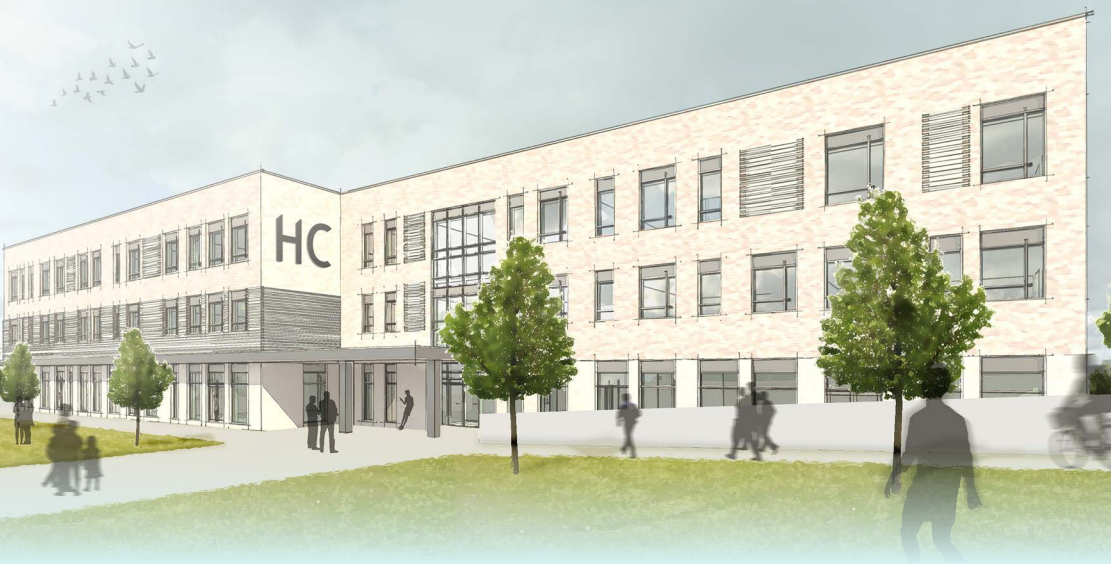




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Your first choice college



New Campus!

We're very excited to have broken ground on the building of our brand new campus. Opening in 2026, the £22 million rebuild will include a state-of-the art college building and a renewable energy technology centre. New facilities will include:

- > A replica hospital ward
- > A virtual reality suite
- > A business centre
- > Professional kitchens
- > An electric vehicle workshop
- > Electrical engineering workshops
- > A construction centre - focused on modern building methods

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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to Harrogate College

From our curriculum to our learning environment, our values are at the heart of our college and alive in everything we do.

We co-design our courses with businesses from across the region, to ensure you develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to be successful after college, whether that's in the workplace or at university.

In our inclusive environment with outstanding facilities, you will find a place to learn, with staff ready to support you to develop and thrive. We work hard on our relationships with stakeholders from across North Yorkshire to give you greater opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.



Our focus on delivering progressive courses which align to regional and national priorities, ensures that you benefit from an exciting, cutting-edge curriculum led by the industry, to make sure you thrive beyond Harrogate College.

To get a greater sense of what we offer, and to experience our welcoming community for yourself, come and visit during one of our open events. You can visit our industry-standard facilities, meet the staff that make this place so special, and see for yourself why we're the choice for students who want more.

Danny Wild
Principal



Our Values

We believe in guiding students towards their goals, equipping them with the confidence and strength of mind for future endeavours.

Progressive

Harrogate College is forward thinking in all aspects - from teaching to the environment

Nurturing

Harrogate College encourages everyone to reach their potential in a safe and caring environment

Inclusive

Harrogate College welcomes everyone



"I came to college and didn't know what I wanted to do, but now I'm here I've really enjoyed the experience because I've made loads of new friends and actually had a really good time."

Uniformed Protective Services student



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Getting to Harrogate College

**Harrogate College, Hornbeam Park Avenue,
Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, HG2 8QT**

Where possible, we encourage all staff, students, parents/carers and visitors to travel sustainably.

Walking

Stretch your legs with a walk over the famous Stray! The walk from Harrogate town centre will take you approximately 20 minutes.

Cycling

The cycling route from Harrogate town centre, via the Stray, should take around 10 minutes. The bike shelters at college are secure and available to all staff and students.

Train

The college is just a two minute walk from Hornbeam Park train station, which is on the York to Leeds line. In just three minutes, students boarding a train from Harrogate station will arrive at Hornbeam Park station.

Good to know!

We have received Modeshift STARS accreditation, for our commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel in the community.

Bus

Harrogate College is served by an extensive public bus network; here are just a few of the buses that can get you to us:

Boroughbridge – 21 bus to Knaresborough

then 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D bus

Knaresborough – 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, or 1D bus

Leeds and Ripon – 36 bus

Pateley Bridge – 24 bus

Wetherby – 7 bus or X70 bus

Car

We encourage people to park in designated parking spaces only. Please note that due to building work, there will be no on-site parking, except for Blue Badge holders, until May 2027.

For information on your route to college or financial assistance with travel, please visit our website.



How to Apply

Ready to begin your educational journey? Here's how.

For more information, visit harrogate-college.ac.uk

1. Search for a course

In our prospectus, on our website or at an open event. Give us a call or visit us

2. Apply

Via our website, over the phone or in person at Harrogate College

3. Invitation to interview

Our Admissions team will invite you to book an interview

4. Your interview

Our tutors will talk through your chosen course

5. Offer

If you are successful you will receive an offer from your chosen course department

6. Accept your offer

Via email or over the phone

7. Taster Day* and Parent & Carer Event

Great opportunities to get to know Harrogate College

8. Book your enrolment slot

Over the summer we will invite you to book your slot

9. Enrol

The final step! **Congratulations** - you are now a Harrogate College student



*Taster Days are primarily for 16-18 year olds

Your Route

We understand no two journeys are the same. That's why our flexible progression paths make your ambitions easier to achieve.

Our courses and apprenticeships let you advance through different academic levels, whilst choosing whether to continue your studies, progress to university or enter employment.

Level 7 = equivalent to Master's degree

Level 6 = equivalent to third year of university degree

Level 5 = equivalent to second year of university degree

Level 4 = equivalent to first year of university degree

Level 3 = A Level equivalent, T Level and technical courses

Level 2 = equivalent to GCSE, occupational entry level

Level 1 = Introductory level, pre-GCSE

Entry Level = Foundation learning

For more information on specific routes, speak to a member of our team, email contact@harrogate-college.ac.uk

Can I change my course once I've started?

We understand sometimes things don't work out and it's important that you talk to us about any concerns you're having. It may be possible to change your course, however, the first step would be to speak with your tutor.

