Engineer
- Process Engineer
- Service Engineer
- Production Engineer
- Maintenance Engineer
- Tool Maker
- Rail Engineering Technician
- Logistics Administrator
- Welder

## In tune with industry

Make the most of studying in the country's leading high-tech city – where new products, materials and technologies are pioneered daily. To support your learning, we have forged powerful partnerships with engineering giants like Rolls-Royce plc, Bombardier and JCB, as well as Rail Forum East Midlands which represents more than 150 rail-related firms.





## Vital technical know-how

You will work with sophisticated technology to build hands-on skills in everything from computer aided design and 3D printing to pneumatic, hydraulic and robotic manufacturing control systems. Advances in fields like robotics are transforming industry at a rapid pace and blurring the boundaries between traditional engineering disciplines. So what you learn with us will put you in the frontline of the latest developments and ensure you hit the ground running in your career.

## An exciting study environment

Our Engineering programmes are delivered mostly at the Roundhouse. However, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly on-the-job in your own workplace, supported by studies at the Roundhouse or Ilkeston College. Brimming with railway heritage – as the world's oldest building of its kind – the Roundhouse is also the setting for a new £1.75m state-of-the-art mechatronics laboratory featuring artificial intelligence manufacturing equipment found on up-to-the-minute production lines.

## Varied learning experiences

Work experience, internships, company visits, trips to engineering landmarks, guest lectures and professional mentoring – all could form part of your studies, helping you to make key industry contacts. You will gain plenty of inspiration from our industry-experienced teaching team too.

## Challenge your thinking

We introduce you to new career options through fascinating hands-on projects. Our students have, for example, undertaken robotics training, promoted 'women into engineering' campaigns and worked on renewable energy initiatives. One three-day project saw 15 students spend time in the Rolls-Royce workshops designing, constructing and testing a model aeroplane.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you've joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 if you have not already achieved them. We also offer Microsoft qualifications and equip you with skills like communication, team-working and problem-solving.





## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in engineering, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Ready for the next level?

Engineering graduates can command strong career prospects and earning potential – and you do not even have to leave us to embark on higher education. We deliver a Foundation Degree and BEng (Hons) top-up degree in collaboration with Sheffield Hallam University, plus a full range of HNC and HND programmes.

## Apprenticeship route helps David aim high in engineering

Former DCG Engineering student David Pritchard took his ambitions to the next level when he joined Dales Fabrications.

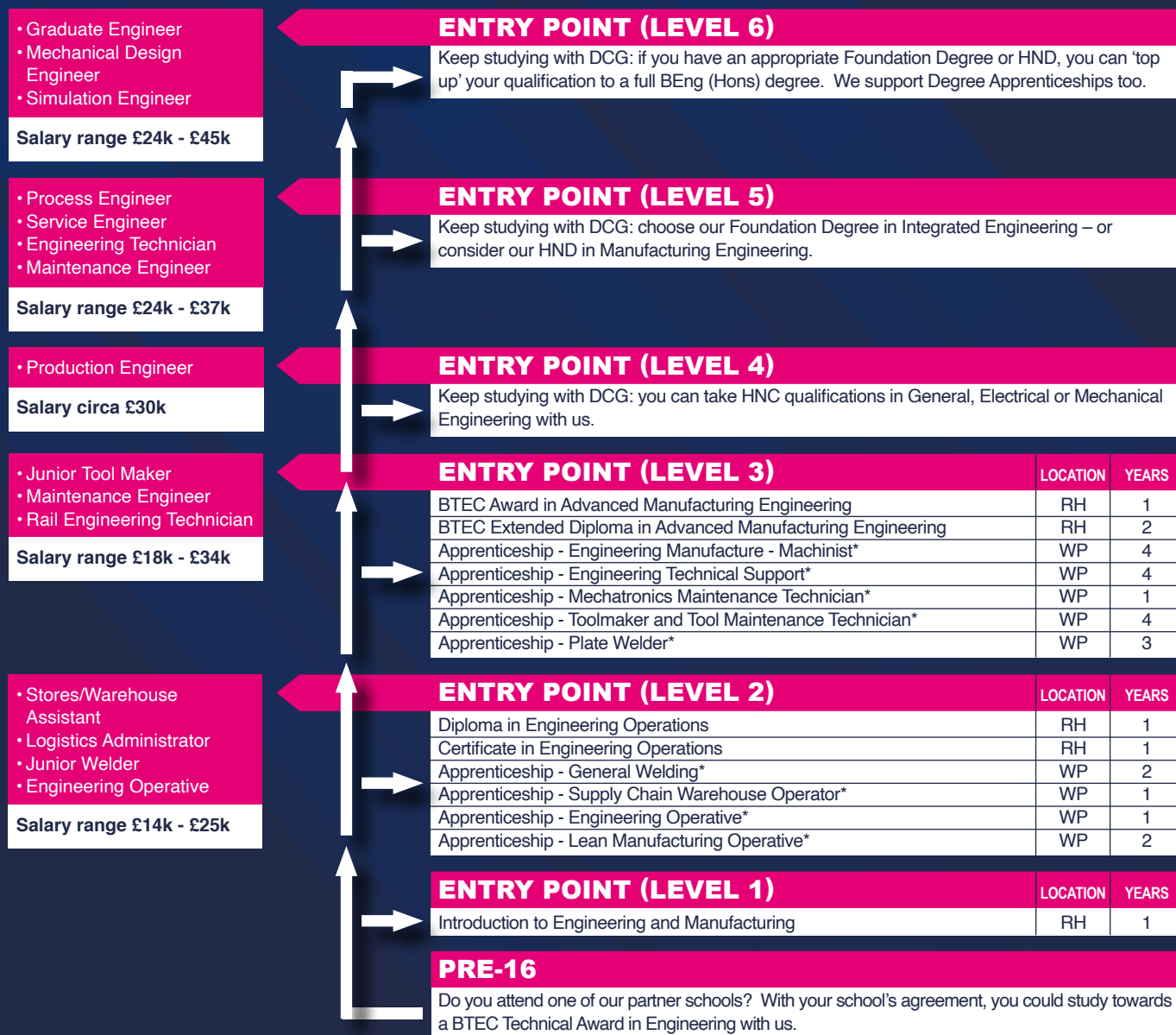
The Ilkeston-based company, specialising in the design and build of aluminium building projects, is investing in higher apprentices to effectively grow its own talent.

Having been supported by Dales through his higher education with DCG – in association with Sheffield Hallam University – David has now become a production processing engineer at the firm. He is even mentoring another DCG student who is following in his footsteps.

Dales Fabrications Managing Director Karl Prosser said: “We were keen to recruit young people from College who, instead of going straight to university, wanted to develop their skills in the workplace alongside gaining a degree.”



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# EQUINE

Would you love to work with horses every day? If your ambition is to become a highly skilled, knowledgeable and dedicated equine professional, Derby College Group (DCG) – with its renowned Equestrian Centre – offers study pathways which will take you far.

## IS THIS YOU?

- An interest in developing your knowledge of horse management
- Enthusiasm, motivation and commitment
- Fitness and stamina
- An ability to use your own initiative
- A willingness to contribute to the running of our Equestrian Centre in addition to your timetabled hours (including some weekends)

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Equine Groom
- Equine Yard Technician
- Equine Welfare Officer
- Yard Manager
- Riding Instructor
- Veterinary Technician
- Equine Behaviourist
- Equine Consultant
- Equine Researcher
- Equine Technical Adviser

## All the know-how you need

Study with us and you will learn all about riding, exercising and caring for horses through an exciting variety of theory, practical tasks, yard duties, shows, competitions and the chance to gain additional British Horse Society (BHS) qualifications. You will be supported and inspired by tutors with vast experience and a high profile in the equine world. They will keep you up to date with the latest thinking in horse behaviour, rehabilitation and therapy, competition grooming and stable management.

## First-rate facilities

Where better to make the most of your enthusiasm for horses than at our Equestrian Centre? The top-notch facilities at Broomfield Hall include a superb indoor school with a full set of jumps to British Showjumping standard, 40 stables, an outdoor school, a horsewalker and a cross country schooling field. It is the perfect place to transform your interest in horses into a fascinating and rewarding career in the equine world.

## Experience on the yard

You will work on daily and weekend rotas, taking responsibility for the yard and horses. Just like in the industry, you will be accountable for your own time-keeping and productivity. We also offer a wide range of work placement opportunities. However, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace and build on your DCG studies with on-the-job training.



## Inspiring opportunities

We enrich your learning in countless ways. You could find yourself working in the main ring at Chatsworth Horse Trials, competing in dressage and showjumping shows, or organising fundraising events for equestrian charities. To help you decide on your future direction, we run workshops featuring professional riders, vets, nutritionists, physiotherapists and saddlers to highlight different aspects of equine careers. In just one example, competition rider and show producer Becky Mullan-Feroze gives talks, judges campus events and offers placements at her yard.

## Enterprising Mitch rides high with equine business venture

“The knowledge I gained at Broomfield Hall has helped me 100% with my business.”

Retailer Mitch Gent launched his equine products business while still studying Equine Management at DCG.

Mitch started out as an entrepreneur by selling from a local market stall before establishing Manor Equestrian, which now trades online and from an outlet near Eastwood.

Mitch says he draws on all he learned at College to provide horse care advice for his customers. He adds: “I really liked studying at Broomfield. We got to ride every day as part of our studies and we had the chance to be coached by top professional riders. One of my highlights was meeting international show jumping coach Denis Flannelly when he ran a jumps clinic on campus.”



## Heart of the equine community

There is always something exciting happening at our Equestrian Centre, which offers elite training, BHS exams, short courses, competitions and facilities hire to the wider community. It all means you can make excellent contacts which will serve you well in future.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications and you will also build important attributes like discipline, communication, collaboration and enterprise.



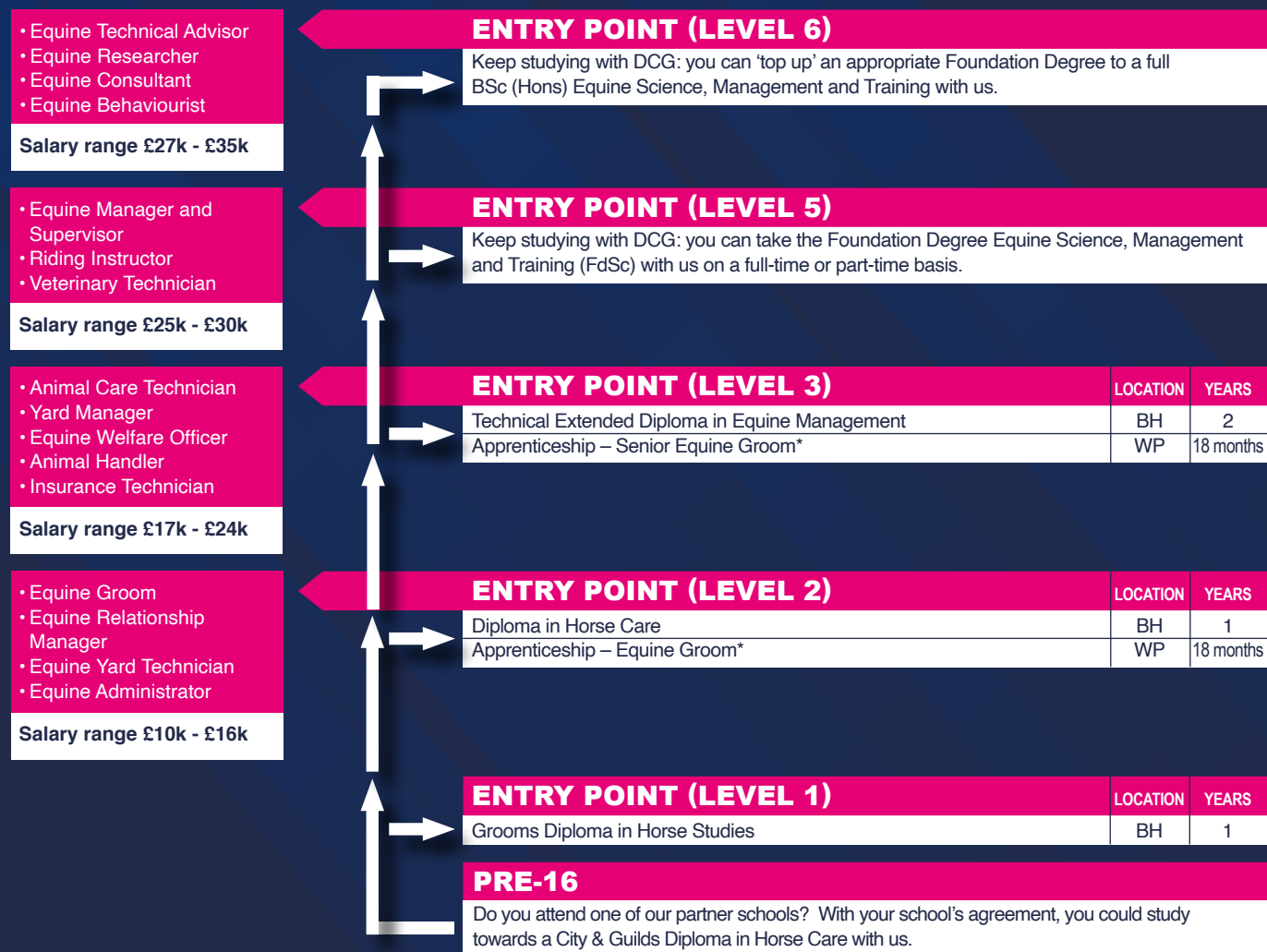
## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the equine industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or Derby College Equestrian Centre Facebook page. You could also join a virtual open day where our friendly staff will provide all the advice you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Stay on for higher education

The equine industry offers a fantastic range of career options – and the chance to gain qualifications at an even higher level. You do not even have to leave College to advance to university-level studies. Our high-quality Foundation Degree Equine Science, Management and Training (FdSc) is available on both a full-time and part-time basis. It can also be 'topped up' to a full BSc (Hons) degree qualification with just one more year of full-time study or two more years of part-time study.

## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# FLORISTRY

Do you have a flair with flowers? Could you put those stylish finishing touches to a special occasion? Or transform a room with stunning floral designs? Derby College Group (DCG) can help you join the next generation of talented and creative florists.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Creative, with artistic flair
- Knowledge of plants and flowers
- Strong practical skills
- An ability to explain your ideas
- A helpful and pleasant manner with customers
- Confident dealing with money

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Junior Florist
- Senior Florist
- Experienced Floral Designer
- Floristry Shop Manager
- Wedding Flower Arranger
- Flower Wholesaler
- Entrepreneur combining floristry with other skills such as interior design, photography, catering, and hair and beauty

## All the tricks of the trade

You will become skilled in creating eye-catching bouquets and formal displays with the 'wow' factor. We show you intricate techniques and the latest trends in shape and colour to enhance your artistic ability. You will also gain insights into wider aspects of the business such as wholesale buying, marketing and customer care.





## Floristry career off to a flying start

**“I’m glad I changed career direction. People are sometimes put off because they think it’s going to be too difficult, but it doesn’t have to be. The way our learning was structured was so convenient.”**

Changing career is a big step, but the flexible modes of learning offered by DCG made it possible for newly qualified florist Amy Sykes. The former air hostess loved her old job but needed something different so she could spend more time with her young daughter.

Inspired by floral arrangements on Instagram, Amy put her creativity and love of flowers to practical use and enrolled on the Diploma in Floral Practical Skills at Broomfield Hall. And, through the College’s strong links with Flowerworld, she secured paid work experience which has now led to a full-time job at the company’s Bulwell store.

## Inspiring surroundings

With its extensive greenhouses, ornamental gardens, rolling landscapes and fascinating plant collections, Broomfield Hall is an idyllic study environment for any budding florist. You will never be short of inspiration for stunning designs. If you have secured an apprenticeship, you will develop your skills mainly in your employer’s workplace.

## Cultivating links with Flowerworld

Our students can now take advantage of an exciting array of training and employment opportunities – thanks to the launch of our new Employability Academy with national flower business Flowerworld. After taking modules on themes such as job applications, interviews and workplace expectations, you could be offered paid work experience at the firm, with the potential to progress to a full-time role.

  
**Flowerworld**  
 BLOOM MARKET  
• DELIVERING FINE FLORISTRY TO BUSINESSES SINCE 1975 •



## Opening doors for you

Our wide-ranging links with floristry businesses provide opportunities for valuable industry experience. Some students have undertaken work placements in locations as far afield as Estonia. Our annual trip to Holland enables you to meet commercial growers and buyers too. To reach a wider audience, you could find yourself taking part in prestigious competitions or producing special arrangements for College, community and charity events. Our students exhibit regularly at the Derbyshire County Show.

## Enjoy a warm welcome

Our study pathways attract a vibrant mix of people – including more mature students who are planning a career change – and the atmosphere is always supportive, friendly and encouraging. You will be taught by enthusiastic lecturers who have extensive industry experience. We even run our own successful business on campus – The Florist – where you can witness what goes into creating bespoke floristry designs and providing outstanding customer care and service.



## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also develop skills in communication, problem-solving and enterprise to prepare you for the world of work.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in floristry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Looking ahead

You could use your qualification as a stepping stone to university, with new degrees in subjects such as Commercial Floral Design constantly emerging. You could also add further qualifications to your CV – such as Business, Marketing and Horticulture – to boost your prospects.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

• Florist

Salary range £12.5k - £20k

ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)	LOCATION	YEARS
Diploma in Floral Practical Skills	BH	1
Apprenticeship - Florist*	WP	18 months

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# GCSE PLUS

Do you need to improve your GCSE grades before you move on to the next chapter in your life? The GCSE Plus programme developed by Derby College Group (DCG) represents a vital chance to improve your academic profile and set yourself up for future career success.



## IS THIS YOU?

- Aged 16 to 18
- Did not have chance to complete your GCSE studies or sit your exams
- Keen to improve your existing GCSE grades
- Want a smooth transition to the next stage of your studies
- Would thrive in a vibrant, supportive learning environment

## Helping you make the grade

Whatever your reason for choosing GCSE Plus, you can look forward to a study programme which will boost your confidence and help you crystallise your ambitions as you work towards those all-important target grades. Our GCSE Plus team has devised this stepping-stone programme to set you on the right track and cultivate your enthusiasm for learning. It will help you realise your full potential by giving you the chance to access the future study opportunities to which you have always aspired.

## A pathway to Level 3 study

Thanks to its flexibility, the GCSE Plus programme attracts student from a diverse range of backgrounds. It is invaluable for students who have already gained qualifications to secure their entry to Level 3 programmes – including A-levels – but who wish to improve their grades in specific subjects to smooth their transition. The typical grade profile for a student aiming to take this route is predominantly 3s and 4s.

## Do you have few existing qualifications?

The programme is equally relevant for students with few or no GCSE qualifications, who may have been home-schooled or who may have missed school and exams for a valid reason. Students who join us without prior qualifications will need to complete a screening test in Mathematics and English along with an interview.

## Subject choices tailored to you

Depending upon your existing qualifications, you can 'pick and mix' the GCSE package you study. Mathematics and English Language are compulsory unless you have already achieved a grade 4. Other subjects to choose from are English Literature, History, Combined Science, Business Studies and Media Studies. The GCSE Plus team will tailor the programme to suit your prior qualifications and your transition needs.

## An inspiring experience

You will be based in the dynamic learning environment of the Joseph Wright Centre, motivated by teaching staff who are knowledgeable, approachable and enthusiastic. You will enjoy regular tutorials and complete work experience activities as part of your studies. In addition, the GCSE Plus programme offers a wealth of support networks that will not only enable you to reach your goals but also enhance your wellbeing. We enrich your learning with other opportunities too, from community projects to raising funds for good causes.

## Where next? Take our advice

Success with GCSE Plus paves the way for you to progress to further studies at Level 3, including A-levels and the many vocational programmes available at DCG. To advance to A-levels, you need to have achieved five GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including grade 5 in English Language and 4 in Mathematics. Please note that some subjects at A-level have subject-specific requirements in addition to the general entry requirements: find out more on pages 28-49. The Level 3 vocational programmes at DCG also have varied entry requirements: please see [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk) for further information. Alternatively, you could use your new skills and qualifications to go straight into employment. Our friendly staff are always happy to advise.

## Prize-winner Amnah enjoys the GCSE Plus advantage

**“Our teachers are perfect: they explain everything in such detail and take it slowly so it's easier to understand.”**

GCSE Plus was the ideal platform for Amnah Tahir to progress to DCG's Applied Science programme – a step closer to achieving her ambition to become a radiographer.

Such was her success with GCSE Plus English that she earned not only an excellent grade but also a subject prize at our Joseph Wright Celebration Evening. Tutors praised her as: “an incredibly hard working, motivated student.”

Amnah decided to advance to Applied Science studies at Level 3 because a more vocational programme suits her style of learning. Her career choice was inspired by a visit to a hospital X-Ray department and she now plans to apply for a Radiography degree at university.



# GCSE PLUS SUBJECTS

You can choose between three and five GCSEs from the following, depending upon your prior qualifications:

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This GCSE is compulsory if you have not already gained a grade 4 in the subject. The qualification focuses on developing your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. You will engage with the richness of our language and literary heritage, experiment in writing across a range of contexts and styles and develop your independent and critical thinking skills. If you wish to study English Language as an A-level in the future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 6.



## MATHEMATICS

This GCSE is compulsory if you have not already gained a grade 4 in the subject. Its aim is to give you a sound understanding of mathematical concepts, the confidence to undertake mathematical problem-solving and the ability to apply mathematical skills in a range of contexts. If you wish to study Mathematics as an A-level in the future, you can choose this GCSE to raise your grade to a 7. It is also worth noting that Physics A-level requires a grade 6 in Mathematics, while Chemistry and Psychology require a 5 in Mathematics.

**“I did GCSE Plus Maths and gained a grade 5 in the summer exams – two grades up on the previous year!”**

Joanne Grzelka, who has progressed to A-levels in Art and Psychology, plus a BTEC in Criminology.

*See her story on page 39*

## BUSINESS STUDIES

Up to date and challenging, this GCSE provides a well-rounded introduction to contemporary business issues and equips you with the life skills to become financially and commercially aware. You will develop as an enterprising individual, drawing on evidence to make informed business decisions and solve business challenges. If you wish to study Business as an A-level in the future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 5.

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## COMBINED SCIENCE

Drawing on the specific disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, this qualification – worth two GCSEs – provides you with the foundation for understanding the material world. It covers essential aspects of the methods, processes and uses of science, enabling you to apply practical, modelling and problem-solving skills in the laboratory and in the field. If you wish to study Biology, Chemistry or Physics at A-level in future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 6,6. If you want to progress to the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science, you will need to achieve a 5,5 grade in this GCSE.

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

You will engage critically with and explore a variety of texts across the major genres, including modern as well as classic work from different cultures. This GCSE enables you to develop, articulate and justify your individual and original responses to literature while building the accuracy and effectiveness of your own writing skills. If you wish to study English Literature as an A-level in the future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 5.

## HISTORY

Studying History enables you to consider the relevance of the past in understanding the present. You will extend your knowledge and appreciation of key events, periods and societies in local, British and wider world history. By pursuing historical enquiry, you will develop your skills as a reflective thinker, with the capacity to investigate issues critically. If you wish to study History as an A-level in the future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 5.



## MEDIA STUDIES

This GCSE widens your intellectual horizons as you analyse a broad spectrum of media forms and contexts, including TV and radio programmes, newspapers, online and social media platforms. You will develop your understanding of the media's role in society, culture and politics and hone your practical skills through creative media production. If you wish to study Media as an A-level in the future, you can choose to study this GCSE to raise your grade to a 5.

# HAIR AND BEAUTY

Prepare for your future in style with Derby College Group (DCG). Our acclaimed study pathways will give you the perfect foundation for hair and beauty careers not only in settings such as salons, spas, hotels, cruise ships, but also in TV, film, theatre and fashion studios and even on social media.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Creative and have an artistic flair
- Practically minded
- Up to date with fashion trends
- Understanding and have a tactful manner
- Good communicator
- Willing to learn new techniques and take on board new ideas

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Hair Stylist
- Barber
- Beauty Therapist
- Make-up Artist
- Brow Specialist
- Lash Technician
- Nail Technician
- Special Effects
- Make-up Artist
- Brand Manager
- Salon Owner/Manager
- Social Media Influencer

## A make-over for your skills

Whether it is cutting, colouring, nail art, make-up, massage or skin care, studying with us will help you develop your techniques, enhance your artistic flair and keep up to date with new treatments and trends. You will also gain customer service skills and learn how to set up social media influencing pages using the latest platforms.





### Real-world salon facilities

You will work directly with clients in our professional SENSI salon at the Roundhouse. This high street standard facility offers a range of hair and beauty treatments to the public – and the perfect training environment for you. You will gain valuable insights into a commercial operation and how to achieve retail targets. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace.

### Strong industry partnerships

We are proud of our place at the heart of the hair and beauty industry. Our links with employers – from national hairdressing chains to top product developers, luxury spas to smaller local salons – pave the way to exciting apprenticeship and job openings. We have formalised our partnerships with Hair Angels and the Sally Montague Hair Group to set up Employer Academies which enable you to benefit from work experience opportunities, guest lectures and practical projects.



### Time to express yourself

There is every chance to showcase your talent through competitions, industry networking events and community activities. Our students and apprentices have, for instance, visited high-profile events like the Beauty UK exhibition at the NEC, contributed to charity fashion shows, provided mini treatments for people with dementia, and won awards in events such as the Concept Hair competition. One unusual project saw our Hair and Media Make-Up students put their skills in special effects to good use – by providing ‘accident victims’ with realistic injuries. Their talents were in demand when Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service staged a mock road crash to spread an important road safety message.

### Support from a top team

Our dedicated, friendly staff have vast experience and a strong reputation in the hair and beauty sector. Many have run salons themselves so have plenty of insights to share with you which will bring your learning to life. You will also enjoy talks and demonstrations by leading figures from the profession.



## Charlie clinches his dream apprenticeship with Toni & Guy

**“My experience of College was really good and what I learned is helping me every day. The tutors were great – very supportive and always approachable.”**

Charlie Woodcock secured an apprenticeship with Toni & Guy's Derby salon after completing his Level 2 Hairdressing qualification with DCG.

