



THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

2016–2017

@southstaffs...We speak your language



HELL 🤗!

WELCOME TO @SOUTHSTAFFS

Is leaving school and taking your next steps making you feel #totesemosh? Confused about what's right for you or baffled by the options? Don't sweat it. We're here to shed some light and offer some straight talking, honest advice. You see @southstaffs... we speak your language.

From Apprenticeships to Diplomas, A Levels to Traineeships, we offer a huge range of courses, that are all designed to help you develop the skills you need for the career you dream of. From Animal Care to Art, Horticulture to Hairdressing and Motor Vehicle to Music...

Whatever your ambitions, whatever your dreams, we're on fleek.

BTW - you can even sign up online in just 25 seconds @ southstaffs.ac.uk



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THE A-Z

@SOUTHSTAFFS AT A GLANCE...

Aa



Apprenticeships

The perfect way to keep learning, start earning and kick-start your career

Check out page 48

Bb



Business

We work with a huge range of businesses to bring you new experiences and broaden your horizons

Cc



Choice

With hundreds of courses, a huge range of subjects and 5 campuses, you're spoilt for choice

Dd



Development

Our tutors are industry experts, so have got what it takes to help you achieve your ambitions

Ii



Investment

We've invested £millions into our state-of-the-art campuses, facilities and equipment and you can access the lot!

Jj



Journey

From the moment you apply, until the moment you leave, we're with you all the way

Check out page 10

Kk



Kick-Start

We've got everything you need to help launch a career in the industry you love

Ll



Life

@southstaffs, life doesn't begin and end in the classroom. We've got a whole range of fun activities that you'll love - Check out page 12

Qq



Quality

5 star facilities, expert teachers and so much more, it's all top notch, giving you a quality experience

Rr



Rural Enterprise Academy

Want to combine A Levels with a landbased course? Look no further! See page 45

Ss



Success

Our students do well! Many of our courses have a success rate of 90% or more!

Tt



Traineeships

Want to develop the skills you need to start an Apprenticeship? Look no further than Traineeships! See page 48

Ww



Wifi

Want to send a tweet or catch up with friends on Facebook? All of our campuses have free wifi

Xx



XOXO

Ok, so we've cheated here... but with thousands of new learners every year, you're sure to make new friends!

Yy



Yard

Our equine yard is one of the best in the country. Prefer jodhpurs to jeggings? Saddle up!

Zz



Zoo

Yep, that's right, we've got a zoo on-site. With over 1,000 animals, what better place to study!



Ee



Employability

We'll make sure you're ready for the world of work and get the skills you need for that dream job

Ff



Facilities

With a 4D interactive space, digital labs and so much more, our facilities are out of this world! [Check out page 8](#)

Gg



Google Apps

Hook up, collaborate and more in the single click of a button - you'll have access to the latest innovations for education

Hh



Higher Education

We also offer a range of university level courses, so we've got your next steps covered too

Mm



Mentoring

When it comes to support, we've got it covered - mentoring, careers guidance and more - [See page 10](#)

Nn



New (for 2016!)

New courses, new facilities and a brand new AgriSTEM Academy, all adds up to a new you

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Opportunity

From study trips and competitions, to visits from famous faces...opportunity knocks

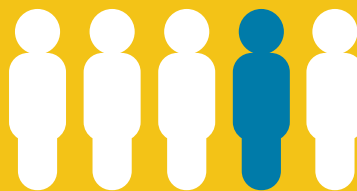
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Progression

Thinking about life after SSC? Want advice? Our progression advisers are here to help [Check out page 10](#)

Uu



@southstaffs, everything we do centres on giving you the best experiences and helping you develop the skills you need to make your mark on the world...

The only thing missing...is U.

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Vv



Variety

From Motor Vehicle, IT and Construction, to Sport, Art and Equine, the possibilities are endless

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CAMPUSES

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Lichfield Campus

Home to our creative courses, Lichfield is a great venue for those who enjoy festivals, exhibitions, music events, theatrical productions...(you get the gist). The campus boasts photography studios, an art gallery, music production studios, video production suites and bags more.



Rodbaston Campus

Ideal for the wild-at-heart, Rodbaston campus is located in 180 hectares of stunning rural Staffordshire. With an on-site zoo, farm, equestrian centre, ornamental gardens and as of 2016, the state-of-the-art AgriSTEM Academy, it's the perfect location for those of you who want to 'dig-in' to a career in the landbased sector.

Turn over to find out more
about our campus facilities





Tamworth/Torc Campuses

Packed to the rafters with professional training facilities including commercial hair and beauty salons and restaurant, motor vehicle workshops, 3D printers, a Technology Centre and the state-of-the-art Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (AME) Hub, the multi-million pound Tamworth campus and cutting edge Torc campus are the perfect places to develop the practical, professional skills that employers demand!



Cannock Campus

Jam packed with some of the most cutting-edge technology of our time, the recently refurbished, £6 million Cannock campus is truly awe-inspiring. From digital collaboration labs to an interactive bounce pads, mac suites to an innovative 4D immersive learning space, what better place to further your education.

TRANSPORT

All of our campuses are easy to get to using public transport, but don't forget, we also have our own College transport system too.

With buses running from across the region, chances are, we'll pick you up just moments from your door and drop you back again when you've finished for the day. How's that for service.



What are you waiting for?

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FACILITIES

@SOUTHSTAFFS AT A GLANCE...

With more state-of-the-art facilities than you can shake a (selfie) stick at, there's no better place to study than @ southstaffs... **obvs.**

#quadbikes

ANIMAL INSTINCTS?

We've got a farm, equine centre, veterinary centre, commercial fishery and zoo (which is home to over 1,000 animals) on-site at Rodbaston campus



Want a career in the construction, electrical, motor vehicle or engineering industries? Check out our mind-blowing AME Hub, at southstaffs.ac.uk/about-us/tamworth-campus/ **#3Dprinters** **#mechatronicslab**

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRES

We've reinvented the learning resource centre! All of ours are packed with hundreds of new chromebase devices which means you'll enjoy split-second access to the internet (and all of your apps and docs).



#artgallery



WAMedu
WAMedu - Big social media fan?

From day 1, you'll have access to your own private WAMedu network, where you can chat with friends or talk to your tutors.

IMMERSE YOURSELF

in our interactive 4D learning space!



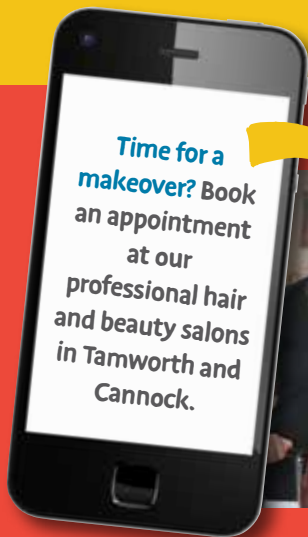
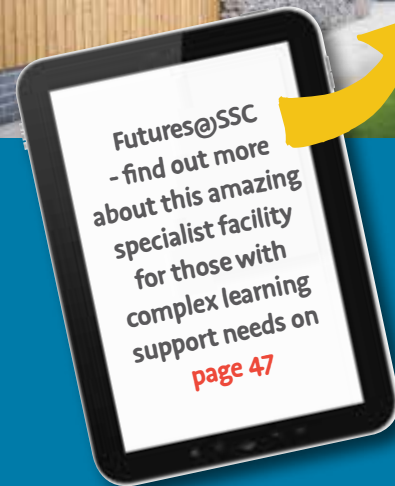
It's **#blatesamazing**



TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS...

Mac suites, digital collaboration labs, interactive bounce pads, free wifi, Google Apps for Education and much more, we've got everything you need to stay connected!

#gym



THIRSTY?

We've got Costa Coffee Shops on site at Rodbaston and Cannock and cafés at Tamworth and Lichfield too!



CHILDCARE...

Need help with childcare while you study? We've got 3 commercial 'Little Learners' nurseries in Tamworth and Cannock too! See **page 10** to find out more!



WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY!

STUDENT SUPPORT...

We want you to achieve your full potential and we're behind you all the way! With some of the best student support facilities around, here's how we can help...



Get in the (Learning Support) Zone

All of our campuses have their own 'Learning Support Zones', where you'll find expert staff who are dedicated to supporting your learning. From developing your study skills and revision techniques to perfecting your presentation skills and coursework, there's no task too big or too small! We'll also support you with English and Maths too!

Need specialist support? No problem. From note-takers to exam arrangements, specialist equipment and software, we've got it covered.



Money Matters

Wondering about the cost of College? From transport and meals to essential kit and childcare, we offer bursaries for those aged 16-19. Available to people who have a household income of less than £30,000 per year, our team of experts are on hand to help you find out if you're eligible and apply. Contact Learner Services Team on enquiries@southstaffs.ac.uk to find out more.

Over 19? Financial help may be at hand to help you with tuition fees and childcare costs!