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Entry Requirements

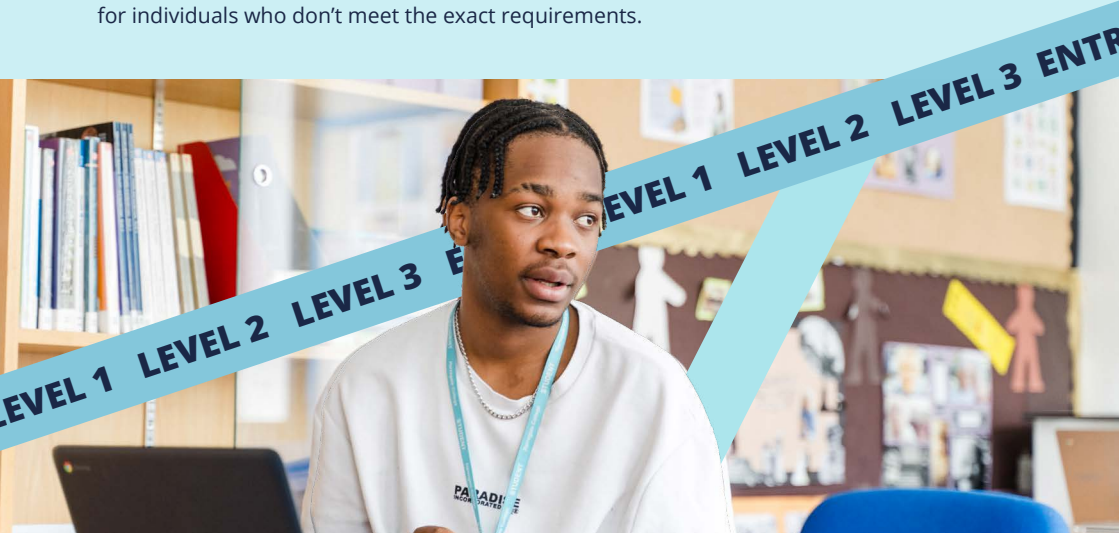
Level 3
5 GCSEs at grade 4 and above, including English and maths

Level 2
Typically 3-4 GCSEs at grade 4 and above

Level 1
Typically 3-4 GCSEs

Entry
No formal entry requirements

Exact entry requirements for T Level qualifications may vary according to the subject, speak to our Admissions team for further information. Personal circumstances will be considered for individuals who don't meet the exact requirements.



Your Week

What does a week look like?

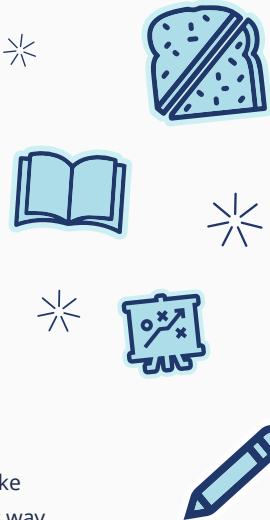
Your time at college will be structured around your weekly timetable. This will be unique to you and will factor in the course you choose to study, enrichment activities and tutorials.

In addition to timetabled lessons, students have the opportunity to take part in trips and visits - an important part of learning and an excellent way to build relationships and communication skills. These trips take place in college time, and recent excursions have included trips to Bettys & Taylors and Sykes House Farm - some have even ventured as far afield as Canada!

Example timetable:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am	Lesson 	Non-college day  *	Lessons 	Lesson 	Lessons 
10am	Tutorial 			Enrichment 	
11am	Enrichment 			Lessons 	
12pm	Lunch 		Lunch 	Lunch 	Lunch 
1pm	Lessons 		Self-directed learning 	Self-directed learning 	Lessons 
2pm			Enrichment 		Tutorial 
3pm					Enrichment 

*Typically you will spend four days a week in college, unless you are taking a T Level in which case you will attend five days a week





T-LEVELS

What is a T Level?

T Levels are a two year course, equivalent to three A Levels. They combine academic study with industry experience: 80% classroom learning and 20% work placement.

T Levels focus on transferable skills, expert knowledge and learning that will get you hired, or ready for university. They're also industry-recognised, and they have been endorsed by over 200 businesses across Yorkshire.

Whether you want to go to university or straight into skilled employment after your studies, you can get there with T Levels.

For more information about T Levels, including our guide for parents and contact for employers looking to offer industry placements, [click here](https://www.harrogate-college.ac.uk/t-levels) or visit [harrogate-college.ac.uk/t-levels](https://www.harrogate-college.ac.uk/t-levels)



"They [students] get to actually experience what it's like to be in a healthcare setting [as a member of staff]. They get to see all aspects of it, it really opens their eyes to lots of opportunities within healthcare... their hands-on experience is what really shows them: is this the role for them, is this the career they'd like to follow?"

T Level host at Harrogate Hospital



To find out more about apprenticeships, click here or email apprenticeships@harrogate.ac.uk



Apprenticeships



What are apprenticeships?

An apprenticeship combines the world of work with the world of learning. An apprentice gains hands-on practical training as well as off-the-job learning. Open to anyone aged 16 and over, you learn the skills and develop the knowledge you need to work in your chosen field, while employed in a salaried job.

We work with fantastic employers, offering apprenticeships in a wide range of industries and roles.

Typically we offer apprenticeships in the following areas:

- > Accountancy & Finance
- > Adult Care
- > Auto-mechanic
- > Construction
- > Education
- > Electrical
- > Hair & Beauty
- > Hospitality
- > Science & Pharmaceutical

Apprenticeships are available at different levels depending on your skills and qualifications.

Our vacancies are advertised on a regular basis - you can explore current opportunities on our website.

Why choose an apprenticeship with Harrogate College?

- > Harrogate College is part of the Luminate Education Group, one of the largest further education institutions in the country with more than 20,000 students, and we are one of the biggest providers of apprenticeships regionally
- > We have strong industry links with local, regional and national employers, ensuring your apprenticeship covers relevant and current content - giving you the best training and increased opportunities for career progression
- > We provide a diverse and vibrant learning environment which inspires life-changing opportunities. We pride ourselves on our excellent facilities which include professional kitchens, laboratories, engineering workshops, salons and childcare facilities

How to apply

Whether you have an idea of the industry in which you want to work, or whether you have no idea at all and want to know more about the apprenticeships out there, we can help. If you are currently employed and want to start an apprenticeship, we can help with that too.

1. Explore our apprenticeship vacancies
2. Complete the application form for your chosen vacancy
3. Attend an interview with your potential employer
4. Once successful, you will be inducted into your apprenticeship

Apprenticeships

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Course	Level	Duration (Months)
Accountancy & Finance		
Accounts or Finance Assistant	Level 2	13
Adult Care		
Adult Care Worker	Level 2	18
Lead Adult Care Worker	Level 3	18
Auto-mechanic		
Autocare Technician	Level 2	48
Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)	Level 3	36
Construction		
Bricklayer	Level 2	24
Carpentry & Joinery	Level 2	24
Property Maintenance	Level 2	24

Education

Early Years Practitioner	Level 2	15
Early Years Educator	Level 3	21
Teaching Assistant	Level 3	18

Electrical

Installation Electrician/ Maintenance Electrician	Level 3	48
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Hair & Beauty

Advanced Creative Hair Professional	Level 3	12
Beauty	Level 2	15
Hair Professional (Hairdressing)	Level 2	24

Hospitality

Commis Chef	Level 2	18
Chef de Partie	Level 3	18
Production Chef	Level 2	15
Senior Production Chef	Level 3	12
Hospitality Team Member	Level 2	12
Hospitality Supervisor	Level 3	15
Hospitality Manager	Level 4	18

Science & Pharmaceutical

Pharmacy Technician (Integrated)	Level 3	24
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Thinking of University?

There are many routes to higher education - A Levels, vocational courses, T Levels and apprenticeships can all get you to university. UCAS has a comprehensive website where you can find lots of useful information about getting to university, what it is like when you get there, student testimonials and much much more.

We've included below some tariff tables, to give you an idea of the UCAS points you could achieve studying a Level 3 course, including T Levels. Each course, at each university, will have different entry requirements - details of these will be found on the university website, and we suggest you visit your chosen university website for more details.

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Level 3 Diploma		Level 3 Extended Diploma	
Grade	UCAS Points	Grade	UCAS Points
D*D*	112	D*D*D*	168
D*D	104	D*D*D	160
DD	96	D*DD	152
DM	80	DDD	144
MM	64	DDM	128
MP	48	DMM	112
PP	32	MMM	96
Key: D = Distinction, M = Merit, P = Pass			

Interested in a Level 3 course? We offer **Beauty Therapy, Creative Digital Media Production, Creative Practice, Electrical Installation, Marketing, Hairdressing, Applied Science, Sport Fitness & Personal Training, and Uniformed Protective Services** courses at Level 3. See our course pages for details.

