

PRESTON COLLEGE

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WELCOME

At Preston College we take great pride in supporting our learners to achieve the qualifications, technical skills, knowledge and behaviours that employers and universities are looking for.

I am delighted that you are considering joining Preston College after school. Our expert team of careers advisors and tutors will be available to provide you with advice and guidance relating to your career aspirations, ensuring that you are able to make informed decisions about the courses that we offer.

Preston College provides an extensive technical and professional offer at all levels. Our strength and expertise in providing technical and vocational qualifications will enable you to achieve your goals and progress to university, an apprenticeship or employment. Alongside our traditional qualifications such as BTECs, the college provides a growing number of new T-Levels; these have been introduced by the Government to support employers in developing the workforce of the future.

T-Level qualifications provide a route to higher level study or employment and are the equivalent to three A-Levels in terms of UCAS points. They have been developed alongside industry experts in ensuring that young people are provided with the right skills and knowledge to succeed in employment. You can find a list of the subjects that we offer and more information about T-Levels on pages 12-15.

Our established partnerships with local employers ensure that our programme delivery and Industry Placement is both relevant and of high quality. Our sector specialist, experienced staff and industry standard facilities make

Our mission is to inspire, educate and support our diverse community to reach its potential.

the college an exciting and enjoyable place to be, all delivered in a supportive and caring environment.

On the campus, you will find a host of purpose-built facilities including a TV studio, functional science laboratories, performance studios, hair and beauty salons, and industry supported construction and engineering workshops. All our facilities have been designed to allow you to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for success in the workplace.

Come and see for yourself all that we have to offer at one of our Year 10 & 11 Open Events (see page 69 for details).

We look forward to welcoming you to Preston College.



Simon Nixon
Principal & Chief Executive

Our vision is to transform lives through education.



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Remember, if you're unsure on which route to take, speak to one of our careers advisors who will be able to talk you through your options. You can contact our **Recruitment and Careers Team** on **01772 225774** and ask to speak with one of our dedicated Careers Advisors.

GETTING TO KNOW PRESTON COLLEGE

PREPARING YOU FOR YOUR FUTURE

Your college experience is designed to prepare you for your future, whether this is university, an apprenticeship or full-time employment. To help keep you on track you will have a Student Manager who will monitor your progress and support you to achieve your goals.

All our courses are designed to prepare you for the world of work and university with industry placement opportunities and a range of on-campus activities such as guest speakers, careers events and workshops.

Alongside achieving your qualification, you will also gain the technical skills, knowledge and experience that employers are looking for. Preston College has strong employer links and we have worked closely with them to shape the curriculum to ensure you have the right skills to help you achieve your career goals.

DEVELOPING THE RIGHT TECHNICAL SKILLS

On some of our courses, you will need to start at Level 1 or 2 to gain a solid foundation of skills before you move onto a Level 3 qualification. On other courses, you may be able to begin at Level 3 depending on your qualifications.

T-Levels and our Level 3 Extended Diploma programmes are the equivalent to A-Level study and can provide you with enough UCAS points to progress onto university. See page 17 for more information.

FACILITIES & LEARNING

At Preston College there is a wide range of learning facilities and resources which allow you to put the technical skills you learn into practice. Facilities include industry-standard studios, theatres, libraries, science labs, workshops, hair and beauty salons, PC suites, digital technology and software. See page 65 for a selection of our facilities or visit us at our next open event for a tour.

MATHS & ENGLISH

Maths and English skills are an important part of everyday life and employers are looking for people with these skills. That's why it is a Government requirement that if you leave school without a grade 4 (or above) you will have to study it as part of your course at college.

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

When making the important decision about what to study at college, it's worth taking the time to research what qualifications are needed for your future career. Some professions do require higher level qualifications, but university is not always the only way to get them. You can study Higher Level qualifications at Preston College in a range of subjects either in the classroom or in the workplace. Alternatively, you could gain your higher-level qualifications through a degree or higher apprenticeship.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE AT PRESTON COLLEGE?

At Preston College, you can choose to study vocational technical courses that lead to university or employment, or an Apprenticeship which develops your skills in the workplace and can lead to Degree and Higher Level Apprenticeships.

Our courses are developed alongside employers and are designed to give you flexibility and options for your education and journey to employment. For example, you could start your studies on a full-time college course and transfer onto an Apprenticeship to earn while you learn whilst still gaining the same qualification. Alternatively, you may continue on your full-time course and progress directly to higher level study either at Preston College or university.

See page 64 for more information on progression routes.

TYPES OF QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- T-Levels
- Apprenticeships
- BTECs

CAREERS GUIDANCE & INFORMATION

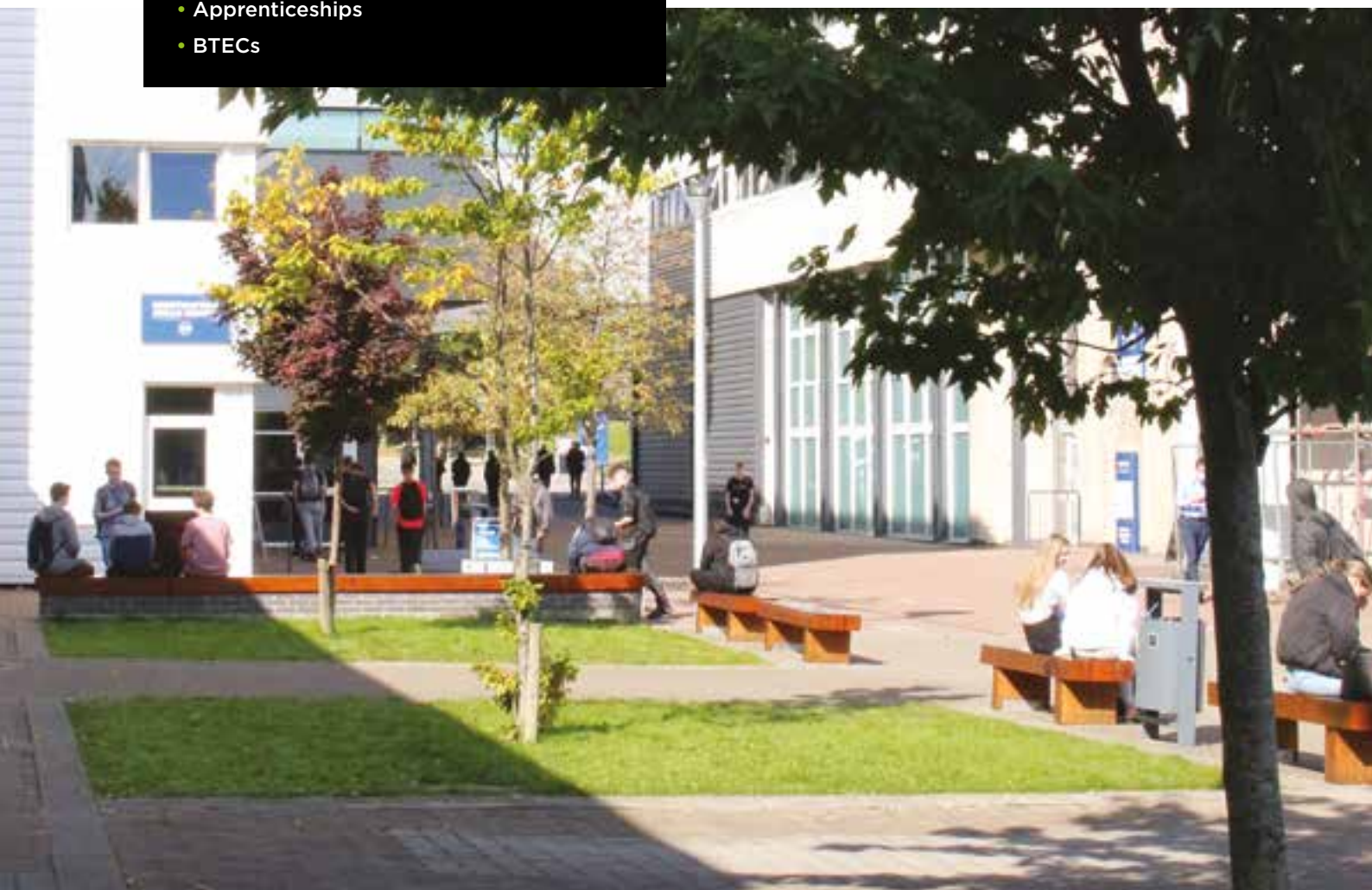
Leaving high school is an exciting time, especially if you know what career you want to follow and how to get there - but if you don't, it can be a little daunting. That's where we can help.

Whatever stage you're at on your career journey (or even if you haven't started yet) our experienced **Careers & Progression Team** will support you in making the right choices about your future.

Our advisors are trained in providing high quality careers information, advice and guidance to all learners and you can chat with them any time during college hours in the **Career Zone** located on the College High Street.

We also have **Career Coach**, an online platform which can help you find a career path that suits you, build an impressive CV and find local job vacancies.

Give it a go now at <https://preston.lightcastcc.com>



PRESTON COLLEGE NEWS

A lot goes on at Preston College over the academic year and while we can't share all of our fantastic news stories here, you can visit our website or social media pages to keep yourself up-to-date.



PRESTON COLLEGE WINS BEACON AWARD FOR COLLEGE ENGAGEMENT WITH EMPLOYERS

The Association of Colleges' Beacon Awards celebrate the best and most innovative practice among UK colleges each year. The award seeks to recognise examples of practical teaching and learning that equips people with the skills that today's global and digital economy demands, through a broad and balanced curriculum, high quality training, engaging real world learning and rich relationships between education and employers.

Simon Nixon, Principal and Chief Executive says: "We are absolutely thrilled to win this prestigious award. To be recognised for the work, dedication and commitment that our college team continues to demonstrate for the good of our community, our learners, and our partner employers, is extremely rewarding."

OFSTED: PRESTON COLLEGE AWARDED GOOD IN ALL AREAS

In January 2023 Ofsted concluded that Preston College is 'Good' in all areas. The College also scored the top assessment of 'Strong' for its contribution to meeting Local Skills needs, making Preston College the first in Lancashire to achieve the highest skills judgement within Ofsted's newly enhanced inspection framework.

Simon Nixon, Preston College Principal and Chief Executive said: "Ofsted has recognised the strength and quality of the provision that we deliver, particularly in ensuring that our learners not only achieve the qualifications that they undertake, but that they effectively progress into higher level study, apprenticeships or employment when they complete their college programme."



VICTORIOUS 4-AWARD WIN AT NODA AWARDS

In February, our Visual Performing Art staff and learners attended the National Operatic and Dramatic Association North West Region 2 Awards Dinner at the Imperial Hotel Blackpool and won not one but four awards for: Best Staging of a Youth Musical, Best Youth Ensemble, Best Choreographer of a Youth Production and Best Concert / Review overall.

Jane Tudor, Head of School for Visual Performing Arts and Digital says: "To be recognised enough to be shortlisted is a huge achievement, but to win four of the awards is incredible. Things like this don't just happen by chance, but by the amount of work that goes into each performance, rehearsal and show. I am extremely proud of everyone involved."

PRESTON COLLEGE NEWS

DOUBLE WIN AT THE EDUCATE NORTH AWARDS!

Preston College has won two awards in this year's Educate North Awards for Music and Performing Arts and Business Collaboration & Partnerships – HE/FE Sector.

Simon Nixon, Principal and Chief Executive at Preston College says: "I am delighted to announce that Preston College has won these awards. Both

awards show the diversity of what we do as a college, with music and performing arts being a particular area of great success. In addition, the strong employer partnerships we have developed really help us to ensure that our curriculum is impactful in meeting Local Skills needs."



AVA MAKES FASHION BREAKTHROUGH WITH GEORGE AT ASDA

Preston College student Ava has been working with supermarket fashion brand George at ASDA to help launch its adapted clothing range, designed specifically to support self-dressing for young people and children with disabilities.

Laura Fenton, Quality Practitioner at Preston College for Visual Performing Arts and Digital says: "The level of detail that Ava has developed for this collection is admirable. Well Done Ava – we are all super proud of you."

PRESTON COLLEGE TAKES WORLDSKILLS UK BY STORM

Preston College learners are taking the WorldSkills UK competition by storm after reaching the semi-finals in four categories.

From the School of Service Industries, two Level 2 hairdressing learners, Amy Banks and Jasmine Youles, have made it through to the regional heats in the Hairdressing category, whilst from the School of Visual and Performing Arts there are semi-finalists in three categories: Creative Media Make-Up, IT Software Solutions for Business and IT Software Solutions for Business: Foundation Skills.

Head of School for Visual Performing Arts and Digital, Jane Tudor added: "It is absolutely fantastic that our students have made it through to the semi-finals. This is a testament to their talent and hard work and our dedicated and passionate staff, who want nothing more than to see them succeed."



To get the very latest college news and events visit www.preston.ac.uk/news-and-events or visit our social pages





PICTURES



GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOLARSHIPS

Preston College is delighted to offer a scholarship programme for gifted and talented learners. A limited number of prestigious scholarships are available to any new Year 11 applicants looking to study an eligible full-time Level 3 course starting in September 2024.

WHAT CAN I GET FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP?