Mentoring

We have a campus mentor at each of our campuses, all of whom are available to support you with a whole range of personal, social and emotional issues. They have an outstanding record of helping people as they start College life; they will even work with you before you start in September through our school transition programme.

To find out more please contact transition@southstaffs.ac.uk

DID YOU KNOW

You'll also have regular one-to-one meetings with your course tutor to help ensure you reach your potential. #sweet





DID YOU KNOW

If you're under the age of 20 'Care to Learn' could pay up to £160 per child, per week, towards your childcare and travel costs!



Careers Guidance and Progression Team

College is a springboard to a successful future. Whether you want to find a job, start or an Apprenticeship or go to university when you leave us, we'll help you get there. From building a mindblowing CV, writing an amazing UCAS application or developing impressive interview techniques, our careers guidance and progression team are here to help. They can even advise on the best next steps for you.



Little Learners

Childcare

Need help with childcare? We've got that covered too. Our 'Little Learners' Nurseries in Tamworth and Cannock have been rated 'Good' by Ofsted and offer care for children aged 0-5. Run by caring, experienced staff, we provide excellent care for the children of students, staff and the public. Our nurseries have proved so popular, that we've recently opened yet another 'Little Learners' in Amington, Tamworth! For more information or to book a place for your child, please contact our Nursery Manager at kelly.ogrady@southstaffs.ac.uk



DID YOU KNOW

Every year, we run dedicated Employability and Progression Weeks to help you to focus on the future and develop top notch skills! #tekkers

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FUN STUFF!

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BANTZ...

Life @southstaffs doesn't begin and end in the classroom. Whether it's raising money for charities such as the Teenage Cancer Trust, enjoying fun days out at places like Drayton Manor, competing in Xbox competitions or shopping till you drop with your NUS Extra card in London, you'll enjoy an action packed schedule!

Be a sport!

From paintballing and dodgeball to stadium visits and team tournaments, we run a great range of sporting activities and events throughout the year!

NUS Extra Card!

As a student, you'll be entitled to hundreds of discounts with an NUS Extra Card! So whether you love ASOS or Amazon, Pizza Express or Apple, you can save, save, save!

#ROFL



#totesmosh



#LOL



#craycray

YOUR COLLEGE NEEDS YOU...

BECOME A STUDENT AMBASSADOR OR COURSE REP...

As a Student Ambassador, you'll have the chance to help promote College life to prospective new students at our open events, VIP events and through a range of marketing campaigns! Want to be a Course Rep? You'll be the voice of your fellow students and influence life @southstaffs.

A great way to develop new skills, enhance your CV and meet new people, you don't need to have any experience to apply, but naturally, bags of enthusiasm is a must!



OPEN EVENTS 2015-2016

Want to check out our campuses for yourself, meet our expert tutors or get a taste of life @southstaffs? **Visit our Open Events:**

November 2015

Mon 23 November 2015	Cannock – The Green	6pm – 8pm
Mon 23 November 2015	Torc	6pm – 8pm
Wed 25 November 2015	Tamworth	6pm – 8pm
Thur 26 November 2015	Lichfield	6pm – 8pm
Sat 28 November 2015	Rodbaston	10am – 1pm

January 2016

Mon 25 January 2016	Cannock – The Green	6pm – 8pm
Mon 25 January 2016	Torc	6pm – 8pm
Wed 27 January 2016	Tamworth	6pm – 8pm
Thur 28 January 2016	Lichfield	6pm – 8pm
Sat 30 January 2016	Rodbaston	10am – 1pm

March 2016

Mon 7 March 2016	Cannock – The Green	6pm – 8pm
Mon 7 March 2016	Torc	6pm – 8pm
Wed 9 March 2016	Tamworth	6pm – 8pm
Thur 10 March 2016	Lichfield	6pm – 8pm
Sat 12 March 2016	Rodbaston	10am – 1pm

June 2016

Mon 20 June 2016	Cannock – The Green	6pm – 8pm
Mon 20 June 2016	Torc	6pm – 8pm
Wed 22 June 2016	Tamworth	6pm – 8pm
Thur 23 June 2016	Lichfield	6pm – 8pm
Sat 25 June 2016	Rodbaston	10am – 1pm



You can pre-register online at www.southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days or just drop in, on the day.

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NEW FOR 2016

THE AGRISTEM ACADEMY...

#drumrollplease

Calling all aspiring rural and engineering entrepreneurs...we're delighted to announce the arrival of the new multi-million pound #AgriSTEM Academy!

Opening in September 2016, you could be one of the first learners through the doors of this amazing new facility which will be home to some of the most incredible, technologically advanced, 21st century learning facilities and opportunities in the Country! Pretty cool huh!

WHAT'S HOT

Want to know what brand spanking new facilities are on offer at #AgriSTEM? Here's a taster...

#innovative



An AME (Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering) Hub



Agricultural Engineering Workshops



Automotive/Hybrid Engineering Workshops



An AgriTech Precision Farming Simulation Lab



An Advanced Mechatronics Lab



Agricultural and Construction Vehicle Simulators



State-of-the-art CAD/CAM Teaching Spaces



Multi-occupation Construction Areas



Renewable Energies Workshops



Gas and Hot Water Assessment Areas

Plus tons of inspiring, digitally enabled learning, independent study and collaboration spaces!

DID YOU KNOW

AgriSTEM stands for Agriculture, Science, Technology and Engineering!



FACTFILE...

Based at the heart of the College's stunning 180 hectare Rodbaston Estate, the AgriSTEM Academy will...

- See a multi-million pound refurbishment to the former Granary buildings plus extensive new buildings to provide mind-blowing learning spaces.
- Provide cutting-edge learning facilities that will have a huge impact on the scale and quality of industry relevant training for the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering (AME) and the Agricultural Engineering & Technology (AgriTech) sectors.

#advanced

DID YOU KNOW

One of a kind, the AgriSTEM Academy will give you access to exceptional learning facilities and practical training that is unavailable anywhere else in Staffordshire, (so there's nowhere quite like it for developing the skills that employers demand!)

Demand for places is growing fast - so sign up now to secure your place!



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LANDBASED TECHNOLOGY

AT THE AGRISTEM ACADEMY...

The landbased engineering industry is worth an estimated £4 billion per year - and it's growing! There is a huge demand for skilled workers and whether you dream of working in precision farming or agricultural technology and machinery we've got everything you need to make the grade!



DID YOU KNOW

#inspiring

The #AgriSTEM Academy will be home to the College's second AME (Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering) Hub - the first of which is in Tamworth.

To keep up to date with the latest developments at the AgriSTEM Academy, follow us on social media:



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or visit www.southstaffs.ac.uk/agristem

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Landbased Technology highlights...



Get your hands dirty? Learn how to maintain and repair a wide range of agricultural and industrial machinery.



Interested in the environment? You'll also cover conservation, sustainability and much more!



Are you an innovator? Learn everything there is to know about designing, testing and developing specialist equipment.

WHAT'S HOT

What's hot? What's not! You'll be one of the first to study in the AgriSTEM Academy.

You'll have the chance to gain additional qualifications including NPOTC Tractor driving and Health and Safety.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Landbased Technology - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Landbased Technology - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Landbased Engineering - Level 2

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Landbased Engineering - Level 3

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? [See page 48](#)

LET'S GO!

Find out more about Landbased Technology
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AGRICULTURE

BE THE CREAM OF THE CROP

Do you want to become part of an industry that is key to the production of food, preservation of the countryside and the growth of the rural economy?

Farming is an incredibly diverse industry and highly trained professionals are in demand. Our agriculture courses will give you the real-life practical skills you need for a successful career in farming. You'll even work with our very own Farmer Giles, (seriously! That's his name!).

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Landbased Studies - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Agriculture - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Agriculture - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs, full time, work based learning

Agricultural Engineering - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Agriculture - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Agriculture - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Agricultural Engineering - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture (work based farming) - Level 3

1.5 - 2 yrs, full time, work based learning

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Agriculture highlights...



You'll study crop production, livestock husbandry and agricultural machinery.



You'll also learn business enterprise and science based skills.



You can also complete additional, CV enhancing qualifications including NPTC tractor driving and many more!

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“ Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



WHAT'S HOT

Show our award winning pedigree Hereford Cattle at prestigious industry events.

You'll play a key part in the working farm at Rodbaston during our very busy lambing and calving seasons.

As a Level 3 student, you'll have the opportunity to compete in the annual Severn Trent Great Farm Challenge competition. (We're reigning champions!)



DID YOU KNOW

If you study agriculture with us, you'll be one of the first to learn in the amazing, new, state-of-the-art AgriSTEM Academy!

Check it out on page 14 or sign up online in 25 seconds!

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ANIMAL CARE

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

With a pet population that stands at a staggering 21 million,
The UK is renowned for being a nation of animal lovers.

From domestic and large animal collections, to exotic animals and endangered species, we're home to some of the most amazing creatures on the planet. Our love of all creatures great and small has led to the development of a multi-million pound industry where skilled workers are in demand.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Animal Care highlights...