T Level overall grade	UCAS Tariff points
Distinction*	168
Distinction	144
Merit	120
Pass (C or above on the core)	96
Pass (D or E on the core)	72

Interested in a T Level? We offer **Education & Childcare, Health,** and **Marketing** T Levels. See our course pages for details.

STEM 7



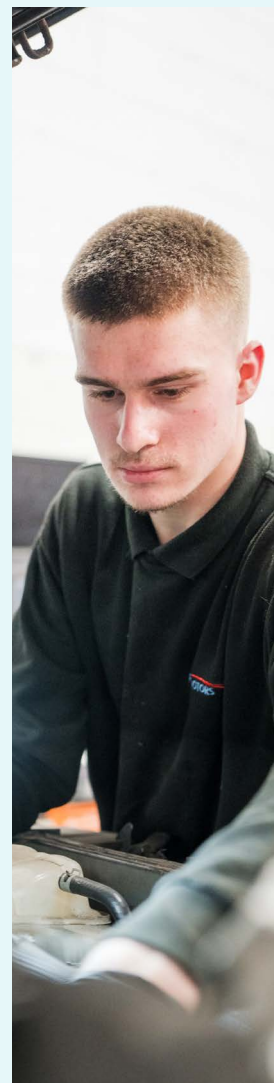
STEM refers to the four academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering and maths.

We offer a range of courses within these areas, all designed around abilities employers actually look for. They're available at school leaver, intermediate and higher education levels – taking you one step closer to securing your dream role.

As a college, we are committed to the skills we call STEM 7:

	Creative thinking		Intellectual curiosity
	Communication		Flexibility
	Problem-solving		Collaboration
	Data-driven decision-making		

These skills are embedded across our curriculum, as well as throughout your student experience. They boost your creative and problem-solving abilities, and even help you analyse information more effectively.



Our Facilities

Science laboratories

Our cutting-edge laboratories feature the latest technology, multiple workbenches and quality equipment – increasing the efficacy of results and allowing for team collaboration. Students learn how to carry out procedures, applications and research in a realistic workplace setting.



Technology centre

Home to electrical studies, motor vehicle, joinery, painting and decorating, and more – our innovative technology centre is where manual skills and creativity combine. Equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, our working garage, welding bays, joinery suite, electrical workshop and construction yard lets learners develop their skills in safe industrial settings.



IT suite and creative studios

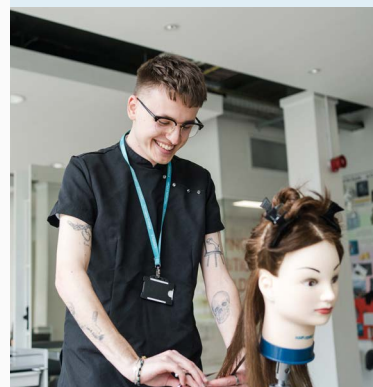
Here is where you will find everything digital, from PCs and iMacs to professional software for specialisms like animation and games development. Students can showcase their originality in our photography, art and recording studios – designed to inspire with retro-styled interiors.



Craft Bistro



Students develop their culinary flair in our modern production kitchen, using professional equipment and training bays. Training from industry chefs provides students with skills and knowledge for their future professional ventures. Open to students, staff and the public, the Bistro offers a contemporary dining experience for all.



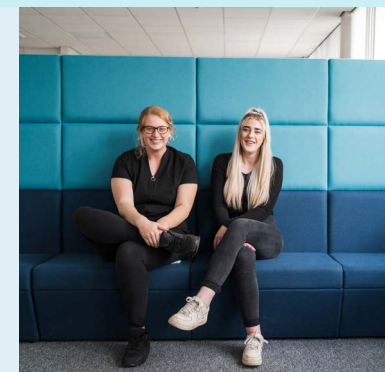
Craft Salon



Open to the public, our professional salons provided the perfect setting for students training to work in the hair and beauty industry. From hairdressing to nail treatments, beauty therapy to tanning, students learn from expert teachers, in a realistic working environment.

Active Learning Zone (ALZ)

Our Active Learning Zone provides a quiet area to study, read and regroup in between classes. With computers, spaces for individual work and a designated area for collaborative working, the ALZ is where you can carry out research, access learning materials and get assistance from our support staff.



Good to know!

We aim to be a Carbon Net Zero college by 2035.

Our Support Services

Whatever your concerns, we're here to make your time with us as stress free as possible. Our support services can help with a wide range of issues – from academic and financial matters to personal circumstances.

Finance

We believe finance should not be a barrier to a good education. We may be able to provide support with costs in areas including travel, meals, childcare, equipment, course kit, and residential and educational visits, depending on your eligibility.

For more details, click here,
visit harrogate-college.ac.uk/financial-support
or call us on 01423 879 466.



Wellbeing and mental health

We're dedicated to our students' wellbeing, and staff across the college can listen, advise and help explore different options. All students have access to counselling support, while our Student Life team offers drop-ins, and promotes mental health and wellbeing through extracurricular activities. Students can also speak to their tutors or dedicated pastoral lead.

Careers support

The Careers team is here to help you make informed decisions and to help you plan the next steps towards your future. From applying to work, university or apprenticeships, to identifying your interests, skills and aspirations, our Careers Advisors can provide you with the information, advice and guidance you need.



To arrange an appointment with Harrogate College's Careers Advisors, please contact the reception and admissions team on **01423 879466** or email contact@harrogate-college.ac.uk. Parents and carers are welcome to contact us too.

We work closely with the National Careers Service. Advisors work in partnership with the staff to deliver sessions on employability and career planning to groups on full-time and part-time courses.

At college we also have Careers Champions. These are senior members of staff who lead on curriculum development alongside local employers. This ensures we meet skills needs in the local area, which will in turn equip our students to excel in the workplace.

"When I first started, I was very anxious about coming into the college. I was nervous about how it was going to go, I didn't think I would stay. But progressing with the help of the teachers, like Kerry, she helped me get my confidence, built that up and now coming into my second year it's completely different. It's changed my life. It's amazing is this college."

Joinery student

Safeguarding & Wellbeing

It's okay to need some extra support...

Exam stress? Worried about your wellbeing? We can help. We work hard to ensure your college experience is the best it can be.

Mental health and wellbeing support

It's always good to talk. Our students can access a team of counsellors and mental health officers, and we have dedicated pastoral staff who can refer you to support services. If you are worried about someone else, our Safeguarding team is also available for support and advice.

Our Oasis Room is a safe space to calm down if you are experiencing anxiety, stress or sensory overload. As well as diverse spaces within the building, we have created a Garden of Sanctuary, a peaceful space for quiet reflection and a chance to re-charge during a busy day.

Academic support

You will receive academic support from your teachers and coaching tutors. You can also contact our iLearn team for skills training, 1:1 advice, workshops or engaging learning materials. Or visit our Active Learning Zone to access a range of resources such as books, Google Chromebooks, CDs and DVDs.

Additionally, you can take part in exam preparation sessions.



Safeguarding

We are committed to making sure all students and staff are protected from harm. All staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection, and our dedicated Safeguarding team is on hand for advice and support. Don't stay silent, we are here for you.



Prevent

We take terrorism seriously, so we closely follow the Prevent scheme outlined by the government. We aim to prevent people from being drawn into all forms of extremism by educating and raising awareness of issues that could endanger or cause harm.



Restorative Practice (RP)

All staff at Harrogate College are trained to follow a restorative approach. Restorative Practice is a process based around the power of communication. It looks at repairing harm, building resilience, developing relationships and understanding the power of communication.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

We are proud to be Investors in Diversity. We aim to create an inclusive learning environment that celebrates all differences and challenges discrimination. We want everyone to feel able to fully participate in college life and achieve their full potential.

"The staff here at Harrogate College are always kind, patient and willing to help. They explain everything very well and go into detail when we need more information."

Catering student

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Support

If you're a SEND student requiring specialist support, we can help in many ways.