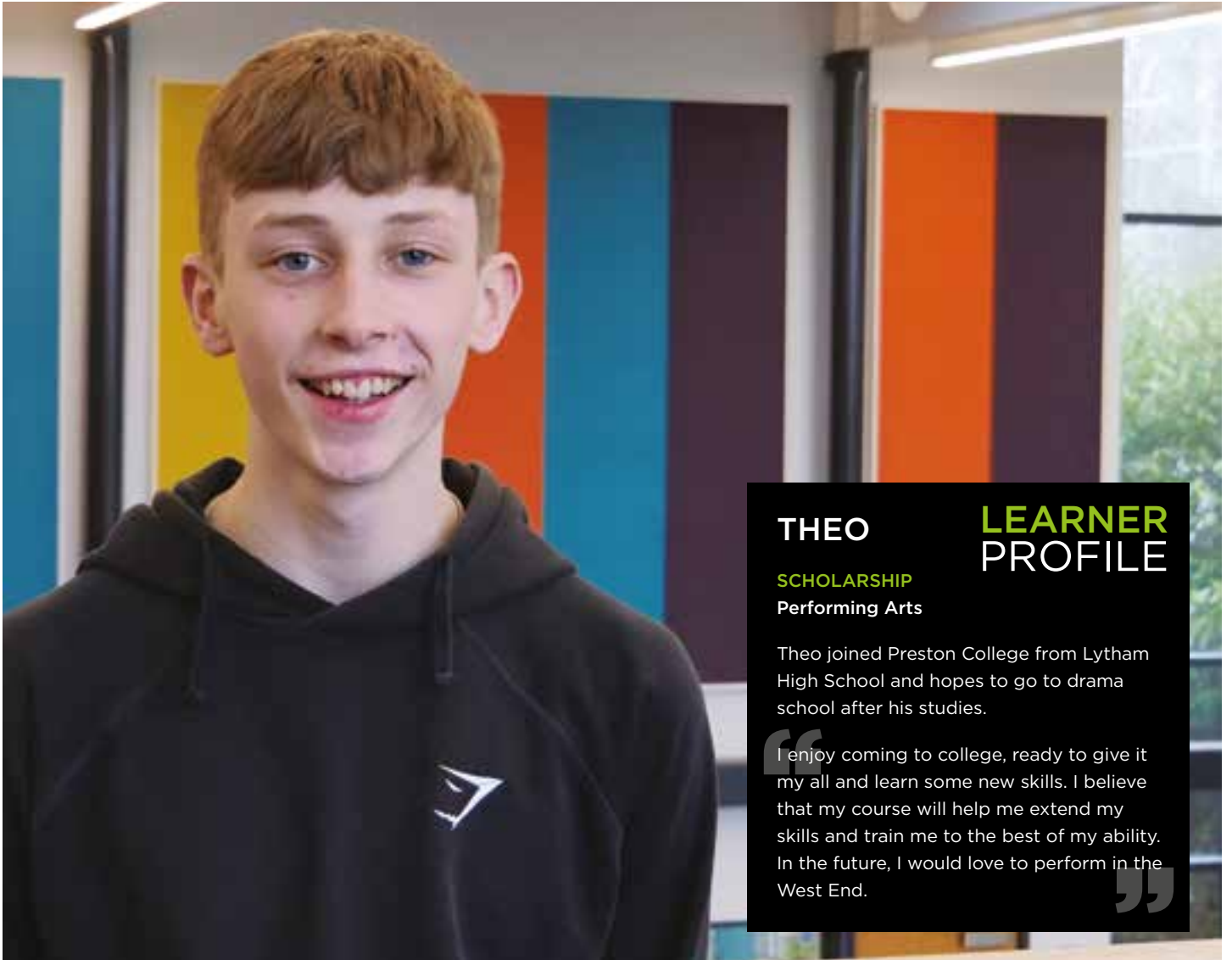
- £1,000 over a two year Level 3 course
- Free Travel Pass
- Ambassador Hoodie
- Free College Gym Membership
- Support from our extensive range of employer links
- Evidence to support your UCAS application

HOW CAN I APPLY?

You can apply for a scholarship online at www.preston.ac.uk/scholarships

All sections of the form must be completed in full.

Applications should be submitted before **Friday 26 April 2024**



THEO

SCHOLARSHIP

Performing Arts

LEARNER PROFILE

Theo joined Preston College from Lytham High School and hopes to go to drama school after his studies.

“I enjoy coming to college, ready to give it my all and learn some new skills. I believe that my course will help me extend my skills and train me to the best of my ability. In the future, I would love to perform in the West End.”

HANNAH

LEARNER PROFILE

SCHOLARSHIP

Health & Social Care

Hannah joined Preston College from Penwortham Girls' High School and is studying the T-Level in Health.

“I chose to study at Preston College because of the excellent facilities they have in health. I love how much independence college gives you and the opportunities to meet new people. After college I hope to go to university and study paramedic science.”



WHAT COURSES ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Accountancy
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Applied Science
- Business Studies
- Digital (IT) / Media (Film & Photography)
- Early Years
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Media (Film & Photography)
- Performing Arts
- Professional Construction
- Professional Dance
- Public Services
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism with Event Management

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T-LEVELS

THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION AT PRESTON COLLEGE

T-Levels have been co-created with leading employers to ensure that young people develop the right skills, knowledge, and experience to be successful in their future careers.

T-Levels are an alternative to A-Levels and Apprenticeships courses. They combine academic study in the classroom with an in-depth industry placement that lasts at least 45 days, so students get experience in the workplace and their future industry.

T-Levels are equivalent to three A-Levels, in terms of UCAS points, and you can progress to higher levels of study with them (see the table on page 13). They can also be used to secure employment or a higher or degree apprenticeship.

Unlike A-Levels you choose one T-Level to study.

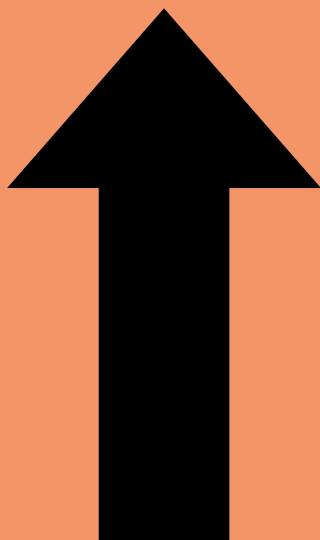
Choose to study a T-Level at Preston College and you will benefit from our strong employer links, our industry placement team and industry experienced tutors.

Learn more about T-Levels at www.preston.ac.uk/t-levels

80%
classroom
20%
work

T-LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE IN THESE AREAS:

- Accounting
- Barbering
- Beauty Therapy
- Bricklaying (Onsite)
- Building Services - Plumbing or Electrical
- Carpentry & Joinery (Onsite)
- Digital Production, Design & Development (IT)
- Education & Childcare
- Engineering (Design & Development)
- Hairdressing
- Health (Adult Nursing)
- Health (Mental Health)
- Management & Administration
- Media, Broadcast & Production
- Professional Construction
- Science



96%
T-Level
pass rate in
2023

T-LEVEL UCAS POINTS

UCAS POINTS	T-LEVEL OVERALL GRADE	BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA	A-LEVEL GRADES
168	Distinction*	D*D*D*	A*A*A*
160		D*D*D	A*A*A
152		D*DD	A*AA
144	Distinction	DDD	AAA
128		DDM	ABB
120	Merit		BBB
112		DMM	BBC

D* = Distinction Star D = Distinction M = Merit

ENTRY CRITERIA

Learners require six GCSE passes at grades 9-4 and should have a strong passion for the T-Level subject. At least three of the passes should be at grade 5 or above, including maths and English Language.

T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR ENTRY CRITERIA

Learners require GCSE maths and English Language passes at grade 4, alongside at least two other passes at grade 3 or above. Some subjects will have additional entry requirements.

NOT READY FOR A T-LEVEL?

Preston College is developing a number of transition courses called T-Level Foundation Year. These courses will develop your skills and knowledge alongside gaining the grades in maths and English for you to progress on to a T-Level programme. For more information please visit

www.preston.ac.uk/t-levels



TOM

STUDYING

T-Level in Engineering (Design & Development)

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT EMPLOYER

Air Filtration Solutions Limited

Air Filtration Solutions (AFS) Limited approached Preston College looking for a student to undertake a T-Level industry placement with them. Industry placements of 315 hours are integral to T-Levels and allow students and employers to connect on longer term projects that would not be possible on standard work experience placements.

To make sure that AFS found the right student the College invited AFS to challenge our learners with a design project. After a project briefing from AFS our learners got to work on developing their ideas and response to the brief. A few weeks later the students presented their work to AFS and after follow up discussions, Tom was chosen to undertake the placement.

Since Tom started at AFS he's gone from strength to strength and become a T-Level ambassador for the Department for Education. Tom says:

“My confidence has grown since I started my industry placement at AFS. I'm working on designs using CAD and learning how to use different machines like laser cutters and 3D printers. I have developed greater subject knowledge and I can transfer this from college to work and from work to college.

The T-Level has benefited me so much, I get the in-depth knowledge and the experience in the workplace which means I'm going to have the edge over someone else who has studied a BTEC or A-Levels.”

LEARNER PROFILE

In September 2023, for the first time, Preston College learners received their T-Level results.

T-Levels in Science, Health and Professional Construction achieved an overall pass rate of 96%. These three T-Levels were the first to be offered by Preston College, and learners completing their second year have a range of destinations including further study at university or college, degree apprenticeships and employment ahead of them.

In Professional Construction there was an outstanding cohort of learners who all celebrated their achievements together at the end of term.

Assistant Head of School for Construction, Zac Wilkinson says: "This was our first group of learners studying the new T-Level in Professional Construction and we are thrilled with their achievements. One of our students, Lily, achieved amazing results in her End Point Assessment and was awarded one of the highest marks in the country. Oliver, Adyan and Raphaela are all going to university to study architecture and Harry, Zach and Aasam are progressing to an apprenticeship. These are fantastic outcomes and we are so proud of our learners and their achievements."

Simon Nixon, Principal and Chief Executive added: "Preston College has had a fantastic year of results with our learners achieving 100% pass rates across a broad range of subjects. The College continues to work tirelessly in providing a curriculum which responds to the skills agenda, whilst supporting our learners to achieve and progress to their chosen destination. We are very proud of the achievements of our learners, and feel sure that they will thrive, whether that be in University study or employment."



Left to right: Zac Wilkinson, Assistant Head of Construction; Raphaela Antcliffe; Adyan Hussain; Zach Trenchard; Logan Clitheroe; Oliver Fullard; Aasam Ehsan; Harry Collison; and Ali Ahmed, Team Leader/Tutor: Professional Construction.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Preston College has been developing its learning resources and facilities to support the new T-Level programmes. Investment has included the purchase of new equipment in our hospital ward, new text books in the library, new kit in Professional Construction, and in Engineering we have recently purchase a plasma cutter, two lathes, a press brake (for bending and folding sheet metal), three pillar drills, bench vices and a PC suite.

We have also recently been awarded a grant to refurbish the ground floor of our Visual and Performing Arts centre. The refurbishment will include new facilities, kit and equipment for the T-Levels in Media and Digital Production.

INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Preston College has industry placement and work experience opportunities on the majority of our courses which provides valuable experience in the workplace. Learners have the chance to work with employers, developing skills for the workplace through projects, guest lecturers and workshops, helping them to understand how the skills they have gained at college can be transferred into the workplace.

Industry placements and work experience hours aren't just about testing your skills in a work environment, it can open doors to employment opportunities – just like it has for Callum and Gabrielle!

The Industry Placement Team and your tutors will support you in securing a suitable placement.



GABRIELLE

LEARNER PROFILE

Construction: Wall & Floor Tiling, Plumbing

“I started on the Wall and Floor Tiling course and completed work experience as part of my course. My placement helped me to realise that I could earn additional money by adding plumbing to my skillset. With the help of my tutors and student manager I'm progressing to the plumbing course next year.”



CALLUM

LEARNER PROFILE

Automotive, Level 1 Alumni & Current Apprentice at Croston MOT Centre

“Preston College has really helped me to develop my skills and since joining I feel that I have really matured and grown up. I completed my work experience at Croston MOT Centre, it's how I got my apprenticeship.”

BENEFITS OF INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

- Develop your employability skills.
- Learn new technical skills.
- Learn employment skills.
- Improve your CV ready for work.
- Gain employment opportunities (Jobs, Apprenticeships, Experience).
- Develop your interview technique and confidence.
- Learn to network and create your own network.
- Prepare for the demands and expectations in the workplace.
- Help you make an informed decision on your career.
- Improve your maturity, confidence, and self-reliance.

92%
of students believe that their placement(s) were valuable to their development

T-Level learners need to complete an industry placement of **315 hours**.

ENTRY CRITERIA

You'll find entry criteria information on our website, but as a reference here is a short overview of what we are looking for at each level. If you do not meet these requirements, we may take into consideration your individual circumstances.

LEVEL 1

Learners will need to attend an interview showing their interest in the subject and a willingness to learn.

LEVEL 2

Learners need four GCSEs at grade 3 (D) or above including at least one of English Language or maths. The other subject should have a minimum grade of 2. E.g. if they have a grade 3 in maths, then they would need at least a grade 2 in English Language. They will also be required to attend an interview to discuss their suitability for the course.

T-LEVEL FOUNDATION YEAR

Learners require GCSE maths and English Language passes at grade 4, alongside at least two other passes at grade 3 or above. Some subjects will have additional entry requirements.

LEVEL 3

Learners need five GCSEs at 9-4 (A*-C) grade including English Language or maths at grade 4. The other subject should have a minimum grade of 3. E.g. if they have a grade 4 in maths, then they would need at least a grade 3

in English Language. They will also be required to attend an interview to discuss their suitability for the course.

T-LEVELS

Learners require six GCSE passes at grades 9-4 and should have a strong passion for the T-Level subject. At least three of the passes should be at grade 5 or above, including maths and English Language.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY CRITERIA

Some courses have additional entry criteria and we advise that you check our website for the latest information. For example, in Performing Arts you will be required to audition, in Art & Design we'd like to see a portfolio of your work, and to study a Health & Social Care course or an Early Years course you will be required to have a Disclosure & Barring (DBS) check.

Contact our **Careers team** to discuss your options if your results are not what you expected on GCSE results day.

Visit www.preston.ac.uk for course entry criteria.

PREPARING YOU FOR UNIVERSITY

T-Levels and Level 3 Diplomas can provide you with the same amount of UCAS points as A-Levels - see the table below:

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144	Distinction	DDD	AAA
128		DDM	ABB
120	Merit		BBB
112		DMM	BBC

D* = Distinction Star D = Distinction M = Merit

LEVEL 1 STUDIES

We recommend that you try your best at school and work hard to achieve the grades that will help to get your career off to a flying start. Regardless of outcomes, don't worry, at Preston College we have a range of Level 1 courses that can help you realise your career ambitions.

Your Level 1 course will include your core subject and additional units to develop your skills including Maths, English, Personal Development, Employability Skills, and Working with Others. You will also have additional opportunities such as guest speakers, work experience and projects to enhance your learning experience.

On GCSE results day if your results are not what you expect get in touch with our Careers Guidance Team and they can advise you on your options.

LEVEL 1 COURSES AVAILABLE IN:

- Automotive Maintenance & Repair
- Beauty Therapy
- Bricklaying
- Business and Travel & Tourism
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Childcare
- Electrical Installation
- Engineering
- Hairdressing
- Health & Social Care
- ICT and Digital Media
- Painting & Decorating
- Plastering & Dry Lining
- Plumbing
- Public Services
- Sport
- Wall & Floor Tiling

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I COMPLETE MY COURSE?

- During your programme, you will have regular meetings with your Student Manager to see if you are ready to progress to the next level of study.
- At the end of your course you will choose which subject you'd like to study at Level 2.
- You could also go on to study an Apprenticeship at Level 2.



A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy blonde hair, wearing a dark denim jacket. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and trees.

