

School Leaver Prospectus 2024/25



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VOCATIONAL COURSES
APPRENTICESHIPS
FOUNDATION LEARNING**

**YOUR JOURNEY
YOUR CAREER
IT STARTS HERE**



Welcome
from
Sam Wright

Hello and welcome to our 2024/25 School Leaver Prospectus.

At Wakefield College and Castleford College, our ethos has always been about providing a well-rounded education for our students based on their individual choices, capabilities and aspirations – ensuring that they can reach their full potential and achieve their future ambitions.

We do this by creating a well-rounded curriculum which is developed in partnership with our local and regional partners, ensuring that our students have the skills which are in demand now and in the future.

We understand that coming to college is about more than just learning and that's why we are committed to creating an environment where our students can grow and thrive both academically and personally. What's more, our highly-qualified, friendly and supportive staff will be there to support you every step of the way during your time with us.

You will be picking up this guide after what has been an exciting and successful year for the College, following its merger with Selby College to become the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group.

After providing generations of learners across the District with vocational qualifications, it was incredibly gratifying to see our Castleford campus be granted official College status in November 2022 following the merger. This marks the start of a new era of education in Castleford,

as we continue to offer learners a route to gain hands-on, practical skills which are sought by employers and to prosperous careers.

Becoming one combined organisation has also created even greater prospects for our students, including an expansion of our provision, enhanced enrichment opportunities, a Group-wide sport programme and more.

We hope that this guide will provide you with all the information that you need, but don't just take our word for it – come and see what we have to offer at one of our upcoming Open Events, which are listed on page 130.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need any more information, please call our Student Central Team on **01924 789789** email **studentcentral@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk**, or visit our websites at **wakefield.ac.uk** and **castleford.ac.uk**.

Sam Wright
Principal and Chief Executive



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However, it does not guarantee the provision of such services. The provision of courses is dependent on there being sufficient demand to make their operation viable for the College to run.

At the time of publication (September 2023) all course titles and information were correct. Updates to this Prospectus will be made to the online version available at www.wakefield.ac.uk and www.castleford.ac.uk.

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Your Journey Your Choice

Choose one of our five routes to success



Everyone learns differently, which is why it's important to choose a type of course which is right for you. This leaflet will help you decide which type of course, as well as what course level is best suited to you and how they relate to other qualifications.

1 Sixth Form (A Levels)

If you have a real interest in your subjects, enjoy studying, are able to work independently and thrive in examinations, then an A Level programme is right for you.

Our A Levels are focused on facilitating subjects to ensure the majority of our students can progress on to Russell Group universities.

Students will choose 3 A Level subjects. The minimum requirement is at least five GCSEs at Grade 4 (or above), including maths and English. Some A Levels will have additional requirements, such as a Grade 5 if the subject was taken at GCSE, or a Grade 5 or 6 in maths.

Please see course descriptions for the individual entry requirements.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificates

These can be taken alongside your A Level options and have the same delivery mode and UCAS points as A Levels, but are more coursework based.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Students may also choose to take an EPQ in their second year, which is equivalent to half an A Level and requires you to produce a single piece of work of your own choosing, demonstrating evidence of planning, preparation and research.

Find out more about our Sixth Form offer on pages 22 - 33.

2 T Levels

A new and exciting option for those who prefer a combination of classroom theory and practical learning in a real working environment. Get a head start towards your chosen career by gaining the skills and knowledge sought after by employers in the industry.

T Levels follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. They've been co-created by the industry you want to be a part of, so you can gain the knowledge and skills you need to leap ahead of the crowd and into your desired career.

T Levels combine classroom theory, practical learning and a minimum of 315 hours (or 45 days) Industry Placement to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

The two year T Level courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content will meet the needs of industry and thoroughly prepare students for work. They provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to highly skilled employment, a higher apprenticeship or entry to university.

- + Equivalent to 3 A Levels
- + 80% Classroom, 20% Industry Placement
- + Gain UCAS points for entry to university

Introduce yourself to T Levels on pages 34 - 39.

3 Vocational Courses

If you are looking for a course with a practical learning route that relates to a specific industry, then our wide range of Vocational courses can provide you with the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed for a specific job or career.

While there are many subject areas to choose from, it is worth bearing in mind that you can only study one vocational qualification at a time.

If you have a specific career in mind, prefer a practical way of learning, and assignments over exams, choose from our wide range of vocational courses from Levels 1 to 3.

Vocational courses prepare you to work in a trade, in a craft, as a technician, or in support roles in professions such as engineering, accountancy, nursing, medicine, architecture or law.

Our Vocational students gain experience in real working environments with excellent equipment, ensuring you have the facilities you need to help you succeed.

The labour market is fiercely competitive and employers can take their pick from a wide pool of candidates, so they're looking for more than just qualifications on paper. Studying a Vocational programme with us can give you the real-world experience that employers are looking for.

Explore our wide range of Vocational courses on pages 40 - 121.

4 Apprenticeships

An Apprenticeship is a real job with training that gives you the opportunity to gain a recognised qualification as you work. If you are passionate about the type of industry you want to work in, an apprenticeship offers a clearly defined career route. We work with a variety of different employers, ranging from small to large who offer great opportunities to 'earn while you learn'.

Apprenticeships are for anyone aged 16 or over and they allow you to earn and learn at the same time, meaning you have great prospects for the future!

We offer various levels of apprenticeship from Level 2 right through to Level 5 higher apprenticeships (degree-level).

After completing your apprenticeship, you can progress to a higher-level apprenticeship or one of the many university-level courses across our Colleges, into employment or on to university elsewhere.

Learn more about our Apprenticeships on pages 122 - 127.