As well as basic animal care, you'll gain hands-on experience in specialist areas such as animal behaviour, and animal science.



You'll learn about animal welfare and breed development, nutrition, anatomy and physiology.



Learn how to manage animal accommodation and wildlife populations!

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? See page 48

WHAT'S HOT

“ We offer **Traineeships** in Animal Care and Agriculture! See page 49 to find out more! ”



You'll have unlimited access to The Animal Zone, at the Rodbaston campus, which is home to over 1,000 animals from meerkats to monkeys, rabbits to reptiles!

Our Level 3 learners enjoy a range of study tours and trips to places such as Crufts and Chester Zoo. This year, they even went to Holland!

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

'Routes to' Animal Care

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Landbased Studies (Animal Care) - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Animal Care - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Animal Care - Level 2

15 - 18 months - full time, work based learning

Animal Management - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Animal Management - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

DID YOU KNOW

As well as our on-site 'Animal Zone', you'll also have access to an on-site working farm and Equestrian centre to help you gain experience with a huge range of animals.

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VETERINARY CARE

FOLLOW YOUR ANIMAL INSTINCT...

Do you want to work alongside Veterinary Surgeons to provide care and treatment for our much loved animals? Does the idea of nursing animals back to health sound like your ideal career?

Despite being a nation of animal lovers, there is a national shortage of veterinary nurses, which means that, once qualified, your job prospects are excellent. Salaries are also on the up, and veterinary nurses now earn an average of £20,229 per year. So if Doctor Dolittle has got nothing on you, you're in the right place!



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Veterinary Care highlights...



Gain first-hand work experience and gain vital skills at placements in busy, modern veterinary practices.



Learn how to carry out minor surgery, medical treatments and diagnostic tests.



Work with veterinary experts to find out how to monitor animals during anaesthesia.

DID YOU KNOW

We have an on-site 'Animal Zone' (which is home to over 1,000 animals), a working farm and equestrian centre, so you'll gain experience with a huge variety of animals.

WHAT'S HOT

“ Last year, over **94%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



You'll gain practical experience at our extensive and up-to-date industry standard veterinary care unit, on-site at our Rodbaston campus.

Enjoy visits from expert guest speakers and take part in visits to practices in the UK and abroad.

You'll benefit from our extensive links with local veterinary practices and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Veterinary Care Assistants - Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Veterinary Care - Level 2

1.5 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing - Level 3

2.5 - 3 yrs - full time, work based learning

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? See page 48

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HORSE MANAGEMENT

CHOMPING AT THE BIT?

More interested in jodhpurs than jeggings? Riding boots than football boots?

One of the oldest landbased industries in the UK, the equine industry has a whopping turnover of almost £1 billion per year! Needless to say, the industry boasts a huge range of career opportunities. From riding schools, livery yards, and trekking centres to breeders, trainers, veterinary services and farriers, if you're chomping at the bit for a career working with horses, you're in the right place.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Landbased Studies (Equine) - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Horse Care - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Equine - Level 2

15 - 18 months - full time, work based learning

Horse Management - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Horse Management - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Equine highlights...



You'll have the opportunity to complete additional qualifications such as a BHS (British Horse Society) Award.



You'll develop your riding and stable management skills by experienced industry professionals.



You'll learn about equine behaviour, performance and science (plus much more!)



“Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education”



WHAT'S HOT

The Equestrian Centre at Rodbaston campus is one of the best and most well resourced in the UK which makes it an excellent place for learners to gain real-life equine experience.

Our newly re-launched Intercollege equestrian team regularly compete against other college teams to allow learners with a competitive spirit to showcase their skills.

Guest speakers on equine courses have included renowned names such as Oliver Townend, Monty Roberts and William Fox-Pitt.

Whilst at college, students have an opportunity to attend 'industry days' to get a taste of life in a busy, vibrant, working equestrian centre.

DID YOU KNOW

You'll enjoy a range of trips and study tours. Learners have worked with the College Event Team on the British Eventing Horse Trials, British Show Jumping events, British Dressage events and the Olympia International Horse Show.

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FISH MANAGEMENT

CATCH OF THE DAY...

Do you want a career that sees you spending time on the banks of a river? Do you want to wade into aquatic biology, fish breeding or fisheries management?

The fish management sector is a multi-billion pound (and growing) industry that employs over 37,000 people and provides plenty of job opportunities. Whether you're one of the UK's 4 million keen anglers, or are interested in the scientific study of our many rivers, our fish management course will help you make a splash in the industry you love.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Fish Husbandry - Level 2 Diploma
1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Fish Management highlights...



Learn about fish science, angling and fish farming, biology and aquatic ecology.



Enjoy placements with a professional business such as the Albrighton Anglers.

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Get involved in the work of our on-site commercial fish hatchery (which recently hit the grand total of 5 million fish produced and sold!).



“Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education”



WHAT'S HOT

Some of our previous learners have gone on to work in a broad range of roles - from working for the Environment Agency to producing Koi Carp in Japan.

Enjoy real-world experience through an exciting range of trips and visits from guest speakers.

You'll be taught by industry experts in fish husbandry, fishery management, coarse, game and sea angling, fish biology and fish behaviour.



DID YOU KNOW

The UK angling industry is the largest and most diverse in the world - which means we have the widest range of job opportunities in carp, coarse, sea, game and predator fishing. What's more, experienced professionals often earn more than £40,000 per year!

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COUNTRYSIDE AND GAME MANAGEMENT HAVE A FIELD DAY...

Are you most at home in the great outdoors? Do you want to help preserve our natural heritage?

The UK is home to 46 areas of outstanding natural beauty and 90,000 miles of countryside. (Laid end-to-end, that's enough to stretch round the world 4 times!) Whether you're interested in conservation or urban regeneration, wildlife management or environmental policy, our countryside and game management courses can help your career take flight.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Countryside
Management highlights...



Interested in the needs of our wildlife? Learn everything there is to know about wildlife management.



Gain hands-on practical experience on our stunning 180 hectare rural Rodbaston estate.



Want to help maintain a healthy, productive planet? You'll study habitat restoration, conservation and ecology.

DID YOU KNOW

Our stunning 180 hectare Rodbaston Estate (where you'll study) is home to varied habitats and wildlife as well as industry standard breeding programmes for game birds.

WHAT'S HOT

“ Last year, over
90%
of learners progressed into
work or Higher Education
”



We've got great links to English Heritage, Weston Park, Cannock Chase and many more - all of which will give you access to some of the finest countryside in the UK.

Interested in game bird management? Develop your skills through regular game and clay pigeon shoots.

You'll gain valuable experience in the field through study tours to Wales, Scotland and Yorkshire.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

**Countryside and the Environment -
Level 2 Diploma**

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

**Countryside Management
(Conservation or Game) - Level 3 Diploma**

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

**Countryside Management (Conservation
or Game) - Level 3 Extended Diploma**

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

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HORTICULTURE

SOWING THE SEEDS...

Are you most at home in the great outdoors? Do you want to grow your career in a £1.9 billion pound industry?

With unlimited access to our state-of-the-art horticultural unit that's home to dedicated nursery stock and crop production units, 8 hectares of established mature ornamental gardens, a landscape design studio and extensive woodland estate, we've got everything a budding horticulturist could possibly need for a blossoming future.

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We offer **Traineeships** in Horticulture! See **page 49** to find out more!

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WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Horticulture highlights...



You can also gain extra qualifications, such as the City and Guilds Level 1 Award in practical horticultural skills.



Want to run your own horticultural business? You'll also learn business and management skills.



You'll cover an extensive range of plant production skills; from garden maintenance and groundsmanship and landscaping and plant therapy.

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? See page 48 ➔

DID YOU KNOW

New for 2016 - Our new AgriSTEM Academy incorporates horticultural engineering workshops and classrooms - creating a world class teaching environment! **Find out more on page 14**

“ Last year, over **95%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



WHAT'S HOT

We also offer a range of Royal Horticultural Society (RHS courses) that can be studied part time.

You'll have the chance to compete in competitions including the Young Horticulturist of the Year, Birmingham Borders at 'Gardeners World Live' and WorldSkills.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Landbased studies (Horticulture) - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Horticulture - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Horticulture - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Trees and Timber - Level 2

1 - 1.5yrs - full time, work based learning

Horticulture - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Horticulture - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture - Level 3

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

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FLORISTRY

YOUR CHANCE TO BLOOM

Do you want a career that sees you creating showstopping centre-pieces and breathtaking bouquets?

Worth a massive £1.5 billion to the UK economy, the floral design industry has broken new ground and now reaches far beyond the traditional confines of high street retailing. From floral art to interior design, if you want a blossoming, creative career, our International School of Floristry, is the perfect place to grow.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Floristry - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Floristry - Level 2 Certificate

1 yr - part time @ Rodbaston campus

Floristry - Level 3 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Floristry - Level 3 Certificate

1 yr - part time @ Rodbaston campus



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Floristry highlights...



Want to be at the cutting edge of floral design? You'll learn how to develop new and react to current floral trends.