JESSICA

STUDIED

Level 1 Vocational Studies

PROGRESSING TO

Level 2 Business Studies

LEARNER PROFILE

Jessica joined Preston College from Carr Hill High School on our Level 1 Vocational Studies programme. Jessica has chosen to continue her studies at Preston College on the Level 2 in Business course to keep her future career options open.

“The teachers and my student manager have helped me a lot. The college has supported me and helped me to manage my anxiety with timeouts for when I feel overwhelmed. It is a very supportive college and I've had some great achievements, like going through to the WorldSkills UK competition and winning a campus cohesion award.”

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS



Careers in accounting and business are wide ranging. A popular area of study is accounting, and at Preston College you can study T-Level Accounting. This new qualification is designed to give you industry experience alongside a Level 3 qualification that provides UCAS points for university degree programmes. Alternatively, you could use the T-Level to strengthen your CV for employment opportunities such as a degree apprenticeship.

If you want to keep your options open, or if you want to explore other areas of business before deciding, then our business courses are ideal as they have a wide range of units covering all areas of business.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Accounting	T-Level	2 years
Business Studies	3	2 years
Business	T-Level Foundation / Level 2	1 year
Management & Administration	T-Level	2 years

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
AAT Accounts Assistant	2	12 months
AAT Assistant Accountant	3	15 months
Business Administrator	3	12-15 months
Customer Service	2 & 3	12-15 months
HR Support Assistant	3	12-15 months
Payroll Administrator	3	12-15 months

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL IN ACCOUNTING

The T-Level in Accounting covers the fundamentals of financial accounting developing your understanding of financial principles, concepts, and practices and how these link to accounting, bookkeeping, and business requirements. You will also learn about professionalism and ethics and data driven analytics, thinking and decision-making.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

£39,558
AVERAGE SALARY

221,265
UK JOBS IN 2022

5,182
JOBS IN PRESTON

CHARTERED & CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Chartered Accountants provide accounting, auditing services and financial advice by collecting and analysing financial information to improve business performance.

To be successful in this industry you'll have to have a head for numbers and an eye for detail. Organisation, problem solving and communication skills will also come in handy as you undertake financial investigations and liaise with management and other professionals.

The T-Level in Accounting will help you to develop these crucial industry skills and prepare you for progression to university level study. To qualify for membership to the **Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales (ICAEW)**, you will need to complete ACA qualifications. To find out more visit the ICAEW website www.icaew.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Finance
- Law
- Retail
- Management
- Sales
- Customer Service
- Self Employed Entrepreneur



ANTONIA-JAYE

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED Business

DESTINATION Business Management at Newcastle University

Joining Preston College from Ashton Community Science College, Antonia-Jaye has undertaken an industry placement at Royal Sanders. This allowed Antonia-Jaye to work in a range of departments and gain an insight into the career paths available to her after her studies.

“This course has confirmed to me that I want to work in this sector. My industry placement was great and I got experience of working in warehousing, health and safety, marketing, finance and purchasing. My college experience has prepared me for the next level of education at university.”

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES



Careers in the automotive industry include automotive technicians, motorsports engineers, car designers and business owners. With a global focus on climate change and a growing demand for hybrid and electric vehicles, there are lots of opportunities for innovation and a real need for workers that can quickly adapt to new technologies.

Preston College stays at the forefront of automotive advancements by offering training in hybrid and electric vehicle technology. With the rise of electric vehicles, the college focuses on training learners in the installation and maintenance of charging stations. This includes understanding charging protocols, electrical safety, and troubleshooting charging infrastructure.

In our iSTEM Automotive Workshop you will find a range of learning resources including demonstration cars, diagnostics equipment, mechanic tool kits and hydro/pneumatic lifts. There is also a bespoke training rig for simulating electric vehicle charging points developed by Nissan.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Automotive Maintenance & Repair	1, 2 and 3	1 year per level

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Autocare Technician	2	2 years
Light Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician	3	3 years
Heavy Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician	3	3 years

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Motor Vehicle Service Technician
- Technician
- Motorsports Engineer
- Garage Owner
- Dealership Manager



CAREER SPOTLIGHT



£27,280
AVERAGE SALARY



178,971
UK JOBS IN 2022



6,166
JOBS IN PRESTON

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN

Automotive Technicians carry out routine maintenance, repairs, and services to vehicles to keep them in a roadworthy condition. You can choose to specialise in light vehicle, heavy vehicle, or motorcycles. You'll need good dexterity to use the range of tools and equipment to repair and service vehicles, good communication skills to explain repairs to your customers and problem-solving skills to diagnose the faults. To be an Automotive Technician you'll typically study up to Level 3, this can be in the classroom or in the workplace as an Apprentice.



DOVYDAS

LEARNER PROFILE

STUDIED

Automotive Maintenance & Repair Level 1 & 2

DESTINATION

Level 3 Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle Service & Maintenance at Biffa, Preston.

Joining Preston College from Lostock Hall Academy, Dovydas enrolled on the Level 1 in Automotive Maintenance and Repair to develop his skills. Dovydas has recently completed his Level 2 and has secured a Level 3 Apprenticeship with Biffa in Preston.

“When I joined Preston College my goal was to get my qualifications and gain employment, and this is exactly what I have done. My tutors and my work experience have been the biggest things to support my progression. My work experience was at Biffa, it’s how I got my Apprenticeship.”

CONSTRUCTION & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Construction industry is booming in the UK and there are a lot of opportunities for tradespeople to work on building sites either as employed workers or as subcontractors. However, there's more to the construction industry than house building. You can find opportunities in infrastructure, retail, civil engineering and construction management. Preston College also has strong partnerships with local employers who provide opportunities for progression into a wide range of Apprenticeships.

Our strong links with local employers mean you can be recruited straight from the workshop!

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Bricklaying	1 / 2	1 year per level
Bricklaying (Onsite)	T-Level	2 years
Building Services - Plumbing or Electrical	1 / T-Level Foundation	1 year per level
Carpentry & Joinery	1 / 2	1 year per level
Carpentry & Joinery (Onsite)	T-Level	2 years
Electrical Installation	T-Level	2 years
Painting & Decorating	1 / 2	1 year per level
Plastering & Dry Lining	1 & 2	1 year per level
Plumbing & Heating Engineer	T-Level	2 years
Professional Construction	T-Level	2 years
Wall & Floor Tiling	1	1 year

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Bricklaying	2	2 years
Carpentry & Joinery	2 & 3	2 years per level
Civil Engineering - Groundworker	2	2 years
Civil Engineering - Highways Maintenance Skilled Operative	2	2 years
Electrical Installation (JTL Partnership)	3	4 years
Painting & Decorating	2	2 years
Plastering & Dry Lining	2	2 years
Plumbing & Gas (JTL Partnership)	3	4 years
Property Maintenance Operative	2	2 years
Roof Slater & Tiler	2	2 years
Wall & Floor Tiling	2	2 years
Wood Manufacturing Operative	2	2 years

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL IN PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION

The T-Level in Professional Construction covers a range of topics including: construction methods, building regulations and standards, the science behind design, surveying and planning, digital engineering techniques, sustainability, project management, budgeting, procurement and risk management.



OLIVER

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

T-Level Professional Construction

DESTINATION

Architecture at Liverpool John Moores University

Joining Preston College from Holy Cross Catholic High School, Oliver enrolled on to the innovative T-Level in Professional Construction combining classroom study with industry placements. Oliver has completed his course gaining a distinction grade, which has enabled him to progress to study Architecture at Liverpool John Moores University.

“I’ve always wanted to be an architect and this course has really helped me develop my confidence. My tutors have really helped me and pushed me to achieve my goals. I have completed two work placements, one at an architect’s firm and one at a quantity surveyors, these helped me gain an insight into the construction industry as a whole.”

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Bricklayer
- Civil Engineer
- Decorator
- Electrician
- Gas Engineer
- Joiner
- Plasterer
- Plumber
- Site Labourer
- Trainee Quantity or Building Surveyor
- Trainee Site or Project Manager
- Trainee Architect

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

JOINER

Joiners specialise in building the fittings of a house, furniture, doors, windows, stairs, tables and bookshelves just to name a few. To become a joiner, you’ll typically study to Level 2 in the classroom, or to Level 3 through an Apprenticeship.

 **UP TO**
£38,000

 **117,022**
UK JOBS IN 2022

 **4,065**
JOBS IN PRESTON



CREATIVE ARTS



Our qualifications are awarded by the University of Arts London, a top two world ranking university for art and design.

The Creative Arts sector in the UK contributes over £90 billion to the economy. It's a diverse sector with lots of opportunities for those with creative flair. You can find opportunities in traditional art forms such as painting, illustration, graphic design and publishing, alongside the digital world such as games design and animation.

All of our creative courses include 'live briefs' and projects to enable you to develop industry skills and build a professional portfolio to showcase your abilities to employers or universities. Your portfolio is particularly important if you wish to progress to university after achieving your Level 3 qualification, as it can be used to support your UCAS application.

END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

Every year our Art, Digital and Media learners create an amazing exhibition of their work. The exhibition is a collection of final project work and showcases the skills they've developed in a wide range of artistic and design processes. The exhibition is open to the public as well as friends and family members.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Art, Design & Media Foundation Learning	Entry Levels 1, 2 & 3	1 year per level
Art & Design	2 & 3	Level 2 (1 year) Level 3 (2 years)
Games & Graphics	3	2 years

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Artist
- Concept Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Games Designer
- Illustrator
- Interior Designer
- Photographer
- Product Designer
- Architect

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Graphic Designers use their creative flair and digital skills to create a range of designs for multiple platforms, including anything from books, posters and flyers to adverts and product packaging. Graphic Designers need to use their knowledge of printing processes and media platforms to respond to their client's project briefs.

To be successful in this industry you'll need to keep up-to-date with the latest design trends, have excellent communication skills and be able to reflect on your work, taking direction and feedback from your clients and advising them on the best solutions. You'll typically be qualified to degree level and you'll need work experience before progressing into more senior roles.

£ **£24,390**
AVERAGE SALARY

73,504
UK JOBS IN 2022

2,006
JOBS IN PRESTON



JORGE

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 3 Games & Graphics

DESTINATION

BSc (Hons) Games Design at Manchester Metropolitan University

Jorge joined Preston College from Blackburn Central High School and was one of the College's scholarship students. Studying the Level 3 in Games and Graphics, Jorge has had many opportunities to develop his skills on employer set projects and is ready to continue developing his skills and knowledge at university.

“My tutors have given their absolute all to ensure that not only me but my peers progress. Coming to Preston College is the best decision I have made. I would never have guessed I would gain so much experience from my course. I am so grateful to my tutors for their support.”

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FROM OUR LEARNERS!



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EDUCATION & CHILDCARE



Working with children and young people is both rewarding and fulfilling. It's not simply nursery and childcare providers that offer a range of job roles, there are also opportunities in social care, education, mental health, family support and young offending teams.

At Preston College we offer the T-Level in Education and Early Years which combines classroom learning with an extended industry placement which provides invaluable experience in the workplace.

The T-Level in Education and Early Years not only shows employers that you are ready to work but also earns UCAS points, so you can progress to university to study degree programmes. If you are not quite ready for T-Level study we offer a Foundation course that can help you prepare for your next steps.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Childcare	1	1 year
Education & Early Years	T-Level Foundation	1 year
Education & Early Years	T-Level	2 years

T-LEVEL IN EDUCATION & EARLY YEARS

The T Level in Education and Childcare offers students the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the sector and the holistic needs of children and young people from 0-19 years of age.

You will cover child development, how to support children and young people's education, safeguarding, health and safety and wellbeing, understanding and managing behaviour, observing and assessing children and young people, special educational needs and disability, working with parents, carers and wider families and working with agencies and services that support children, families and carers.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

£ **£25,696**
AVERAGE SALARY

 **34,215**
UK JOBS IN 2022

 **1,512**
JOBS IN PRESTON

CHILD & EARLY YEARS OFFICER

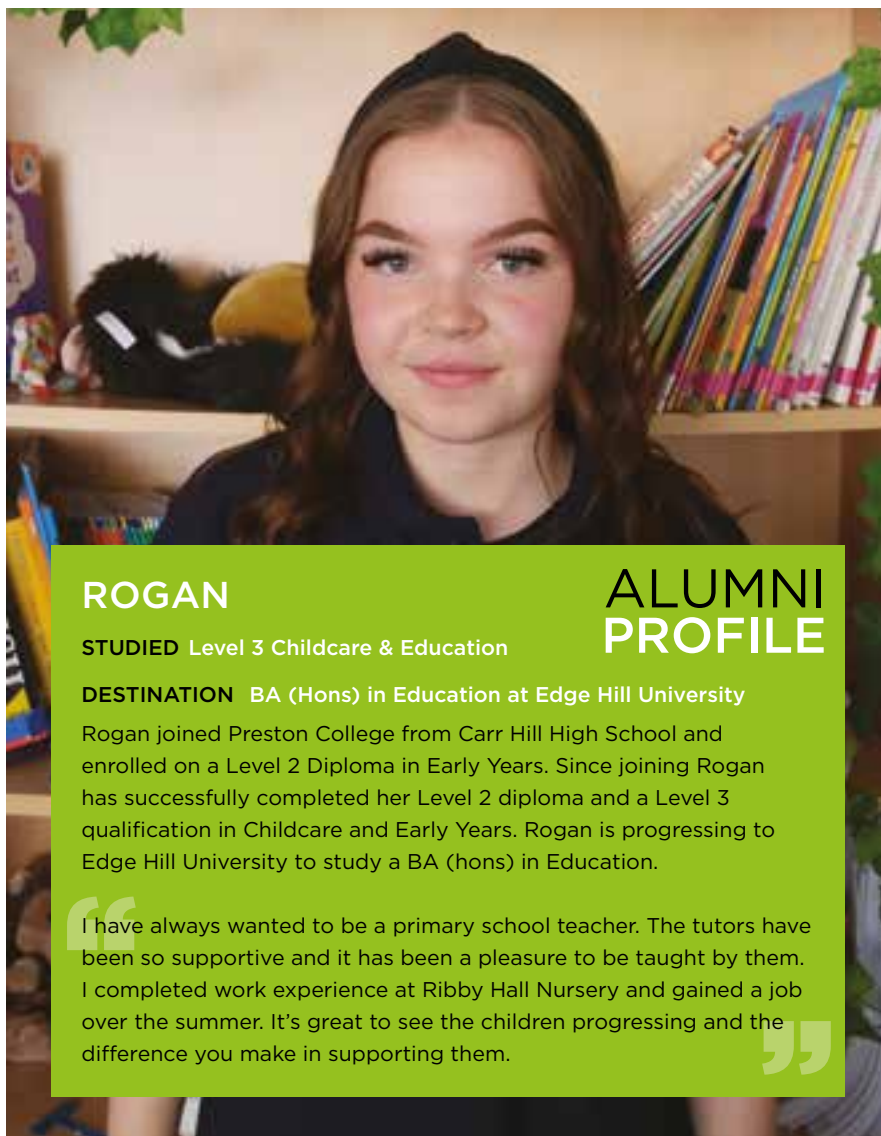
Working alongside other professionals, such as Social Workers and Educational Psychologists, Child and Early Years Officers identify, plan and deliver appropriate support to families facing a variety of difficulties. They attend meetings, write up case notes, prepare reports and advise clients and their families on available support and resources.