5 Foundation Learning

A mix of vocational study, tasters and English and maths, for those who would like to learn core skills and develop their personal and social development to prepare you for employment and building confidence in the workplace.

Find out more about our Foundation Learning courses on pages 86 - 89.

Your Study Programme



Coming to College is more than just a course. Get the most out of your time at College with a study programme, supported by Student Central.

Support

You'll have personal and group tutorials (called Goals) with your tutors, as well as further support from our highly skilled and dedicated team as needed.

Work Experience Placements

Every student at College has the opportunity to undertake meaningful work experience activities during their time at College.

NAVIGATE

Activities and experiences to develop skills through trips, visits, guest speakers, volunteering, enrichment, clubs and societies.

English & Maths

You'll continue to study English and maths until you achieve a GCSE 9-4. This will be timetabled to fit in alongside your course.

Course Levels Explained

Students starting at Wakefield College and Castleford College after leaving school will be able to study a range of courses from Entry Level up to Level 3 depending on their qualifications, with the option to progress to a degree-level course (Levels 4, 5 & 6) at our University Centre, head to university, or progress into employment.

Level	Duration	What it means
Entry Level	Up to 1 Year	No formal entry requirements for these programmes, which are designed to provide you with essential life and study skills. Following successful completion of an Entry Level programme, learners can progress on to a Level 1 course.
Level 1	1 Year	You will need to have gained Grades 1 and 2 in your GCSEs to study a Level 1 programme. These will build on your existing skills and upon successful completion, allow you to progress to a Level 2 course.
Level 2	1 or 2 Years	Equivalent to GCSE Grades 4-9 and you will be expected to have achieved at least four GCSEs at Grade 3 or above to enrol on to one of these programmes. Successful completion will pave the way for you to further your studies at Level 3.
Level 3	1 or 2 Years	You will need to have achieved at least five GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above to enrol, plus any specific entry requirements for individual courses. These courses vary in length, usually from 1-2 years depending on the programme.

Still unsure on which path is right for you?

Our team of expert Careers & Guidance Advisers will be able to support you to make your decision. When you have your interview they, alongside our experienced teaching staff, will discuss the best route for you based on your qualifications, expected grades and career goals. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

Course Information
01924 789111
courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

Careers Team
01924 789113
careers@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

Financial Support
01924 789283
student.finance@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk



Choosing your course and making an application

How to Apply

Making a decision...

Browse through the prospectus, come to one of our Open Events, and talk to your parents, friends, and teachers about the courses you're interested in to help you decide what you want to study. If you are unsure what you would like to do, call us and ask for a careers appointment or call our Course Information Team on **01924 789111** who will be happy to help.

Apply online

You apply online direct via our websites: wakefield.ac.uk or castleford.ac.uk.

Call our Course Information Team on **01924 789111** and we can email you an application form.

You will be invited for interview for your first choice course only. This is your chance to ask questions about your chosen course and make sure the course is right for you.

Congrats! You receive an offer in writing.

Whether you applied online or by form, you will need to accept the place by returning the acceptance form that came with your offer letter or call the Admissions Team on **01924 789110**.

Attend a New Student Day event in July to participate in course related activities, meet other students and find out what college life is like.

We will invite you into college to enrol for your chosen course in August, which will enable you to become a full-time student.

Getting to College is easy!

Transport Routes

Wakefield and Castleford are well-connected and getting to us is easy.

Leeds, Pontefract and Barnsley have great transport links to Wakefield with a choice of train or bus routes, which you can see on our map opposite.











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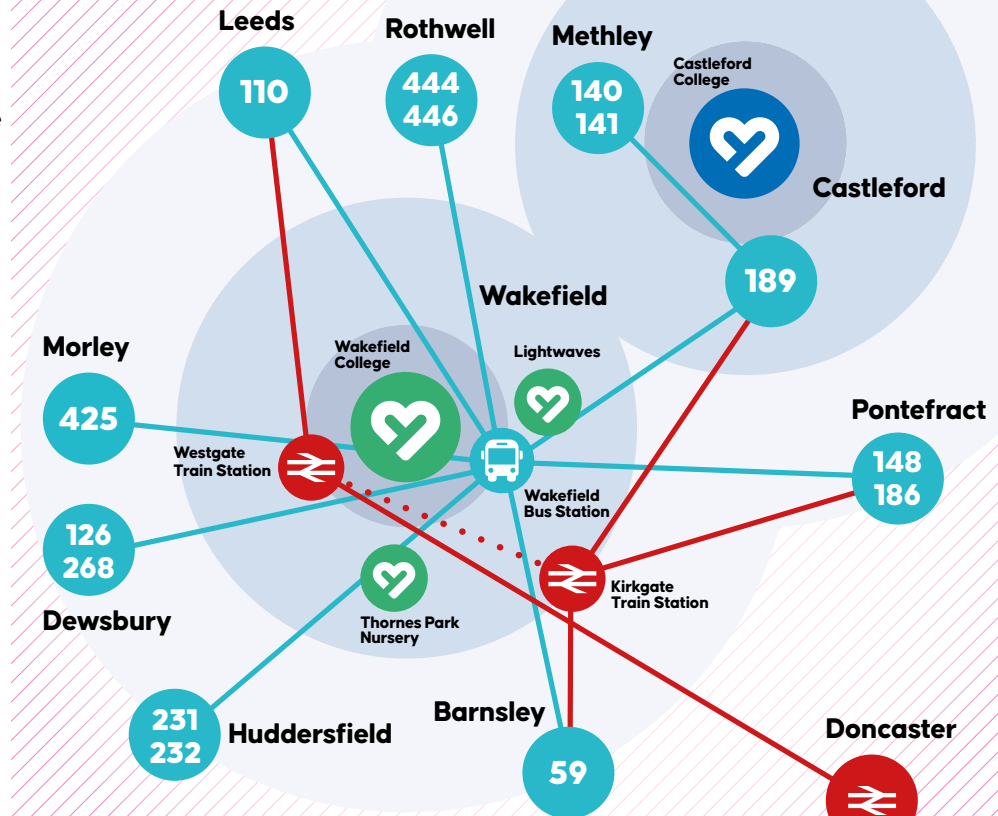
If you're a full-time student, you can get half-fare travel in West Yorkshire. Available from major bus stations or online at: www.m-card.co.uk/about-mcard

Feeling lost?