Our friendly team is on hand to ensure everyone has a positive college experience and their needs are supported.

Below are some of the ways we can help:

Quality First Teaching (QFT) support:

- > In-class differentiation, including smaller tasks and visual handouts
- > Referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), careers, mental health and wellbeing services
- > Risk assessments
- > Medical storage and access arrangements

Students also have access to our sensory room – a safe space to address times of stress, crisis, sensory overload, mental health issues or even periods of sudden change.

Support is assessed on an individual basis and varies depending on the person's needs, and/or their Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Once assessed, a personalised support plan will be created and only shared with others on a 'need-to-know' basis.

Targeted Teaching support:

- > Small group work
- > Exam Access Arrangements - evidence from your secondary school required (please ask the SENCo for your Form 8/9, as without this we're unable to offer EAA)
- > Independent time out of class
- > Aids and adaptations, including adjustable tables and chairs
- > In-class support (for those with an Education Health and Care Plan, EHCP)

To arrange SEND support, contact SENDSupport@harrogate.ac.uk

Student Life

Make the most of your time at college with our extracurricular activities. Regular events and activities such as our 'students versus staff' football tournament, and our annual musical production, provide excellent opportunities to make new friends, develop new interests and expand your skills.

Some of our current clubs, activities and events include:

- > Freshers Fair
- > Student Council Elections
- > Black History Month
- > Luminate Cup
- > Mental Health Awareness Days
- > Halloween Events
- > Diwali Celebration
- > Remembrance Day
- > Children in Need
- > Musical Production
- > Christmas Fair
- > Hanukkah Celebration
- > Eid Celebration
- > Valentines Day
- > Easter Fair
- > Student BBQ

Lunch time activities:

- > Table Tennis
- > Football
- > Basketball
- > Craft Club
- > Movie Club
- > Warhammer
- > Games Club
- > Chess
- > PS4 Games
- > Disco Club

The Students' Union and Student Council

All students at Harrogate College automatically become a member of the Students' Union, however if you want the opportunity to become more involved in student life, you can stand for election to the Student Council. The Student Council works together to enhance the college experience and increase student awareness of new

and exciting events. As a member of the Student Council you will be involved in board meetings, open events, sub-committees, event planning and enhancing the student voice. Joining the Student Council gives you great leadership experience and places you at the centre of student life - it also looks great on job and UCAS applications.

"My favourite thing about the college is the experiences we get to go on. We've been on a lot of trips to art galleries."

Art & Design student



Access ilearn via ilearnservices.site or visit us on the second floor at the college.



ilearn

Our goal as Harrogate College’s ilearn team is to help students develop their independent learning skills and achieve personal goals.

We support students in five key areas:

Academic skills - all things assignments and writing to get the best grades possible

Independent skills - tools and skills you need to be autonomous and less reliant on your teachers, keeping you top of the game

Digital skills - we use Google and lots of apps that help you become digitally savvy

Future-ready skills - getting you ready for the next step or improving your employability

Digital sense - understanding your digital world, online footprint, cybersafety and more

We are on hand to deliver both full classes or more personal one-to-one sessions with students to support their learning.

Our Courses



We are proud of our strong connections with local businesses. Our Employers’ Network consists of over 100 employers who do everything from advising on curriculum to offering work placements, and frequently come into college to speak to students.

Our good relationships with local businesses mean we are able to keep our course content current, informed by the very people who know best which skills and knowledge young people need in order to succeed.

We are constantly updating our courses to meet the labour market and industry needs. Visit our website for the most up-to-date course information.



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Beauty Therapy

Whether you dream of owning your own beauty salon, perfecting pedicures in a privately run parlour or offering relaxation to clients in a hotel spa, our beauty courses can transform your ambitions into reality. Learning from experts with industry experience in our professional standard salons, you will develop your skills and knowledge, treating paying members of the public and building your confidence with clients.

Industry



Set to increase 1.4%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Beauty/Clinical Therapist (£23,667)
- > Electrologist (£33,280)
- > Skin Specialist (£30,000-£35,000)

Click here to
apply today



Labour market data is sourced from Lightcast (<https://lightcast.io/uk>) 2024-2025.
Data referenced relates to LEP York and North Yorkshire and is correct at time of print, 2025



Beauty Therapy

Beauty Therapy

Level 3

Entry requirements:

Beauty Therapy Level 2 and four GCSEs at grade 4 or above or the agreement to sit these qualifications alongside this course

Beauty Therapy

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

No formal entry requirements; a general interest in beauty treatments is beneficial

Beauty Therapy

Award, Level 1

Entry requirements:

No formal entry requirements; a general interest in hairdressing and/or beauty treatments is beneficial



Bringing lessons to life

Beauty students have been treated to a talk from leading brand Dermalogica when they visited the College. Students heard about the beauty industry and were able to sample products.



Business

Move seamlessly from the classroom to the boardroom with our business classes. Taught by industry experts, our tutors deliver comprehensive lessons in business and marketing. So whether you're a budding entrepreneur, future marketing mogul or an up and coming communicator, our business courses can kick start your career.

Industry



Set to increase 2.3%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Group Finance Director
(£130,000-£150,000)
- > Programme Director
(£116,000-£138,000)

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Business

Marketing

T Level

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths

Business

Level 3

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths

Business

Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths



Bringing lessons to life

Level 3 Business students attended an UNLOC Changemakers networking event at the Burberry offices in Leeds, where they had the chance to meet senior business leaders.

The students developed their communication skills and learned how to confidently greet new people. They then took part in speed networking and marketing activities, with one of our students winning the marketing activity.

At the end of the event, two of our students were invited to appear on camera to share their experiences and interview key participants, with one of them interviewing Rob Blomfield, Head of Global Services at Burberry UK.

The students had a fantastic time and reported feeling much more confident about speaking to new people.



Catering & Hospitality

Are you a budding masterchef? Do you enjoy being the ‘host with the most’? Whether you want to create memorable experiences for people through cooking or serving, our catering and hospitality courses can help you achieve your dreams. Learn all you need to thrive in the culinary world from our industry experts, whose knowledge will give you real insight into this busy and exciting sector.