To be successful in this career you'll need excellent communication skills and empathy to help families through difficult times. You'll typically be qualified to degree level, however, there are opportunities to develop your career in the workplace.

The T-Level in Education and Early Years will help you to develop your knowledge and understanding of the early years sector including the employment opportunities within it. During your industry placement you will apply your knowledge to real-life scenarios and see for yourself the difference you can make.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Childminder
- Early Years Practitioner
- Early Years Officer
- Learning Support Assistant
- Learning Mentor
- Nursery Worker
- Playworker
- Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Teacher



ROGAN

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED Level 3 Childcare & Education

DESTINATION BA (Hons) in Education at Edge Hill University

Rogan joined Preston College from Carr Hill High School and enrolled on a Level 2 Diploma in Early Years. Since joining Rogan has successfully completed her Level 2 diploma and a Level 3 qualification in Childcare and Early Years. Rogan is progressing to Edge Hill University to study a BA (hons) in Education.

“I have always wanted to be a primary school teacher. The tutors have been so supportive and it has been a pleasure to be taught by them. I completed work experience at Ribby Hall Nursery and gained a job over the summer. It's great to see the children progressing and the difference you make in supporting them.”



ENGINEERING

Within the engineering industry there are hundreds of opportunities available. New developments in technologies mean that the world is constantly evolving and engineers are at the heart of it. Safer travel, drone deliveries, communication, product improvements, greener energy, advanced machines, robots - the list is endless and so are the opportunities.

At Preston College you can study the T-Level in Engineering - Design and Development. This innovative new qualification combines classroom study with an industry placement, so you develop knowledge and skills. The T-Level has a range of core units that provides a strong foundation of knowledge that can be applied to all areas of engineering. It also has a choice of a specialist unit in either electrical and electronic engineering or mechanical engineering.

In our fantastic iSTEM Centre you will benefit from outstanding teaching facilities and equipment including a small-scale wind tunnel, CNC machines, welding pods, plasma cutter, electronic labs, and computer suites.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Engineering	T-Level Foundation / Level 2 / Level 3	1 year per level
Engineering - Design & Development	T-Level	2 years

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Engineering Operative	2	1 year
Engineering Fitter	3	3-4 years
Engineering Technician	3	3-4 years
Fabrication & Welding	2	1 year
Metal Fabricator	3	3-4 years

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL IN ENGINEERING - DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

To develop your knowledge of engineering and manufacturing design you will study a range of core units covering: how materials, conditions and context influence design processes and products; essential mathematics for engineering and manufacturing; material processing techniques and their effects on materials and material quality, the condition of materials, how these are managed, and materials testing methods and techniques. You will also develop your knowledge of basic commercial principles including commercial priorities and markets, and resource allocation.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Aerospace Engineer
- Manufacturing Engineer
- Aeronautical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer
- Project & Quality Engineer
- Sustainable Energy Systems Engineer
- CAD Technician
- CNC Machinist
- Electrical & Electronic Engineer





SPENCER

STUDIED

Level 3 Aeronautical Engineering

DESTINATION

Degree Apprenticeship in Aerospace Engineering

Spencer joined Preston College from Hutton Grammar School, Spencer has always wanted to work in the aeronautical industry and is now progressing to degree level study as an apprentice.

“I started this course hoping to gain the qualifications I needed to start an apprenticeship in aerospace engineering and I have achieved this. I have had to push myself and work hard. I have had some great help and advice from my tutors, who kept me on track. During my time at Preston College, I have completed an industry placement at UK aviation and learnt many skills. It has given me even more passion for aviation and aerospace.”

ALUMNI PROFILE



£40,756
AVERAGE SALARY



66,492
UK JOBS IN 2022



1,984
JOBS IN PRESTON

DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER

As a design and development engineer, you'll find opportunities in a range of areas including steam, aeronautical, turbine, marine, electrical, mechanical, vehicle and ship structures, plant, and machinery equipment, building systems and services, and telecommunications equipment.

As the world continues to evolve and innovate, there will always be opportunities out there for you to use your problem-solving skills to design and improve technologies across a range of industries.

The T-Level in Engineering will help you to develop the skills you need to be a successful engineer and prepare you for your next step. Engineers are typically educated to degree level, so you will need to complete further study after college. This could be through university or a degree or higher-level apprenticeship.

EVENTS, HOSPITALITY & TOURISM ENTERPRISE



Events, hospitality, and tourism is an area with a lot of different job roles and opportunities. You can work anywhere in the world in a variety of settings including travel agencies, airports, hotels, holiday resorts and visitor attractions such as theme parks, zoos, and stately homes. In terms of events, you could be organising small scale fundraisers, parties in the park, festivals, or weddings. Both sectors are customer facing so you'll need to be good with people and have great communication skills.

At Preston College you will have opportunities to go on various trips and work experience placements. You will also hear from guest speakers working in the industry. These enrichment and extra-curricular activities are built into your Study Programme to enhance university applications and CVs.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Business and Travel & Tourism	1	1 year
Travel & Tourism	2	1 year
Travel & Tourism with Event Management	3	2 years

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Airport Personnel
- Attractions Management
- Cabin Crew
- Cruise Ship Personnel
- Event Management
- Hotel Management
- Resort Representatives
- Travel Agencies



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IMPERIAL
HOTEL
BLACKPOOL



CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION MANAGER

Conferences and exhibitions need careful management and planning to be a success. As a Conference Manager you'll be expected to oversee all bookings, generate new business, and manage client expectations. Even with the best planning things can always change last minute, so you'll need to be adaptable and think on your feet to ensure your customers are satisfied.

Conference and exhibition managers are typically educated to degree level so you should consider further study after college. Your college course will prepare you for university and includes industry placements, helping you gain some invaluable experience in the workplace.



ANISIA-CRISTINA ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 3 in Travel & Tourism

DESTINATION

Employment as Cabin Crew

Anisia-Cristina moved to England from Romania and has studied English for Speakers of Other Language before progressing on to travel and tourism. She now plans to find employment as a member of Cabin Crew for Emirates.

“I want a career in customer service and I have always wanted to be cabin crew. I have gained experience in the tourism industry through my work placement at Marriott Hotels. Since I started at Preston College I have grown in confidence and really enjoyed coming to college.”

HAIRDRESSING, BARBERING & BEAUTY THERAPY



Hairdressers, barbers, and beauty therapists help people to look and feel great. You can be self-employed or there are opportunities within salons and spas, as well as in the tourism industry.

At Preston College you can study the T-Level in Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy. This innovative new qualification combines classroom study with an industry placement, so you develop knowledge and skills for the sector. In our industry standard training salons you will have access to everything you need to hone your skills.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Barbering	T-Level	2 years
Beauty Therapy	1 / T-Level Foundation / 2	1 year per level
Beauty Therapy	T-Level	2 years
Hairdressing	1 / T-Level Foundation / 2	1 year per level
Hairdressing	T-Level	2 years
Nail Technology (progression only)	3	1 year
Fashion, Theatrical and Media Hair & Make-up	2 & 3	1 or 2 years per level

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Beauty Therapist	2	18 months
Wellbeing & Holistic Therapy	3	18-24 months
Hair Professional	2	2 years
Advanced & Creative Hair Professional	3	18 months

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL HAIRDRESSING, BARBERING & BEAUTY THERAPY

You will cover health and safety, client consultation, sales and marketing and other business practices. This core knowledge is the foundation of your T-Level, this alongside your specialist unit in barbering, hairdressing, or beauty therapy, allows you to tailor your course to your intended career.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Beauty Therapist
- Nail Technician
- Colour Technician
- Salon Ownership/ Management
- Hair Stylist



KATI

LEARNER PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 1 in Hair & Beauty

DESTINATION

Level 2 in Hairdressing

Kati joined Preston College from Longridge High School and has received a distinction grade on her Level 1 course. Kati is progressing to Level 2 in Hairdressing to develop her skills further before she embarks on her career goal of setting up her own salon.

I would definitely recommend this course and college. I have developed my communication skills and I get experience in the salon. The tutors are supportive and make things easier to understand.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT



EXPERIENCED UP TO **£30,000**



113,943 UK JOBS IN 2022



247 JOBS IN PRESTON

HAIRDRESSING & BEAUTY SALON MANAGERS AND PROPRIETORS

As a Salon Manager you are responsible for the day to day running of the salon, ensuring that all business records are kept up-to-date and accurate, undertaking health and safety checks, sourcing and managing stock as well as ensuring that clients receive the very best customer care from your staff.

To be a successful manager you'll need excellent customer service skills, organisation, and a head for numbers as you maintain the financial accounts. You'll typically be qualified to Level 3 either through a T-Level or an Apprenticeship.

The T-Level in Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Therapy includes business units such as safe working practices, sales and marketing and business contexts. Helping you to develop the essential skills to run a successful salon.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



The health and social care industry is vast with the NHS employing more than 1.5million people for over 350 different roles. Mental Health and Social Care are areas with a lot of employment opportunities, with increasing numbers of people needing support from mental health professionals and social care workers. The latter support people in a range of settings including private homes, residential homes, day centres and supported housing. It is a rewarding sector and your choice of career can make a real difference to people's lives.

The T-Level in Health will cover a broad range of topics to develop a strong foundation of knowledge and skills that can be applied to a wide range of roles in the health sector. There are also opportunities to specialise with optional units in adult nursing or mental health.

At Preston College we have a wide range of learning facilities and equipment that provides a realistic learning experience. These include a fully kitted out hospital ward, hospital beds, dental suite, electric hoist, pregnancy suit, ageing kit and resuscitation dummies.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Health & Social Care	T-Level Foundation	1 year
Health & Social Care	3	2 years
Health - Adult Nursing	T-Level	2 years
Health - Mental Health Care	T-Level	2 years

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Dental Nurse	3	2 years
Pharmacy Services Assistant	2	1 year
Pharmacy Technician	3	2 years

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL IN HEALTH

You will develop a broad understanding of the health industry by studying a range of topics including: the health and science sector; principles of good scientific and clinical practice; person-centred care, supporting health and wellbeing; infection and prevention control; and core science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and immunology.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

£29,825
AVERAGE SALARY

48,367
UK JOBS IN 2022

1,692
JOBS IN PRESTON

MIDWIFE

Midwives provide expert care to mothers and babies during and after pregnancy, they also deliver babies in normal births and assist doctors with difficult deliveries. Responsibilities include the planning and management of midwifery care services, supervising and training junior staff and advising on baby care, exercise, diet and family planning. You'll need excellent communication skills to train others and keep medical notes up to date and accurate.

Midwives are educated to degree level so you will need to continue your studies after college. You can gain a degree through university or a degree apprenticeship. The T-Level in Health with an optional unit on adult nursing will prepare you for further study at this higher level. You can gain up to 168 UCAS points for entry to university programmes.

ELSIE

STUDIED

T-Level Health (Adult Nursing)

DESTINATION

Adult Nursing degree at the University of York

Elsie moved from Wales to Preston and enrolled onto the T-Level in Health (Adult Nursing). Elsie originally wanted to pursue a career in paediatric nursing but studying the T-Level has changed her focus to adult nursing.

My experience at Preston College has been great! At lunchtime I played basketball as part of the enrichment programme. I gained experience by completing my industry placement in two health and care settings. Overall, my biggest achievement has been completing the T-Level and getting a place at York University.

ALUMNI PROFILE



MEDIA & IT

The media industry has experienced significant change over the last few years with more and more streaming services being introduced to the market. The industry is also reporting a skills shortage in production, editing, engine coders, animators, and 3D programmers.

Likewise, the digital industry is an area that sees constant change and innovation. Latest industry developments including artificial intelligence, cloud computing, robotics, self driving cars and virtual reality.

New T-Levels have been introduced in both the media and digital industries. Developed alongside employers, T-Levels are offering students who want to work in these areas the chance to develop their knowledge and technical skills alongside work experience. This combination of skills, knowledge and experience is ensuring that the future workforce is ready to bridge the skills shortage gaps.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Creative Media Production	2	1 year
Information & Creative Technology	2	1 year
IT & Digital Media	1	1 year
Digital Production, Design & Development	T-Level Foundation	1 year
Digital Production, Design & Development	T-Level	2 years
Media, Broadcast & Production	T-Level Foundation	1 year
Media, Broadcast & Production	T-Level	2 years

T-LEVEL DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

You will develop skills in digital production, design and development that will include analysing a problem to define requirements and acceptance criteria; designing, implementing, and testing software; changing, maintaining, and supporting software; creating solutions in a collaborative environment; and discovering, evaluating, and applying reliable sources of knowledge.

T-LEVEL MEDIA, BROADCAST & PRODUCTION

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including: the creative economy; audience and consumer needs; legal and regulatory requirements; professional standards and conduct in the workplace; equality, diversity, and inclusion requirements; research skills; and project methodology and administration.

MEDIA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Executive Producer
- Production Assistants
- Production Buyer
- Production Coordinator
- Prop Master
- Camera Operator
- Grip Video Editor
- Production Runner
- Media Production
- Digital Imaging Technician
- Computer Games Development
- Video Editing

IT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- App Developer
- Business Analysts, Architects & System Designers
- E-Learning Developer
- Multimedia Programmer
- Computer Games Tester or Developer
- Cyber Security
- Digital Technician
- Operations Technician
- Programmer or Software Development Professional
- Project or Programme Manager
- VR Programmer
- User Experience (UX) Designer
- User Support Technician
- Web Designer or Developer



MATTHEW

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 3 Media (Film & Photography)

DESTINATION

Studying Film & TV production at LMA

After trying a similar course at a different college, Matthew decided to switch to Preston College and develop his practical skills to prepare him for a hands-on industry. Since joining Matthew has completed work experience projects and won an award at our internal 'Oscars' event.

“I aspire to be a film director and I feel that I'm on the right track. This course and my degree are giving me the opportunity to meet my goals. I have gained commercial experience by creating social media posts for Level in Preston, this was an employer led project, that has helped me to become a freelancer alongside my studies.”