There are detailed directions to our Colleges on our website: www.wakefield.ac.uk/get-in-touch

Key

-  Westgate Train Station
-  Kirkgate Train Station
-  Wakefield Bus Station
-  Train Route
-  Bus Route
-  Train Connection
-  Wakefield College
-  Castleford College
-  Thornes Park Nursery
-  Lightwaves



Please check train and bus routes with West Yorkshire Metro as they may change: www.wymetro.com

More than just the classroom!

Enriching Your Experience



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We make our courses varied and interesting by packing in extra features like guest speakers, visits, and residential opportunities and overseas trips. Plus, getting involved in extra activities can really boost your UCAS applications to make you stand out from the crowd!

1. Public Service students hit the ski slopes in Austria.
2. Students from across the College taking part in the 5 km Colour Fun Run to raise money for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.
3. Students getting ready to become certified in Emergency First Aid.

4. Travel & Tourism students explore the sites of Paris, including a trip to the Eiffel Tower and Disneyland.
5. Childcare students enjoy a roar-some day out at Yorkshire Wildlife Park!
6. Students host Valentine's Day themed fair to raise money for local charities.

7. Wakefield College's and Selby College's Men's Football teams battle it out, as part of the Group's inter-college sport scheme.
8. Testing the Spanish cuisine, Hospitality & Catering students explore the attractions of Barcelona.
9. Pizza, fun activities and networking were on the agenda for the Annual Student Rep Conference!

10. Engineering apprentices showed off their skills in the National Skills Weld Qualifiers 2023.
11. Professor Chris Lintott from the University of Oxford delivers a fantastic lecture on astronomy, the cosmos and more.

More than just the classroom!

Student Experience



From volunteering to physical activities, life skills to expeditions, achieving a Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is a passport to a brighter future and is valued by employers and universities. There's a chance to complete either the bronze, silver or gold award.



I came to the UK from Hungary and started my DofE journey at the College. Through the DofE Award I have helped in ESOL classes, at sports camps, in archery sessions and on residential as well as delivering navigational and camp craft training to other participants and developing advanced skiing skills. I love outdoor activities and moving away from everyday life and breaking free.

My English has improved significantly through the College and I have now attained my GCSE English.

Wakefield College has provided me with opportunities I would never have had before I came here. I now have the chance to go to university and hopefully have a career within the police as I particularly enjoy crime-related sociology, understanding behaviour (psychology) and outdoor activities."

Peter

Achieved Bronze & Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards
Level 3 Public Services student



Students' Union

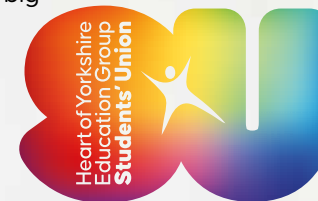
It's your Union - get involved!

Every student at Wakefield College and Castleford College can be part of the Students' Union. Your Students' Union is here to support and represent you and is a big part of college life.

The Union organises events, trips, volunteering opportunities and societies to make sure you get the most out of college.

You can also put yourself forward for a role in the Students' Union Executive or become a class rep and become the voice of your fellow students.

Register for a TOTUM student discount card (replaces old NUS card) and get discounts in high street stores and online.



Additional Learning Support

We have staff with specialist skills and experience in supporting students with a range of learning difficulties and disabilities including:

- ADHD
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Dyslexia, dyspraxia or dyscalculia
- Hearing impairments
- Visual impairments
- Mobility difficulties

The support available is tailored to meet the individual's needs, both in or out of the classroom.



Student Central

Supporting Your Success



Feel Safe, Be Safe

You can talk to us about anything... **Bullying, harassment, violent or coercive relationships, abuse, drugs, home issues, homelessness, sexual harassment or violence, exploitation, mental health.** We're here to help and support you.

Safeguarding Support

If you feel unsafe in any way, please tell a member of staff. You can do this by calling in to see staff in **Student Central**, or contact our **Group Safeguarding Lead** or **Deputy Safeguarding Lead**.

Young Adult Carers

If you are caring for a family member at home, our **Carer Lead** can work with you to make adjustments to support you in College to ensure you succeed with us.



Student Wellbeing Officers

If you feel overwhelmed either at College or by problems at home or you just need some support, whatever the reason, our **Student Wellbeing Officers** are here for you. Our team work closely with students and other services both in College and outside of College. The team can support via 1:1s, small groups, corridor chats and a variety of other drop-in opportunities, such as Wellbeing Wednesday, time to talk cafés, C-Card registrations and more.



Student Experience Support Leaders

We're here to see that you adapt well to College life and receive the support that you need to make the most of your studies. If you have any questions, queries or would like to speak to someone about anything to do with your time at College, you can contact one of our **Support Leaders**.

Financial Support

Providing information and confidential advice on student financial support in Further and Higher Education. This includes information on the **16-18 Bursaries**, **Discretionary Learner Support** (for students aged 19+ including childcare costs), **Advanced Learning Loans** and **Bursaries**, **Care to Learn** and **free College meals**.



Attendance Matters

We expect **100% attendance** to all lessons on your timetable and this will give you the best chance of success on your course.

