

# FULL TIME

## GUIDE 2024

Your Future Starts With Us...



► **JOIN YOUR LOCAL COLLEGE**

# WELCOME

Derwentside College's goal is to provide the very best education and training for our learners. We will do everything possible to help you succeed.

We have fantastic partnerships with hundreds of employers and we'll help you to find high quality employment or support you to progress into further learning or Higher Education.

## THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

It is essential you receive advice and guidance before selecting a programme that is right for you. We have ensured every course we offer has clear entry requirements with a selection of progression routes. We are here to help you make the right career choice.

### Entry Level

Entry level qualifications can help you boost your confidence, build new skills, increase your knowledge and progress to a Level 1 course. No qualifications are needed.

# E

### Level 1

To join a Level 1 course you will need GCSEs at Grades 2-1 or an entry level qualification. You can then progress to a Level 2 course in your chosen area of study.

# 1

If you don't have you Maths & English we'll help you achieve this

### Level 2 / T-Level Foundation

To join a Level 2 course you will need either a Level 1 qualification or Grade 3s at GCSE which includes English Language and Maths. You can then progress to a Level 3 course in your chosen area of study or an Apprenticeship or T Level.

# 2

### Level 3

To join a Level 3 course you will need a minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, which includes English Language, Maths or a Level 2 qualification. You can then progress to University, to an Apprenticeship or employment.

# 3

### T Levels

To join a T Level course you will need a minimum of 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, which includes English Language and Maths. T Levels provide skills to progress to your chosen career or University.

### T Level Grade

Distinction *	168
Distinction	144
Merit	120
Pass	96

### UCAS Points

# T

# TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

## More about T-Levels...

### What are T-Levels?

T-levels are new, government-backed, career focused qualifications for learners aged 16-19.

### How long do they last?

T-Levels (like A-levels) take place over 2 years.

### What level are they?

They are Level 3 courses which follow on from your GCSEs. One T-Level is equivalent to 3 A-levels.

### How will my time be split?

You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on placement with one of our highly rated employers.

### How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in a range of ways, including, written examination, employer set project, group work, observation, activity planners and professional discussions.

### What qualification will I gain?

You will gain a nationally recognised certificate showing your overall grade of pass, merit, distinction or distinction\*.

### What can I progress on to?

You can choose to move onto a:

- Skilled occupation
- Higher or Degree level apprenticeship
- Higher Education at University

### KEY BENEFITS...

#### T-levels are Career Focused Enabling you to:

- Gain industry experience
- Get a nationally recognised qualification
- Earn UCAS points
- Get real knowledge of your chosen career
- Build vital skills, such as teamwork and communication for your future career

During the 2-year programme, you will develop the core knowledge and skills that are needed to enter your chosen occupation.

## We offer T-Levels in...

Childcare & Education

Digital Production & Design

Electrical Installation

Engineering Design & Development

Health Care



**T-LEVELS**  
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



# BEAUTY THERAPY

## ABOUT THE COURSE

These courses will prepare you for a career in the popular and highly demanding beauty therapy industry. Our courses will also develop your creativity and skills leading to a wide range of employment opportunities, for example in salons, health spas and on cruise liners.



### FREE

You will receive FREE uniform for this course



### EXPERIENCE

You will work in our new salon - The Retreat and experience visiting high-end spas throughout the region.

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Beauty Therapy	✓	✓	✓

## CAREERS IN BEAUTY THERAPY

- Aromatherapist
- Make-Up Artist/ Media Make-Up
- Reflexologist
- Beauty Therapist
- Nail Technician
- Spa or Salon Manager

Progress to an apprenticeship, higher education or work in your chosen career



# CATERING & HOSPITALITY

## ABOUT THE COURSE

There are many openings in the Catering and Hospitality industry. With demand for skilled chefs and hospitality specialists, studying catering and hospitality at Derwentside College will enable you to put your skills into practice, leading to many exciting employment opportunities.