£34,254
AVERAGE SALARY



53,327
UK JOBS IN 2022



1,142
JOBS IN PRESTON

WEB DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL

Successful websites combine great design with functionality to make the user experience as smooth as possible. Web Designers and Development Professionals play a critical role in creating, maintaining and improving websites. A web designer will plan, create and code web pages to an organisation's requirements to ensure their websites look great on all devices (desktop, mobile and tablet) and function properly ensuring customer satisfaction.

To be successful in these roles you will need problem solving skills and creativity to develop solutions to improve website functionality and user experience. Web developers and designers are typically educated to degree level, so you should consider additional study after college.

The T-Level in Digital, Production, Design and Development allows progression to university level study and is worth up to 168 UCAS points – that's the same as three A-Levels at A*.

PERFORMING ARTS & CREATIVE MAKE-UP TRAINING ACADEMIES



Our qualifications are awarded by the University of Arts London, a top two world ranking university for art and design.

The entertainment industry is huge and the UK has a great reputation globally for producing films and television shows, but the industry is more than just what you see on screen. You can find opportunities in the theatre, in the tourism sector, on the radio, the internet, backstage and in the corporate sector. You will also find that the skills and confidence you develop are transferable to a wide range of other job roles and careers with past alumni moving in to areas such as teaching, journalism and management.

At Preston College you'll have the opportunity to take part in shows and performances throughout the year to develop your skills and confidence in preparation for professional and university auditions.

Our full-time courses are below - find out more on our academy pages and online at www.preston.ac.uk/academies

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Fashion, Theatre & Media Hair and Make-up (CMTA)	2 & 3	2 years
Performing & Production Arts	2	1 year
Performing & Production Arts - Acting (ATA)	3	2 years
Performing & Production Arts - Musical Theatre (MTTA)	3	2 years
Foundation Learning Performing Arts	Entry levels 1, 2 & 3	Usually up to 3 years
Professional Dance & Dance Teaching	3 & 4	2-3 years

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Acting for stage and screen
- Arts Administrator
- Dancer
- Director
- Drama Therapist
- Fashion/Photographic Make-up
- Performer
- Prosthetics
- Screenwriter
- Special Effects
- Teaching
- Theatrical Make-up Artist

Make-up for film, stage and television requires creativity and skill in special effects hair, make-up and prosthetics. It is a career behind the scenes that can take you all over the world. If you are looking to stay more local there are opportunities to work as a freelancer or in MediaCityUK in Salford and the Creative and Digital Quarters in Liverpool.

As part of the Creative Make-up Training Academy (CMTA) at Preston College you will have the opportunity to learn from industry experienced tutors and develop your skills by supporting our Acting and Musical Theatre Training Academy performances. There are also opportunities to gain industry experience through our links with local employers.

At CMTA our ethos is to help and guide each make-up artist to achieve their potential and learn industry skills and set etiquette. We aim to instil our make-up artists with a willingness for continuous improvement through personal reflection, the exploration and creative thought processes, and a desire to seek out and undertake new challenges to extend their capabilities. Overall our aim is to educate each make-up artist in an inspirational atmosphere to discover their strengths and to support them in their progression, whether that is freelancing, industry opportunities or university.



EVIE

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 2 & 3 in Fashion, Theatre & Media Hair and Make-up

DESTINATION

Professional Diploma in Technical & Production Practice for the Creative Industries - Level 4

Evie joined Preston College from Canon Slade C of E School with aspirations to become a make-up artist for TV and film. At Preston College she has developed her skills at Level 2 and 3 and progressed to our Level 4 programme to expand her skills and experience.

My Level 2 and 3 have given me knowledge and understanding in order to excel in what I do. My tutors have been really supportive and have pushed me when I needed it - especially during the WorldSkills competition. I've also completed a work placement doing make-up on a set.

Download the Creative Make-Up Training Academy Prospectus



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ACTOR TRAINING ACADEMY

The Actor Training Academy (ATA) at Preston College is a programme which aims to train young performers to develop their creative thought process and build on their individual strengths whilst improving on the newer theories. Led by tutors with industry experience this programme is designed to train young actors to prepare them for their next steps in this industry.

ATA Learners are driven to achieve their highest personal levels and grades and are prepared for those important next steps into further training at university, drama school or independent training establishments.

ATA has a strong history of learners progressing into highly acclaimed drama schools, so not only will you leave with a qualification, but we aim for you to leave with an offer for further training.



ONÉ CHETCUTI ALUMNI PROFILE

Class of 2021, furthered her training at Fourth Monkey Actor Training Company on a 2 year accelerated degree. Now represented by LA Management.



MATTHEW MCGIVERN ALUMNI PROFILE

Class of 2018, trained at the Guildford School of Acting, now represented by Global Artists and appearing in Hollyoaks as Sam Chen-Williams.



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@ATAprestoncol

@ActorTrainingAcademy



MUSICAL THEATRE TRAINING ACADEMY

The Musical Theatre Training Academy (MTTA) at Preston College is a programme that helps to guide each performer to achieve their potential and their highest learning grades. We aim to instill our performers with a willingness for continuous improvement through personal reflection, the exploration of creative thought processes, and a desire to seek out and undertake new challenges to extend their capabilities.

Led by tutors with industry experience, this programme is designed to educate each performer in an aspirational atmosphere to discover their strengths and to support their progression, whether that is university, drama school or independent training.

At the Musical Theatre Training Academy (MTTA), we create a vibrant and energetic environment in which you can explore, experiment, and develop in the disciplines of musical theatre: Acting; Singing and Dancing.



MILLIE HANSFORD

ALUMNI PROFILE

Class of 2016, completed further training at the University of Chichester Conservatoire, now represented by YOU management.

“I spent two years at MTTA and gained loads of experience which prepared me for the next stages in my training and career. My performance experience was extensive, playing roles in four full-scale musicals, plays and several showcases. I was able to thrive in a supportive environment, which is something that the academy instilled in us all from day one.”

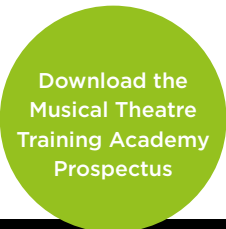


HARRIET HARGREAVES

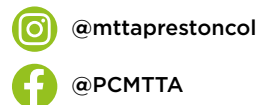
ALUMNI PROFILE

Class of 2021, Training at the Urdang Academy.

“Throughout my time at MTTA, I was able to push myself beyond personal limits and delve outside of my comfort zone. I achieved numerous goals throughout my time on the course; landing multiple lead roles, Distinction level LAMDA results and also gaining a membership with the National Youth Theatre.”



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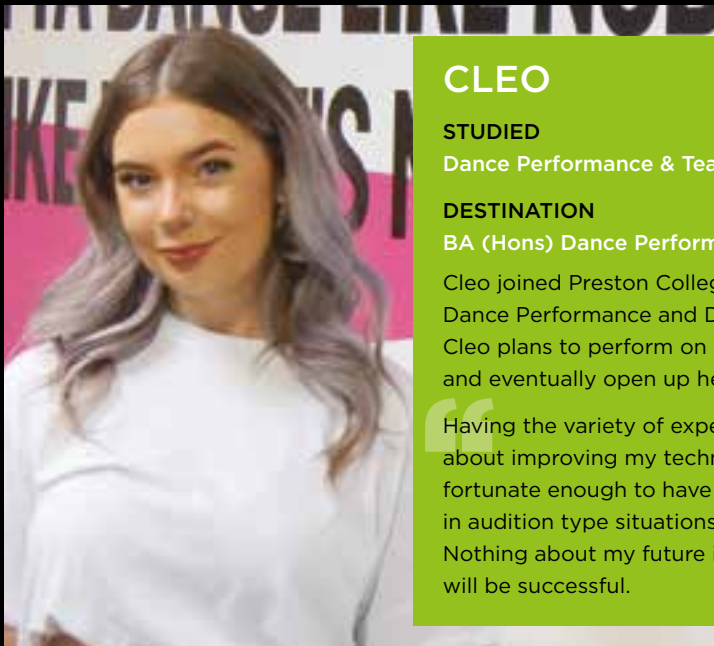
Preston College Dance boasts three decades of expertise in training Dancers, Dance Teachers, and Performers. Our unwavering mission is to foster the growth of each individual, offering training and qualifications that pave the way for a sustainable and lifelong career in dance performance and teaching.

The dedicated and enthusiastic teaching faculty ensures personalized attention and guidance for students as they progress through each year. Our program offers a myriad of opportunities, from performances to additional qualifications and supplementary training, complementing the core curriculum. Collaborating with external choreographers, students are thoroughly prepared for auditions and real-world work scenarios, and we frequently receive inquiries from a diverse range of employers seeking dancers and dance teachers.

FACILITIES

Our cutting-edge facilities include five contemporary dance studios, all equipped with sprung harlequin flooring, air conditioning, and full-length mirrors. Additionally, we have four drama and voice coaching studios, a fully operational TV studio, a 100-seat theatre, and an outdoor 'Amphitheatre' for performances.

Furthermore, we offer a host of other resources and support services to enrich your learning journey. These encompass an onsite gym, access to a sports therapist and comprehensive library facilities housing books, journals, and computers, as well as a hair salon, nail bar, and a variety of food and beverage outlets, including our very own Starbucks café.



CLEO

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

Dance Performance & Teaching

DESTINATION

BA (Hons) Dance Performance, Teaching & Choreography

Cleo joined Preston College from Montgomery Academy to study the Dance Performance and Dance Teaching course as a scholarship learner. Cleo plans to perform on cruise ships, like other successful PCD alumni, and eventually open up her own choreography company.

“Having the variety of experienced teachers means I have learned so much about improving my technique and fine tuning my artistry. At PCD we are fortunate enough to have access to many workshops and have been put in audition type situations testing us and preparing us for the real world. Nothing about my future is confirmed but I will work hard to make sure it will be successful.”



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ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Whilst studying with us you will have access to a range of enrichment activities, trips and events, such as our biannual New York residential, annual Move It trip, regular guest lectures, and workshops and numerous shows and performance opportunities.

PUBLIC SERVICES



A career in the public services is your opportunity to protect and serve your country and community. Careers in the sector typically cover the Armed Forces, Blue Light Services, Probation Service and Security. Within these areas you'll find a wide range of roles and opportunities to climb the ladder into senior positions.

If you want to progress your studies to a higher level at university before starting your career, you can. You could go on to study degrees in criminology, law or sociology. Alternatively, if your aim is to join a uniformed service, we will equip you with the academic skills and physical training to prepare you for the entrance exams.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Public Services	1 & 2	1 year per level
Uniformed Protective Services	3	2 years

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Blue Light Services
- Probation Service
- Community Schemes
- Armed Forces
- Security



CAREER
SPOTLIGHT£33,442
AVERAGE SALARY38,713
UK JOBS IN 20221,308
JOBS IN PRESTON

FIRE SERVICE OFFICER

Fire Service Officers attend and deal with a range of emergency situations including fires, road accidents, floods and rescues. To be successful in this industry you'll need to be resilient, calm under pressure and have excellent communication skills to work as part of your team and help people through some traumatic experiences. You'll typically be qualified to Level 3 before you start your employment, during which you can progress to higher roles with in-house training and development schemes.



GERRY

ALUMNI
PROFILE

STUDIED

Level 3 in Public Services

DESTINATION

Joined the Military

Gerry joined Preston College from Archbishop Temple Church of England High School with a mission to serve his country. He leaves Preston College with an offer to join the military, but he also made it to the final stages of the recruitment process to join the Police service as an apprentice.

“My tutors and friends on the course have made my time at college like being part of a big family. The course is a fantastic foundation for anyone wanting a career in a uniformed public service role.”

SCIENCE



Science is a vast area with hundreds of opportunities across different sectors. You can choose to specialise in a field or use your skills to work in commercial areas. Areas of employment include, but are not limited to: academia, research, food science, chemicals, criminal investigation, environmental science, geoscience, and healthcare sciences. You'll need skills in problem solving, data analysis and presentation skills to collate the findings of your investigations into meaningful information.

At Preston College you can study the T-Level in Science which provides a broad foundation of knowledge that can be applied to any science discipline. You will also benefit from our iSTEM Centre - home to dedicated science facilities and equipment. iSTEM houses a PCR machine which amplifies DNA, ultraviolet visible spectrophotometer, digital melting point apparatus, infrared spectrophotometer and forensic kits.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Science	T-Level Foundation	1 year
Applied Science	3	2 years
Science	T-Level	2 years

APPRENTICESHIPS	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH*
Laboratory Technician	3	2 years

*Course durations on Apprenticeships are given as a guide

T-LEVEL IN SCIENCE

You will gain a broad understanding of the science industry and study a range of topics including: managing information and data; principles of good scientific and clinical practice; scientific methodology; science concepts including the structure of cells, tissues and large molecules, genetics, microbiology and immunology; cell cycle and cellular respiration, enzyme and protein structure, pathogens, classification of biological materials, kinetic changes and relevant analytical techniques.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Dentistry
- Environmental Science
- Geology
- Midwifery
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary Medicine

**KIM****ALUMNI
PROFILE**

STUDIED
T-Level Science

DESTINATION

Studying Biomedical Science at
Manchester Metropolitan University

Kim joined Preston College from Moor Park High School, with aspirations to be a pharmacist, however her time at college and her industry placement at Lancaster University helped her to discover her passion for biomedical science. Kim is now going to pursue a career in this area of science.

“You gain so many technical skills on the T-Level, that other science courses just don't offer. I gained a lot of experience from my industry placement. I worked in a lab and learnt about the different equipment and lab safety. I now have so much technical skills that I feel like I have an advantage over other people who won't have had as much experience as me.”

**CAREER
SPOTLIGHT**

£38,094
AVERAGE SALARY



96,471
UK JOBS IN 2022



3,034
JOBS IN PRESTON

BIOLOGICAL SCIENTISTS & BIOCHEMISTS

Biological Scientists perform tests and study physiological and pathological characteristics within cells and other organisms. These tests and studies can be utilised to provide insight into the effects of internal and external environmental factors on life processes and other functions of living organisms. They can also be used to advise other professions such as farmers or medical staff on the nature of field crops and on the treatment and prevention of disease.

You'll typically be educated to degree level to get started in the industry. The T-Level in Science at Preston College is worth up to 168 UCAS points and can be used to gain entry to university science programmes. With experience you may wish to consider pursuing a masters or doctorate to develop your knowledge and career further.

The Centre of Sporting Excellence is an exclusive partnership between Preston North End Community and Education Trust (PNECET) and Preston College. The partnership provides learners aged 16 to 19 years old with high-quality, technical education programmes from levels one to three. Learners at the Centre of Sporting Excellence have access to guest speakers, who provide great learning opportunities from a range of professions including physiotherapists, nutritionists, coaches and PNE first team players. There is also the opportunity to represent both organisations at a competitive level within national sport leagues.