Industry

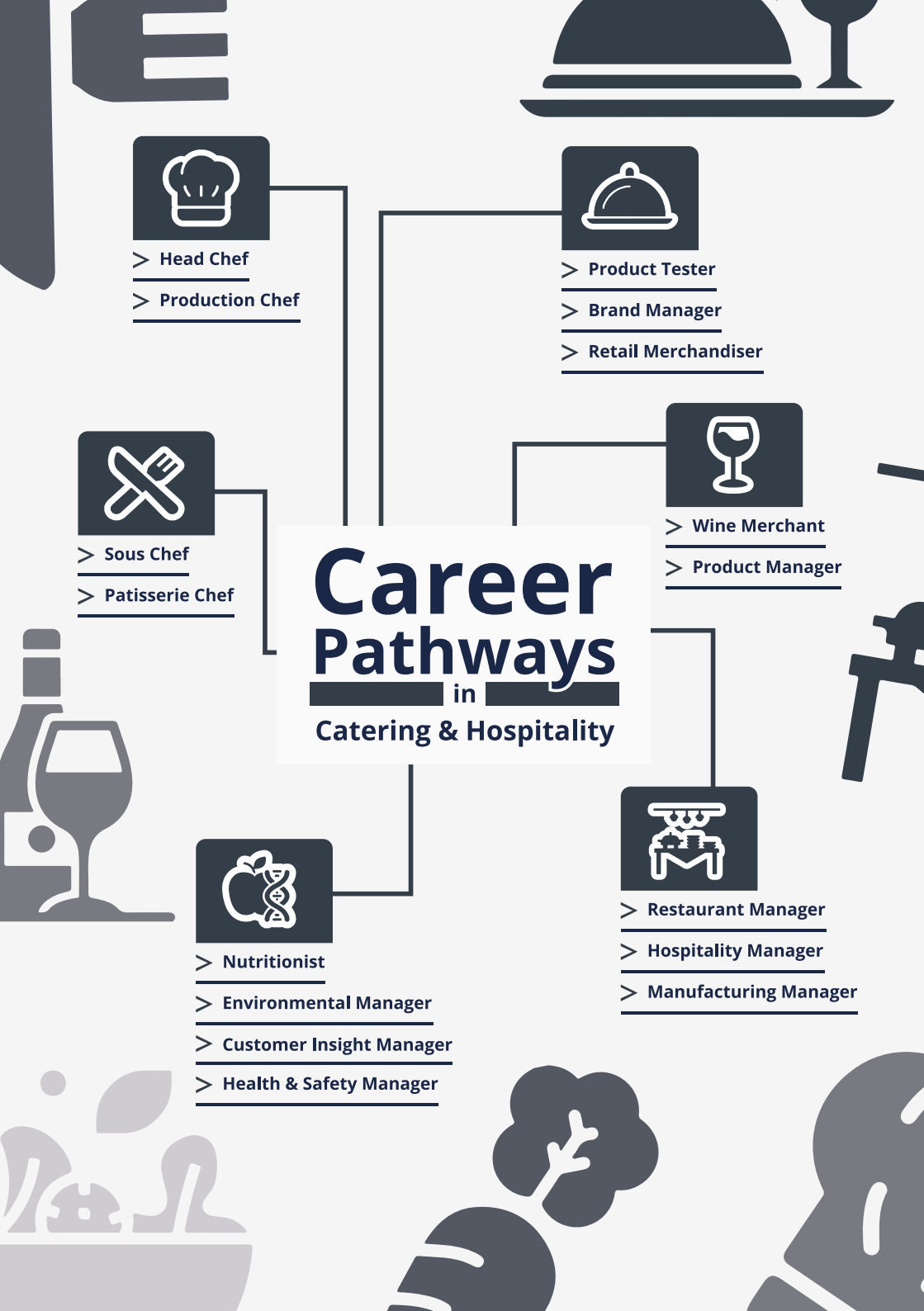
Set to increase 3.5% between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Executive Chef (£50,000- £60,000)
- > Group Leader - Food Chemistry & Data Science (£62,250)
- > Travel Consultant (£42,000)

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Catering & Hospitality

Hospitality & Culinary Skills

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, preferably including English and maths

Hospitality & Culinary Skills

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, preferably including English and maths



Bringing lessons to life

Hospitality Diploma students visited Sykes Farm for a hands-on session exploring the food-to-fork journey. This practical experience taught students about sustainable farming, animal care, and the operational challenges of running a farm, all while deepening their understanding of the vital role played by farming in our economy.

As a key partner and sponsor of the local Hospitality Award, Sykes Farm provided invaluable insights into farm management and sustainability. Students observed daily operations, engaged with the farm team, and sampled a variety of meats, gaining a deeper connection between culinary practices and their sources.

A huge thank you to Sykes Farm for hosting this enriching session and for their ongoing support in shaping the next generation of hospitality professionals.



Childcare & Education

If you want to work in childcare or education, look no further than our Education & Early Years T Level. Taught by experienced professionals, not only will you learn the theory needed to succeed in this important and rewarding sector, but the work placement (around 45 days) will allow you to put that knowledge into practice - giving you valuable experience in the workplace.

Industry



Set to increase 1.6% between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Assistant Principal (£59,200-£65,300)
- > Associate Professor of AI (£59,100-£70,500)
- > Head Teacher (£53,000)

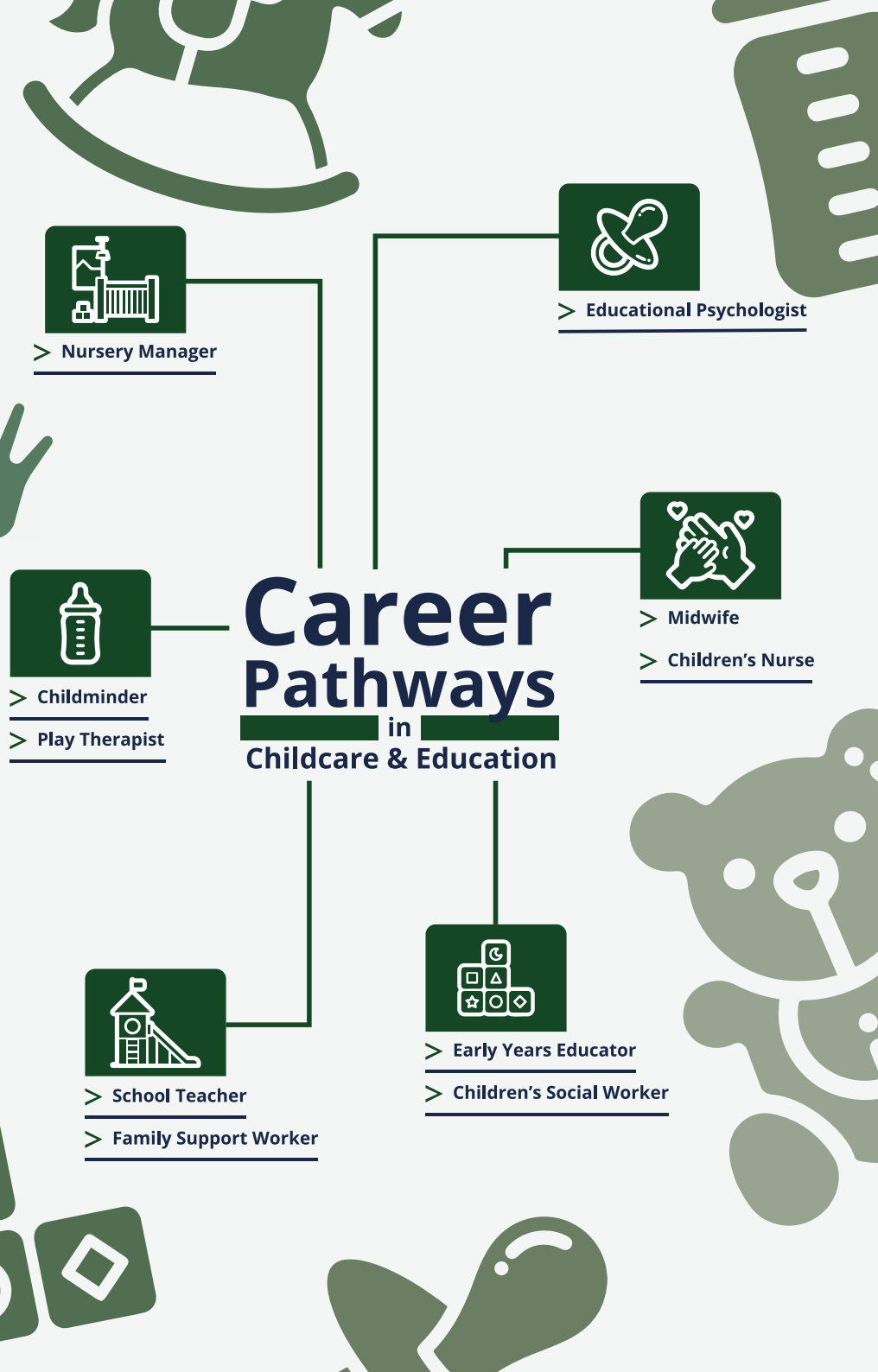
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Childcare & Education

Education & Early Years

T Level

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths, and science



Bringing lessons to life

Childcare & Education students have enjoyed visiting a number of different schools, enhancing their learning with focused work experience. Students have been welcomed by Oatlands Infant School, Bright Ideas Preschool, Coppice Valley Primary School and Ripon Cathedral School.