You can check your attendance through ProMonitor, and if you have any queries or need any support this can be raised by emailing attendance@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.



Careers Information and Guidance

For advice on these questions and/or your future options, the **Careers Information and Guidance** team is available to support you.

Pathways

Helping students see the link between courses and careers.



Activity Leaders

During your time at College you will get the chance to take part in enrichment activities and we have lots that you can get involved in. Our **Activity Leaders** organise clubs, social trips and visits as well as supporting the **Students' Union**. Take advantage of your timetable-free Wednesday afternoons!

Student Voice Council

Each group at College has a class rep so that your voice is always heard and your opinions shared. If you're a class rep, you'll be a member of the student voice council (SVC) and will meet regularly with staff to help inform change and improve things for students.

Students' Union (SU)

As a student at Castleford College and Wakefield College you're automatically a member of the Students' Union. Democratic elections are held annually for an executive committee of students. Any student can apply. Save money on the high street – and get free access to our gym by buying a Totum Card at: cards.nusextra.co.uk



Counselling Support

Counselling offers a confidential space to talk in privacy about anything that is bothering you. This may be online, over the telephone or face-to-face.

Quiet Contemplation

Rooms are available for personal reflection for individuals.



DofE - Duke of Edinburgh Award

At Wakefield College you can complete your Duke of Edinburgh award. This is universally recognised as one of the best programmes for the personal development of young people. The Award provides an enjoyable, challenging and rewarding programme of personal development, giving you the opportunity to develop skills and take part in overnight residentials. To register your interest, email dofe@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk



NAVIGATE

Navigate is a programme of events and activities to develop your wider and employability skills. You'll get a programme for the year during induction and additional activities and reminders will be advertised on a weekly basis. For more information come and speak to us in Student Central!



Motivate

Volunteer Play Learn Enjoy



Sports Activator

Our Sports Activator organises the extra-curricular sports and activities across all campuses, alongside offering you advice regarding any volunteering, coaching and training opportunities in sport.

Work Experience

Every Student at Castleford College and Wakefield College has the opportunity to undertake work experience that is relevant to their studies. We have a dedicated work placement team who have excellent links with local employers. Some students will also complete a work placement too!



Volunteering

Do you want the opportunity to develop key skills, become a leader, or work with other students or young people? We have lots of volunteering opportunities available so please contact your activity leader!

First-rate Facilities

Realistic working environments
and much more!



We have invested millions in our facilities to help students realise their ambitions in our modern learning environments.

Wakefield College

1. The **Beaumont Building** is home to the award-winning Gaskell's Restaurant where Hospitality & Catering students can cook up a storm. Beaumont is also the home of our Flex Suite and our amazing Reading Room.
2. The **Harrison Building** is home to the Sixth Form at Wakefield College, as well as Student Central and our library.

3. The **Radcliffe Building** houses state-of-the-art facilities for Digital Industries, Science, Animal Care, Travel & Tourism, Public Services, Sports, Health & Social Care and Art.
4. The **Gissing Building** provides the latest facilities and equipment for the Creative Industries Centre and our School of Popular Music.
5. The **Seacole Building** is the home of our University Centre.

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6. **Lightwaves**
Work up a sweat in our extensive facilities for Sports students, including a gym, fitness testing lab, therapy and massage suite and pitches.
7. **Waterton Building**
Showcase your talents in the Waterton Building, home to our 160-seat Mechanics' Theatre, studios, rehearsal rooms and backstage workshop for constructing the perfect stage set.

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Castleford College

8. **Castleford College**
Realistic working environments and workshops for Automotive, Construction, Engineering and Hair & Beauty.
9. **Construction Workshops**
Dive into immersive construction workshops, where innovation takes shape. Gain practical skills for a rewarding journey in the construction industry.

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10. **Hair & Beauty Facilities**
Our hair and beauty salon, Elements which is open to the public.
11. **Automotive Workshops**
Get hands-on in our dynamic automotive workshops. From engines to bodywork, steer your future in the right direction.

Your insight into the workplace

Work Placements



Adam

Work experience is a great way to build your skills and to try out a certain role or career before you embark on it.

A work placement also enables you to get hands-on experience in the workplace, helping to prepare you for your next steps once you have left college.

Work placements can be carried out throughout the academic year as an extended placement which runs alongside your course, block placements of 1-2 weeks or during non-term time hours or as a commissioned

project - meaning they can be fit around your studies.

Contact the team on:

+ Wakefield College:
01924 789413

+ Castleford College:
01924 789416

+ Email: workplacements@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

“I really enjoy the Construction & Civil Engineering course that I’m studying. I like learning the different fields of study especially about quantity surveying, project management and site management. I attend a work placement every Monday with Keepmoat Homes. It’s been very rewarding, working at different levels, meeting new people and applying college learning to real life experiences.”

Adam

Construction & Civil Engineering student on placement at Keepmoat Homes

Our Work Placements Team is here to support you in finding a work experience which is right for you.

The Work Placements Team will:

- + Inform you of placement and apprenticeship opportunities
- + Speak to employers on your behalf
- + Set up interviews with employers
- + Prepare you for your placement and support you while you’re there
- + Make sure that you are in a safe and healthy environment
- + Review your placement with you, your employer and your tutor

Many employers treat a placement like work, so you will need to be prepared to:

- + Research your chosen career
- + Create a CV
- + Contact local employers about placement vacancies and pass the information on to the Work Placements Team
- + Undertake a work readiness assessment and attend workshops
- + Prepare yourself for interviews
- + Be prepared to undertake your placement outside of the days you are in college
- + Be punctual and keen to learn new skills
- + Keep a log and complete a relevant piece of coursework while on placement
- + Complete an agreed placement of a minimum of 36 hours



Abdulah & Conor

“Work placements are crucial when it comes to inspiring the next generation of IT specialists. In our experience, these students add an interesting dynamic to our organisation and are potential candidates for future roles.”