Create stunning floral displays for corporate events and explore visual merchandising and window dressing.



Want your own business? Learn how to manage and grow a floristry business and develop marketing, customer service and leadership skills.

WHAT'S HOT

Showcase your skills by competing at prestigious events such as the Chelsea Flower Show (where we've previously won a silver medal) and WorldSkills.

Previous floristry learners have been selected for the National WorldSkills Team and this year, one learner had the chance to compete in Brazil, where she won a medal of excellence!

You'll be taught by industry professionals with first hand experience of building successful careers in floristry.

You'll learn in our state-of-the-art School of Floristry and gain practical commercial experience through our 'pop-up floristry shop' and a wide range of work placements.

“ Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



DID YOU KNOW

Join our floristry wall of fame! As well as winning medals at WorldSkills, one of our learners has also been awarded the City and Guilds Medal of Excellence for outstanding performance in floristry.

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ART AND DESIGN

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD...

Is your creative head in the clouds? Do you dream of seeing your work on a catwalk, in a gallery or taking pride of place on a billboard in Covent Garden?

Worth billions, the creative sector is a rapidly growing industry that contributes a massive £8.8 million per hour to the UK economy! Needless to say, job opportunities are endless, so whether you see yourself as the next Christian Louboutin or Picasso, Mario Testino or Paul Rand, our range of creative courses will help you craft your ideal career.



“ Last year
100%
of learners who applied
for Further Education were
successful ”

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Routes to Vocational Education & Supported Learning (Art and Design)

1 yr - full time @ Lichfield campus

Art & Design - Level 1

1 yr - full time @ Lichfield campus

Art & Design - Level 2

1 yr - full time @ Lichfield campus

Art & Design - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Graphics and Illustration - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Photography - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Fashion and Clothing - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Art & Design - Foundation Diploma

1 yr - full time or 2 yrs - part time

@ Lichfield campus

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Art and Design highlights...



Take part in our Wedge Gallery education programme and display your work in a professional exhibition space.



You'll enjoy seminars, lectures and critical debates with visiting artists and creative professionals.



Want a portfolio that's bursting at the seams? You'll develop skills in drawing, painting, photography, print, graphics, ceramics, product design, fashion, fine art and much more.

WHAT'S HOT

Need inspiration? You'll visit local, national and international galleries and museums! Previous students have visited London, Paris, Germany and Spain.

Fashion Guru? Our fashion department run their own business in up-cycled garments, which are branded, marketed and sold to the public. You'll also enjoy annual trips to fashion capitals, the Clothes Show Live and more!



DID YOU KNOW

We work in partnership with a broad range of external businesses and partners to give you hands-on experience of real life projects within the creative industry!

SPOTLIGHT ON...

WEDGE GALLERY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

@southstaffs, we have our own Wedge Gallery education programme. (The only one of its kind in the area where local, national and international artists are invited to showcase their most recent work, directly to our learners.)

You'll have the opportunity to attend seminars, workshops and tutorials, to better understand current trends and develop your presentation and exhibition skills, as well as building your industry knowledge - preparing you for a successful future in the creative industries. (You'll even have the chance to critique the annual #SSC staff exhibition!)

WHAT'S

HOT

Our creative department is vibrant and dynamic and learners across all courses have the opportunity to work together on a wide range of exciting projects, from events and theatre productions to film festivals and more!

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Photography highlights...



Want real-world experience? You'll work on industry-based briefs and live collaborative projects.



Develop commercial PR, events, journalism and advertising photography skills using a range of photographic techniques.



Learn how to use digital imaging software, studio lighting and other developing technologies.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Graphic and Illustration highlights...



Interested in visual communication? develop your visual language skills.



Create and present magazine layouts, brochures, adverts, product packaging and much more!



Gain first hand industry experience by working on live briefs, with industry standard software including Photoshop, in our Mac suite.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Fashion and Clothing highlights...



Be a trend setter. Work in our purpose built fashion studio to design and manufacture your own garments.



Showcase your work in our annual graduation catwalk show!



Interested in fashion promotion or management? Learn everything there is to know about fashion communication and business, management and styling.

DID YOU KNOW

Many of our learners gain employment in the industry they love. We've even had students who have gone on to work for international fashion houses and graphic design agencies!
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CREATIVE MEDIA FILM AND TV PUT YOURSELF IN THE FRAME

In the UK alone there are approximately 2.8 million jobs within the creative industries and there are a host of exciting career opportunities in Film and TV and Creative Journalism.

Whether you dream of a career in special effects at Universal Studios or want to make a name for yourself as fashion editor of Vogue, our creative media courses are the perfect starting point for a career in this innovative, multi-billion pound industry.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 Creative Media highlights...



Operate cameras and develop expert editing skills using industry standard software; Adobe Premiere Pro.



Work alongside partners and businesses including the Lichfield Garrick Theatre and Lichfield Mercury.



Create and review a range of productions such as music videos, short films and live multi-cam studio productions.

DID YOU KNOW

Our tutors are experienced professionals so you'll be learning from the best. We even have our own in-house production company and you'll have the chance to work alongside them on live projects too!

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Last year our creative media learners achieved a

100%
success rate!



WHAT'S HOT

Showcase your achievements at our 'screening evenings' and annual Film Festival!

Aspiring journalist? Submit your work to the Lichfield Mercury, who often publish our learners stories, reviews and photographs.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Digital Creative Media - Level 2 NQF

1 yr - full time @ Lichfield campus

Creative Digital Media (TV & Film) - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Creative Digital Media Journalism - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

DID YOU KNOW

Research suggests that between 2009 and 2013 the industry grew by 34.2% and thanks to technological innovation creating new jobs; it's still expanding.

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MUSIC

LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE...

Do you want to break into the music scene as the next chart topper, or dream of producing records alongside some of the biggest names in the business?

The music industry is booming and last year alone, 9.5 million people travelled to UK concerts and festivals (an increase of 34% from 2011), generating a huge £3.1 billion pounds! Needless to say, the industry needs fresh young talent and when it comes to helping learners become a big hit, we're the best in the business.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Music Technology - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

WHAT'S HOT

From sound engineers, music producers and performing musicians to composers and songwriters, you'll be learning from highly qualified people who know their stuff and can offer the most up to date career advice to reflect emerging trends in the music industry.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Music highlights...



Born performer?
You'll cover performance, songwriting and composition.



Want to be a music promoter? You'll also learn about marketing and promotion.



Using the latest industry software and technology, you'll develop skills in Audio and Studio Production, Sequencing and Computer Programming.

WHAT'S HOT

Arrange, stage and perform in your own gigs and live events and gain valuable work experience in the local music scene by helping at external live events.

Enjoy unlimited free access to Apple Mac workstations, industry standard software, two large HD recording studios and the latest recording equipment.



DID YOU KNOW

Our learners have gone on into employment with major record labels and successful mix and live sound businesses. Some have even been signed to some of the country's biggest labels and you could be next!

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PERFORMING ARTS

BE CENTRE STAGE...

Do you long to tread the boards in the West End, take centre stage on Broadway or star alongside your movie idols in the next big blockbuster?

With more employment opportunities than ever in the creative industries and an estimated 69% of adults in England having visited the theatre in the last 12 months, the industry is constantly looking for fresh new talent. Our critically acclaimed performing arts courses are the ideal starting point for the budding performer... so it's curtain up on a career in the spotlight.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

Performing Arts (Acting) - Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 Performing Arts highlights...



Enjoy 'triple threat' training by industry professionals in acting, singing and dance.



Develop choreography skills, devise plays and experience film and TV acting.



Experience life on stage and backstage at a professional theatre - the Lichfield Garrick - in our annual performance season.



“Over
98%
of our learners progressed on to university or stage school”
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WHAT'S HOT

Our tutors are industry experts who have a host of professional credits to their name, so you'll be learning from people who know their stuff!

You'll take part in a variety of musicals and plays, working with live orchestras and professional theatres, plus have the chance to take part in a wide range of local events and festivals.

We also offer university level courses and have our own Theatre Company 'House of Greasepaint' who perform on stages in London.



DID YOU KNOW

We're the only Further Education College to have received 5 star reviews for our performances, from industry publication 'Remotegoat'.

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MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORSPORT LIFE IN THE FAST LANE...

Are you gearing up for life in the fast lane? Do want racing skills to rival Lewis Hamilton's or dream of getting your hands dirty as a Ferrari technician?

The UK is home to seven large car manufacturers, eight major premium and sports car producers, and eight Formula One teams - the motor vehicle and motorsport industries are booming. With state-of-the-art workshops and tutors who have first-hand experience of working with companies including VW, Citroën and many more, we'll help you jump-start your career.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Motor Vehicle highlights...



Build sprint cars in College and put them to the test on the track! We have connections with local race circuits!



Develop a thorough understanding of motor vehicle technology and electronics.



Studying in our well-equipped workshops, you'll develop the practical, hands-on skills you need to become a Fitter, Mechanic or Technician.