Construction & Joinery

Whether you're planning on building houses, crafting bespoke furniture or working on-site as a skilled tradesperson, our construction and joinery courses lay strong foundations for your future. Taught in our industry-standard workshops by experienced professionals, you'll learn practical skills alongside health and safety, teamwork and planning - everything you need to succeed in this essential and hands-on sector.

Industry



Set to increase 2%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Architect (£71,000)
- > Civil Engineer (£61,000)
- > Production Manager in Construction (£65,000)

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CONSTRUCTION & JOINERY



- > Site Manager
- > Architectural Technician
- > Building Control Officer



- > Health & Safety Manager
- > Digital Engineering Technician



- > Bricklayer
- > Site Joiner
- > Project Manager



- > CAD Operative
- > Quantity Surveyor
- > Demolition Worker

Career Pathways in Construction & Joinery



- > Furniture Maker
- > Civil Engineering Technician



- > Contracts Manager
- > Chartered Surveyor
- > Building Services Engineer

Construction & Joinery

Bench Joinery

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths or a relevant Level 1 qualification

Bricklaying

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths

Construction Skills

Certificate, Level 1

Entry requirements:

This introductory course has no formal entry requirements but there is an expectation of a great work ethic and a natural inclination to work practically. This programme will also include English and maths to bring your skills to the required level for returning on Level 2 or gaining an apprenticeship.



Bringing lessons to life

Level 1 Joinery students have welcomed guest speaker, and former Harrogate College student, David Sawaryn from Peter Barker Joinery Ltd. David shared his experience in the industry, offering practical tips on joinery tools and health and safety. He provided insightful advice on career paths and how learners can best prepare for their future in the field. David also demonstrated basic yet essential techniques used in joinery work. The session was both informative and hands-on, giving students practical insights into the trade.



Creative Arts

Step into the fast-growing world of creative media and art, where you'll bring bold ideas to life through film, games, animation, fashion, illustration and more. Learn hands-on techniques using industry-standard tools, develop your own creative style, and build a standout portfolio. With expert support, you'll gain the technical and artistic skills to express yourself and prepare for an exciting future in the creative industries.

Industry



Set to increase 1.4%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Digital Design Specialist (£47,000)
- > News & Media Manager (£48,500-£53,000)
- > Videographer & Editor (£45,000)

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Creative Arts

Creative Practice

Extended Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and maths and a portfolio of work for interview

Creative Digital Media Production

Extended Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths

Creative Digital & Multimedia Production & Design

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or equivalent

Art & Design

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and maths and a portfolio of work for interview



"My favourite thing [about college] is how we get to mix and work with different departments. I've done stuff in ceramics and wood joinery."

Art & Design student

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Electrical

Power up your future with our practical, hands-on electrical courses. Working in our fully equipped workshops and guided by industry-experienced tutors, you'll learn the core skills needed to start your career in this essential trade. From wiring systems to safety standards, you'll build the knowledge and confidence needed for work or further training in this in-demand industry.

Industry



Set to increase 2.9% between 2025 and 2030

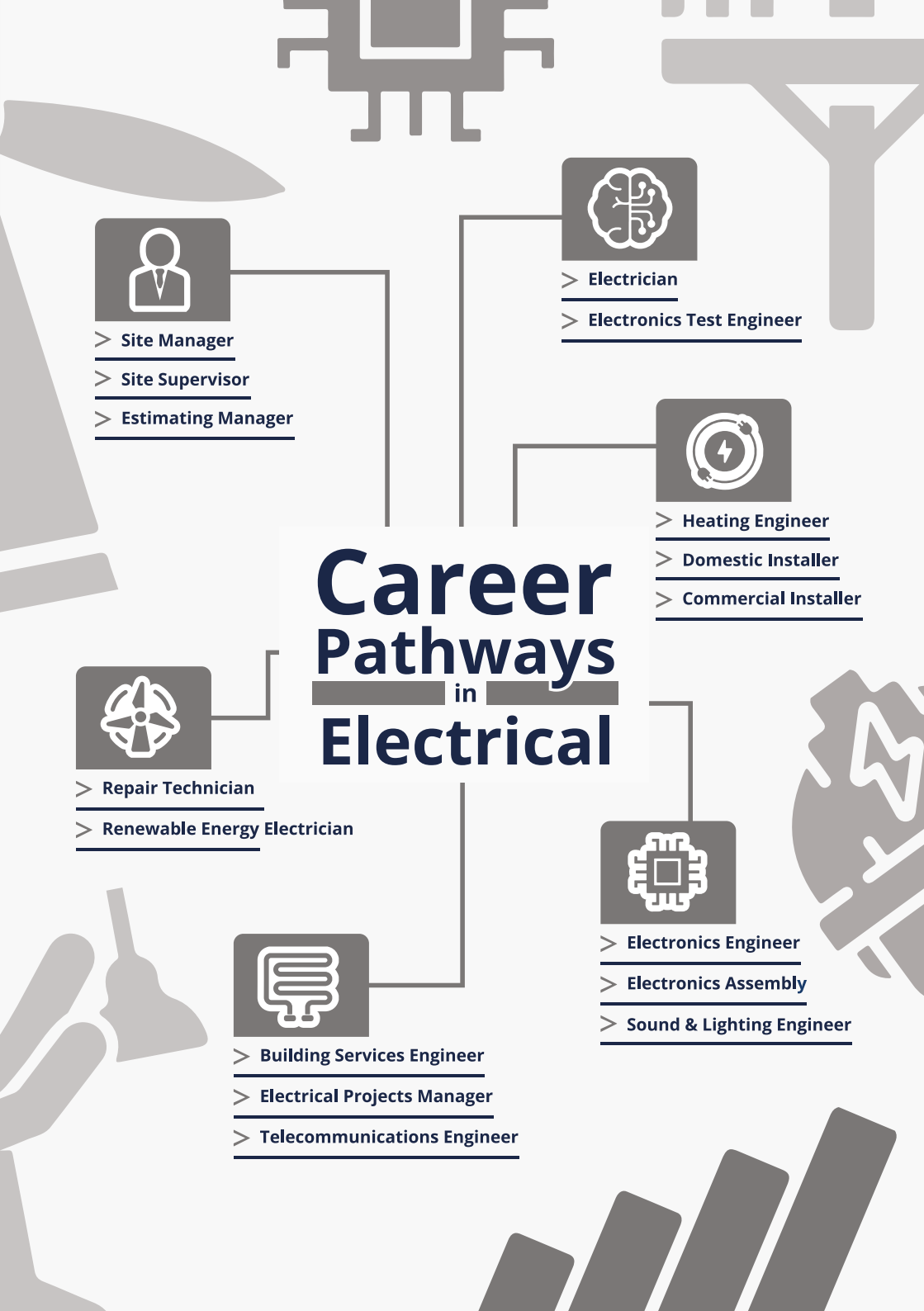
Highest advertised salaries:

- > Lead Electrical Engineer (£55,000-£75,000)
- > Senior Electrification & Plant Engineer (£71,100-£80,100)

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Electrical

Electrical Installation

Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Level 2 Electrical Installation, and five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths

Electrical Installation

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4, including English and maths



Bringing lessons to life

Students heard from the business founder and managing director of Energy Oasis when he visited the College. Focusing on career inspiration in the green energy industry, students gained valuable insights into potential career paths, learning firsthand about the dynamic landscape of the green energy sector and the exciting career prospects offered therein.

English for Speakers of Other Languages

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Entry to Level 2

Improve your English for school, work and everyday life on this friendly and educational course. You will perfect your everyday English, working on your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. You will study with people from all backgrounds and will receive help and support from friendly tutors. This is a great way to use English to reach your personal goals.