Having previously worked as a joiner, Charlie had decided on a complete change of career direction – and his move to sign up for a Hair programme at the Roundhouse paid off when he went on to land his dream role.

He says: “My plan now is to dedicate the next ten years to this profession, so that I eat, sleep and breathe hairdressing, and one day I'll have my own salon.”



### Skills employers need

Whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. In addition, we offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also build skills in health and safety, customer care, communication and teamwork – all the qualities that employers in the sector are seeking.

### Choose the right pathway

We offer a range of academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the hair and beauty professions, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. You can find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website for further details or join a virtual open day where our supportive staff can provide all the advice you need.

### Want to go further still?

Ambitious, energetic young people can rise up the hair and beauty career ladder relatively quickly and many of our students eventually decide to set up their own businesses. You could also pursue your ambitions at university, with degrees in subjects like International Spa Management.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

### HAIR

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair Stylist</li> </ul> <b>Salary range £23k - £30k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)</b>		
	Advanced Diploma in Hairdressing	RH	1
	Apprenticeship - Hair Professional*	WP	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Stylist</li> </ul> <b>Salary range £11k - £16k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)</b>		
	Diploma in Hairdressing	RH	1
	Intermediate Diploma in Barbering	RH	1
	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)</b>		
	Introductory Diploma in Hairdressing	RH	1
	<b>PRE-16</b>		
	Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study towards a City & Guilds Technical Award in Hair and Beauty with us.		

\*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 50-53

### BEAUTY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salon Owner/Manager</li> <li>• Advanced Beauty Therapist</li> <li>• Make-up Artist</li> </ul> <b>Salary range £18k - £37.5k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)</b>		
	Advanced Diploma in Beauty Therapy	RH	1
	Advanced Diploma in Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-up	RH	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beauty Therapist</li> <li>• Nail Technician</li> <li>• Make-up Artist</li> <li>• Lash Technician</li> <li>• Brow Specialist</li> <li>• Spray Tan Artist</li> </ul> <b>Salary range £12.5k - £25k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)</b>		
	Diploma in Beauty Therapy	RH	1
	Diploma in Hair and Media Make-up	RH	1
	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)</b>		
	Introductory Diploma in Beauty Therapy	RH	1
	<b>PRE-16</b>		
	Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could study towards a City & Guilds Technical Award in Hair and Beauty with us.		

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# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

A future in health and social care offers an immense sense of personal satisfaction. By studying with Derby College Group (DCG), you will learn how to make a real difference through helping other people – while helping yourself to a truly fulfilling career at the same time.

## IS THIS YOU?

- A genuine desire to help people
- A friendly, caring and sympathetic approach
- The ability to stay calm under pressure
- Tact, respect and sensitivity
- Excellent communication and listening skills
- Patience and a sense of humour

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Healthcare Support Worker
- Activities Officer
- Personal Assistant
- Dental Nurse/Hygienist
- Senior Care Worker
- Rehabilitation Worker
- Housing Support Officer
- Supervisor/Team Leader
- Residential Manager
- Social Worker



## Join a rewarding profession

Dedicated, professional staff are needed in a wide variety of health and social care settings ranging from hospitals to care homes, GP surgeries to dental practices, social services to charities – and studying with Derby College Group will give you a strong foothold on the career ladder. With us, you will build vital practical skills and in-depth knowledge to help you make an important contribution from day one in a new job.

## Strong employer partnerships

We have forged collaborations across the sector, so you can gain genuine insights into the world of work. One of our strongest partnerships is with the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, with whom we have established a hugely successful Employer Academy. Students taking part in the Academy benefit from industrial placements, workplace visits and expert lectures. And, at the end of your studies, you could be interviewed for a hospital job or apprenticeship.



**University Hospitals of  
Derby and Burton**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Hands-on experience

Our study pathways feature work experience to equip you with the skills and abilities you need for challenging roles where you can help other people to enjoy a better quality of life. Because health and social care is such a vast and varied sector, work placements also help you confirm the area in which you would like to advance your career. If you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn on the job and mainly in your own workplace.



## Check out our new T Level

New to our portfolio is the T Level in Health, a high-quality, work-focused programme which provides a direct route into the sector or to higher level studies. Featuring substantial work experience, the T Level gives you a broad understanding of health concepts while preparing you to specialise in fields such as mental health, therapy, adult nursing and midwifery. If you are not quite ready to embark on the T Level, we offer a Transition option at Level 2.

## Inspiration and insights

There are fascinating visits to health and social care settings, NHS career talks, guest lectures, and the chance to take part in community projects, hospital volunteering and fundraising. Our enthusiastic, supportive teaching team boasts vast health and social care experience.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications too and you will gain employability skills like flexibility, communication and problem-solving.



## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in health and social care, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Higher ambitions in mind?

There are clear progression routes if you would like to take your knowledge of health and social care to the next level for roles such as nurse, midwife, paramedic or social worker. You could advance to university, gain further professional qualifications or embark on a higher apprenticeship. You can even take a Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care and Children and Young People's Services through Derby College Group.

## Jordan takes good care of the future

**“Being a carer is a really good job. I like thinking on my feet and this job lets me do that. It’s an ability which I’m sure will come in very useful in future.”**

Lead Apprentice Care Worker Jordan Ellershaw is planning to become a nurse or paramedic once he has achieved his adult care qualifications. Currently taking a Level 3 programme, delivered on-site by DCG, he is gaining invaluable experience at Ashbourne Lodge Care Home.

One of only four male carers at the home, Jordan was encouraged to go into the sector by his grandad who felt he had the right character for it. He particularly enjoys interacting with the home’s residents and says: “Care work is really about making people’s lives a lot better.”



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# HORTICULTURE

It's time to let your career plans take root with Derby College Group (DCG). Choose to study Horticulture with us – in the exceptional rural surroundings of Broomfield Hall – and you will be fully equipped to blossom in land-based professions which offer endless variety, choice and rewards.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Interested in plants and nature
- Enjoy practical tasks
- Keen to learn more about the science behind horticulture
- Happy to work outdoors in all weathers
- Willing to work long hours at some times of year
- A good level of physical fitness

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Gardener
- Garden Designer
- Garden Centre Manager
- Grounds Maintenance Worker
- Greenkeeper
- Landscape Designer
- Horticultural Manager
- Horticultural Environmental Consultant
- Horticultural Therapist
- Botanist

## Growing opportunities

From production horticulture to landscaping, garden design to sports turf management, garden centre enterprises to park management, there are many exciting directions that your career in horticulture could take. Derby College Group will help you develop all the theoretical knowledge, industry experience and practical skills you need to succeed in jobs which involve a fascinating combination of science and art – plus plenty of time in the great outdoors.



# Winter garden brings a splash of extra colour to Broomfield

A newly developed winter garden was unveiled at Broomfield Hall – the culmination of three years of planning and hard work by staff, students and volunteers.



The winter garden features a host of eye-catching seasonal plants which are at their best in the colder months of the year. They were chosen by the team because they produce beautiful foliage, flowers and scent to brighten up even the dullest of winter days.

The initiative is the latest long-term project led by head gardener Samantha Harvey – herself a former DCG student – to revitalise the Broomfield Hall grounds. The team's progress was showcased during a special open weekend featuring free guided walks.

Samantha said: "We were very excited to open the winter garden to the public and highlight the amazing hard work of everyone involved. There is still plenty to do so we hope to inspire even more keen amateur gardeners to join us and our students for the next stage."

## Well prepared for working life

Work-related projects, placements and demonstrations led by horticulture professionals will feature in your study programme, underpinned by our far-reaching industry partnerships with employers large and small. Some of our students have even been overseas on exciting work exchanges to bring an international dimension to their learning experience.

## A vibrant setting

You will develop your practical abilities in the stunning grounds of Broomfield Hall, our land-based and leisure college. Horticulture students are always thrilled to find themselves learning new skills amid our rural landscapes, historic ornamental gardens and extensive glasshouse facilities. Our rare plant collections will also give you valuable insights into species you might not have encountered before.

## Join our restoration project

You could get involved in our ambitious programme to restore the gardens at Broomfield Hall to their former glory and secure their status as a RHS partner garden. They were originally created by the famed garden designer William Barron when the hall was built in 1873 and still retain their Victorian layout.

## Rich learning experiences

Led by our enthusiastic teaching staff, who all have backgrounds in the horticultural professions, you will get involved in different hands-on activities every day. You could, for instance, grow plants for sale in the popular plant centre at Broomfield Hall, serving and advising customers while learning more about the retail side of the industry. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own employer's workplace and benefit from on-the-job training.



## Let your talent flourish

Competitions, shows, community projects – there is every opportunity to present your skills and originality to a wider audience. Our students have enjoyed a longstanding medal-winning streak at events like BBC *Gardeners' World Live* and Chatsworth Flower Show. There may also be the chance for you to contribute to local initiatives such as designing and developing school gardens.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications and you will also gain skills like communication, customer relations and leadership.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer both technical and apprenticeship pathways, with different entry points depending on your qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for advice.

## Stay on for higher education

As horticulture is among the UK's most advanced sectors for research and development, there are many openings if you want to progress to university and embark on a career contributing to latest developments in the field.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commercial Horticulturist</li><li>• Soft Landscape Installer</li></ul> <b>Salary range £16k - £22k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)</b>	LOCATION	YEARS
	Apprenticeship - Landscape or Horticulture Supervisor*	WP	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistant Gardener</li><li>• Grounds Maintenance Worker</li></ul> <b>Salary range £15k - £22k</b>	<b>ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)</b>	LOCATION	YEARS
	Diploma in Horticulture	BH	1
	Apprenticeship - Landscape or Horticulture Operative*	BH	2

\*You cannot apply for an apprenticeship without securing a place with an employer first. We recommend that you still apply for a full-time programme while waiting to arrange an apprenticeship. See pages 50-53

For full entry requirements: [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)



# HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Could you run a busy kitchen, create stunning dishes and deliver a first-class service to customers? Check out our full menu of study pathways in hospitality and catering to prepare for a rewarding career in a sector where well-trained, forward-thinking professionals have a huge advantage.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Like providing good service
- Friendly, polite and enjoy meeting new people
- Quick-thinking, confident and outgoing
- Work well as part of a team
- Organised and calm under pressure
- Prepared to work shifts, evenings and weekends

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Head Chef
- Sous Chef
- Chef de Partie
- Commis Chef
- Kitchen Supervisor
- Restaurant Manager
- Hotel Manager
- Front of House Manager
- Head Concierge
- Receptionist



### Ensuring you are work-ready

We strive to give you the best possible start in your career, equipping you with the in-depth theory you need alongside high-calibre practical skills. You will learn all about preparing complex dishes and providing a silver service, as well as broader issues such as delivering exceptional customer care and ensuring food safety.



## Vital industry insights

Our study pathways are underpinned by far-reaching partnerships with leading hospitality employers. You could choose to join one of our groundbreaking Employer Academies for a close-up look at the industry in action. The Bespoke Inns Hospitality Management Academy, the Cricket Derbyshire Hospitality Academy, the Caterlink Academy, the Finesse Academy and the Seven Restaurant and Café Bar Academy offer industrial placements, masterclasses and industry projects while you are studying.

**Seven®**  
RESTAURANT & CAFÉ BAR

**caterlink**  
feeding the Imagination



THE BOOT  
THE COTTAGE

# A recipe for positive attitudes in the hospitality workplace

Hospitality students were the first to graduate from a special DCG programme designed to help them cope with the pressures of working life.

The eight-week Positive Behaviours for the Workplace initiative was piloted with the 18-strong group to build their resilience, self-confidence, decision-making and communication skills and aid their progress into employment.



The focus was on encouraging students to think about how their actions impact on other people.

Among those involved was Humnah Bahtool who aspires to become a chef. She said: "I used to get quite cross and frustrated when things went wrong. This programme has showed me how important it is to stay calm and communicate well with others – particularly in the pressurised environment of a busy kitchen."

## Serving up superb facilities

We are dedicated to recreating the working conditions you will discover in the industry. You can build your skills in our prestige hospitality venue at the Roundhouse featuring high-tech glass-fronted kitchens and an 80-seat commercial restaurant and bar. If you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own employer's workplace.

## Exciting learning experiences

We aim to make your studies engaging and fun. You could put your skills into practice through competitions, international placements and tours of renowned hospitality establishments like The Ritz London or, more locally, Pride Park Stadium. Through DCG's recruitment service, you could even work on hospitality events in the area. In the past, our students have had the chance to cater for the likes of Gordon Ramsay and Jenson Button!