### FREE

You will receive  
FREE kit and  
FREE uniform



### EXPERIENCE

Gain experience in our  
newly renovated  
restaurant  
Steel House Bistro

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Catering & Hospitality	✓	✓	✓

## CAREERS IN CATERING & HOSPITALITY

- Catering Manager
- Head Chef
- Sommelier
- Chef
- Hospitality Manager
- Sous Chef

Progress to an apprenticeship, higher education or work in your chosen career





# CONSTRUCTION

## ABOUT THE COURSE

If you're thinking about a career within the building industry and are keen to develop your skills in one of the related trades, there has never been a better time. Gain skills in Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Flooring, Groundworks, Highways or Roofing.



### FREE

You will receive  
FREE PPE  
for this course



### EXPERIENCE

Gain hands-on  
practical experience in  
a wide-range of trades

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	Apprenticeship Level 2
<b>Multi-Craft Construction</b>	✓		
<b>Maintenance Operations</b>		✓	
<b>Bricklaying/Carpentry &amp; Joinery</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Groundworks/Roofing</b>			✓

## CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION

- Bricklayer
- Carpet Fitter and Floor Layer
- Roofer
- Building Surveyor
- Electrician
- Wood Machinist

Progress to an apprenticeship, higher education or work in your chosen career



**A GREAT  
ALTERNATIVE  
TO A LEVELS**

# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The North East has the fastest growing Tech Industry outside of London. There are over 35,000 Digital Tech jobs and the sector has grown by 45% in the last 5 years. If you want to explore emerging technologies, develop software and web applications or investigate cybersecurity then these courses are for you.



**FREE**

Free Travel for all 16-18  
year old  
Full time learners



**EXPERIENCE**

Take part in national  
competitions and enjoy  
technology focused  
trips

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	T Level (Level 3)	Apprenticeship Level 2	Apprenticeship Level 3
Digital Technology	✓	✓			✓
Digital Production & Design			✓		

## CAREERS IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

- IT Project Manager
- Cyber Intelligence Officer
- Software Developer
- Computer Games Developer
- Forensic Computer Analyst
- Web Developer

**Use the T Level to progress to a degree, apprenticeship or course of study at a higher level**

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# EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

## ABOUT THE COURSE

If you are interested in working with children or young people then our courses will enable you to study a range of exciting topics. You will also have the opportunity to gain practical, hands-on experience in a wide range of childcare settings such as nurseries and schools.



### FREE

You will receive  
FREE PPE  
for this course



### EXPERIENCE

Work placement  
opportunities  
(Help at our play group  
Little Learners)

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	T Level Level 3	Apprenticeship Level 2	Apprenticeship Level 3
<b>Childcare</b>	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>Teaching &amp; Learning</b>					✓
<b>Education and Childcare</b>			✓		

## CAREERS IN EDUCATION & CHILDCARE

- Early Years Practitioner
- Learning support Worker
- Teacher
- Learning Mentor
- SEN Teacher
- Teaching Assistant

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# ENGINEERING

## ABOUT THE COURSE

Studying Engineering can lead to a variety of exciting careers, with both local and national organisations. Studying with Derwentside College will ensure that you train in excellent workshop facilities, with the most up-to-date equipment enabling you to specialise in your chosen discipline.



**FREE**

You will receive  
FREE PPE  
for this course



**EXPERIENCE**

Specialise in your chosen  
vocational area in the  
College's extensive  
workshops

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	T Level Level 3	Apprenticeship Level 2	Apprenticeship Level 3
<b>Engineering</b>	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>Electrical Installation</b>	✓	✓			✓
<b>Electrical Installation</b>			✓		
<b>Engineering Design &amp; Development</b>			✓		

## CAREERS IN ENGINEERING

- CAD Technician
- Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineering Technician
- Civil Engineer
- Engineering Maintenance Technician
- Quantity Surveyor

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# HAIRDRESSING

## ABOUT THE COURSE

If you are looking for a rewarding career, have an artistic flair and want to be part of a creative industry, then we will set you up to thrive in hairdressing. With the sector set to grow in future years, there has never been a better time to come and develop your skills.