You will be trained by UEFA B qualified coaches at Preston College and given the opportunity to compete nationally in the EFL CEFA League and the ECFA League against other professional clubs. The programme also provides pathways to semi-professional football and scholarships in the USA.



The Centre of Sporting Excellence has a course for everyone, ranging from level one to three. Our tutors have acquired a wealth of knowledge and experience through various career pathways, which is shared with you to support career progression.



You will gain experience in the sports industry as part of your course by having access to a range of work placement opportunities. You will have the opportunity to see how theory is applied in practice in a real workplace environment.



As well as having behind-the-scenes access to Preston North End's stadium, there are also plenty of exciting enrichment opportunities and experiences available. You will have the opportunity to play in competitions and attend a football and cultural camp in Portugal, in partnership with SL Benfica.

FULL-TIME COURSES	LEVEL	COURSE LENGTH
Sport	1 & 2	1 year per level
Sport	3	2 years
Sport Coaching & Development	3	2 years

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Personal Training
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology
- Sports Analysis
- Sports Development & Coaching
- Sports Journalism
- Sports Science
- Sports Therapy
- Teaching

CAREER SPOTLIGHT

SPORTS COACHES, INSTRUCTORS & OFFICIALS

Sports Coaches monitor and analyse techniques and performance to determine how improvements can be made. They coach teams or individuals by utilising a range of strategies, improving performance and supporting development.



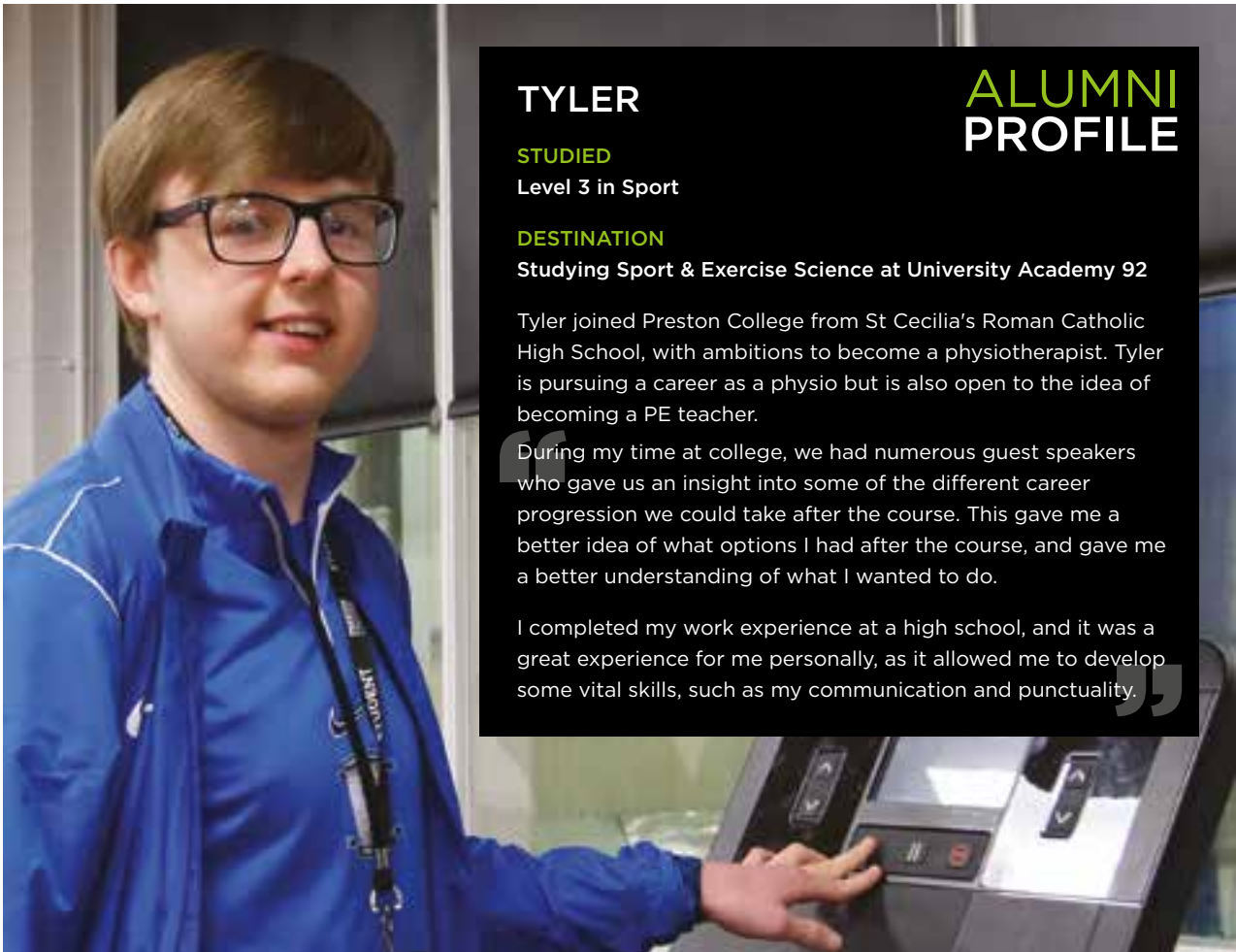
£32,309
AVERAGE SALARY



89,053
UK JOBS IN 2022



2,611
JOBS IN PRESTON



TYLER

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED
Level 3 in Sport

DESTINATION
Studying Sport & Exercise Science at University Academy 92

Tyler joined Preston College from St Cecilia's Roman Catholic High School, with ambitions to become a physiotherapist. Tyler is pursuing a career as a physio but is also open to the idea of becoming a PE teacher.

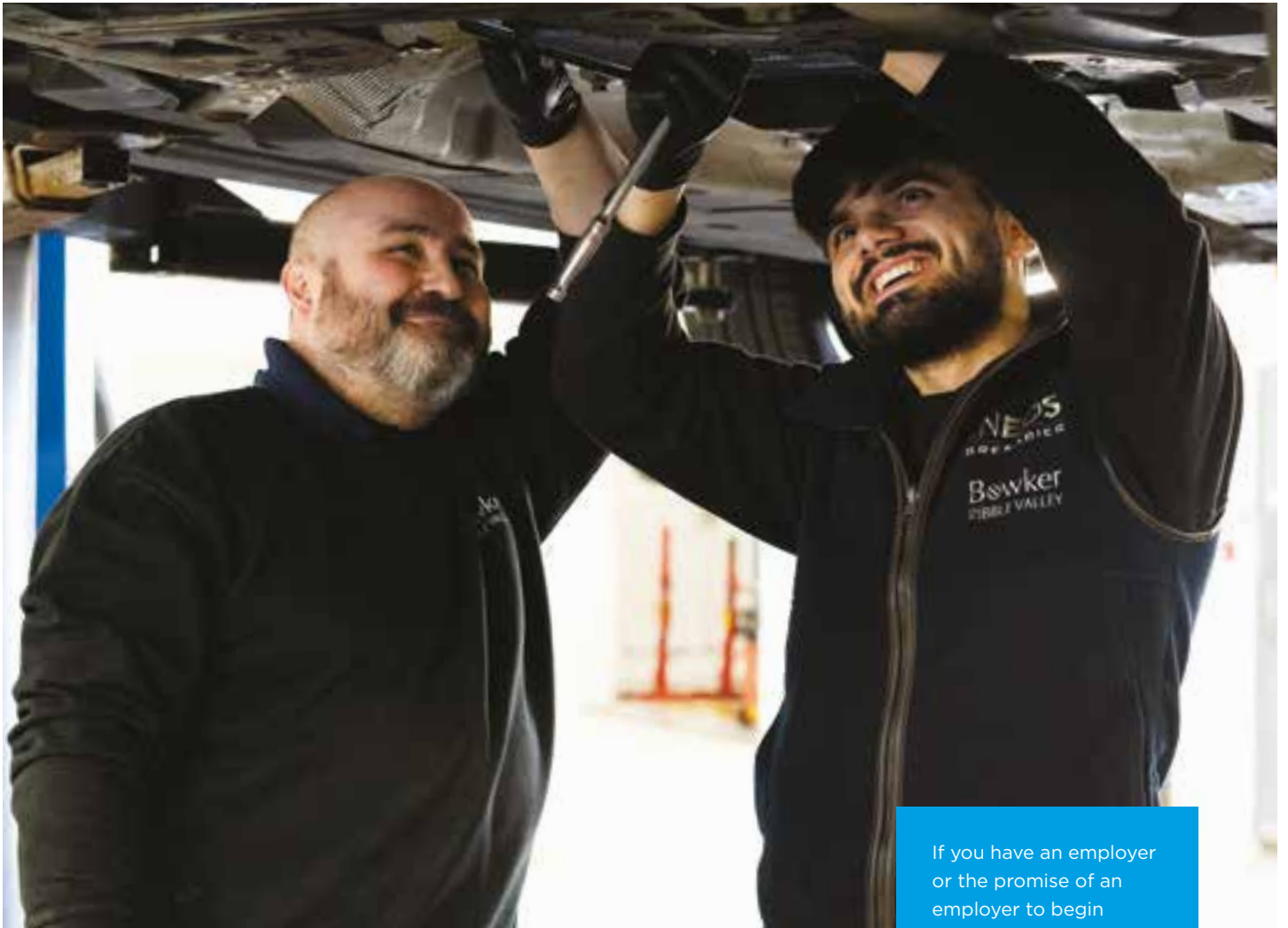
During my time at college, we had numerous guest speakers who gave us an insight into some of the different career progression we could take after the course. This gave me a better idea of what options I had after the course, and gave me a better understanding of what I wanted to do.

I completed my work experience at a high school, and it was a great experience for me personally, as it allowed me to develop some vital skills, such as my communication and punctuality.

FACILITIES

You will have access to Preston College fitness suite, training rig, squash courts, sports hall and astro-turf pitch.

APPRENTICESHIPS



If you have an employer or the promise of an employer to begin your apprenticeship, please contact the **Apprenticeship Team** on **01772 225768** or email **appsinfo@preston.ac.uk**

Apprenticeships are a brilliant way to gain an industry recognised qualification which is taught in the workplace through on-the-job and off-the-job training, and accompanying study.

An apprenticeship programme is as challenging, if not more so, than any other level of study within a college or university setting. As an apprentice you will be expected to work a minimum of 30 hours per week, in addition to your studies.

As long as you are at least 15 years of age and have officially left school and not in full-time education, you can become an apprentice. As an apprentice, you must have an employer or a promise of employment, as it will be your employer who will support you through your apprenticeship and training.

Many apprenticeships, just like other courses will have entry requirements, so please do check this with a member of our team or visit our website.

Assessment for your apprenticeship is continuous throughout your programme and will be a mixture of on-the-job training, portfolio building and industry demonstrations.

At the end of the apprenticeship programme you will be required to complete an End Point Assessment. This will assess you on everything you have learnt on your apprenticeship. Training towards this will be throughout your apprenticeship, giving you plenty of time to prepare.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN APPRENTICE

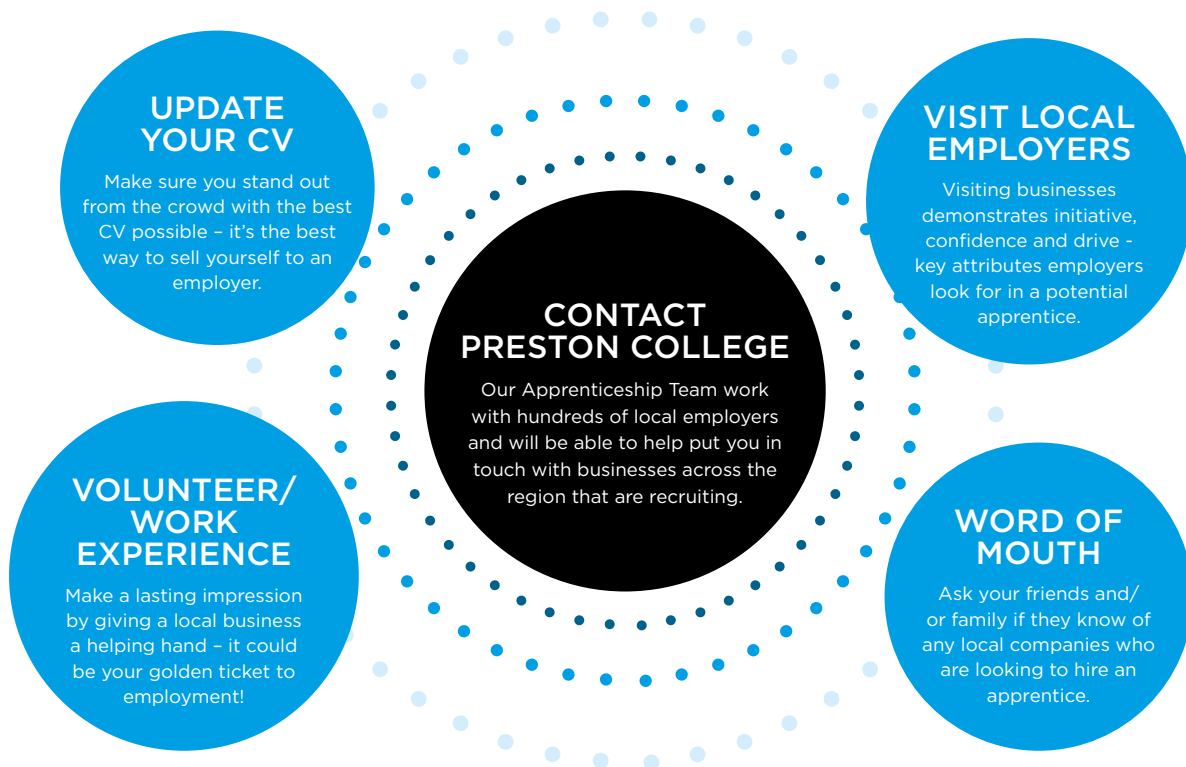
Employers recognise their ability to hire the best of the best. They are on the lookout for those who have more than just a qualification, which is why apprenticeships are quickly becoming ever more popular with school leavers, college leavers and those already in employment who wish to upskill.

Apprenticeships can benefit you and help you achieve your career goals and aspirations by allowing you to:

- Earn a salary
- Learn significant and relevant skills in your industry
- Become passionate for delivering results and achieve the employer's core objectives
- Gain significant problem solving skills
- Communicate effectively with colleagues and customers
- Build a recognised positive attitude within your workplace
- Become commercially focused and gain experience in dealing with customer needs
- Become self-assured to work confidently and professionally
- Work towards an industry approved qualification with our industry experienced tutors
- Progress from Level 2 through to Degree Level
- Help you gain a permanent job role with your employer upon completion

FINDING AN EMPLOYER

To be an apprentice you must have an employer. If you are not already in a job and are looking to find an employer, here are five really easy steps to ensure you succeed.