Study length

Full-time and part-time learning available

Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course



Foundation Learning

Preparation for Work

Entry Level

This course gives you the skills to find work in the future. This includes developing your English, maths and communication skills, as well as learning how to work as part of a team, solve problems and use computers for research. The course also supports you to become more independent, by teaching you budgeting and cooking, for example. This course is not geared towards a specific job but you will be encouraged to follow your interests. There will be opportunities to explore work experience through community action projects and supported internships so that you have experience of the workplace.

Study length

Two years

Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course

What's next?

Progress from work related activity into supported internships, and work experience leading to sustained employment in an area you are interested in. The intention of this course is that you develop the skills to live more independently, progress into full time employment or Level 1 course linked to job specific skills.

Foundation Learning

Employability and Enterprise

Certificate, Level 1

This course allows you to experience aspects of our full-time courses without committing to one specific subject. You will develop your English and maths skills, work on your social and personal development, and study different topics to help you choose what you'd like to specialise in. This course is ideal if you'd like to gain new skills whilst exploring different career and study options. You will also get to experience the student activities and college life that Harrogate College has to offer.

Study length

One year

Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course

Employability and Enterprise

Award, Level 2

This engaging course will see you develop your personal and employability skills through a series of exciting projects, volunteering and activities. If you're aiming to start work, or want to continue studying, this course will help you achieve your goals. Build your confidence as you grow your skill set and gain valuable experience of work, through participation in projects and activities.

Study length

One year

Entry requirements

Three GCSEs at grade 3 or equivalent

What's next?

If you want to pursue further study, successful completion of this course will allow you to progress to a Level 3 course. Alternatively you could embark on an apprenticeship, or enter the world of work.

Foundation Learning

Project Search Internship Programme

Internship

Run in conjunction with Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, DFN Project Search and HFT.

The programme follows the pattern of the academic year, starting in September and running till mid-July. You will have the usual college holidays but unlike most of our courses which span 3-4 days, the Supported Internship runs Monday to Friday 9am-4pm. The programme generally includes three different rotations within the hospital.

A typical day starts with a general catch up and some work on employability skills – this is led by the college's Coordinator and supported by a Job Coach. You will then go to work in your allocated department from 10am and finish at 3.30pm and then go back to your base room for a daily debrief with the Job Coach and college Coordinator. You would normally be placed in a different department to other interns so you feel like part of that team rather than a group of college students on a work placement.

Study length

One year

Entry requirements

Applicants must be 18-24 years old and have an EHCP

What's next?

Progress into employment at a Harrogate & District NHS FT Hospital



Bringing lessons to life

Learners from both our Employability and Enterprise and Preparation for Work groups had the fantastic opportunity to explore real working environments, gaining firsthand experience of professional settings.

Preparation for Work students took part in a production tour at Bettys & Taylors, where they experienced the entire production process from start to finish. This hands-on visit gave them a unique perspective on how products are created and delivered on a large scale.

Employability and Enterprise students visited Techbuyer, a valued business partner and close neighbour to us at Hornbeam Business Park. During their visit, they were given a guided tour, providing insight into the company's operations and workplace culture.

Both visits were incredibly valuable in helping students understand different career paths and workplace expectations. A big thank you to Techbuyer and Bettys & Taylors for providing such engaging experiences!



HAIRDRESSING

If you love being creative, making people feel their best, and working in a fast-paced environment, hairdressing could be your style. Learn in our on-site salon, practising on real clients as you master the latest cutting, styling and colouring techniques. Our expert tutors will support you every step of the way as you work towards a career in this vibrant industry.

Industry



Set to increase 1.6%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Hairdresser (£24,100-£26,700)
- > Barber (£22,000-£23,900)
- > Stylist (£35,000)

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Hairdressing

Hairdressing

Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, successful completion of Hairdressing Diploma Level 2 and regular work experience within a hair salon

Hairdressing

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

English and maths GCSEs at grade 4 or above or the agreement to sit these qualifications alongside this course

Hairdressing

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

English and maths GCSEs at grade 4 or above or the agreement to sit these qualifications alongside this course



Bringing lessons to life

Our hairdressing students had an incredible opportunity to learn from top industry professional Mark from Cloud Nine, who delivered a masterclass on the art of big, bouncy, curly blow-dries.

During the session, Mark shared expert tips and tricks for creating voluminous, stunning curls using Cloud Nine's innovative styling tools. Students were able to gain hands-on experience and learn advanced techniques that will elevate their styling skills.

The session was an invaluable learning experience, providing insights from a true industry professional. A big thank you to Mark and Cloud Nine for their time and expertise!



Health & Social Care

Make a difference in people's lives with a course in health and social care. Whether you're drawn to nursing, care work or social services, you'll learn how to support people's wellbeing with empathy and professionalism. With guidance from tutors who've worked in the sector, you'll gain the practical knowledge needed to prepare for a rewarding and meaningful career.

Industry



Set to increase 2.1% between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Applied Behaviour Analyst (£41,463)
- > Consult Psychiatrist (£105,500-£139,800)
- > Midwife for Diabetes in Pregnancy (£47,800-£54,700)

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Health & Social Care

Health

T Level

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English, maths, and science

Health & Social Care

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and maths



Bringing lessons to life

Harrogate and District NHS Trust have shared a number of ward scenarios, used in their internal training, with Harrogate College. We have adapted these scenarios to use in our Level 2 Health and Social Care courses. We also work with the Trust to provide placements for our T Level course.



Motor Vehicle

If you enjoy problem-solving and working with your hands, our motor vehicle courses could drive you toward your ideal career. Learn in our specialist workshops with access to real cars and tools, guided by experienced mechanics. From engine diagnostics to servicing and repair, you'll develop the skills that employers in this fast-moving industry will seek.

Industry



Set to increase 3.82% between 2025 and 2030

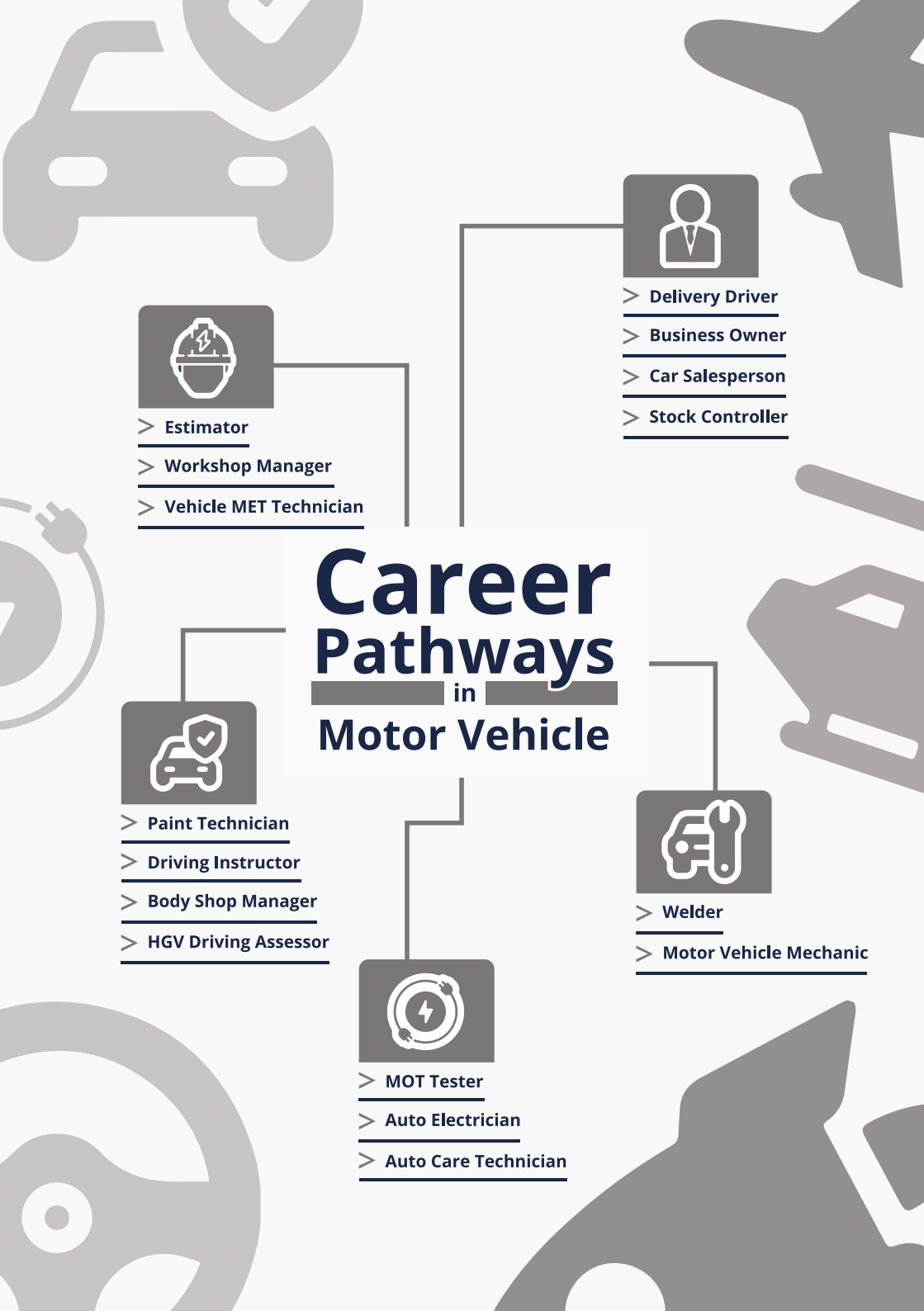
Highest advertised salaries:

- > Director of Fleet Services (£56,400-£64,900)
- > Vehicle Technician (£38,114)

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Motor Vehicle

Motor Vehicle

Diploma, Level 2

Entry requirements:

There are no formal entry requirements for this course, however an interest in cars and mechanics is desirable, and GCSEs would be beneficial. If you do not have GCSEs in English and maths at grade 4 or above, you will take this alongside your course. Each applicant will be individually assessed.

Motor Vehicle

Diploma, Level 1

Entry requirements:

There are no entry requirements for this course, however an interest in cars and mechanics is desirable. If you do not have GCSEs in English and maths at grade 4 or above, you will take this alongside your course.

We're seeing green!

We've purchased electric and hybrid vehicles so we can ensure our teaching keeps up with the latest developments in vehicle technology.



Bringing lessons to life

Motor Vehicle and Construction students benefited from an engaging visit by Steve Brace, Halfords Trade Manager. Steve provided valuable insights into the diverse career paths available at Halfords, including apprenticeships for Vehicle Technicians and opportunities within their retail and autocentre network.

A highlight of the session was a practical demonstration of diagnostic tools used in vehicle maintenance, which sparked a lively Q&A with students eager to learn about product quality and Halfords' training programmes.

All participating students received a Halfords Trade Card, offering discounts on tools and parts to support their studies and future entrepreneurial ventures. This collaboration provides our students with invaluable industry connections and real-world perspectives, enhancing their career prospects. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Halfords and Steve for their time and commitment to inspiring our learners.



Curious about how the world works? Our applied science courses let you explore biology, chemistry and physics through practical experiments and real-world applications. Ideal for aspiring scientists, healthcare professionals or lab technicians, you'll learn in well-equipped laboratories with support from expert tutors - helping you build a solid foundation for university or a science-based career.

Industry

Set to increase 2.8% between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Biomedical Scientist (£62,400)
- > Radiology MRI Physicist (£53,700-£60,500)
- > Stroke Consultant (£99,500-£131,900)

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Science

Applied Science

Extended Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 including English and maths, or equivalent



Bringing lessons to life

Harrogate and District NHS Trust has provided valuable input into our Level 3 Applied Science course. This contribution ensures students are learning relevant, current content, allowing them to gain the practical skills they need to start work in the health industry or continue to higher level study.



Sport

If you've got a passion for fitness, teamwork and helping others perform at their best, sport could be the sector for you. You'll develop knowledge of anatomy, coaching, nutrition and performance, with plenty of opportunities for practical experience. Whether you want to be a personal trainer, gym instructor or sports coach, these courses can help you get started.

Industry



Set to increase 2.2%
between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Head Coach and Client Retention Specialist (£35,000)
- > Head Fitness Coach (£28,000-£33,000)

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Sport

Sport Fitness & Personal Training

Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths

Gym Instructing

Certificate, Level 2

Entry requirements:

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or maths



Bringing lessons to life

All sport students get a free gym membership during their time studying at Harrogate College. This is a fantastic way to get fit and develop their knowledge and understanding of the gym as a potential workplace for those aspiring to a career as a gym instructor or personal trainer.

Students have also been involved in enrichment football on a Tuesday evening at Rossett Sports Centre, as well as volunteering for 'Crucial Crew' where Harrogate College hosts local Primary School workshops with North Yorkshire Police, all as part of their work placements.



Uniformed Protective Services

Prepare for the police, fire and emergency services or the armed forces by pushing your endurance and comfort levels through exciting and challenging activities. From wall climbing, caving and canoeing, to understanding the human body, criminology and responding to emergency incidents, you will satisfy your love for adventure, duty and justice as you gain valuable skills required for specialist and elite units.

Industry



Set to increase 2.3% between 2025 and 2030

Highest advertised salaries:

- > Custody Specialist (£54,600)
- > Probation Officer (£44,100-£46,000)

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Uniformed Protective Services

Uniformed Protective Services

Extended Diploma, Level 3

Entry requirements:

GCSEs at grade 4 or above, including English and maths



Bringing lessons to life

Our Uniformed Protective Services students had the exciting opportunity to welcome two special guests from the Royal Navy, Engineer Joe and Caterer Janine. They shared insights into their roles in the Navy, asked students about their own career aspirations, and showcased a video about life in the forces.

Students were also put to the test with fun, hands-on challenges! Split into teams, they first competed to build a two-metre-high communication tower. Then, using the same materials, they worked to construct a functional wind turbine.

The lively and competitive atmosphere made for an engaging and memorable experience, leaving students inspired and more informed about career opportunities in the Royal Navy.

Parents, Carers and Guardians

Here at Harrogate College we value the role parents, carers and guardians play in the lives of the young adults who study with us. We want you to feel part of your young person's educational journey, and as such we hold a number of **Parents' Evenings** throughout the year.

Parents' Evenings give you the opportunity to meet your young person's teacher and hear how they are progressing. You will also be able to keep updated on their progress throughout the year via our online portal - where you can view reports, attendance and assessment grades.

We appreciate that the educational landscape has changed over the years, and that things aren't necessarily as they were when our students' parents were learning.

To help you navigate the possibilities that are available to students following their time in education, we've listed some helpful contacts and clickable links on our website.

Visit the Careers Education, Information and Advice page of our website, where you can find information about:

- > Careers Services
- > Apprenticeships
- > Higher Education

If at any time throughout the academic year you have concerns or queries, we are here to help. You can contact your young person's teacher directly, give us a call, or pop in and see us.

"From a parent's perspective, I found everyone at Harrogate College to be friendly and welcoming. There were lots of things to see and do in all the classrooms. "

Adult Learning at Harrogate College

Looking to learn more?

With us you can tap into your talents with a leisure course, go further in your career with one of our professional courses or start something new with our training programmes.

Whether you're ready for a new job, want to progress in your career or just want to learn something new for fun, we have a range of courses to help you enhance your learning, evolve your skills and expand your horizon. With part-time and online study options, our courses can fit around your schedule - and no matter how you choose to study, you're guaranteed a supportive, encouraging teacher who will help you achieve your goals.

Studying could be more affordable than you imagined - depending on your financial circumstances you could be entitled to the following:

- > Free courses
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