## Inspiration and guidance

You will be motivated by tutors who have themselves worked at senior levels in hospitality and who will help you meet the highest professional standards. Leading chefs and hoteliers also deliver inspiring workshops and demonstrations. Such is our reputation in the sector that we host – and sponsor – the Derby Food and Drink Awards too.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time College programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also improve your abilities in customer service, communication and teamwork.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in hospitality, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Head Chef/Chef de Partie/  
Sous Chef
- Front Office Manager
- Head Concierge
- Restaurant Supervisor

**Salary range £13k - £50k**

- Commis Chef
- Kitchen Supervisor
- Concierge
- Receptionist
- Front of House Associate

**Salary range £12k - £24.5k**

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)

NVQ Diploma in Hospitality Supervision and Leadership	RH	1
NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery	RH	1
Apprenticeship - Chef De Partie*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Hospitality Supervisor*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Senior Chef Production Cooking*	WP	2

## ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)

Cricket Derbyshire Hospitality Academy - NVQ Diploma in Food and Beverage Service	RH	1
Intermediate Certificate in Professional Patisserie and Confectionery (with additional Chocolates and Sweet Making qualification)	RH	1
NVQ Diploma in Food Production and Cooking	RH	1
Apprenticeship - Bakery*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Commis Chef*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Hospitality Team Member*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Production Chef*	WP	2

## ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)

NVQ Certificate in Food Preparation and Cooking (different routes available)	RH	1
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**PRE-16**

Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could work towards an Award in Hospitality and Catering with us.

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# INCLUSION CURRICULUM

(from SEN to Inclusion)

**At DCG we recognise that every student has different needs. Our specialist pathways ensure that people with learning difficulties and disabilities are well prepared for life and work.**



## An exciting new start

Our specialist pathways are designed to help you build a more independent lifestyle and to develop your skills for life and work. It is all about boosting your confidence and preparing for adulthood. As well as improving your abilities in areas such as English and maths, you will gain important personal and social skills. By the end of your studies, you will have discovered a new sense of control over your life, will be able to speak up for yourself, and will be ready to make more informed choices about your future.

## Skills for life

Our Pathway to Independence is a personalised programme that supports you to gain skills and confidence for living independently. This includes learning experiences which will serve you well in everyday life, such as going shopping for food, using public transport and managing money.

## Skills for work

Our Pathway to Working Life will equip you to enter employment, so you might take part in work placements, voluntary and community work, or enterprise activities that improve your communication and teamwork skills. You could even specialise in small animal care by choosing to study at Broomfield Hall. Meanwhile, our Work Ready Pathway involves phased on-the-job training with an employer, with increasing hours spent in the workplace.

**IS THIS  
YOU?**

- Keen to improve your independence
- Want to develop work skills
- Need support to move into employment or further studies
- Looking for a varied and exciting learning experience



## Potential Pathways

ENTRY LEVEL	LOCATION	YEARS
Pathway to Independence	BH	1
Pathway to Working Life	ILK	1
Pathway to Working Life	RH	1
Pathway to Working Life (Small Animal Care)	BH	1
Work Ready Pathway	RH	1

### Become part of our community

Our learning environment is nurturing, supportive and friendly. We celebrate and welcome diversity, firmly believing that everyone has the potential to benefit from a DCG education, regardless of their background or circumstances. We do everything possible to ensure that you settle into College life quickly – right from the first time we meet you and throughout your personalised transition into your studies.

### Supporting your success

Our staff are welcoming, encouraging and motivating. They are dedicated to helping you reach your goals, making your learning as enjoyable as possible and helping you make the most of the opportunities on offer. You can talk to our team at any time during your programme: they will be happy to discuss your needs in complete confidence.

### A reputation for excellence

Ofsted awarded us an 'outstanding' rating for the support we provide to high needs students. We have also been selected as one of three Centres of Excellence in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) under a national programme designed to share good practice in ensuring all students have the potential to achieve their goals. In addition, DCG was the first education provider in the region to be recognised as 'autism-friendly' by Autism East Midlands.



### Take our advice

If you are not quite sure about which study pathway is right for you, just talk to us! You can chat to our friendly staff by joining one of our virtual open days or taster days. You can also find out more about the different study pathways available by checking our website.

# MOTOR VEHICLE

Accelerate your career plans with the help of Derby College Group (DCG). We can put you in the driving seat for a future in the motor vehicle industry, an innovative sector which never stands still and where first-rate technical skills will stand you in good stead.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Good at fault finding and problem solving
- Close attention to detail
- Enjoy practical tasks
- Able to follow written and spoken instructions
- Strong communication and customer care skills
- Work well in a team

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Vehicle Technician
- Motorsport Technician
- Roadside Assistance Technician
- Workshop Controller
- MOT Tester
- Car Sales Executive
- Light Vehicle Service Technician
- Vehicle Parts Adviser
- Customer Service Adviser
- Warranty Administrator

## Heading in the right direction

If you love cars and enjoy fixing things, a career in the automotive aftersales industry could be the perfect choice. DCG will equip you with the skill, precision and eye for detail that you need to keep vehicles roadworthy. We ensure you are well prepared for challenging hands-on roles where you can service and repair vehicle mechanics and electrics with confidence.





## Experience counts

All our full-time students benefit from a minimum of 40 hours work experience. We collaborate with both independent and main dealer garages to offer a structured work experience programme where you could find yourself preparing used cars for sale, completing final checks on new cars or working on general vehicle maintenance and repairs. Of course, if you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace.

## Purpose-built workshops

Our high-specification workshops are the ideal setting for you to get to grips with the latest technology, including electronic and computer diagnostic equipment. Our expert staff will develop your technical skills alongside the theory and you will also improve your knowledge of maths and electrical principles.

## Tuned into the industry

Our longstanding partnership with the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) will help you keep up to date with the latest developments in the sector. Over the years, our work has been recognised with several IMI awards for excellence, including being shortlisted from over 600 IMI approved centres for the Outstanding Achievers Award where only Mercedes Benz UK Ltd pipped us at the finishing line.



## Broader horizons

We offer rich and varied learning experiences, including guest lectures, technical demonstrations and challenging project briefs set by our partner employers. Some of our Motor Vehicle students have even been lucky enough to undertake work experience overseas in countries such as Estonia. They have also lent their skills to an innovative cycle repair and maintenance project managed by Cycle Derby.

## Skills employers need

Whatever level you are studying at, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship with an employer, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital know-how and you will also gain important employability skills such as communication, teamworking and leadership to ensure that you are 'work-ready' as soon as you complete your studies.





## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the motor vehicle industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Clear routes ahead

There are countless opportunities for you to progress to higher level qualifications and apprenticeships. If you decide to apply for a place at university, you will also discover a growing choice of degrees in subjects such as Motorsport Engineering.

## Geared up for the future with Halfords

**“ My apprenticeship is very interesting. The company and College work well together and there’s a different challenge every day. ”**

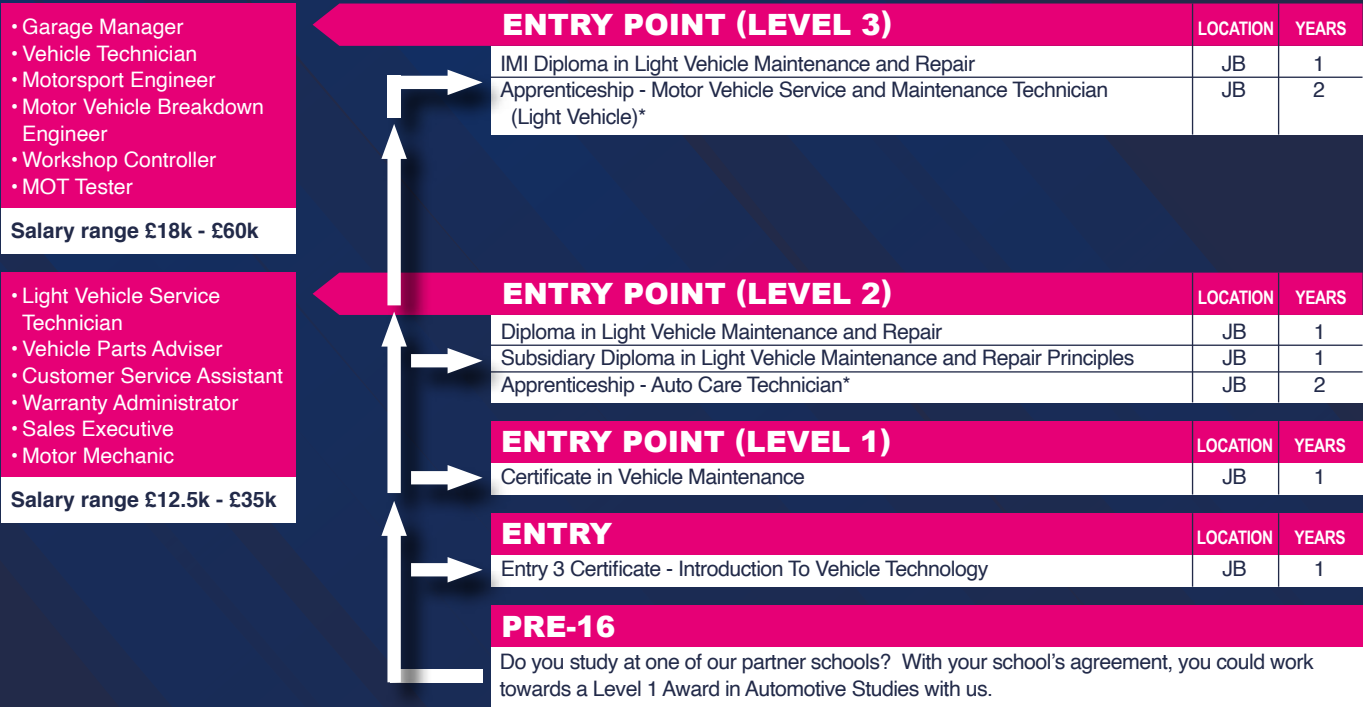
Suhayl Bhikha has embarked on a two-year apprenticeship with Halfords Autocentres – having switched from the retail shop front to retrain as a vehicle mechanic.

Mentored and trained on the job by experienced colleagues at Halfords, he is working towards a Level 2 Autocare qualification at DCG, spending one day a week at the Johnson Building for workshop and classroom studies.

Under a rolling company scheme, Halfords offers its retail team members the chance to change career direction and Suhayl, who previously worked as a customer service adviser at the Halfords Wyvern Retail site, seized the opportunity of a new challenge by transferring to the Autocentre next door.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



# MUSIC

Is it music that makes your world go around? Why not transform your musical passion into an exhilarating career and discover why studying with Derby College Group (DCG) will turn up the volume on your skills, whether you want a career in performance, composition or technology.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Musical ability and talent
- Prepared to spend time practising and rehearsing
- Willing to work long and irregular hours
- Confident, motivated and determined
- Able to work as part of a team
- Enjoy being creative

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Performer
- Composer
- Instrumentalist
- Sound Technician
- Sound Engineer
- Live Music Assistant
- Creative Sync Co-ordinator
- Promoter
- DJ
- Music Therapist

## The choice is yours

You will have opportunities to specialise in the performance or technology aspects of music – developing a distinctive style of your own so that you stand out from the crowd. We will equip you with the essential practical skills you need in areas ranging from pop music to sound manipulation, acoustics to sequencing, concert production to marketing and promotion.





## Winning global airplay with first single

“The part of my studies I enjoyed most was forming bands and performing a show at the end of each term.”

Former Music student Harriet McDonnell has hit the high notes by managing and fronting a rock band which is achieving international success. ‘Turn to Dust’, the first single from Muddibrooke, featured on the *BBC Introducing* programme and went on to receive worldwide airplay within days.

Since completing the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music at DCG, Harriet has performed at many festivals as a solo musician and supported other bands such as The Beautiful South and Frank Turner. She also represented Derby at the Maiwoche festival in its German twin city of Osnabrück.

Having launched Muddibrooke in 2020, she said: “My time at DCG taught me a lot about how to use music software to record, compose and create a finished track. I use a lot of that knowledge now with my current work.”

## Professional networking

We will help you broaden your network of contacts in wider musical spheres. Demonstrations and guest lectures by professionals will open doors for you: our students have enjoyed music workshops with the likes of the BBC, Sinfonia Viva and Buxton Opera House. There are also many chances for you to get involved in live events at College and in the community. A highlight of our advanced programmes is a large-scale project on a theme of your choosing, where you test your skills by recording, composing, mixing, mastering and performing a range of material.

## First-class studios

You can unleash your talent in our high-specification music studios at the Joseph Wright Centre, an exceptional learning space featuring the latest equipment and software. Our industry-experienced, enthusiastic and supportive tutors will help you keep your finger on the pulse of latest trends and developments.



## Spotlight on your talent

Unusual projects will enrich your learning and help you to reach a wider audience. In previous years, our Music students have provided audio for exhibitions at Sudbury Hall, worked on Derby's 2Q Festival and even auditioned for The Voice UK when the production team came on a visit.

## Show you mean business

We will prepare you for all the challenges of an industry where almost a third of workers are self-employed. As part of your studies, you will build enterprise skills, business know-how and self-reliance. You could even contribute to the running of the Derby College Group record label.

## Skills employers need

Maths and English help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital literacy and you will also gain interpersonal and employability skills to ensure you are 'work-ready'.