Preston College's matching service provides strong relationships with hundreds of employers across the region who are waiting to hire you. So whether you are a school leaver or a college leaver, we would love to hear from you!

Speak to one of our specialists by calling **01772 225768** or email appsinfo@preston.ac.uk.

APPRENTICESHIPS



HARRISON

Level 3 Engineering Technician at Zebra Technologies

I enjoy working in a friendly and collaborative environment where I feel supported by my colleagues. My role has built my confidence and enabled me to develop engineering skills and knowledge whilst working towards a professional qualification.



MOMINA

Level 3 Customer Service Practitioner at Preston College

My goal is to make a positive influence to society by liaising with adult learners with different backgrounds and abilities. The course provides me with practical and academic knowledge to interact and facilitate learners using online systems, the telephone and in person.



LIBBY

Level 3 Fabricator and Welder at Leyland Trucks Ltd

Doing an apprenticeship in fabrication and welding is the best decision I have made yet! I enjoy that every day is different, presenting new challenges and the development of new skills.



DIDAR

Level 3 Light Good Vehicle Technician at Bowker BMW

I'm studying a practical course and the support I receive at Preston College really helps. But it makes a big difference when you combine it with the first-hand experience at Bowker Ribble Valley.

WHAT WE OFFER

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

- Autocare Technician [L2](#)
- Light Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician [L3](#)
- Heavy Vehicle and Maintenance Technician [L3](#)

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

- AAT Accounts Assistant [L2](#)
- AAT Assistant Accountant [L3](#)
- Payroll Administrator [L3](#)
- Professional Accounting or Taxation Technician [L4](#)
- Business Administrator [L3](#)
- Customer Service Practitioner [L2](#)
- Customer Service Specialist [L3](#)
- HR Support Assistant [L3](#)
- Team Leader [L3](#)
- Learning and Skills Mentor [L4](#)
- Associate Project Manager [L4](#)
- Leader in Adult Care [L5](#)
- Operations/Departmental Manager [L5](#)

CONSTRUCTION AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Bricklaying [L2](#)
- Interior Systems Installer (Plastering and Dry Lining) [L2](#)
- Plastering [L2](#)
- Wall and Floor Tiling [L2](#)
- Painting and Decorating [L2](#)
- Highways Maintenance Skilled Operative [L2](#)
- Groundworker [L2](#)
- Property Maintenance Operative [L2](#)
- Wood Manufacturing Operative [L2](#)
- Roof Slater and Tiler [L2](#)
- Carpentry and Joinery [L2](#)

- Advanced Carpentry and Joinery [L3](#)
- Construction Site Supervisor [L4](#)
- Construction Quality Surveying Technician [L4](#)
- Construction Site Engineering Technician [L4](#)
- Building Services Engineering Technician [L4](#)

DENTAL AND PHARMACY

- Dental Nurse [L3](#)
- Dental Practice Manager [L4](#)
- Pharmacy Services Assistant [L2](#)
- Pharmacy Technician [L3](#)

ENGINEERING

- Engineering Operative [L2](#)
- Fabrication and Welding [L2](#)
- Engineering Fitter [L3](#)
- Metal Fabricator [L3](#)
- Engineering Technician [L3](#)
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician [L4](#)
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering [L4](#)

HAIR AND BEAUTY

- Hair Professional [L2](#)
- Advanced and Creative Hair Professional [L3](#)
- Beauty Therapist [L2](#)
- Wellbeing and Holistic Therapist [L3](#)

SCIENCE

- Lab Technician [L3](#)
- Technician Scientist [L5](#)

KEY

[L2](#) = Level 2 [L3](#) = Level 3 [L4](#) = Level 4 [L5](#) = Level 5

Preston College offers a full suite of **higher apprenticeships** at [Level 4](#) and [Level 5](#) suitable for those who are looking at supervisory or management level roles.

For more information about the higher apprenticeships we offer, or how you can upskill in your current role, please contact the **Apprenticeship Team** on [T 01772 225768](tel:01772225768) [E appsinfo@preston.ac.uk](mailto:appsinfo@preston.ac.uk)

READY TO APPLY?

[01772 225768](tel:01772225768)

appsinfo@preston.ac.uk

preston.ac.uk/apply



LEARNER SUPPORT

SEND TEAM (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY SUPPORT)



The College aims to provide a supportive platform for all learners to reach their goals. The College adopts an inclusive approach to learning, offering high quality teaching which takes into account individual requirements. Reasonable adjustments are embedded within the classroom to ensure that those learners with an identified need are able to fully access the curriculum and the assessment/exam process. The College has a thriving D/deaf community and provides communication support (BSL) for anyone who needs it.

We offer advice and guidance for learners with support needs who are making a transition in education. Our Transition Team meet with prospective learners to discuss and assess support needs once an application to college has been made.

We recognise that some learners may also need additional support and this will be provided by the Curriculum and Learner Support Team. The focus of support is to remove barriers to learning and develop strategies with our learners to foster independence. This support may include Exam Access Arrangements, Assistive Technology, Learning Support Coaches/Assistants and Communication Support Workers (using British Sign Language).

For some learners, a more comprehensive package of support may be required and, where this is the case, the College will normally have been informed of this by the Local Authority. The package of support will be tailored to individual requirements and may include support in and out of the classroom, modified resources, and assistive technology.

OUR TRANSITION TEAM CAN:

- Attend year 10 and 11 EHCP annual reviews
- Organise individual tours and taster sessions
- Liaise with local authorities and external agencies
- Provide support at college open days and interviews
- Create an individual support plan for your college course
- In the event that your preferred/chosen course is not suitable for you, we will work closely with you and your parent(s)/guardian(s) to look at other suitable opportunities

To talk through your potential support needs with a member of the **Transition Team** please call **01772 225335** or email **transition@preston.ac.uk** to book an appointment.

FOUNDATION LEARNING COURSES

FOR LEARNERS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY SUPPORT (SEND)

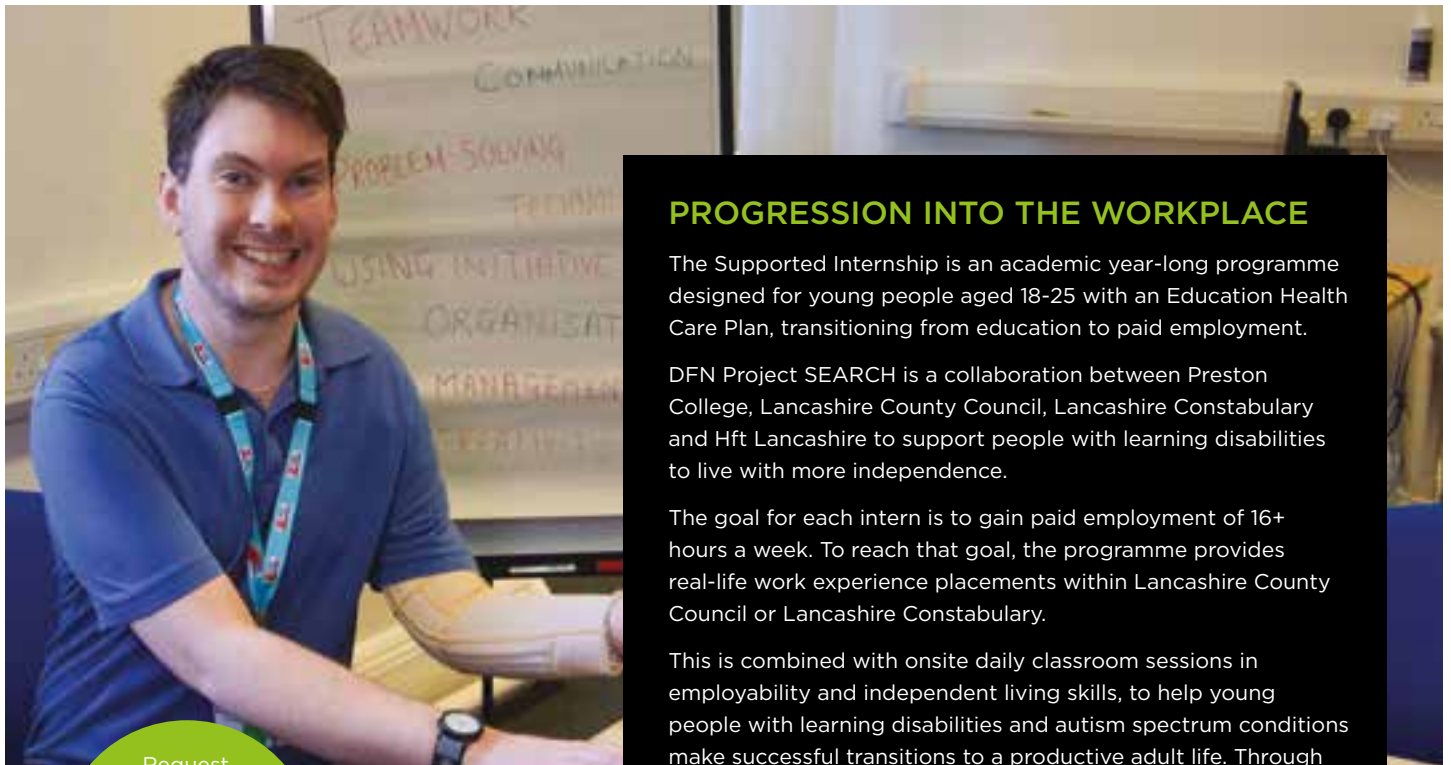
Foundation Learning courses are available to learners with Educational Health Care Plans and learners with Special Educational Needs. These courses are crafted to incorporate communication, independence, and practical skills within engaging subject areas. The goal is to inspire and stimulate learners, enabling them to enhance their vocational, academic, employment, and social capabilities while maximising independence. While these courses typically span up to three years, their duration can differ as they are tailored to each individual's needs.

LEARNERS CAN TAKE PART IN A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- Practical sessions
- Classroom sessions
- Educational trips and visits
- Work related activities
- Enrichment programmes

AREAS OF STUDY AVAILABLE INCLUDE:

- Introduction to Creative Arts & Wellbeing (Entry 2)
- Art, Design & Media (Entry 3, Level 1 and Foundation Level 2)
- Performing Arts (Entry 3, Level 1 and Foundation Level 2)
- Construction - various trades available (Entry 3)



PROGRESSION INTO THE WORKPLACE

The Supported Internship is an academic year-long programme designed for young people aged 18-25 with an Education Health Care Plan, transitioning from education to paid employment.

DFN Project SEARCH is a collaboration between Preston College, Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Constabulary and Hft Lancashire to support people with learning disabilities to live with more independence.

The goal for each intern is to gain paid employment of 16+ hours a week. To reach that goal, the programme provides real-life work experience placements within Lancashire County Council or Lancashire Constabulary.

This is combined with onsite daily classroom sessions in employability and independent living skills, to help young people with learning disabilities and autism spectrum conditions make successful transitions to a productive adult life. Through completing a series of three targeted internships, each intern will acquire competitive, marketable and transferable skills to enable them to apply for a related post. They will also build communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills which is important to their overall development as a new worker.

Request a copy of our Foundation Learning brochure from the Transition Team or download here



ENGLISH & MATHS



Maths and English skills are essential to your everyday life. A lot of careers and universities require these subjects, so they are important for your progression as well.

If you leave school without a grade 4 or above in either subject then you are required to study them until you achieve the grade 4. You will only study the subjects that you need, for example if you get a grade 4 in maths and grade 3 in English then you will only be required to study English.

Studying maths and English at college will be a different experience than studying it at school. Your maths and English lessons will be timetabled around your main college course and will support the development of your

skills in preparation for your exams. Your other subject tutors will embed your learning from maths and English into your units so you apply your learning to your future career. For example, in construction, maths skills are utilised to work out square footage and angles, joiners use trigonometry on a daily basis and in hairdressing you will use angles for cutting layers and ratios for colour mixing. English skills include communication and presentation of work, findings or report writing.

Preston College is proud to offer a specialist full-time course to support the development of language skills required to progress onto higher level courses or a chosen career. You will get lots of support to help you both in the college and in your community, to build your confidence and help integration.

Our renowned programmes offer recognised national English qualifications and tasters in different subjects to help with making the right career choice. To register for this course you will need an assessment with a specialist advisor.

We also offer this course to 15-year olds (Year 10/11s) who are new to the country and require specialised English Language development.

To apply please contact the Education team at Lancashire County Council or Asma Nakhuda at the College (anakhuda@preston.ac.uk or phone **01772 225510**). We will assess the needs on a case-by-case basis.

This is a **FREE*** course with enrolment throughout the year



VIGNESH

ALUMNI PROFILE

STUDIED

ESOL Entry Level 3, GCSE English, GCSE Maths and Level 2 Information & Creative Technology

PROGRESSION

T-Level Digital Production, Design & Development at Preston College

After gaining his qualifications in English for Speakers of Other Languages, Vignesh has studied GCSE English, GCSE Maths and a Level 2 in Information & Creative Technology. These courses have opened the door to further study and Vignesh will progress to the T-Level in Digital Production, Design and Development at Preston College.

My ambition is to achieve a degree in software engineering. Preston College has supported me to achieve my qualifications by showing me the steps I need to take to reach my ambition. The tutors have helped me to do my work, explaining things clearly and providing resources.

*Terms and conditions apply.



ENRICHMENT

Being a Preston College student is so much more than just getting a qualification. There's a range of enrichment activities that you can get involved in to improve your CV, make friends, develop new skills or simply for fun!

COLLEGE CHAMPION PROGRAMMES

If you would like to inspire others and promote services to improve health and wellbeing, then consider joining one of our College Champion Programmes.

'This Girl Can' Champions promote and inspire other females in college to participate in sport and physical activity.

Inclusive Champions promote and inspire disabled students in college to participate in sport and physical activity and will be the voice of young people advocating for disability specific and inclusive activity.

Mental Health Champions promote the benefits of physical activity on mental wellbeing and promote local activities to get active.

Football Champions promote football and have a passion for the beautiful game.

COURSE ENRICHMENT

As part of your course you will have enrichment activities that are exclusive to your area, and will support your development, such as international trips and guest speakers. For further information on these opportunities visit our website or speak to a course tutor at one of our open events.

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

There are international trips*, for example in Performing Arts there is an annual trip to New York to take part in specialist workshops and see shows on Broadway. In Sports you will have the opportunity attend a football and cultural camp in Portugal, in partnership with SL Benfica.