Paul

Director, Bellingham IT

“The College was really helpful in setting us up with a work placement, giving us the opportunity to meet new people, work in a team, experience a real-life workshop environment and gain an apprenticeship at the end of it, which I’m really happy about.”

Abdulah & Conor

Fabrication and Welding placement at MD Engineering Solutions

Get a degree level qualification at the **Heart of Yorkshire Education Group**



Why study with the University Centre at Heart of Yorkshire Education Group?

- Our degrees are validated by some of the region's most well-established universities
- Over 92% of students positive about teaching and support (National Student Survey 2023)
- Our fees are lower than most universities
- Our small class sizes mean you'll get exceptional support and 1:1 time with your tutor
- Our full and part-time study options mean you can fit studies around your existing commitments
- We have multiple bursaries and scholarships available, based on individual circumstances

As the courses we offer each academic year vary, please check our website or get in touch for the most up-to-date information: visit heartofyorkshire.ac.uk/HE to find out more

Course Area	Castleford	Selby	Wakefield
Animal Management			✓
Art, Design & Photography		✓	✓
Business & Management		✓	✓
Childcare, Early Years & Childhood Studies		✓	✓
Computing		✓	✓
Construction	✓		
Engineering	✓	✓	
Health, Social Care & Wellbeing		✓	✓
Media, Film & Television			✓
Music			✓
Performing Arts			✓
Public Services		✓	✓
Science			✓
Social Sciences		✓	✓
Sport		✓	✓
Teacher Training		✓	✓

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I felt the community at the University Centre was amazing and both the students and tutors were friendly and supportive, so deciding to take my studies further at the University Centre at the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group was definitely the right choice for me.

My plan for the future is to become a music teacher, and the University Centre really aided me in making this decision through supportive development and helping me plan potential career paths.”

Aleesha - Music Development

Your route to achieving excellence

Sixth Form



At Wakefield College, we are committed to helping our students achieve their goals.

Our Sixth Form provides the perfect stepping stone between school and university, helping to prepare you for further study or employment.

We offer a distinctive learning experience for students in our Sixth Form across our wide range of A Level programmes, which include Chemistry, Economics, Film Studies, Graphic Communication, Law and Photography – to name a few.

These courses are delivered by our highly-qualified teaching staff who are experts in their field and our students applaud the excellent working relationships they build with their teachers during their time here.

Choosing the right A Level qualifications is key, as you will need the right subjects to secure a place to study an undergraduate degree, degree

apprenticeship, higher apprenticeship or into your chosen career.

That's why we recommend that you have a good read through the prospectus or check out the Sixth Form brochure which are available on our website, so that you can understand what each subject involves – especially any you haven't studied before.

Heart of Yorkshire Education Group
Sixth Form
at Wakefield College



Sixth Form facilities

As a Sixth Form student, you'll benefit from excellent facilities, including our modern library, communal and informal learning spaces, coffee shop, and loads of course-specific workshops, teaching areas and resources.



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I enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere and the staff at Wakefield College are helpful and always available for a chat. In particular, I want to acknowledge the role my English Literature tutor played in helping me through every little problem I encountered.”

Amy
History, English and Sociology student

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The great thing about the A Level provision here is the size. It's a small, tight knit community, where everyone knows each other and it creates a really nice atmosphere.”

Farouk
Science and Maths student

A Level Success

We celebrated another year of A Level success in 2023 with students achieving an overall pass rate of 97.4% - the 20th year running the headline figure has exceeded 95%.

The Sixth Form saw 13 subjects achieve a 100% pass rate, including Geography, English Language, Chemistry, Business, Maths and Physics. English Literature maintained its remarkable record by achieving 100% for the 18th consecutive year whilst Chemistry achieved 100% for the eighth year running.



97.4%

This year's A Level pass rate of 97.4% was the 20th year in succession to exceed 95%.



Students secured places at some of Britain's top Universities, including University of Leeds, The University of Manchester and Durham University.



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13 A Level subjects achieved a 100% pass rate, another fantastic year.



100%

English Literature maintained its remarkable record by achieving 100% for the 18th consecutive year.

DESTINATION: University Centre at the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group



I want to become an Artist in the future, and I feel my time here at Wakefield College has equipped me perfectly.

Daisy

A Level Sociology, Psychology and Art student

DESTINATION: University of Sussex



I came to Wakefield College because it felt much more independent than other colleges. With less A Level students, you get a real sense of freedom and the chance to work at your own pace."

Alex

A Level Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics student

DESTINATION: York St John University



I enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere, and the staff at Wakefield College are helpful and always available for a chat."

Amy

A Level History, English Literature, Sociology and EPQ student

Mentoring for Excellence

Our Mentoring for Excellence (MfE) programme offers a unique opportunity for students to develop the skills, knowledge, experience and personal qualities required to succeed in progressing to the top Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, with the support of a professional mentor.

You'll benefit from the experience, advice and guidance of your mentor in so many ways. It will raise your aspirations, improve motivation, persistence and application, improve communication skills, self-esteem and confidence and help prepare for interviews and university aptitude tests.



What does the programme involve?

- + Intensive careers support including UCAS application
- + An 'Open the Door to Oxbridge' programme and a number of university visits, including an Oxbridge conference in March
- + Russell Group focus
- + Sutton Trust Summer School
- + Reach for Excellence programme
- + Mentor activities including one-to-one meetings and support, including arranging work experience
- + Student Ambassador involvement and student voice
- + Bespoke activities at external universities and internally from different teams
- + Activities with higher education students to find out more about their experiences

Progression

We provide excellent careers and next steps support, including work experience and other enrichment opportunities, as well as activities in college and visits further afield. We strongly believe in preparing students for their future, which means not only making sure they know the right answers but also ask the right questions.