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course



### EXPERIENCE

You will work in our  
new salon - The Retreat

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Hairdressing	✓	✓	✓

## CAREERS IN HAIRDRESSING

- Colourist
- Hairpiece Specialist
- Salon Owner
- Hairdresser
- Salon Manager
- Senior Hair Stylist

Progress to an apprenticeship, higher education or work in your chosen career



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# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

## ABOUT THE COURSE

During your studies you will gain a broad understanding of numerous health and social care issues, such as promoting health and well-being and physical aspects of health. You will also be given the opportunity to work in a variety of care settings, gaining vital practical experience.



**FREE**

Free Travel for all  
16-18 year old  
Full time learners



**EXPERIENCE**

Gain work experience in  
a variety of care settings

## WHAT CAN I STUDY?

	Level 1	Level 2	T Level (Level 3)	Apprenticeship Level 2	Apprenticeship Level 3
<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b>	✓	✓		✓	✓
<b>Health Care</b>			✓		

## CAREERS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

- Midwife
- Paramedic
- Care Worker
- Nurse
- Social Worker
- Healthcare Assistant

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# VOCATIONAL STUDIES

## ABOUT THE COURSE

Some learners may not be ready for a full time study programme as a result of a lack of confidence and therefore require additional learning support.

The Vocational Studies programme is designed to help you with your own personal and social development to enable you to prepare for further study and employment.

During your time at college, you will have a personal tutor with specialist knowledge who is responsible for all aspects of your learning programme and will support you to make progress towards outcomes through an individualised approach.



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### EXPERIENCE

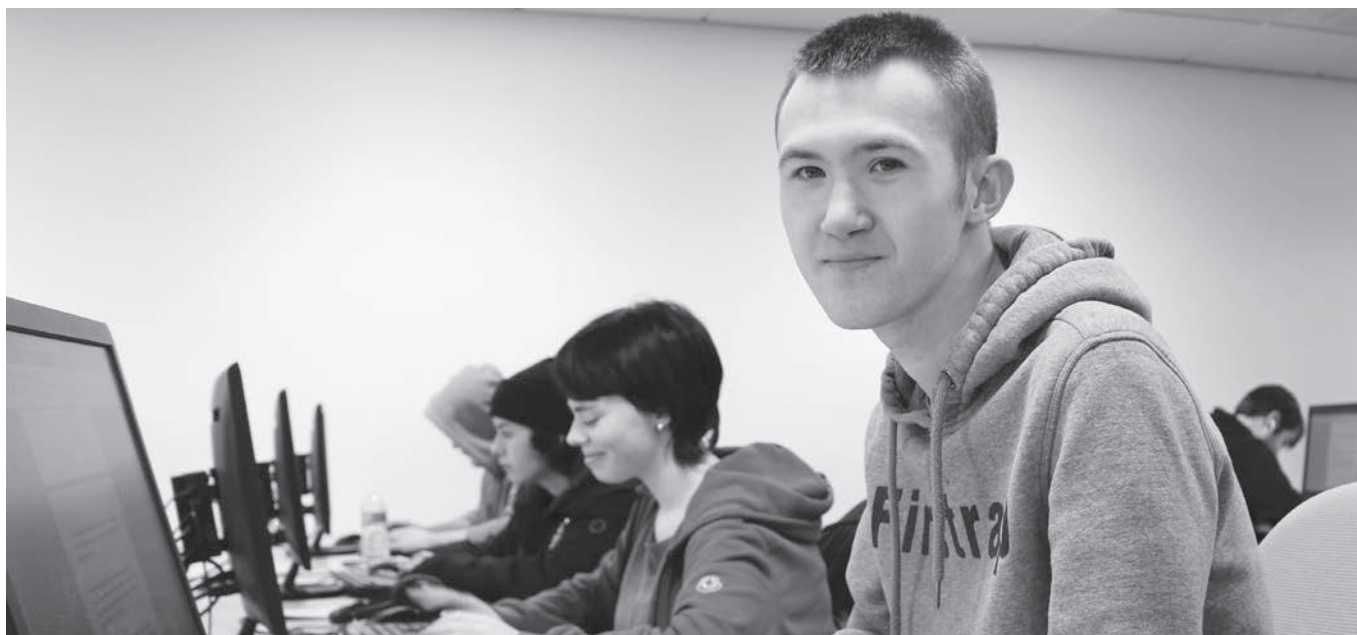
Participate in a wide  
range of enrichment  
activities and taster  
sessions