## Choose the right pathway

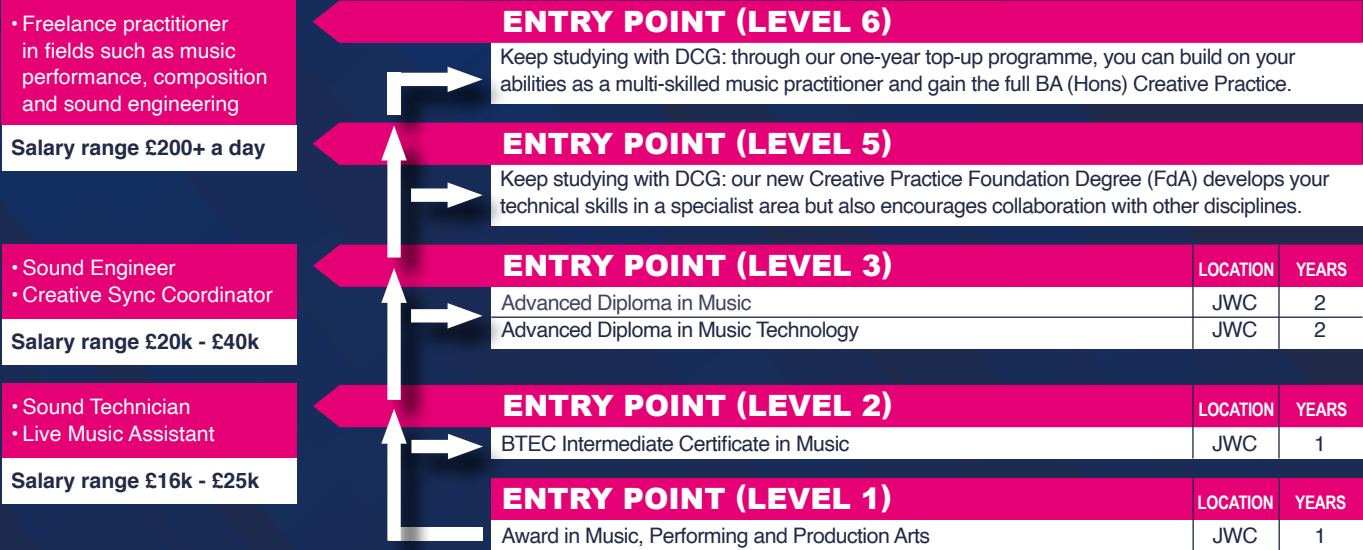
We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in the music industry, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## And the beat goes on

Your DCG studies will provide an excellent platform for progressing to university, with specialist degrees constantly being introduced in exciting subjects as diverse as Digital Music, Festival Management, Soundtrack Production and Music Journalism. You could even choose to stay on at DCG to take our new Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) in Creative Practice, validated by the Open University.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



For full entry requirements: [www.derby-college.ac.uk](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk)



# PERFORMING ARTS

Take centre-stage with one of our vibrant Performing Arts study pathways. Whether you see your future in performing, teaching, choreography, production or venue management, Derby College Group (DCG) will help to turn the spotlight on your talent and ingenuity.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Imagination and creativity
- Stamina, energy and physical fitness
- Good communication skills
- Willing to accept direction and criticism
- Capacity to cope under pressure
- Work well in a team and listen to others

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Actor
- Entertainer
- Presenter
- Dancer
- Choreographer
- Circus Artist
- Arts Administrator
- Drama or Dance Therapist
- Community Arts Officer
- Theatre Manager



### Versatility and variety

With such a huge diversity of technical, performance, management and educational jobs in the creative economy, studying Performing Arts opens up a world of opportunity for you. At DCG we will help you combine powerful performance skills with an in-depth understanding of broader aspects of the industry.

## Creative collaborations

We regularly join forces with leading names in the industry to enrich your learning. Guest speakers, masterclasses, behind-the-scenes visits and work placements all form part of the picture. We have even teamed up with Déda, the acclaimed dance house, and Derby Museums to establish Employer Academies which will broaden your career horizons through a variety of creative events and activities.



## Immersed in performance

You can perfect your techniques in everything from urban dance to classical theatre in the high-specification studios at the Joseph Wright Centre. Throughout, you will receive expert support from an enthusiastic team of staff who boast professional experience and influential contacts. You will also benefit from working alongside students from other creative programmes such as music or media production.



## Enjoy the applause

Performances of your own productions will be a central part of your learning experience. You could, for example, plan, devise and manage your own Theatre in Education production. There is every chance to get involved with the wider entertainment scene in the city too: our students regularly contribute to events like Derby Festé and have even performed as 'scare actors' at a Screamefest event.

## An enterprising mindset

Because over half of all performing arts professionals work on a freelance basis, it is very important for you to take a proactive and flexible approach to your career planning. We help you to build enterprise, business and communication skills so that you can enter the freelance world with confidence.

## Skills employers need

Maths and English help you get on in life, so we support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital literacy and you will also gain interpersonal and employability skills to ensure you are well equipped to join this demanding industry.

# Students take a bow with “fantastic” performance at Déda

**Performing Arts students gained vital insights into how to deliver professional dance tuition – thanks to DCG’s partnership with Déda, the renowned dance centre.**

Through the Déda Creative Arts Employer Academy, a team of 14 students had the chance to work alongside experienced dance professionals in studio classes, learning how to deliver and facilitate dance tuition while working with a variety of artistic forms.

They also benefited from CV and interview workshops to help them achieve their first break in the creative economy.

Isobel Davis, Déda Dance Development and Learning Co-ordinator, congratulated the group on their “fantastic” performance. She added: “We’ve had marvellous feedback from tutors who were very impressed with the students’ commitment, attitude and professionalism.”



## Choose the right pathway

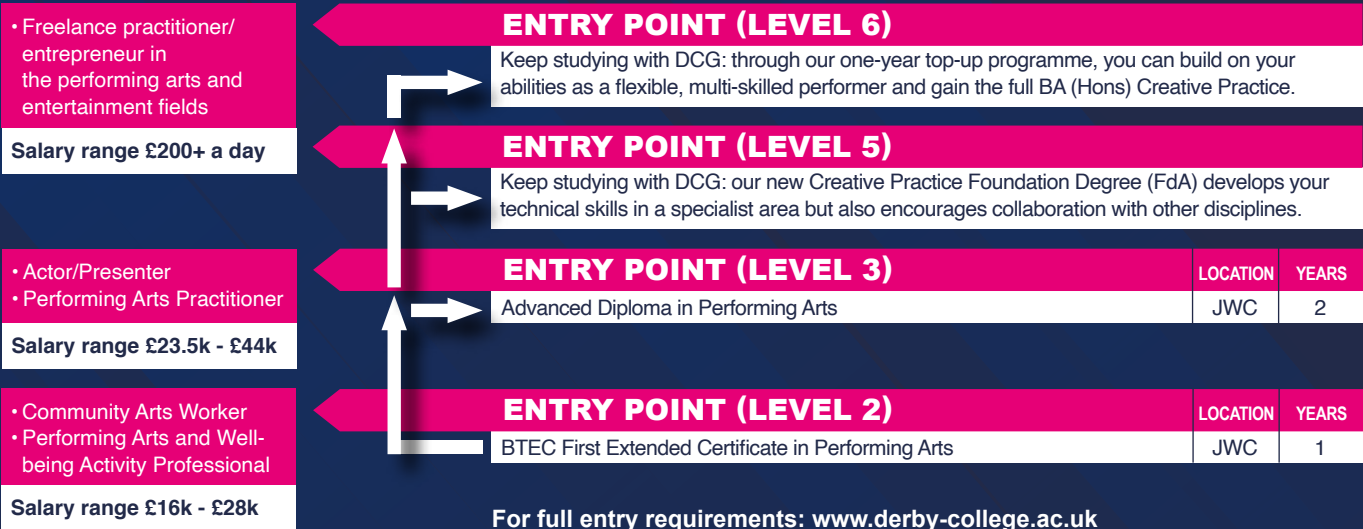
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## Take the next steps

Your qualification could be an excellent platform for applying to drama or dance school or for a specialist university programme. There are fascinating degrees covering themes such as scenography, costume, make-up, stage management, lighting design and musical theatre. Some of our students also opt for teacher training. Or you could consider staying on at DCG to take our new Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) in Creative Practice, validated by the Open University.

# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



# PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION

Well-qualified, forward-thinking and versatile construction professionals are in greater demand than ever before. By studying Professional Construction with Derby College Group (DCG), you can combine latest theory with excellent technical skills and industry experience – giving you the ideal head start in your career.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Interested in new technologies and materials
- Strong technical skills
- An eye for design and detail
- Problem-solving abilities
- Can think on your feet
- Keen to work in a fast-paced global industry

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Construction Manager
- Civil Engineer
- Building Services Engineer
- Surveyor
- Quantity Surveyor
- Architect
- Architectural Technician
- Building Technician
- Project Manager
- Site Supervisor

## Make your mark

If you are looking for a career where you can shape the towns, cities and communities of tomorrow, studying Professional Construction is the right choice for you. In the exciting surroundings of the Roundhouse at DCG – itself an inspiring example of urban renewal – you will develop high-level skills in everything from design procedures and CAD to surveying and construction technology, from structural mechanics and highways construction to public health and economics.





## Pioneering partnerships

Our Professional Construction Employment and Skills Academy was the first of its kind in the UK. Launched in collaboration with employers, it will offer you an enhanced programme right from the start of your studies, including expert lectures, company visits, industry mentors, paid summer internships, mock interviews and CV writing advice.

## Valuable contacts

Boasting up-to-date industrial knowledge alongside their academic qualifications, our lecturers have influential links with leading companies locally, regionally and nationally. This network of contacts ensures you can gain genuine industry insights and paves the way to further apprenticeship, job and work experience opportunities.

## Dynamic learning experiences

We add a new dimension to your learning through 'real-world' challenges set by employers, projects in the wider community, and the chance to secure important bursaries. There are regular opportunities to go behind the scenes with major companies and we host an annual Insight Day with employers so that you can ask questions about specific job roles and make more informed career choices.

## Alisha surveys a bright future after work experience success

“College helped to prepare me for what happens at work – without it, I wouldn't be where I am now.”

Trainee quantity surveyor Alisha Jhangeer says that her Level 3 Professional Construction studies provided the ideal platform for joining chartered surveyors Armsons, a key partner in DCG's Employment and Skills Academy.

Alisha was introduced to the company through her College studies and she stood out during a session which involved practice job interviews. She went on to undertake work experience with Armsons before landing her current job there. As part of her training, she is completing the Chartered Surveying (Quantity Surveyor Pathway) degree through Nottingham Trent University.



## Check out our new T Levels

We have led the way in introducing T Levels, the gold standard technical pathways that equip young people with knowledge and practical experience for a skilled profession. Each equivalent to three A-levels, our T Levels in Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction and in Building Services Engineering for Construction (Civils) feature technical knowledge, an extensive industrial placement, and maths, English and digital skills. At Level 2, we even offer a transition programme to smooth your way to a T Level.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will continue to be central to your learning. At Level 2, we can support you to work towards achieving a GCSE grade 9-4 in English or Maths if you have not already achieved them: you will need these qualifications to progress to Level 3. We also boost your digital know-how and help you develop skills like communication, problem-solving and leadership.



## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. We also support apprenticeships for individuals who have already secured a position with an employer. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Set your sights higher

Many of our students progress to university level studies in subjects such as Architecture but you do not even have to leave DCG to get your foot on the higher education ladder. You can choose to study towards our HNC or HND qualifications in subjects such as Construction and the Built Environment, Building Services Engineering and Civil Engineering.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Quantity Surveyor
- Civil Engineer

**Salary range £24k - £80k**

- Estimator
- Architectural Technician

**Salary range £20k - £60k**

- Building Technician

**Salary range £19k - £35k**

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 5)

Keep studying with DCG: you can take your next step towards more senior roles in the industry by choosing one of our HNDs in Building Services Engineering and in Construction and the Built Environment.

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 4)

Keep studying with DCG: we offer HNC programmes in Building Services Engineering, Civil Engineering and Construction and the Built Environment. We also support a full range of Higher Apprenticeships to aid your progression in the workplace.

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)

	LOCATION	YEARS
T Level in Building Services Engineering for Construction (Civils)	RH	2
T Level in Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction	RH	2
Apprenticeship - Building Services Design Technician*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Civil Engineering Technician*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Digital Engineering Technician*	WP	2
Apprenticeship - Surveying Technician*	WP	2

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)

	LOCATION	YEARS
Gateway to T Levels - Professional Construction	RH	1

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# PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Educational roles such as teaching assistant or learning mentor are among the most worthwhile jobs of all. Derby College Group (DCG) supports exciting apprenticeships where you can help other learners to achieve their goals.

## IS THIS YOU?

- A passion for helping learners and apprentices to achieve
- The ability to communicate new ideas
- Strong organisational skills
- Enthusiasm and creativity
- An empathy with children and young people
- Patience, flexibility and a sense of humour

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Teaching Assistant
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Classroom Assistant
- SEN Teaching Assistant
- Behavioural Support Teaching Assistant
- Additional Needs Support Assistant
- Learning Development Coach
- Trainer or Assessor
- HE/FE Learning Mentor

## A truly rewarding future

As a teaching assistant (TA), you will support teachers in the classroom to ensure young people gain maximum benefits from their education. As a learning mentor, you will make a difference by working with students and apprentices of all ages in a broad variety of settings. Whichever route you take, you will have the immense satisfaction of seeing learners develop, progress and overcome challenges.