We want our students to be independent, to think for themselves; ensuring when they strive for a particular degree course or job, they have all the necessary skills and confidence to achieve their goals.

In addition to our considerable links with different universities, we also offer other opportunities to progress, including a range of Higher Education courses and Apprenticeship routes with local and regional employers, here at College.

SIXTH FORM COURSES

Art, Design & Photography

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Graphic Designer £17,480 » £37,640
Games Developer £19,000 » £70,000
Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Art & Design - Fine Art					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>You will be introduced to a variety of experiences involving a range of media, processes and techniques.</p> <p>You will explore images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of fine art, craft and design, from the past and from recent times. Visits to local galleries will also be encouraged.</p> <p>You will work in one or more areas of art, such as painting, drawing and mixed media, including collage and assemblage.</p> <p>The course is split into two main components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Personal investigation· Externally set exam	<p>5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Grade 5 or above in an art-based subject (if studied at GCSE).</p>	
A Level Photography					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>This is a two-year course that focuses on four main areas of study (studio, darkroom, digital manipulation and location photography).</p> <p>Each area will be developed into individual projects based around subjects such as portraiture or landscape photography.</p> <p>The course is split into three main components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Portfolio building· Personal investigation· Externally set exam	<p>5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language OR Literature and Maths.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Grade 5 or above in an art-based subject (if studied at GCSE).</p>	

SIXTH FORM COURSES

Business & Management

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Business Manager £19,410 » £41,800
Business Analyst £27,510 » £59,260
Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Business					Pearson Edexcel
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>You'll develop a range of skills covering the following subject areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Marketing and people· Managing business activities· Business decisions and strategy· Global business	<p>5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and a Grade 5 in Maths.</p>	
A Level Economics					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Individuals, firms, markets and market failure.</p> <p>This area of study covers topics like: individual economic decision making; production, costs and revenue; perfect competition, imperfectly competitive markets and monopoly; the labour market; the distribution of income and wealth; poverty and inequality; and the market mechanism, market failure and government intervention in markets.</p> <p>The national and international economy.</p> <p>This area of study covers topics like: the measurement of macroeconomic performance; how the macro-economy works; the circular flow of income, AD/AS analysis and related concepts; economic performance; financial markets and monetary policy; fiscal policy and supply-side policies; and the international economy.</p>	<p>5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and a Grade 6 in Maths.</p>	

SIXTH FORM COURSES

Computing

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Network Technician	£23,400	»	£55,120
IT Manager	£27,040	»	£63,960
IT Technician	£21,840	»	£44,200
	Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Computer Science					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>This course has an emphasis on abstract thinking, problem-solving, algorithmic and mathematical reasoning, and requires similar thought processes to science and engineering subjects.</p> <p>It is about designing new sequences of instructions (algorithms) to solve problems and is a good foundation for advanced logical reasoning.</p>	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and a Grade 6 in Maths.	

SIXTH FORM COURSES

English & Humanities

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level English Language					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Topics studied can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Textual variation and representation· Language and gender· Language relating to occupation, region, social groups and ethnicity· Child language acquisition· Language change and world Englishes	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths. AND Grade 5 in English Language.	
A Level English Literature					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Topics studied can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Love through the ages· Texts in shared contexts· Texts across time	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language at Grade 6 and Maths at Grade 4.	

SIXTH FORM COURSES

English & Humanities

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Teacher	£25,580	»	£55,090
Writer	£17,310	»	£37,290
Solicitor	£29,870	»	£64,340
	Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Geography					Eduqas (WJEC)
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Topics studied can include:</p> <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Tectonic processes and hazards· Landscape systems, processes and change· Globalisation· Shaping places <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· The water cycle and water insecurity· The carbon cycle and energy security· Superpowers· Health and human rights	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Maths. PLUS Grade 5 in Maths and Science.	
A Level History					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Topics studied can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Tudors: England, 1485 - 1603· The Cold War 1945 - 1991· Independent historical enquiry	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Maths. AND Grade 5 in English Language or Literature.	
A Level Law					OCR
3	Wakefield College	Two years	This course will enable you to develop an understanding of the principles of English Law and the structure of major aspects of the English legal system.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Maths. AND Grade 5 in English Language or Literature.	

SIXTH FORM COURSES

Film, Media & Television

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Film/Video Editor £21,000 » £35,000
Lighting Technician £26,000 » £37,000
Starter Experienced

SIXTH FORM COURSES

Maths

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Finance Officers £16,190 » £34,870
Statistician £27,440 » £59,100
Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Film Studies					WJEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>During your A Level studies, you will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· A diverse range of film, including documentary, film from the silent era, experimental film and short film· The significance of film and film practice in national, global and historical contexts· Film and its key contexts (including social, cultural, political, historical and technological contexts)· How films generate meanings and responses· Film as an aesthetic medium· The different ways in which spectators respond to film	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths.	
A Level Media Studies					WJEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>The study of a wide range of rich and stimulating media products is central to the specification, offering opportunities for detailed analysis of how the media communicate meanings in a variety of forms. Learners will work from the product outwards to debate key critical questions related to the social, cultural, political and economic role of the media.</p> <p>Through studying media products holistically in relation to all areas of the theoretical framework, learners will engage with the dynamic relationships between media products, media industries and audiences.</p>	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Mathematics					Edexcel
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>A Level Maths is divided into two areas Core and Applied.</p> <p>Core Maths builds upon your knowledge from GCSE in topics such as Algebra, Coordinate Geometry and Trigonometry.</p> <p>Applied Maths is all about Maths in the real world, which includes Mechanics and Statistics. Some of the topics covered include Newton's Second Law, Kinematics, Linear Regression, and Probability.</p>	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and a Grade 6 in Maths.	
A Level Further Mathematics					OCR
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>This Further Mathematics course consists of pure maths alongside optional topics from mechanics, statistics or discrete mathematics. These will all be examined at the end of the two years but there will be many developmental assessments during the course to allow you to hone your skills.</p>	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Grade 8 in Maths. PLUS Must be studied alongside A Level Maths.	
Certificate in Core Maths					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>Core Maths has been designed to maintain and develop real-life Maths skills. What you study is not purely theoretical or abstract; it can be applied on a day-to-day basis in work, study or life and will include financial and statistical elements. It will also help with other A Level subjects – in particular with science, geography, business studies, psychology and economics.</p>	This is a one year course which is taught in conjunction with three A Level subjects.	