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WHAT'S HOT

We also work closely with local manufacturers such as Jaguar Land Rover and Triumph Motorcycles, giving you all the connections you need to race ahead in this industry!

You'll enjoy a fantastic range of trips such as test days at Donington and Motorsport and Bike shows at the NEC.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair - Entry Level Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston and Tamworth campuses

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston and Tamworth campuses

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Motor Vehicle - Level 2

12-15 months - full time, work based learning

Motorsport - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston campus

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair - Level 3 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston and Tamworth campuses

DID YOU KNOW

Want to see the world? Motor Vehicle engineers from the UK are one of the most sought after groups of employees in countries such as Dubai, Australia and America, (especially in the motorsport industry.)

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CONSTRUCTION

BUILD YOUR FUTURE...

One of the largest industrial sectors in the country, the construction industry contributes a massive £90 billion to the UK economy each year!

What's more, with almost 3 million people working in construction, the job opportunities are endless. From plumbing to plastering, carpentry to bricklaying, we offer a fantastic range of hands-on courses and apprenticeships to help you start building the career you dream of.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Multi Skills - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston or Torc campuses

Maintenance Operations - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston or Torc campuses

Basic Construction Skills - Level 3 Award

1 yr - part time @ Rodbaston or Torc campuses

Sustainable Construction - Level 3 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston AgriSTEM

Sustainable Construction - Level 3 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston AgriSTEM

Carpentry - Level 1, 2 and 3 Diplomas

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston or Torc campuses

Bricklaying - Level 1, 2 and 3 Diplomas

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston or Torc campuses

Plumbing - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston AgriSTEM or Torc campuses

Plumbing Studies - Level 2 and 3 Diplomas

1 yr - full time @ Rodbaston AgriSTEM

WHAT'S HOT

We have two state-of-the-art construction workshops offering the most up to date specialist equipment for you to hone your skills and get hands-on experience

Want to showcase your talents on the national stage? Get involved in an exciting range of competitions, including WorldSkills, SkillBuild and the Guild of Bricklayers (plus many more!)

Electrical Installation - Level 1, 2 and 3 Diplomas

1 yr - full time @ Torc campus

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Fundamental Principles and Requirements of Environmental Technology Systems - Level 3 Award

1 yr - part time or block release
@ Rodbaston campus

Installation of Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems - Level 3 Award

1 yr - part time or block release
@ Rodbaston campus

Installation and Maintenance of Small Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems - Level 3 Award

1 yr - part time or block release
@ Rodbaston campus

DID YOU KNOW

Our construction learners do well and success rates are well above the national bench mark!

Plans are underway for new wind turbines at our 180 hectare Rodbaston campus!



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Construction (Multi Skills) - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Painting and Decorating - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Painting and Decorating - Level 3

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Plumbing - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Plumbing - Level 3

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Wall and Floor Tiling - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Bricklaying - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Bricklaying - Level 3

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Carpentry - Level 2

1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering Construction - Level 3

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? See page 48 >

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 6 #Construction highlights...



Want to run your own business? You'll learn about business enterprise, self-employment and more!



Want to be an architect or surveyor? Develop top notch technical and creative skills, so you have what it takes to strike up a balance between form and function.



Learn about the latest technological advances in the sector to make sure you're ahead of the game.



Keen carpenter? You'll develop the skills to make and fit interiors in shops, bars, restaurants, offices and more!



Want to be a plumber? Learn how to install water supplies, install and fix domestic appliances, install and service heating systems and much more!



Bright spark? Want a career in the electrical industry? You'll develop skills in electrical technology, installation, electrical science and much more!



WHAT'S HOT

Want to be one of the first to study in the new AgriSTEM Building? Many of our construction courses will be delivered in this cutting-edge facility which is new for 2016! See page 14 to find out more! Our Torc campus has also recently undergone a £2 million refurbishment too and is home to a host of fantastic facilities! You'll enjoy a range of trips and visits to places like Grand Designs Live at the NEC!

Put your skills to the test in a huge range of off-site projects. Our students have recently helped with the renovation of Chase Park Hockey and Cricket Club, Rugeley Cricket Club and more!



DID YOU KNOW

The construction industry is particularly buoyant with the Government's target of creating 1 million new homes in the UK by 2020 providing many new employment opportunities for well trained individuals.

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ENGINEERING

THE BLUEPRINT FOR YOUR FUTURE...

From the tablet you use to connect to your friends, to the aircraft you board when you travel the globe, engineering plays a crucial role in modern life.

A sector that is facing a skills shortage, engineering is high on the Government agenda and we've invested millions of pounds into our training facilities and technology, so opportunities are endless! Think you've got what it takes to be the next pioneer? Look no further...

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Performing Engineering Operations - Level 1

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Fabrication & Welding - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Electrical & Electronics - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Mechanical & Manufacturing - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus and
Rodbaston AgriSTEM

Engineering - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth campus

Engineering Technology - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth campus and
Rodbaston AgriSTEM

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Performing Manufacturing Operations - Level 2

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Improving Operational Performance - Level 2

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in

Engineering Manufacture - Level 3

1 yr+ - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering - Level 3

3 yrs - full time, work based learning

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Engineering highlights...



From fabrication, welding and fitting, to turning and milling, you'll develop a broad range of skills.



Gain practical hands-on experience using the latest engineering technologies in cutting-edge workshops.



Are you an innovator? Learn everything there is to know about product design and prototyping using our 3D printers and CAD/CAM software!

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WHAT'S HOT

“ Since we opened our state-of-the-art AME Hub in October 2014, applications for our engineering courses have increased by over 200% - so apply early! ”



You'll train in our state-of-the-art AME Hub - home to cutting-edge industry software, 3D printers and much more - all of which you won't find elsewhere in the region!

We've got excellent links with engineering and manufacturing businesses including Jaguar Land Rover. Our courses have been developed in conjunction with businesses to make sure we're giving you the skills they are looking for.

A growing industry, It's estimated that engineering businesses in our region alone will need upward of 2,600 trained engineers every year for the next decade! Needless to say, once qualified, you'll be in demand!



DID YOU KNOW

We're opening another AME Hub in our AgriSTEM Academy, which opens in September 2016! [See page 14](#)

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I.T

BE PART OF THE IT CROWD

Want to work in one of the most cutting-edge, progressive industries in the world?

From web development and games programming to network engineering and big data analysis, the career opportunities are endless. With the number of internet users now above 3 billion and the global gaming industry worth an estimated \$101 billion, IT is big business! So whether you spend your time knee deep in microchips and computer components, or prefer to figure out inventive new strategies to rival pro-gamers, our IT courses will help you boot up your future.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #I.T highlights...



Develop expert coding and programming skills for app, web and games development.



Learn the latest business modelling and Data Analysis strategies.

4D

Learn the processes behind 4D interaction in our amazing, 4D immersive learning studio at the state-of-the-art Cannock Campus.

WHAT'S HOT

“We're one of the only College's in the UK to boast a 4D immersive learning studio - and you'll have full access!”



You'll have access to the latest Chrome and Google based technologies, including Google Apps for Education, which means you can work remotely, collaborate and share your work at the click of a button, anytime, anywhere.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

ICT for Users - Level 1 Extended Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Information and Creative Technology - Level 2 Extended Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

IT Skills for Business - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Cannock and Tamworth campuses

Web Development - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Cannock and Tamworth campuses

Programming & Games Development - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Cannock and Tamworth campuses

DID YOU KNOW

Studying IT can lead to exciting careers that give you great earning potential. 2015 data suggests that the average salary of a Cloud Computing Network Engineer is around £50,000 per year!

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BUSINESS

LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

Is watching the Apprentice the highlight of your television year? Do you see yourself as the next Richard Branson?

If you've got bags of entrepreneurial spirit and want to be part of the next generation of leaders, it's time to get down to business. Whether you dream of building a world-renowned global brand or shaping your own team of professionals, our business courses will help you build a high-flying career in the industry you love.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Accounts and Business - Level 2 AAT Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Marketing and Business - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth and Lichfield campuses

Enterprise and Business - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth and Lichfield campuses

Business Law - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Lichfield campus

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Business highlights...



You'll cover subjects including Marketing, Creative Product Promotion, Business Communication and many more.



Leader of the pack? Find out everything you need to know about developing and managing a team.



Money matters... If you study Accountancy, you'll cover taxation, accounts preparation and much more.



You'll learn everything there is to know about identifying and tracking business trends.



Want to set up your own business? From HR to Finance, we'll teach you everything you need to know about getting your business off the ground.



Want to do an Apprenticeship? You'll gain top notch professional experience with your employer and get paid too.

DID YOU KNOW

Karren Brady found fame in 1993 when she was appointed MD of Birmingham City FC, aged 23. Fast forward 20 years and Karren is now estimated to be worth £82 million! You could be next!