## Best of both worlds

Apprentices have the advantage of earning while they learn, but the benefits go further still. You will develop wide-ranging skills and personal qualities 'on the job' while gaining a qualification which is recognised worldwide and meets latest professional standards. You can also look forward to a bright future: the majority of apprentices stay in employment and two thirds continue their career with the same employer.

## Becoming an apprentice

To embark on your journey to success, you should secure a contract with an employer first, whether it be a school, further or higher education institution, private sector or voluntary organisation. Derby College Group will then work with your employer to plan a study pathway which matches their expectations and reflects your own career aspirations.

## Build your skills

You will enjoy plenty of variety and creativity in your apprentice role. You will learn how to plan, undertake and evaluate effective learning, development and mentoring activities, providing professional support to teachers and other staff within your organisation. As your skills grow, you could take on extra responsibilities – for instance working independently with groups of children, supporting pupils with special educational needs, or promoting greater engagement for learners in the workplace.

## Your College learning

Apprentices normally attend a weekly learning session at the Roundhouse, our flagship campus which provides leading-edge facilities. The rest of your learning time will be organised on a flexible basis to suit the needs of your employer. Through Derby College Group, there may also be opportunities to gain additional qualifications as part of your apprenticeship, such as a Train the Trainer award.

## New school of thought for Teaching Assistant Hannah

“One of the best things about studying at DCG is the support we get from the Teaching Assistant Team. My teacher is always willing to share her knowledge and give us the help we need to progress.”

When mum-of-two Hannah Smith was looking for a change of career, she first considered teaching. However, put off by the amount of paperwork involved, she instead decided to start studying to become a TA via the College.

Three years on, Hannah is working towards her Certificate for Higher Level Teaching Assistants and is loving every minute of her current role at Etwall Primary School, where she works with reception class through to children in Year 5. She says she also enjoys sharing her work experiences and ideas with other TAs on her programme.





## Support from an expert team

Our approachable and experienced team of staff will inspire you through a blend of classroom-based learning, research, tutorials and lesson observations as you build a portfolio of evidence to showcase your achievements on the apprenticeship. Throughout, we will ensure that you can apply theory to your own practice and reflect on your progress.

## Essential skills for success

Whatever your level of study, skills in maths and English will be central to your learning. You will also enhance your abilities in broader areas like communication and teamwork while developing your confidence and motivation.

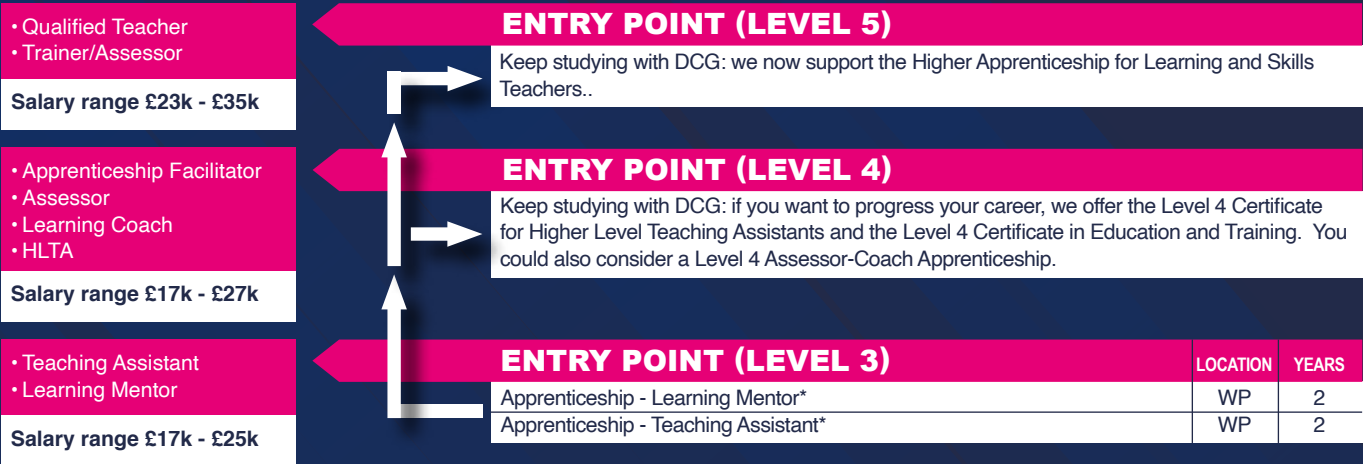
## Choose the right pathway

Our apprenticeship programmes feature different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Your next step

Many of our apprentices go on to secure a permanent position with their employer. There are also clear routes for you to take your career ambitions forward, including the chance to achieve Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) status. You could also consider our Foundation Degrees in Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) or in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# PUBLIC SERVICES

Play a vital part in the drive to build a safer society for us all. Studying with Derby College Group (DCG) will equip you with the skills and knowledge to make a positive difference in a Public Services career, whether you want to work on the frontline or behind the scenes.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Can assess situations and react quickly
- Show initiative and common sense
- Mature, responsible and reliable
- Good fitness levels
- Strong communication skills
- Can remain calm at times of stress

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Probation Officer
- Social Researcher
- Youth Worker
- Police Officer
- Prison Officer
- Fire Service Officer
- Member of the Armed Forces
- Risk and Security Manager
- Emergency Medical Dispatcher
- Court Usher

## Set for a fulfilling future

It goes without saying that careers in the armed forces or with the police, fire, ambulance, security and prison services are seriously worthwhile – and seriously demanding. We can help you build the right combination of practical abilities, theoretical know-how, personal attributes and fitness for challenging jobs where you will need to make rapid, well-informed decisions in what can often be high-pressure situations.

## Stretch yourself

You will enjoy an exciting range of learning experiences, making full use of the extensive grounds at Broomfield Hall. You could find yourself learning how to manage emergencies, gaining navigation skills, discussing the impact of war and crime, or practising security procedures.

## Experience in the community

We offer you the chance to get involved in regular stewarding at local and national festivals as well as sporting events and fundraising activities. We are the official volunteer partner of the Derby Half Marathon, so you could contribute to the logistics planning and marshallng for this popular event. Our students also assist Derby Homes and Derby City Council Street Pride with their city-centre 'deep cleans' and help Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime. Such varied work experience will show off your leadership, customer service and communication skills to potential employers.

## Fascinating projects and trips

There are countless opportunities for you to gain essential industry insights during your studies. In just a few examples, our students have undertaken residentials at Ministry of Defence Training Camps and embarked on riot training and witness statement exercises with the police. One high-profile event was a re-enactment of a road accident as part of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue's Dying to Drive programme which raises awareness among young drivers of potential dangers on the road. Public Services students played the part of crash victims and helped to steward the event.



## Expertise and guidance

You will learn from tutors who have backgrounds in the public and security services and who can introduce you to a superb network of contacts. Your studies will include guest lectures from former students who have advanced to careers such as paramedic or military police officer. You could also take part in mock interviews with the Army, Navy and security firms to prepare for your own ideal job.

## Ready for the challenges and rewards of a career in policing

**“I really enjoyed my further education programme but I didn't think I was bright enough to go on to higher education. My lecturer convinced me that I was up to it and I'm so glad I listened to her.”**

Despite fearing she was never cut out for higher education, Charis Oliver overcame all her misgivings to gain a first class honours degree through DCG – and is now realising her ambitions by joining Leicestershire Police.

Charis progressed from Level 3 studies to a Foundation Degree and then the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management at DCG, winning the Higher Education Prize at our Peak Awards along the way. She is pictured with Grace Costello, solicitor with award sponsors Geldards.





## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning pathway. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them: some of our programmes specifically include GCSE re-sits. There are Microsoft qualifications to improve your digital literacy and you will also enhance your discipline, problem-solving, teamwork and leadership abilities.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in the public services, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

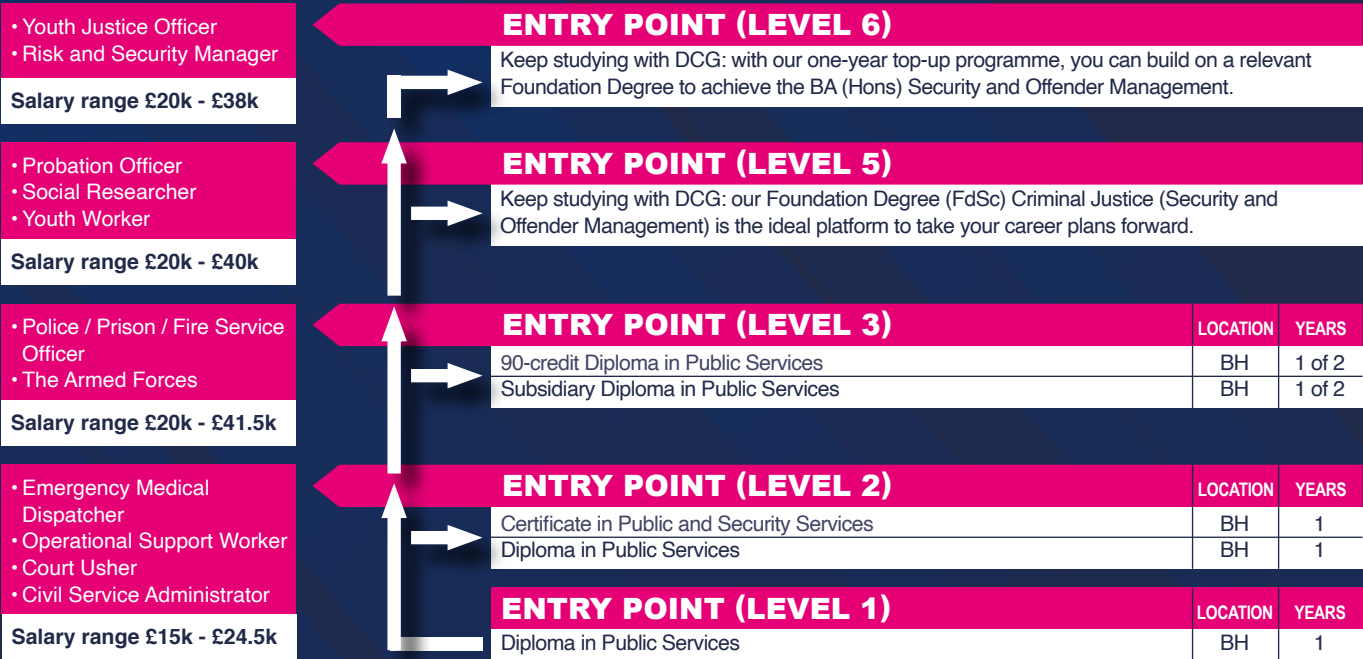


## Your next steps

Many of our Public Services students go straight into training with the uniformed or armed services while others head to university to pursue their ambitions in areas like the law or social work. You do not even have to leave DCG to embark on higher education studies: we offer both the Foundation Degree (FdSc) Criminal Justice (Security and Offender Management) and the BA (Hons) Security and Offender Management (Top Up) to give you a real head start in a career with strong promotion prospects.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# RETAIL (Including Fashion Business and Retail)

The retail sector is changing fast – and Derby College Group (DCG) can help you take your position at the forefront of the industry. We place special emphasis on nurturing your creative flair alongside practical business know-how, providing you with a contemporary skillset to progress within the fashion industry.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Well organised
- Good communicator
- Friendly, helpful and confident
- Enjoy working as part of a team
- An interest in fashion and the latest trends
- Focused on customer service

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Retail Manager
- Visual Merchandiser
- Fashion Buyer
- Fashion Forecaster
- Digital and Social Media Marketer
- Store Designer
- Personal Shopper
- Sales Assistant
- Stock Control Assistant
- E-commerce Manager



## Keep up with the latest trends

We have a particular expertise in creative retail, so you will learn all about marketing, buying, fashion forecasting, brand identity, styling and the latest in e-commerce. You will be well prepared to excel in an industry that is constantly being transformed by technology and customer demands for more engaging shopping experiences.

## Partnerships with top names

You will benefit from our extensive links within the sector – from high street stores to supermarket chains, independent fashion retailers to online traders, charity stores to warehousing operations. It means you will gain wide-ranging knowledge to strengthen your CV as well as the chance to network with industry experts and undertake work experience.

## Get yourself noticed

There are many ways for you to set yourself apart in this ever-changing industry – and we help you make the most of the opportunities. You could find yourself working on live project briefs set by our industry partners, staging fashion roadshows, providing style advice to shoppers or raising money for charity through imaginative retail projects.

## Experiences to take you far

To broaden your perspectives about the industry, you could visit major retail organisations, take part in team building exercises and attend high-profile events like London Fashion Week and Graduate Fashion Week. One group of students even worked alongside their counterparts in Austria, Spain and Cyprus to investigate eco-fashion.



## All the latest resources

You will learn in dedicated studios at the Joseph Wright Centre where you can design fashion retail websites using latest digital media, develop brand identities, create clothing ranges, devise promotional activities and arrange College fashion shows. If you have secured an apprenticeship, you will learn mainly in your own workplace

## Buy into our expertise

Our teaching team has vast experience in the retail sector and will keep you up to date not only with changing trends but also with what retail employers today expect of their workforce in terms of knowledge, skills and standards.