Science

Biologist £21,130 » £45,520
Physical scientist £28,000 » £60,320
Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
A Level Biology					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Your practical and investigative skills in Biology will be developed by undertaking 12 compulsory practical sessions during your course. However, additional practical work will be integrated wherever it is appropriate to the topic.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Grade 6 in Maths. AND Dual Science at Grade 6/6. OR Separate sciences with Grade 6 in Biology.	
A Level Chemistry					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	The course consists of topics covering four of the main branches: organic, inorganic, physical and analytical chemistry, which you study over two years.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Grade 6 in Maths. AND Dual science at Grade 6/6. OR Separate sciences with Grade 6 in Chemistry.	
A Level Physics					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Measurements and their errors· Particles, quantum phenomena and electricity· Mechanics, materials and waves· Fields and their consequences and nuclear physics· Further mechanics and thermal physics	GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Grade 6 in Maths. AND Dual Science at Grade 6/6. Separate sciences, Grade 6 in Biology. Must study A Level Maths alongside.	

Social Sciences

Psychologist £24,190 » £52,110
Social Worker £23,840 » £51,350
Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Certificate/Diploma in Criminology					WJEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Changing awareness of crime· Media representations of crime and of official data on crime· Crime campaigns and their effectiveness· Criminological theories· Crime scene to courtroom· Crime and punishment	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Maths.	
A Level Psychology					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	First year topics include: Approaches in psychology, research methods, social influence, biopsychology, psychopathology, memory and attachment. Second year topics include: Gender, schizophrenia, addiction and issues and debates.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language and Maths. AND Grade 5 in Maths and Science.	
A Level Sociology					AQA
3	Wakefield College	Two years	The full A Level is split into four units which will be taught over two years: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Education with theory and methods· Family and households· Beliefs in society· Crime and deviance with theory and methods	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English Language and Maths. AND Grade 5 in English Language or Literature.	

Your chance to take it to the nexT Level

T Levels



T Levels are high-quality technical alternatives to A Levels that combine classroom theory, practical learning and a work placement.

They've been co-created by the industry you want to be a part of, so you can gain the knowledge and skills you need to leap ahead of the crowd and into your desired career.

The two-year courses are designed to prepare students for work by including a mixture of classroom learning and

on-the-job experience as part of an Industry Placement.

T Levels follow GCSEs and are equivalent to three A Levels. They provide the knowledge and experience needed to open the door to highly skilled employment, a higher apprenticeship or entry to university.

“

What I really enjoy about doing a T Level is that you can apply the knowledge that you learn in the classroom in your industry placement.”

Hollie
T Level student

T-LEVELS

THE NEX^T LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Key points:

- Equivalent to 3 A Levels
- 80% Classroom
- 20% Industry Placement
- Gain UCAS points to progress to university

100%

T Level Pass Rate
in 2023

TAKE
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Is a T Level the right path for me?

T Levels are ideal if you have completed your GCSEs and want to get the knowledge and experience needed to get a skilled job. They are two-year courses designed to give you a head start towards the future you want.

Will they be recognised by employers?

T Levels are designed with businesses and employers, ensuring you have the skills and knowledge they are looking for in an employee.

What qualifications do I need to be able to study a T Level?

Contact our Course Information team on **01924 789111** or email courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk to find out more about the entry requirements for our T Level courses.

How long is the Industry Placement?

An Industry Placement lasts around 45 days, undertaken as a block or as individual days. The specific length of the placement and when it will take place will differ depending on your T Level.

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I chose a T Level because it's equivalent to 3 A Levels and it's more interactive than A Levels.”

Charlie
T Level student

Why would I choose an unpaid T Level over a paid apprenticeship?

T Levels give you the opportunity to experience an industry whilst you continue your studies, with the opportunity to specialise later.

While gaining practical experience, you also achieve the qualifications needed to move into a higher level of study, if you choose to later. Apprenticeships are paid, work-based training for those who know what occupation they want to pursue.

What can I do after completing a T Level?

T Levels get you work ready so that you are able to successfully progress onto a skilled profession. You can also continue studying with a higher apprenticeship or degree.

If you would like to speak to one of our advisers to find out if a T Level course is right for you, please call **01924 789111** or email courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
T Level Business (Management & Administration)					City & Guilds
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Supporting the overall running and operation of an organisation· Using prioritisation skills to support time management and delivery of workloads· Considering improvements and recommend ways to develop and improve business practices· Developing effective communication to support business practices· Managing the flow of information through the organisation	5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 4 including Grade 5s in English and Maths.	
T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction - Electrotechnical Engineering (Gas Engineering)					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Health and safety practices associated with carrying out gas engineering· Installation, maintenance, and service methods for gas systems· Systems and products used in gas engineering· Analysing and using information to and from gas systems· Removal processes as part of system decommissioning	5 GCSEs Grades 9 – 6 including English, Maths and Science.	
T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction - Electrotechnical Engineering (Plumbing & Heating Installation)					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Health and safety practices associated with carrying out plumbing and heating installations· Installation methods and plumbing and heating systems· Systems tools and products used in plumbing and heating engineering· Analysing and using information to and from plumbing and heating systems· Removal processes as part of system decommissioning	5 GCSEs Grades 9 – 6 including English, Maths and Science.	