“ We offer
Traineeships
in Business! See page
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”



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Accountancy - Level 2

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Accountancy - Level 3

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Customer Service - Level 2

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Customer Service - Level 3

15 - 18 months - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Team Leading and Management - Level 2

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Team Leading and Management - Level 3

15 - 18 months - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Logistics and Warehousing - Level 2

1 - 1.5 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Logistics and Warehousing - Level 3

1.5 yrs - full time, work based learning

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Business and Administration - Level 2

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Business and Administration - Level 3

15 - 18 months - full time, work based learning

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might be right for you? See page 48



WHAT'S HOT

Thinking about life after College? We offer a fantastic range of Higher Education courses in Business and Accounts, including a Foundation Degree in Leadership and Management, a BA Hons in Business and many more!

We'll equip you with practical 'real-world' professional business skills, so when you graduate, you'll be in demand with employers!

Want some hints and tips on how to make it big in business? You'll have the chance to 'pick the brains' of a range of industry professionals through guest speaker events and presentations.

Learn from the best - our tutors are seasoned professionals with first-hand experience of building successful businesses.

You'll gain professional experience by taking on market research projects for national businesses.



DID YOU KNOW

Our tutors have received an IAB Gold Award for the standard of teaching on our Bookkeeping courses, so you're in safe hands. Impressive huh?!

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PUBLIC SERVICES YOU'RE A LIFE SAVER...

Fancy yourself as the next Bear Grylls? Want to a career that will see you having a genuine impact on people's lives?

Whether you want a career as a Criminal Profiler, Paramedic Scientist, Army General or RAF Pilot, our public services courses are the perfect starting point. With expert tutors that have over 40 years collective experience in the Army, RAF and Legal industries, we've got what it takes to help you make the cut.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Public Services highlights...



From teamwork to physical fitness, discipline to initiative, you'll develop a range of skills to help get your career on track.



Gain hands-on experience of working with the emergency services and air ambulance, giving you a fantastic insight into your chosen career path.



Build up your open-air skills through a range of exhilarating adventures including mountain biking, rock climbing, sailing, canoeing and wakeboarding!

WHAT'S HOT

Put your navigation, teamwork and survival skills to the test during our annual residential expedition.

You'll head to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and find out how are laws made and passed.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Uniformed Public Services - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Uniformed Public Services - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Cannock and Tamworth campuses

Uniformed Public Services - Level 3 Diploma

1 & 2 yrs - full time @ Cannock and Tamworth campuses

Want work experience? Some of our current learners serve as Special Constables in the Police Service and the Reserve of the Armed Forces.



DID YOU KNOW

Want to see the world? You'll be trained by experienced professionals who have done just that! One of our public services trainers visited a whopping 83 countries during the course of his career!

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SPORT

ARE YOU ON THE BALL?

Have you got the skills to rival premier league footballers? Do you dream of representing Team GB in the next Olympic Games?

Worth an estimated £20 billion of consumer spending, there are countless career opportunities in the UK sporting industry. Whether you dream of being a successful athlete or coach, a physiotherapist or sports therapist, we're here to help you kick-off your future.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Sport - Level 2 Extended Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Fitness Instructing - Level 2 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Sport & Exercise Science - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Sport highlights...



Want extra qualifications? You may have the chance to gain a Duke of Edinburgh Award or a CYQ Award in Circuit Training alongside your course.



We have our own Football Academy which will give you the opportunity to train with experienced coaches and compete in the British College Football League.



Develop a broad range of skills and have fun as you experience a range of sports including ice-skating, wakeboarding and many more.

WHAT'S HOT

You'll benefit from our close links with St George's Park & Cannock Hockey Club (plus many other local industry experts and businesses) enjoying a range of educational visits and guest speakers.

All of our sports tutors are qualified professionals who have first-hand experience of the fitness, coaching and health industries - so you'll be learning from people who really know their stuff!

Want access to amazing facilities both on-site and locally? You'll have access to a fitness gym, indoor sports hall, football pitches, 4D interactive room and much more!



“ Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



DID YOU KNOW

Keen footballer? We're the education providers for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club Academy, so when it comes to developing the players of tomorrow, both on and off the pitch, we're top of the table.

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TRAVEL AND TOURISM

LET YOUR CAREER TAKE FLIGHT...

Want a career where you can travel the world? Are you ready for your future to take off?

A truly global industry, travel and tourism generates a staggering £115 billion per year for the UK economy and with careers ranging from cabin crew to travel agents, resort representatives to tourist attraction management, life really is a rollercoaster. Fasten your seatbelt, enjoy the trip of a lifetime and see your career take flight.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Travel and Tourism highlights...



Holiday Rep? Learn everything there is to know about ensuring your customers have a holiday to remember!



Want to work as cabin crew? You'll learn how to handle air passengers and cover safety onboard an aircraft.



Enhance your CV - You may have the chance to gain additional qualifications in customer service, cabin crew and aviation ground operations alongside your course.

DID YOU KNOW

The travel and tourism industry continues to grow and it is expected that there will be an additional 208,000 jobs up for grabs by 2017! Needless to say, once qualified, you'll be in demand!

WHAT'S HOT

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Enjoy an action packed schedule away from the classroom...you'll enjoy a study tour to Venice, trips to Birmingham Airport to work with the checking in staff, training workshops with British Airways and New Hall Hotel and Spa, plus visits to Drayton Manor Park, Stratford-on-Avon and London.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Travel and Tourism - Level 2 Extended Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Cannock or Tamworth campuses

Travel and Tourism - Level 3 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Travel and Tourism - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth campus

Some of our students have even gone on to work for prestigious companies such as Thomas Cook, Servisair and many more!



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RETAIL AND MERCHANDISING

SHOP TILL YOU DROP...

Do you enjoy a bit of retail therapy? Is Birmingham's Bullring your home from home?

In the UK, we're a nation of shopaholics, so whether you're a real trend-setter, see yourself as the next Mary Portas, or think you've got what it takes to launch a successful online retail business to rival Amazon or ebay, there are countless opportunities in the thriving Retail and Merchandising industries.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Retail Knowledge - Level 2 Certificate

2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Customer Service - Level 2

1 - 1.5 yrs - full time, work based learning

Advanced Apprenticeship in Customer Service - Level 3

1.5 yrs - full time, work based learning

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Retail and Merchandising highlights...



Service with a smile?
Learn everything there is to know about customer care and retail sales.



Want to be a business leader? We'll help you develop top notch leadership and management skills.



Have you got creative vision? Learn about the power of visual merchandising and how it influences customer behaviour - you'll even create your own displays.

WHAT'S HOT

If you choose to study with us, you'll have a host of world class retail venues on your doorstep, including the brand new 'Grand Central' in Birmingham.

What's more, with plans to develop a new designer outlet village and the development and growth of the Orbital Centre in Cannock and Ventura Park in Tamworth, you're just moments away from a host of key retail hubs - all of which will provide a fantastic range of work experience opportunities!



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DID YOU KNOW

The UK sold almost £45 billion worth of products online in 2014 (more than any other European Country). This trend is forecast to grow by an additional 16.2% in 2015 to over £52 billion!

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HAIRDRESSING

A CUT ABOVE THE REST...

Do you dream of being a red carpet or magazine stylist? Do you want to tend to the locks of the rich and famous or open a salon of your own?

The multi-billion pound UK hairdressing industry is thriving and the opportunities for new creative talent continues to grow. Whether you've got a natural flair for style or are a real colour enthusiast, we'll help you shape a career where you're a cut above the rest.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Introduction to Hair and Beauty - Entry Level 3
1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Women's Hairdressing - Level 1 Certificate
1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Women & Men's Hairdressing - Level 2 Certificate/Diploma
1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Hairdressing - Level 2
1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Women's Hairdressing - Level 3 Diploma
1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Hairdressing - NVQ Level 3 Diploma
1 yr, full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Advanced Apprenticeship in Hairdressing - Level 3
1.5 - 2 yrs - full time, work based learning

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Hairdressing highlights...



Develop top notch customer care skills and build the confidence to manage your own clients.

SALON

Want your own salon? Learn everything there is to know about salon management, including promotion.



From the art of colouring and styling hair, to spotting and setting trends, you'll learn a huge range of industry specific skills.

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WHAT'S HOT

REDKEN
5TH AVENUE NYC

We work in partnership with one of the leading global professional haircare brands REDKEN, so you'll be learning the latest hair colour and styling trends and using the latest products too!

“ We offer **Traineeships** in Hairdressing. See **page 49** to find out more! ”

“ All of our tutors are fully qualified hairdressers with years of professional experience, so you'll be learning from the best! ”



Train in our well-equipped on-site commercial hair salons, gaining first hand-experience with real clients (and developing your customer communication skills too). You'll also have the chance to work in our commercial graduate hairdressing salon Aspire!

DID YOU KNOW

Having fought off some stiff competition, our hairdressing and barbering students have won awards at a range of national competitions!

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BEAUTY THERAPY READY FOR YOUR MAKEOVER?

Do you spend your spare time engrossed in beauty vlogs? Want to work behind the scenes at fashion shows or alongside TV personalities on your favourite soap?