## Hadley wins in style at national festival

“I’ve always been interested in fashion, especially the business side, and the course at DCG was just what I was looking for. College is great and the tutors are so supportive.”

Talented Fashion Business and Retail student Hadley Trueman has already seen his concepts win national acclaim – receiving an award for outstanding work at the Origins Creative Arts Festival, staged at The Truman Brewery in East London.

Hadley was among 150 students from across the country to be selected for the festival. With ambitions to progress to a degree in Buying and Merchandising, he impressed the judges with his original use of Instagram to create a live timeline featuring high-end department store Selfridges.



## Skills employers need

Whether you are a full-time student or an apprentice, you will continue to study maths and English as part of your programme. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to improve your digital literacy and you will also enhance your skills in enterprise, communication and customer service.

## Choose the right pathway

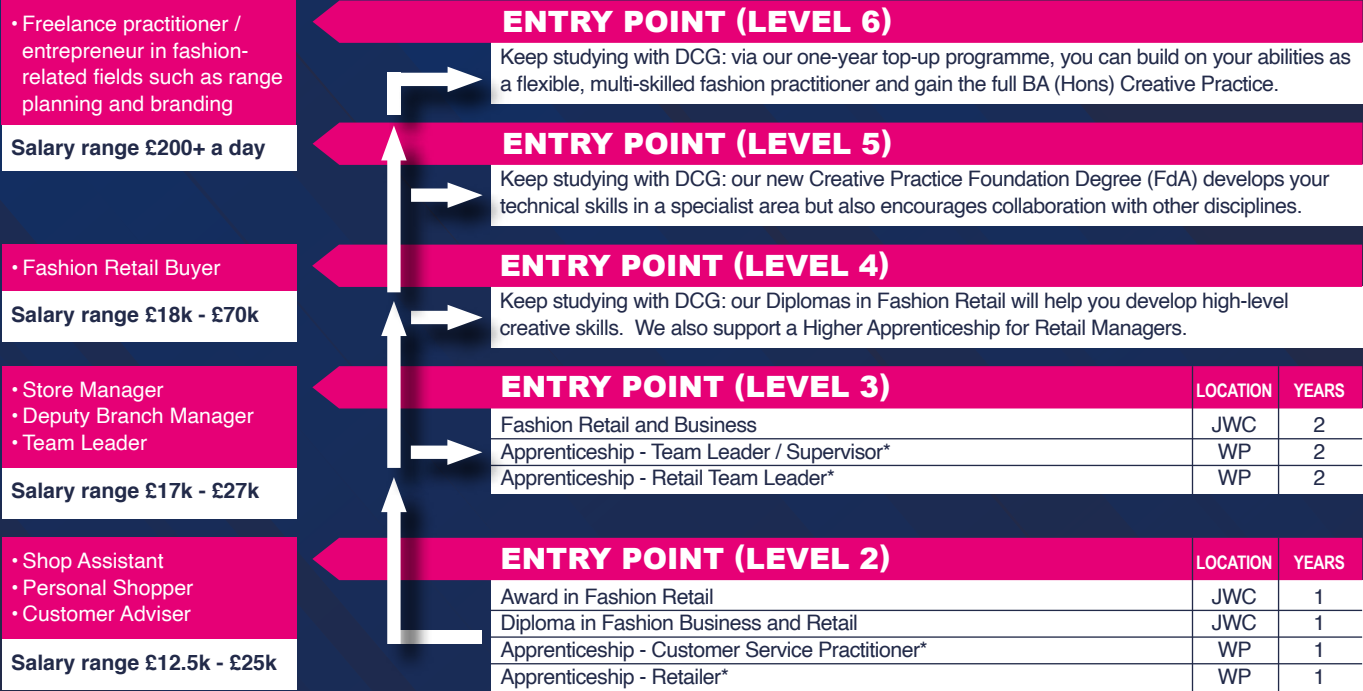
We offer both academic and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the retail sector, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need.

## More qualifications in store

Your studies at DCG could prove to be the ideal platform for a university degree in subjects like Fashion Retail, Marketing and Business Management. You do not even have to leave College to take your ambitions and qualifications to the next level: we now offer Level 4 Diplomas with specialist pathways in Fashion Retail; Garment Technology; Buying and Range Planning; Merchandising; and Visual Display and Branding. You could also consider our new Foundation Degree and BA (Hons) in Creative Practice, validated by the Open University.



# Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



# SCIENCE

Building on its impressive reputation for nurturing the science professionals of tomorrow, Derby College Group (DCG) has broadened its portfolio of study pathways to help you carve out a dynamic career at the cutting edge of investigation, discovery and development.

## IS THIS YOU?

- An enquiring mind
- The ability to think clearly and logically
- A high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Patience, concentration and persistence
- Practical scientific and technical skills
- Strong problem-solving and decision-making skills

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Lab technician
- Forensic scientist
- Biologist
- Research scientist
- Geoscientist
- Psychologist
- Biomedical scientist
- Food scientist
- Radiographer
- Pharmacist
- Nurse

## Futures with endless possibilities

DCG can give you a head start in a broad spectrum of scientific professions which offer huge potential and opportunity. From pioneering medical advances to conducting psychological research, from investigating crime scenes to exploring space technology, from ensuring the safety of our food to undertaking complex analytical processes, the career paths open to skilled scientists are diverse, exciting and rewarding.

## Building a broad knowledge base

Our portfolio of Applied Science and T Level options has been designed to give you a solid grounding in core science disciplines, with a strong emphasis on the practical investigations and analytical skills you will encounter in real-world scenarios. Ideal if you would like to keep your career options open at this stage, they will boost your versatility and help you come to more informed decisions about your future studies and career direction.

## Well prepared for the workplace

Whichever programme you choose, we will equip you to translate your scientific knowledge directly to workplace settings, ensuring you are 'employment-ready' when you complete your studies. Your learning will include key insights into working in the science industry and the development of transferable employability skills so that you can hit the ground running in your first role.



## Applied Science at Levels 2 and 3

We offer Applied Science programmes at different levels to suit the needs of individual students. The one-year Level 2 First Extended Certificate is aimed at those who might not have achieved the appropriate science grades at GCSE but are keen to advance to a vocational programme at Level 3 or to enter roles such as science technician. Students will take exciting units including Science in Medicine and Exploring our Universe. Meanwhile, the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science is a two-year programme equivalent to three A-levels. It enables you to build a substantial core of knowledge including scientific practical techniques, perceptions of science and using mathematical tools in science. The Extended Diploma features a mix of internal assessment and examination. Unlike with A-levels, the external exams take place throughout the programme rather than at the end and there are opportunities to resit.

## Check out our new T Level

A high-quality technical alternative to A-levels, our new T Level in Science combines classroom theory, practical learning and a significant industry placement. You will cover the essentials such as good scientific and clinical practice, working within the science sector, safety and environmental regulations, and managing information and data. There are then occupational specialisms in laboratory sciences and food sciences. Your core knowledge and skills will be assessed through an examination and a practical employer-set project and your final T Level qualification will be equivalent to three A-levels. If you do not have the grades to embark on the T Level straight away, you can always consider our Transitions programme as a stepping stone.

## A rich learning experience

You will be taught in our high-specification, well-equipped laboratories at the Joseph Wright Centre and supported by an enthusiastic teaching team with a wealth of academic and professional experience in many specialist science areas. There are significant opportunities for fieldwork, while guest speakers will share their insights and knowledge with you too.





## Skills to take you far

Our tuition in science research methods and data handling will help you become a high-calibre independent learner with a questioning mind. Alongside your technical scientific knowledge, you will build analytical, problem-solving and communication skills which are invaluable in many different professions and highly sought after by employers. Maths, English and general digital skills are integrated throughout – all in the context of scientific job roles.

## A fast track to higher education

While offering vocational, work-related routes, our programmes in Science also provide the ideal platform for university if you decide you would like to take your learning to the next level – now or in the future. By successfully completing your studies at Level 3, you will be awarded UCAS tariff points in line with three A-levels.

## Prize-winner John aims higher with engineering apprenticeship

Attaining the highest overall grade of Triple Distinction Star on our Extended Diploma in Applied Science helped John Hitchcock secure a Higher Apprenticeship with Applied Inspection Ltd.

Now specialising as a Non-Destructive Testing Engineer with the firm, John returned to DCG to receive the subject prize at our latest Joseph Wright Celebration Evening. He was praised by tutors as a “committed and conscientious student” whose assignments were always submitted on time and to a significantly high standard.

In addition to achieving impressive academic grades, John found the time to serve as the Applied Science course representative, canvassing and conveying the views of his fellow students to help improve their learning experience.



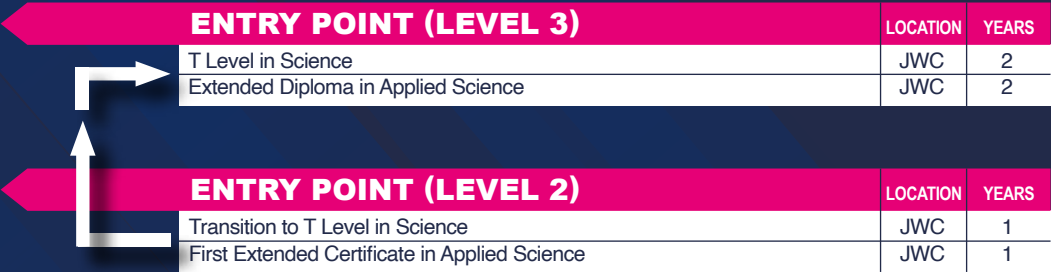
# Potential Entry Points and Progression Routes

- Environmental Scientist
- Food Technologist
- Biochemist

Salary range £20k - £48k

- Science Technician
- Quality Control Technician
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Research Laboratory Technician

Salary range £15k - £26k



Interested in a more academic route to success in the science arena?  
We also offer A-levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics: find out more on pages 28-49



# SPORT

Get ahead of the game with Derby College Group (DCG). Choose one of our acclaimed study pathways – and make the most of our superb facilities, influential industry links and staff expertise. It is the ideal way to turn your passion for sport into an action-packed career.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Enthusiasm for sport
- Physical fitness and stamina
- Determination and commitment
- The ability to motivate others
- Good communication skills
- An exceptional talent in your sport (if you want to compete professionally)

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Sports Coach
- Sports Development Co-ordinator
- Sports Massage Therapist
- Sports Centre Manager
- Activity Co-ordinator
- Personal Trainer
- Fitness Instructor
- Leisure Assistant
- Sports Psychologist
- Strength and Conditioning Coach

## Set the pace for success

Do you dream of coaching the sports stars of tomorrow, officiating at major sports events, running a sports centre, leading outdoor activities, encouraging people to follow healthier lifestyles, or taking your own sporting prowess to the next level? Then let the team at Derby College Group help you reach your personal best.



## Karam breaks into the big time

“ College helped me go from amateur to ‘professional’. I’ve got a star in Derby now, too – it’s crazy! People like Florence Nightingale and Lara Croft – and me! ”

Brilliant breakdancer Karam Singh has taken his career to world-class level after completing a Diploma and Foundation Degree in coaching. With a string of trophies to his name, he travels internationally for competitions and has his own star on Derby’s Walk of Fame. As breakdancing is set to be introduced at the Paris 2024 Olympics, Karam hopes to be called up by Team GB.

At Broomfield Hall, he learned all about the principles of training elite athletes – and was able to apply them to himself. He is now taking an honours degree in Sports Coaching and Development.



### Achieve more in an academy

Talented athletes can join one of our specialist Academies to combine their study programme with their training, coaching and competing commitments. It means you can fulfil your sporting potential while gaining valuable qualifications to support your future career. These opportunities have been made possible through our collaborations with the likes of Derby Trailblazers Basketball, Performance Golf, the HUUB Ribble Performance Cycling Squad and AoC Sport Football.

### Teamwork counts

We have also partnered with leading employers from the sporting world – such as Cricket Derbyshire and Soccerstars UK – to help you improve your career prospects through work experience and special projects. The latest Employer Academy established is with Places Leisure, which runs leisure centres on behalf of Amber Valley Borough Council.

### Extra qualifications to set you apart

Many of our study pathways give you the chance to achieve additional awards in areas such as community sports leadership or fitness instruction, bringing an extra dimension to your CV. We have, for instance, forged a partnership with Sports Leaders Qualifications so that you can follow their Leadership Skills Programme and build important life skills like effective communication and organisation.

### Impressive facilities

You can boost your own sporting performance in our up-to-date facilities. Our Broomfield Hall sports centre features a fitness gym, multi-use courts and exterior climbing wall alongside a range of outdoor pitches. The wider Broomfield estate provides plenty of potential for outdoor exercise too. If, however, you have secured an apprenticeship, most of your learning will centre on your employer’s workplace.



## An endless variety of experiences

You could enjoy masterclasses with leading sport figures, event stewarding and community projects. Our students have completed fitness training with the Royal Marines; worked with children's soccer projects; undertaken placements in gyms, medical centres and schools in Holland; and volunteered on sports development initiatives in countries such as Kenya.

## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, and whether you have joined a full-time DCG programme or an apprenticeship, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you have not already achieved them: your programme could even include GCSE re-sits. We offer Microsoft qualifications to improve your digital literacy and you will also boost your skills in business, communication and leadership.