There are no formal qualifications required to join this course. The programme will be designed to meet your learning needs and ensure that you are able to achieve qualifications which will help you to progress.

## WHAT COULD I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

**You can progress to the Ace Programme or a Level 1 Study Programme such as:**  
Beauty Therapy • Catering • Construction • Engineering • Hairdressing





# THE ACE PROGRAMME

## ABOUT THE COURSE

The ACE (Aspirational, Careers, Employability) Programme, is a Level 1 full time study programme that gives you the vocational and study skills to enable you to progress to a Level 2 course, an apprenticeship or employment.

You will attend sessions in your chosen vocational areas to gain skills and knowledge of working and training in the relevant subject.

The ACE Programme will enable you to build a personalised learning package, using both your own goals and an assessment of your skills.



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Full time learners



### EXPERIENCE

Participate in a wide  
range of enrichment  
activities and taster  
sessions

Learners will also attend weekly Maths and English sessions to GCSE or Functional skill level.

#### Vocational areas include:

Beauty Therapy • Care • Catering • Childcare • Construction • Hairdressing • Digital Technology

## WHAT COULD I DO AFTER THIS COURSE?

This course will provide you with a broad range of knowledge, understanding and skills and open pathways to higher level courses within the College, various job roles or in preparation for an apprenticeship.



# APPRENTICESHIPS

Embarking on an apprenticeship empowers you to work, earn, and gain a valuable qualification that will propel your career forward. With apprenticeships offered at various levels, there's a perfect fit for you.

## **We offer Apprenticeships in the following areas:**

Bricklaying  
Business Administration  
Carpentry and Joinery  
Childcare  
Construction  
Customer Service  
Digital  
Electrical Installation  
Engineering  
Floorlayer  
Hairdressing  
Health & Social Care  
Healthcare Support Services  
Highways Maintenance  
Information Technology  
Manufacturing  
Roofing  
Teaching Assistant



## **EARN WHILST YOU LEARN**

**Find out more by visiting**  
**[www.derwentside.ac.uk/apprenticeships-vacancies](http://www.derwentside.ac.uk/apprenticeships-vacancies)**  
**or email [apprenticeships@derwentside.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@derwentside.ac.uk)**

# We have been busy making the College an even better place to learn



## We are Investing £1.2 Million in NEW T Level Facilities for September 2024

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

All full-time 16-18 year old learners will receive:

**FREE** travel

**FREE** meals (for eligible learners)

**FREE** specialist equipment

**FREE** uniform

**FREE** childcare

and you could be entitled to a termly bursary too!

**FREE** travel to  
College, **FREE**  
equipment and  
**FREE** uniform  
(for all 16-18 year old  
full-time learners)

# Open Events

**Thursday 2 May**  
**Tuesday 25 June**

**Drop In Between 4pm-7pm**

**Visit us to find out about our  
exciting range of Vocational  
Courses and Apprenticeships**

**Secure Your Place  
for September 2024**



**Apply Now...**

Complete the Enquiry Form online at [www.derwentside.ac.uk](http://www.derwentside.ac.uk)  
or call 01207 585900 or email [enquiries@derwentside.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@derwentside.ac.uk)

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