Whether you're interested in celebrity styling or special effects makeup, the beauty industry is worth a staggering £17 billion - so career opportunities are endless. From manicures to massage, cosmetics to facials, we'll help you develop the skills you need for a beautiful career.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Beauty Therapy highlights...



Take part in photoshoots and build your creative portfolio.



Want to manage your own salon or spa? We'll help you develop leadership and management skills.



From aromatherapy and Mehndi skin decoration, to nail art and electrotherapy, you'll learn a huge variety of industry relevant skills.

WHAT'S HOT

You'll train in our on-site commercial beauty salons, all of which are open to the public, so you can gain first-hand experience with real clients.

Inspired by fashion? Enjoy a range of exciting trips including a visit to the Clothes Show Live at Birmingham NEC!

All of our tutors are fully qualified beauticians with years of professional experience, so you'll be learning from the best!

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Introduction to Hair and Beauty - Entry Level 3

1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Beauty Therapy - Level 1 Diploma

1 yr - full time @Tamworth campus

Beauty Therapy Specialist Techniques - Level 2 Certificate /Diploma

1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Beauty Therapy Techniques - Level 3 Certificate /Diploma

1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Beauty Therapy - NVQ Level 3 Diploma

1 yr - full time @Tamworth and Cannock campuses

DID YOU KNOW

Enjoy the opportunity to showcase your skills at WorldSkills competitions! Previous learners have won medals in the beauty therapy, nail art and nail enhancement categories.

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CHILDCARE

IT'S CHILDSPLAY...

Want to unleash your inner child and work with some of the brightest young minds on the planet?

A truly rewarding career, the childcare industry needs highly skilled, enthusiastic workers who can deliver exceptional play based learning to help our future generation thrive. Whether you want to work in an early years nursery or dream of making a difference for a children's charity, our industry leading childcare qualifications will help lay the building blocks for a career in this growing industry.



WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Childcare highlights...



Enjoy placements at our own 'Little Learners' nurseries in Tamworth and Cannock.



Learn about child development and care and the role of the childcare practitioner.



From learning and education and keeping children safe to Paediatric first aid and much more, you'll learn a huge range of essential industry skills.

DID YOU KNOW

Want to become a teacher or work with children with special educational needs? Our Level 3 Extended Diploma will give you the qualifications you need to progress on to Higher Education!

WHAT'S HOT

“Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education”



You'll gain nationally recognised qualifications through CACHE (Care, Health and Education) - the leading specialist awarding organisation for the Children and Adult Care and Educational sectors.

Gain valuable work experience - our excellent links with private nurseries, nursery schools, primary schools, after-school clubs and playgroups in the area means you'll have access to an excellent range of work placements.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Caring for Children - Entry Level 3 Award and Certificate

1 yr - full time @Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Caring for Children - Level 1 Certificate

1 yr - full time @Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Introduction to Early years Education and Care - Level 2 Certificate

1 yr - full time @Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Childcare and Education - Level 3 Certificate

1 yr - full time @Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Childcare and Education - Level 3 Extended Diploma

2 yrs - full time @Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Advanced Apprenticeship in Childcare - Level 3

2 yrs - full time, work based learning

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? **See page 48**

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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BE A LIFE CHANGER...

Are you compassionate and understanding? Do you want to make a genuine difference to people's lives?

Whether you're interested in residential care and nursing or social work, the UK's £40 billion health and social care industry is growing fast and it's estimated that by 2022, there will be another 2.1 million workers needed. Have you got what it takes to be a life changer? Our range of courses can help you kick-start a rewarding career.

“ We offer **Traineeships** in Health and Social Care. **See page 49 to find out more!** ”

“ Last year, over **90%** of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Introduction to Health and Childcare - Entry Level 3

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Introduction to Health and Social Care - Level 1 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth campus

Preparing to work in Health and Social Care - Level 2 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care - Level 2

12 - 15 months - full time, work based learning

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Health and Social Care - Level 3 Diploma

2 yrs - full time @ Tamworth & Cannock campuses

Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care - Level 3

15 - 18 months, full time, work based learning

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Health & Social Care highlights...



Interested in medical care or nursing? Learn about anatomy, physiology and health care procedures.



Gain a range of perspectives on healthcare issues through an exciting range of inspiring guest speakers.



Gain an in-depth understanding of a how to support and care for people with a broad range of physical and emotional needs.

Want to know why an Apprenticeship might be right for you? See page 48 ➤

WHAT'S HOT

Gain practical work experience through a wide range of study trips and work placements in various care settings. Many of our learners have gone on to secure permanent positions with their placement providers!

Our health and social care tutors are qualified professionals with a wealth of experience, so you'll be learning from people with first hand experience of nursing and care.

Have fun in our Cannock campus 4D room and learn in our fully fitted 'healthtech' room that replicates residential care and medical environments.

DID YOU KNOW

New research from the UK Commission for Employment and Skills (UKES) highlights the need for more qualified Health and Social Care practitioners as the demand continues to soar. Needless to say, once qualified, your career prospects are fantastic!

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CATERING AND HOSPITALITY

COOK UP A STORM!

Have you got culinary skills to rival Jamie Oliver? Do you think you could cut the mustard on Masterchef or rise to the challenge on the Great British Bake Off?

If you're constantly cooking up inventive new ways to take over the kitchen, a career in the thriving catering and hospitality industry could be for you. Whether you dream of being head chef at an à la carte restaurant or managing your own hotel, the catering and hospitality industry is one of the biggest employers in the world - so your career will be cooking on gas in no time!

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Professional Food and Beverage Service - Level 1 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Food Preparation and Cooking - Level 1 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Professional Cookery - Level 2 Certificate

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

Hospitality - Level 2 Diploma

1 yr - full time @ Tamworth and Cannock campuses

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Catering and Hospitality highlights...



Experience food culture from around the world and prepare and cook a wide variety of culinary delights!



Gain practical front of house, customer service and management skills in our on-site restaurants.



Shaken but not stirred? Learn how to make a range of cocktails and complete a full silver service.



“ Last year, over **90%**

of learners progressed into work or Higher Education ”



WHAT'S HOT

We have our own commercial kitchens and restaurants, so you'll gain practical experience (with real customers), both front and back of house.

Visit high profile restaurants as part of your studies to find out everything you need to know about working in a commercial catering environment. You'll even sample some of the finest food in the country.

You'll have the opportunity to enter WorldSkills competitions to showcase your culinary talents to people all over the world!



DID YOU KNOW

According to the British Hospitality Association, the industry accounted for 17% of total UK employment growth between 2010 and 2014, generating over 331,000 new jobs! The industry also contributed a huge £57 billion to the economy.

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A LEVELS

AT THE RURAL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

Want to study A Levels? No problem.

Based on our 180 hectare Rodbaston estate, The Rural Enterprise Academy is the UK's first Landbased Academy and offers learners a unique opportunity to blend A Level studies with vocational qualifications in landbased subjects. Want the best of both worlds? You've got it.



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

A Level Subjects:

- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

Vocational Subjects Level 3:

- Applied Science
- Landbased Technology
- Agriculture
- Horse Management
- Animal Management
- Horticulture
- Sport*
- Travel and Tourism
- Sustainable Construction
- Construction and the Built Environment
- Engineering
- IT*
- Public Services*

★ **Delivered at South Staffordshire College Cannock Campus**

DID YOU KNOW

Depending on the vocational qualification you choose, you could be one of the first to study in the new AgriSTEM Academy!

A BTEC Level 3 National Diploma is equivalent to approximately two A Levels and a subsidiary diploma or extended certificate is approximately one A level.



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WHAT'S HOT

“100% of students feel they are well taught and would recommend the Academy to their friends!”



The Rural Enterprise Academy is sponsored by South Staffordshire College, Veolia and the NFU.



As a Rural Enterprise Academy sixth form student, you'll still have access to all of the fantastic South Staffordshire College Rodbaston campus facilities, including Costa Coffee, the Zoo, equine yard, state-of-the-art learning resource centres and free wifi! You can even use their transport system too!

Variety is the spice of life...

You can choose to study between 3 and 4 A Levels or combine 2 or 3 A Levels with a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma or Extended Certificate. Alternatively you could combine a BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Applied Science with an additional A Level or BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma/ Extended Certificate.



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SUPPORTED LEARNING

BUILDING CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE...

Our supported learning programmes offer young people the perfect opportunity to develop and grow in confidence and independence, helping you find your place in the world, enhance life skills and develop employability skills.

Available at all of our campuses, we offer a very supportive, learner-centred environments staffed by a dedicated, specialist team of teachers, instructors and learning support assistants.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our top 3 #Supported Learning highlights...



Help others by organising fundraising events for charities, including the Birmingham's Children's Hospital and the British Heart Foundation.



Develop your communication, independence, life and employability skills.



Enjoy an exciting range of work experience opportunities in our in-house commercial enterprises, including gardens and greenhouses (where you'll grow and sell your own plants and produce), kitchens restaurants and pop up shops.

WHAT CAN I STUDY?