GUEST SPEAKERS & EMPLOYER VISITS

As part of your programme you will have access to opportunities that will add value to your learning. There are various opportunities to attend guest speaker lectures or workshops and to visit employers to see workplaces in action.

Your course will develop your deeper understanding of your career options and you will have the opportunity to meet employers and professionals at the annual careers fair and your bespoke department sector spotlight events, all of which are to support you in your progress and progression in to work, apprenticeships and University.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

There are a variety of activities you can take part in during your lunch break including football, badminton and glow-in the-dark sports.

*Trips run subject to numbers.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services offer information, advice and guidance to all learners.

SUPPORT INCLUDES:

- Finances and college bursary
- Welfare and benefits information
- Counselling
- Homelessness
- Safeguarding and Prevent
- Transport arrangements

Student Services is based in the Main Building, next to the main reception.

Student Services is open during term-time, Monday to Friday, 8.30am–4.30pm.

If you can't visit student services in person, please call **01772 225656**
email studentservices@preston.ac.uk
or visit the [Student online handbook](#)



PASTORAL SUPPORT

Our programme of workshops and tutorials seek to focus on specific items to support learners in being successful at college and beyond. There are four key elements to the programme:

PASTORAL SUPPORT

Help with queries, problems, and referrals. Your Student Manager/Nominated Tutor will liaise with support staff including Counsellors, Careers Advisors and Welfare staff on your behalf.

CURRICULUM SUPPORT

Monitor your progress, set targets, arrange support, co-ordinate initial assessment and get help with your portfolio or file management. Your Student Manager/Nominated Tutors will liaise with SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disability Support Team) in order to ensure you succeed.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Work with your Student Manager/Nominated Tutors to improve your self-esteem, build friendships, practise, and develop communication and teamwork skills, understand values including individual liberty, democracy, rule of law, mutual respect and respect of faith as well as Prevent and safeguarding.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student Managers/Nominated Tutors will support you to develop your career planning skills and study techniques (including research skills) alongside work experience and preparing you for progression.



Your Student Manager is there to support you throughout your time at Preston College



BURSARY INFORMATION

You may be able to apply for further help towards the cost of equipment, uniform and travel from the College Bursary funds. The following information provides an overview of what is available in the academic year 2023/24. For the latest information for the 2024/25 academic year please contact Student Services.

VULNERABLE BURSARY (16-18 YEARS ONLY)

- In care (including unaccompanied Asylum Seekers)
- Care Leaver
- In receipt of Income Support/Universal Credit
- In receipt of Employment Support Allowance AND Disability Living Allowance/Personal Independence Payment.

16-18 DISCRETIONARY BURSARY FUND

- Provides financial help towards the cost of equipment, kit (uniform) and travel expenses (if you live more than 1.3 miles from the College).

16-19 CHILDCARE

- Funded through the Government's Care to Learn scheme, with a maximum weekly threshold of £160 per child. See www.gov.uk/care-to-learn for details.

Eligibility for the bursary fund is based on a household income of less than £25,000*. Evidence of income needs to be uploaded or brought into Student Services. Learners will need a bank account to receive bursary payments. Applicants from a large family (generally defined as 4-6 children) will need to see a Welfare Officer.

FREE COLLEGE MEALS

Learners aged between 16-18 years old (excluding apprentices) at the start of their course can access free college meals if they or their parents are in receipt of the following benefits or have a household income less than £16,190:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit with net earnings not exceeding the equivalent of £7,400 pa.

If you are aged 19 and continuing on the same study programme that you started before you turned 19, or are aged 19-24 and have a current Education Health Care Plan (EHCP), you could also be eligible.

*Families with an annual income of up to £28,000 may be eligible for some help towards the cost of transport.



PROGRESSION

It's never too early to start thinking about where you'd like to go after you complete your college course. You may choose to progress to a higher level of study at Preston College, start an apprenticeship or start work full-time.

CAREER GUIDANCE

Our dedicated Preston College Careers & Progression Team is on hand to provide you with advice and guidance on your options in the world of work. You can find our Career Zone building on the College High Street, where you can drop in anytime or book a specialist appointment with one of our experienced Careers Advisors. Alternatively, contact the Careers & Progression Team via guidance@preston.ac.uk.

CAREER COACH

Check out Career Coach to help you find a career path that suits you, build an impressive CV and find local job vacancies. Give it a go now at <https://preston.lightcastcc.com>

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Student Managers/Nominated Tutors will support you to develop your career planning skills and study techniques (including research skills) alongside work experience and preparing you for progression.

HIGHER EDUCATION

You may wish to progress to university to continue your studies, alternatively you could stay at Preston College to complete a higher level qualification, such as a degree.

All of our higher level courses are awarded by either the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) or Pearson, but studied right here, in Preston.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING FOR A DEGREE AT PRESTON COLLEGE INCLUDE:

- Competitive tuition fees - our fees are typically much lower than bigger universities
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Industry experienced lecturers
- Courses that have been designed alongside employers
- Qualifications awarded by Pearson and the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)
- On UCLan programmes you can access university facilities and resources.

Find out more at www.preston.ac.uk/higher-education

FACILITIES

At Preston College we have a range of fantastic learning facilities across all of our courses. Below is a sample of just some of the facilities we have. Visit us at one of our open events to check out our amazing campus and take a tour.



FITNESS CENTRE
Student discounts available



ISTEM CENTRE



SCIENCE LAB (ISTEM CENTRE)



PERFORMANCE SPACES
Fully functional 100 seat theatre and outdoor amphitheatre



FOOD OUTLETS
including Starbucks



INDUSTRY STANDARD BLACK MAGIC TV STUDIO



ELEMENTS
Onsite hairdressing, barbering and beauty salons



THE CONSTRUCTION CENTRE
in partnership with the Eric Wright Learning Foundation



LEARNING ZONES
equipped with computers, text books, newspapers and journals

BUS MAP

The College also provides bus passes for the following routes:

Stagecoach: 280

Covers Preston to Skipton via Whalley and Clitheroe

Transdev: 152

Burnley - Blackburn - Preston via Padiham, Clayton-le-Moors and Feniscowles

Transdev: 153

Leyland to Preston, via Bamber Bridge and Higher Walton

Stagecoach 125 service runs at regular intervals during the day from Preston Bus Station to Royal Preston Hospital, stopping outside the College.



Preston Bus also provides services 19, 23 and 43 which run regularly in close proximity to the College.

Preston Bus provides Service 45 on behalf of Lancashire County Council. Bus passes are not available from Preston College.

TRAVEL GUIDE

Preston College offers subsidised Preston Bus, Stagecoach and Transdev bus passes for the local area.

The following buses are direct – this means that they drop off and pick up from the Fulwood Campus.

- 125C Chorley
- 61C Wrea Green (via Kirkham)
- 40A Lancaster
- 59C Blackburn
- 68C Blackpool
- 111C Leyland (direct to college, mornings only)

Other bus routes go via Preston Bus Station, where learners can catch the Stagecoach 125 service to college. Preston Bus also provide a number of services which run regularly in close proximity to the college. These services include 19, 23, 43 and 45.

Preston Bus timetables and routes can be found at www.prestonbus.co.uk

Stagecoach bus timetables and routes can be found at www.stagecoachbus.com

The cost of the bus passes is dependent on your home address and bus company operating area. Passes can be bought termly. It's worth remembering that it might be cheaper to buy a student day pass if you only attend college one day per week.

Replacement bus passes cost £25. Only one replacement can be issued per academic year.

For the latest information on bus passes please visit www.preston.ac.uk/bus-passes



Apply by
**Friday
22 March
2024**



HOW TO **APPLY**

STEP 1 APPLY

Complete an application form online at www.preston.ac.uk/apply by **Friday 22 March 2024**

THINGS YOU NEED:

- Your course choices
- Your predicted grades (include English Language and Maths and your next best five grades)
- If you are applying for a Level 3 course, you may also want to apply for a Gifted & Talented Scholarship. Find out more about scholarships on page 10.

STEP 2 INTERVIEW

After submitting your application, we will get in touch with you directly to arrange an interview at the College or, in some cases, at your school. Your interview will be carried out by a fully qualified careers advisors or by a course tutor.

AT YOUR INTERVIEW YOU CAN:

- Discuss your course choice
- Explore your career options
- Plan your career
- Ask questions about your course

STEP 3 ENROL

Prior to receiving your GCSE results in August, we will send you details of how to enrol online. Before enrolment, you'll receive an enrolment pack telling you when enrolment is and what you need to do. After you enrol, you'll get your timetable and we'll see you on your first day of college.



OPEN EVENTS

Visit Preston College during one of our Open Events to learn more about your course, see the amazing facilities and meet your tutors!

For the latest information and to register please visit www.preston.ac.uk

- Wednesday **4 October 2023** 4pm - 7pm
- Saturday **18 November 2023** 10am - 2pm
- Thursday **7 March 2024** 4pm - 7pm

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES

Preston College recognises that its staff have a legal and moral duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of learners and to provide a safe and secure environment in which they can study and achieve their potential. This includes our obligation under the Prevent Duty (Sept 2015) to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

The College has a Safeguarding and Prevent Policy, together with a comprehensive set of guidelines, which outline how we will fulfil this duty and ensure that the welfare of the young person is always placed at the centre of our activities.

A copy of the current policy and procedures is available on the College website www.preston.ac.uk.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Preston College is proud of the inclusive nature of its intake, which reflects the city's growing diversity and population. We celebrate and support diversity and do not discriminate against any group. For more information on our policies please visit www.preston.ac.uk.

A TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH

As a member of the Lancashire Colleges group we have made a commitment to embed Trauma Informed principles and practices into our college. Trauma is an emotional response to an overwhelmingly painful and stressful event. This can either be by experiencing threat or danger to yourself, or by witnessing it happening to others.

All college staff are required to undertake training to gain an understanding of the impact of trauma on brain

development and how this may affect an individual's ability to learn.

Being Trauma Informed involves a commitment to:

- Respect and value every individual
- Understand behaviour as a means of communication and to develop approaches to address the underlying needs
- Adapt policies and procedures to ensure that the language used reflects trauma informed principles
- Understand that strong relationships are essential to supporting strong learning
- Provide a place of safety for all learners through demonstrating consistency, predictable routines and support strategies in our learning environment.

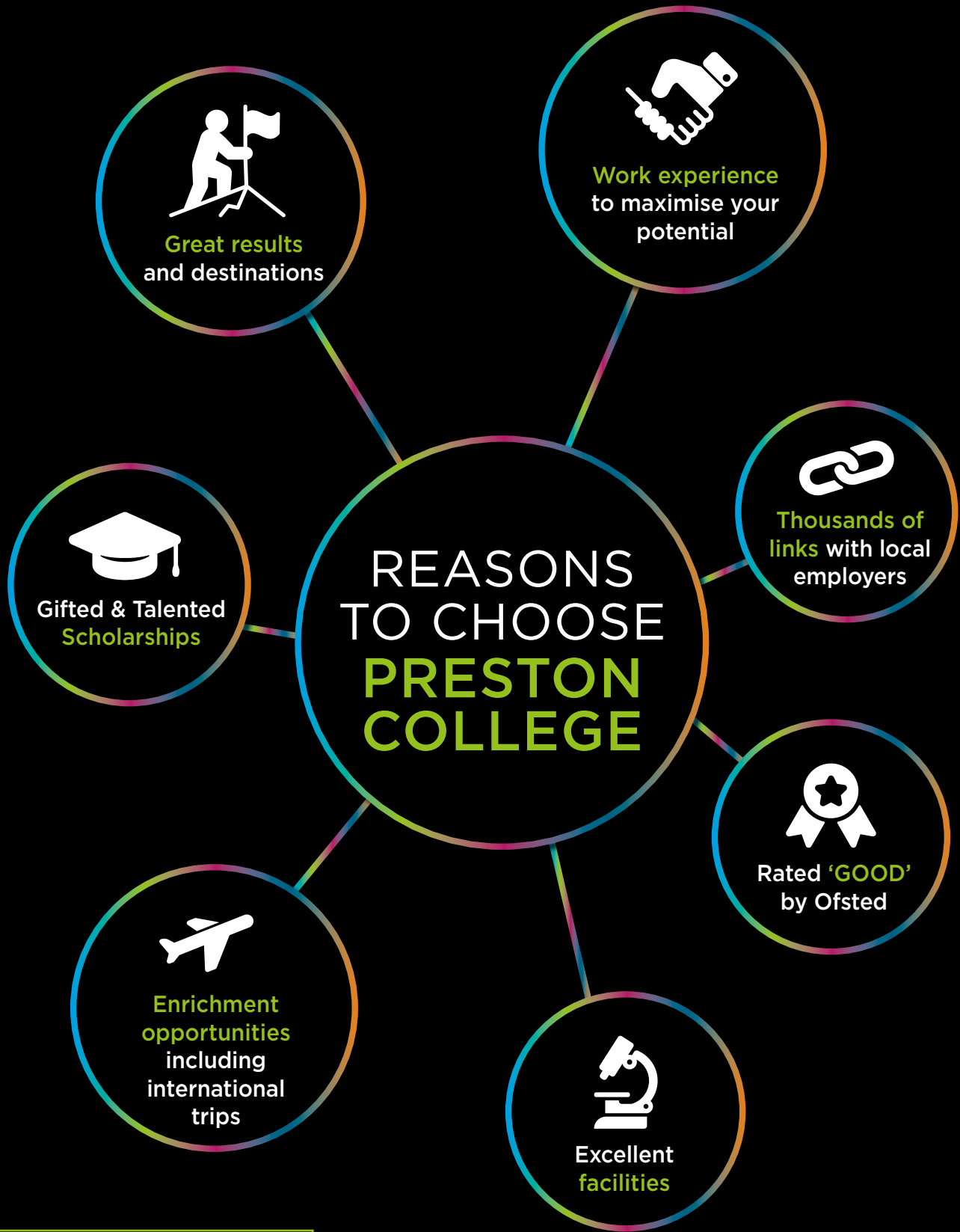
DISCLOSURE

The details in this prospectus were correct at the time of print. Preston College, however, reserves the right to alter the information contained in this publication. Classes will run subject to sufficient numbers. This publication is available in large print, Braille, audio or other languages upon request. If you know of someone who would like to study a course at Preston College but their first language is not English, please contact the Advice Centre on **01772 225522** for them to discuss the options available.

CAREER SPOTLIGHT INFORMATION

Figures and salary information has been gathered from Careers Coach and the National Careers Service, and is correct as of August 2023.





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If you didn't find the course you were looking for, please get in touch and let us know. Remember to visit the website for the latest course information.

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