## Choose the right pathway

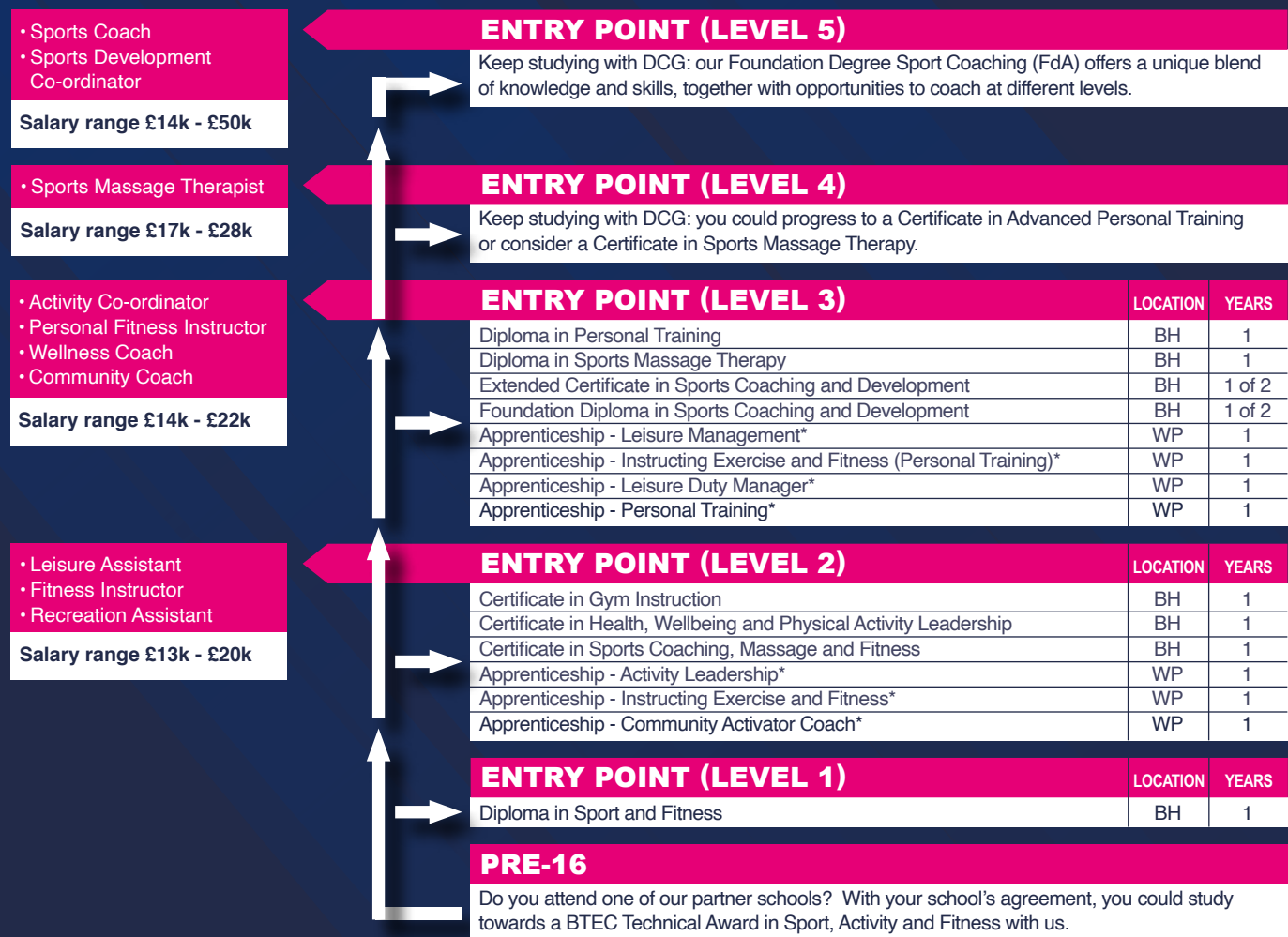
We offer academic, technical and apprenticeship pathways for your journey to success in the world of sport, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## Is higher education your goal?

Many of our students decide to progress to university to study subjects such as Sports Science, Sports Therapy, Sports Management and Health and Fitness. Some have even secured coveted scholarships to combine studying and playing sport in the USA. You do not even have to leave DCG to take your academic ambitions forward: we offer a two-year Foundation Degree Sport Coaching (FdA), preparing you for careers where you can foster athlete potential at all levels of sports participation.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries



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# TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Let Derby College Group (DCG) be your guide as you embark on your career journey into the exciting world of travel and tourism. Supported by leading employers, our study pathways will broaden your horizons and help you go far in an industry which is constantly charting new territory.

## IS THIS YOU?

- Excellent people and customer service skills
- Interested in travel
- Capable of working as part of a team
- Understanding and tactful approach
- Confident and friendly manner
- IT know-how

## CAREER OPTIONS

- Travel Agent
- Air Cabin Crew
- Airline Customer Service Assistant
- Cruise Ship Steward
- Tour Manager
- Holiday Rep
- Hotel Manager
- Event and Conference Manager
- Tourist Information Officer
- Ticketing Agent

## Map out your future

There can be few more rewarding jobs than turning holiday dreams into reality. We will equip you for some of the most popular career destinations of all – from delivering excellent customer service as cabin crew to marketing memorable package tours, from entertaining holiday-makers to providing tourist information, from managing high-profile events to stewarding on cruise ships.



# Links with Capita are just the job for high-flying students

Nine students have gone on to secure jobs with Capita Travel and Events since DCG launched its forward-thinking Employer Academy with the company.



Aimed at raising the profile of careers in the business travel industry, the Academy has created a pipeline of talent for the company over the past four years.

Capita holds information days, sets special projects and offers industrial

placements for Level 3 Tourism and Travel students. They are then invited to the company's assessment days, with the chance to apply for full-time jobs.

The latest recruits, pictured with Capita Head of Talent Gareth Gilleeney, have taken up roles such as conference

consultant and business travel consultant. Molly Taberner (*pictured right*) said: "I am so pleased I opted for Travel and Tourism at DCG. The focus was always on career opportunities and the attitudes that we needed for the workplace so I felt well prepared."

## Your passport to the industry

Our industry-experienced staff have wide-ranging contacts within the travel and tourism sector. We have teamed up with organisations such as Capita Travel and Events, Bespoke Inns, Derby Museums, the Finesse Collection and Jurys Inn to launch specialist Employer Academies that help you make a smooth transition from education to employment. We also have a formal partnership with East Midlands Airport so that you can benefit from behind-the-scenes visits and guest lectures.



## Work experience counts

Your studies will feature opportunities to put your learning into practice through work-related experience, including placements with leading travel and tourism employers such as TUI. You could even head overseas: we are one of the few UK colleges to offer a programme featuring a six-month paid internship with Eurocamp in France.

## Fascinating opportunities

You can practise your skills in our mock aircraft cabin interior and with our check-in desk and security scanner. You could also find yourself taking fieldtrips to airports, cabin crew training centres, visitor attractions and hospitality venues. One recent outing saw students gain a preview of Derby's new Museum of Making. There are team building days and guest lectures led by organisations like BA, Premier Inn, Butlins and the Heathrow Met Office too.

## Centre of attraction

You will be studying in a venue which is a visitor attraction in its own right. With its strong architectural and railway heritage, the Roundhouse hosts regular public tours. You could also get involved with the many corporate events taking place in this iconic venue.

## Build a great CV

The varied learning experiences you enjoy with DCG will impress potential employers. Our students have taken part in cabin crew emergency training at Heathrow and exercises with East Midlands Airport Fire Services. They have also helped organise major international tourism conferences and the launch of a new Derby Museums gallery.



## Skills employers need

Whatever your level of study, maths and English will be central to your learning. We support you to work towards GCSE grades 9-4 in these vital subjects if you haven't already achieved them. We offer Microsoft qualifications to boost your digital literacy and you will also enhance your skills in enterprise, communication, leadership and customer service.

## Choose the right pathway

We offer academic and technical pathways for your journey to success in travel and tourism, along with different entry points depending on your existing qualifications, skills and experience. Find out about these pathways – and what each study programme entails – on pages 14-15. Then visit our website or join a virtual open day for further details. Our friendly staff can provide all the advice and guidance you need to ensure you make the right choice.

## On the runway to university

Your DCG qualification could become a springboard to higher education opportunities, with new degrees being introduced all the time in diverse subjects like Adventure Tourism, Resort Management and Cruise Industry Management.



## Potential Entry Points, Careers and Salaries

- Rail Travel Assistant
- Travel Consultant
- Aircraft Marshall
- Hotel Assistant

**Salary range £19k - £29.5k**

- Travel Agent
- Cabin Crew
- Travel Administrator

**Salary range £13.5k - £18k**

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### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 3)

	LOCATION	YEARS
Advanced BTEC National Certificate in Travel and Tourism with Eurocamp	RH	2
Advanced Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism and Events Planning	RH	1
Subsidiary Diploma in Aviation Operations in Partnership with East Midlands Airport	RH	1

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 2)

	LOCATION	YEARS
Certificate in Cabin Crew	RH	1
Certificate in Travel and Tourism	RH	1
Diploma in Cabin Crew	RH	1
Diploma in Travel and Tourism	RH	1

### ENTRY POINT (LEVEL 1)

	LOCATION	YEARS
Certificate in Travel and Tourism	RH	1

### PRE-16

Do you attend one of our partner schools? With your school's agreement, you could take a BTEC First Award in Travel and Tourism via DCG.



# YOUR COLLEGE LIFE

Make the most of your time studying with us

## Fees

Studying with Derby College Group is a great investment in your future – and the majority of our students aged under 19 do not need to pay fees. In summary:

- Full-time programmes are free to students who meet a three-year residency requirement and who are aged under 19 on the 31st August in the year in which their study programme begins.
- UK students aged 19 or over may need to pay tuition fees plus any relevant registration and exam fees.
- UK students aged 19 or over and studying on a programme at Level 3 or higher may be eligible for the Advanced Learner Loan.



## Financial support

We are committed to helping you overcome any financial barriers which might prevent you from making the most of your educational opportunities.

If money troubles do start to affect your studies with Derby College Group, you could receive additional financial support with study-related costs such as equipment, trips and travel.

There are various options available:

- If you are aged 16 to 18, we offer two different bursaries which could help – the Discretionary Bursary and the Vulnerable Bursary.
- If you are aged 19 and over, we offer a Student Support Fund.
- If you are a young parent, you may be able to apply to the Care to Learn Scheme to help with your childcare costs while you are studying.
- If you are considering a career in the Army, you might be interested in the Army Further Education Bursary Scheme (FEBS).

**Find out more:**

**[www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/fees-financial-assistance](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/student-support/fees-financial-assistance)**

**Call: 0800 028 028**



## Advanced learner loans

If you are aged 19 or over and considering an academic, vocational, technical or professional qualification at Level 3 and above, you could qualify for the Advanced Learner Loan to help with tuition fees. Working in a similar way to the higher education student loan, it is easy to apply for, your household income and employment status are not taken into account and there are no credit checks. You will not have to pay anything back until you earn over £26,575 per year.

**Find out more:**

**[www.derby-college.ac.uk/advanced-learner-loans](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/advanced-learner-loans)**

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# YOUR COLLEGE LIFE

## Little Explorers

This unique forest school nursery, focused on the outdoor learning environment, is set in the picturesque grounds of historic Broomfield Hall and provides excellent care for children, along with clubs for older children in the school holidays. In 2016 the nursery received an 'outstanding' rating from Ofsted.

### Find out more:

[www.derby-college.ac.uk/little-explorers](http://www.derby-college.ac.uk/little-explorers)

Call: 01332 836620

[facebook.com/LittleForestExplorers](https://facebook.com/LittleForestExplorers)

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## Derby College Students' Union

Derby College Students' Union (DCSU) helps improve your College experience and champions the learner voice. Among its unrivalled services, DCSU:

- Listens to ideas from students about potential events and activities they wish to attend
- Offers a range of trips to places such as Alton Towers, Drayton Manor and Amsterdam
- Engages in charity work with which students can get involved
- Provides the new TOTUM Card, powered by NUS extra, which can be bought directly from the DCSU offices, or online at [totum.com](http://totum.com), allowing access to thousands of discounts nationwide, both online and in-store
- Offers easily accessible volunteering and work experience opportunities to students who wish to improve their CVs
- Provides a 'safe place' for students to access advice
- Receives and acts on feedback about how to ensure students have a positive College experience
- Offers affordable stationery, art and IT materials which are available to buy at each office

### Find out more:

[www.dcsu.co.uk](http://www.dcsu.co.uk) or

[www.facebook.com/DerbyCollegeSU](https://www.facebook.com/DerbyCollegeSU)

Email: [info@dcsu.co.uk](mailto:info@dcsu.co.uk)



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# **VIRTUAL OPEN DAYS 2020-2021**

## **THE ROUNDHOUSE**

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm

## **THE JOSEPH WRIGHT CENTRE**

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm

## **BROOMFIELD HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021** 5pm - 7pm

## **THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ILKESTON**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021** 5pm - 7pm

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021** 5pm - 7pm



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