The following programmes are for learners with high needs and are assessed through RARPA (Recognising and Recording progress and achievement):

- Socialisation and Communication
- Independent Living Skills
- Towards Independence, Volunteering and /or Employment
- Employability and Volunteering Skills

Available at: Cannock, Rodbaston and Tamworth campuses.



WHAT'S HOT

Get involved in external work experience opportunities – volunteer with the National Trust to restore woodland and create habitats for the RSPB!

We have a dedicated student support team who are on hand to develop individual learning support plans, based on the needs of each learner.

All learners work at their own level of maths and English on all programmes.

The following programmes are accredited from Entry Level 1 to Entry Level 3

- Routes to College (EDEXCEL Certificate in Personal and Social development)
- Routes to Vocational studies (EDEXCEL Certificate in Vocational Studies)
- Routes to Independence and Employment (EDEXCEL Certificate in Work Skills)

Available at: Cannock, Tamworth, Lichfield and Rodbaston campuses.



DID YOU KNOW

We hold an annual graduation ceremony for our supported learning and progression students, which is a brilliant opportunity to celebrate some fantastic achievements.

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FUTURES @SSC

FOR COMPLEX LEARNING NEEDS

Located on South Staffordshire College's beautiful, rural 180 hectare Rodbaston campus, Futures@SSC is designed to help people with complex learning needs achieve their full potential.

A safe, state-of-the-art and stimulating learning environment, Futures@SSC caters for up to 50 people aged 16-25. The first centre of it's kind in Staffordshire, Futures@SSC is home to fantastic facilities including a sensory space, giant interactive tablet computer, independent skills suite and much more!

Places are limited so apply early to avoid disappointment!

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Futures@SSC



Futures@SSC co-ordinate an in depth transition period to ensure a smooth start to our learners' experience.



Learners benefit from individualised study programmes, that are tailored to their specific needs.



Learners also develop their personal and social development skills through a range of vocational opportunities including Animal Care, Business Administration, Sport and many more.

“The College is delighted to open the Futures@SSC facility. We would like to thank Staffordshire County Council and the Education Funding Agency for their assistance with this project. This facility allows us to offer learning programmes designed around individual needs, located in a purpose built environment, enabling learners to take advantage of all the opportunities available at the College.”

**Graham Morley, Principal,
South Staffordshire College**



Learners benefit from fantastic facilities including sensory space, independent skills suite, preparation for work area and giant interactive tablet computer.



Expert staff with extensive knowledge and experience guide learners on their journey and prepare them for adulthood, whilst working closely with parents and guardians.



Learners develop their skills through personalised employability and independence programmes, which can include speech and language therapy and mobility.



The centre has been designed to cater for learners with a range of needs and disabilities from Autism, Asperger Syndrome and Down's Syndrome to William's Syndrome, Fragile X Syndrome and Sensory impairments.



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APPRENTICESHIPS

KEEP LEARNING START EARNING...

Like the idea of earning a wage? Just finishing school or a college course and don't want to go to uni?

With an Apprenticeship, you've got the best of both worlds. Not only will you gain recognised qualifications and the skills that employers crave, you'll also get real-world experience in the industry you love and earn a salary!



KNOW THE FACTS...

An apprenticeship is a **real job...**

Just like a regular job, most Apprenticeships are full time roles and as such, you'll enjoy all of the benefits of other non-apprenticeship workers. Paid holiday, bank holidays and much more!



An apprenticeship will **boost your career prospects...**

Job prospects for Apprentices are good. You'll have the practical skills that employers want and a recognised qualification too. There are plenty of successful famous faces who started their career as an apprentice, including Jamie Oliver, Alexander McQueen and Gordon Ramsey.



An apprenticeship **won't cost you a penny...**

Unlike university programmes and some other work based training courses, Apprenticeships are funded by the Government, so won't cost you a penny.



You'll **earn a salary** while you study...

As of October 2015, Employers must pay Apprentices who are aged 16-18 at least £3.30 per hour, but many choose to pay more. Once you've completed your qualification, the sky is the limit - recent research from the National Office of statistics suggests that more than a quarter of University graduates were paid less than those who had recently completed workbased training schemes.



You'll gain **formal qualifications...**

Apprenticeships provide recognised qualifications. Depending on your scheme, you could end up with a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ); a Functional Skills Qualification or a Technical Certificate, such as a BTEC.



Traineeships

Apprenticeships



LEVELS OF APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are available at a range of different levels so regardless of your existing qualifications or experience there will be something available for you.

Level 2 - Equivalent to 5 GCSEs, A* to C

Level 3 - Equivalent to 2 A Levels

Level 4 - Equivalent to a Foundation Degree



We take on Apprentices all year round, so you don't have to wait until September to get started!



APPRENTICESHIPS WE OFFER...



Business

Accounting, Business Administration, Customer Service, IT Professionals, Management, Team Leading



Construction

Bricklaying, Carpentry, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Wall and Floor Tiling, Multi-Skills



Engineering

Manufacturing Operations, Improving Operational Performance



Health & Social Care and Childcare



Retail and Commercial Enterprise

Hairdressing, Logistics and Warehousing



Landbased

Landbased Technology, Agriculture, Horticulture, Trees & Timber, Veterinary Nursing, Animal Care and Equine

TRAINEESHIPS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE...

Available for people aged 16-24 in a variety of industries, Traineeships are 6 week to 3 month programmes, designed for those who want help developing their skills to apply for a job or Apprenticeship. You'll receive high-quality training with a local employer, plus much more...

- Develop skills to help prepare you for the working world such as CV writing, interview skills, time-keeping and team working.
- Improve your essential skills in English and Maths by studying at a level appropriate to you.
- At the end of your placement, if there is a job or Apprenticeship vacancy with your employer, you'll be entitled to an interview. If not, you'll receive an exit interview to discuss your strengths and advice on applying for other roles. Your employer may also give you a reference to support your applications.

Find out more at: southstaffs.ac.uk/traineeships

DID YOU KNOW

Interested in Traineeships? If you're 16-19, you may be entitled to bursary support to help with travel/lunch expenses. 18+ and in receipt of JSA or Universal Credit? You will still receive this throughout your placement.

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ACCESS TO HE AIM HIGHER...

Been out of education for a while and want to further your career by gaining a university level qualification? Don't have the qualifications you need to study for a degree? We can help.

The perfect stepping stone to help you achieve your ambitions, we offer Access to Higher Education courses in a variety of subjects to help get you on track, in just 1 year!



WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Art and Design - Lichfield campus

Want a creative career in an industry that's collectively worth over £88 billion to the UK economy? Our art and design access course is ideal for those who would like to go into careers such as photography, textiles and fine art.

Business - Lichfield campus

Want to be the next big name in business? Our business and management access course is ideal for those who would like to go into careers in management, finance, economics or marketing.

Engineering - Tamworth campus

Want to be the innovator of tomorrow's next cutting-edge product? Our engineering access course is ideal for those who would like to go into careers such as Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Engineering Science.

WHAT'S HOT

Access to HE courses provide an alternative route into Higher Education and are ideal for those who may have gone straight into work at 16.

By studying for an access course, you'll be reintroduced to learning and develop your critical thinking and writing skills in just 1 year, so you'll be ready for your Degree.

With a range of access courses in a variety of subjects, you'll have the chance to develop skills relevant to the career of your dreams!

Health - Cannock and Tamworth campuses

More than 2 million people work in healthcare in the UK in a broad range of roles. Our health access course is ideal for those who want a career in nursing, midwifery or paramedic science.

Humanities - Tamworth campus

Are you working towards a career where you can have a genuine impact on people's lives? Our humanities access course is ideal for those who would like a career such as social work, teaching or law.

ICT - Cannock campus

We live in the information age and the IT sector is a booming industry that is growing fast. Our IT access course is ideal for those who would like to go into careers such as web development, systems development or technical support.

DID YOU KNOW

This year, over 84% of our Access to HE learners plan to progress on to a Degree programme.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS...

Not sure of the right level course for you? No biggy. Take a peep at our handy guide below and if you're still unsure, we'll happily give you some advice. Just get in touch.

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Entry Requirements	Level	Qualifications
No formal qualifications	Entry Level	Foundation Learning Pathways to Progression Routes to College
GCSEs Level E - G Or Foundation Learning qualification	Level 1	BTEC Level 1 Diploma Pathways to Progression Routes to College
4 or more GCSEs A* - D Or full Level 1 qualification	Level 2	BTEC Level 2 Diploma NVQ 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship GCSEs
4 or more GCSEs A* - C Or full Level 2 qualification	Level 3	Extended Diploma NVQ 3 Advanced Apprenticeship A Levels
A Levels NVQ Level 3 Extended Diploma	Level 4	HNC/D Foundation Degree Higher Apprenticeship
A Levels Foundation Degree	Level 5	BA (Hons) BSc (Hons)

If you have not got A*-C GCSE passes in English or Maths and are aged 16-18, you will have to continue to study these subjects as part of your programme.

Consideration will be made for learners who have a Statement of Educational Need (SEN) or Education, Health and Care Plan (ECHP)



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