The Next Level Qualification

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction - Electrotechnical Engineering (Electrical Installation)					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Health and safety practices associated with carrying out electrotechnical systems engineering· Installation methods and termination of connections· Systems and products used in electrotechnical engineering· Analysing and using information to and from electrotechnical systems· Removal processes as part of system decommissioning	5 GCSEs Grades 9 – 6 including English, Maths and Science.	
T Level Construction (Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction)					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Health and safety· Design principles and procedures· Science with building technology· Management· Measurement· Commercial business and law	5 GCSEs Grades 9 – 6 including English, Maths and Science.	
T Level Digital Production, Design & Development (Software Development)					Pearson BTEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Problem solving· Programming· Emerging issues and impact of digital· Legislation and regulatory requirements· Business context· Data· Digital environments· Security	5 GCSEs Grade 9 - 5 including English and Maths.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
T Level Education & Early Years					CACHE
3	Wakefield College	Two years	This course is split into core knowledge and specialist knowledge. Core topics include child development, safeguarding, special educational needs, the role of families, and support services and reflective practice.	5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 including English and Maths. You will be required to complete an interview session.	
T Level Health					NCFE
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Your course starts with the essential knowledge and skills to work in health or science including how the industry works, core scientific concepts and key regulations including managing information, health and safety and good scientific/clinical practice.	5 GCSEs Grade 9-4 including English, Maths and Science. You will be required to complete an interview session.	
T Level Technical Qualification in Maintenance, Installation & Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Manufacturing processes · Engineering design · Engineering maths · Engineering science · Materials science · Electrical and electronic principles · Process control systems · Business management · Health and safety · Project management 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-5 including English and Maths.	

The Next Level Qualification



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I switched to a T Level Business course, as I realised it offers numerous opportunities for my future. This exciting course has the potential to lead me towards many other industries, and I am particularly enjoying the finance module, which I plan to pursue at university.

The T Level course has the advantage of partnering with Wakefield District Housing (WDH), allowing work placement opportunities across various departments. This year, I will be working with the Customer Services team, and I am confident that I will apply the skills I acquire on the course and during my placement in the future.

Overall, the T Level Business course is an exceptional opportunity that presents academic challenges while opening up a vast array of opportunities.”

Murray

T Level Business (Management & Administration)

Your first step on the way to your dream job

Vocational Courses



If you have a specific career in mind, prefer a practical way of learning or prefer assignments over exams, our wide range of Vocational courses are the perfect option for you.

Vocational courses are designed to provide you with the practical skills and the underpinning knowledge needed for a specific job or career.

This can prepare you to work in a trade, in a craft, as a technician or in support roles in professions such as engineering, accountancy, nursing, medicine, architecture or law.

They are also more likely to have a more immediate effect on your job prospects as you will be able to demonstrate to future employers that you possess the skills relevant to vacancies they have.

Progression

Choosing a vocational course can allow you to start work much earlier than graduates from university, by providing

you with the experience and skills you need to enter a specific industry or trade.

Or, you can also progress on to a degree level course at the University Centre at the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group or an alternative university, once you have completed your Level 3 vocational qualifications.

Photography Studios



Joinery & Carpentry Workshops



Music Studios



Hair Salons



Dance Studios



Sport Labs



A Professional Theatre



First class facilities

Our state-of-the-art facilities enable students to gain experience in real working environments with excellent equipment. All of our campuses are fully-equipped to ensure you have the facilities you need to help you succeed.



The College has helped me progress and achieve the grades I need to move on to my next step. The staff are amazing, supportive and always willing to help me succeed and exceed expectations. With their support I am now able to go further to study Business. My goal is to graduate as an accountant and take my degree further by becoming a certified chartered accountant."

Azrah

Business & Management student

The benefits of choosing a vocational course:

- 1 You can take a Vocational programme at a level that is right for you
- 2 An extended diploma is equivalent to 3 A Levels
- 3 You can study a Vocational course regardless of the grades you left school with
- 4 You can develop your practical skills at college and in the workplace
- 5 Vocational courses allow a learner to gain a qualification through a combination of assessed work and via exams
- 6 You will be more confident about your skills and ability to do a specific job
- 7 Most Vocational courses will give you the chance to get relevant experience in a work placement



I chose to study here as I completed the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Public Services at the College and it was natural to progress onto a course at the University Centre. Continuing my study here has meant that I'm taught by the same fantastic tutors who brought out the best in me when I studied at Level 3."

Cameron

Public Services student

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Animal Care

Animal care is a diverse industry and these courses provide the opportunity to work with and care for a range of animals.



“Learning about disease and parasites in animals has been very interesting and will help me in the future as I hope to one day run my own rescue centre. The trips we’ve been on to zoos also help us apply the knowledge we’re learning in the classroom to real-life scenarios working with animals.”

Aleksandra
Animal Care student



Scan the QR code for more information on Animal Care courses.

With 46% of households owning a pet, and a rise in the number of people visiting zoos and wildlife parks, there are many job prospects for those with the right qualifications.

Our Animal Care courses are delivered by experienced practitioners who have years of experience. Students benefit from work placements with local pet shops, animal sanctuaries and farms.

Jobs available within the sector include Animal Care Worker, Biologist, Countryside Ranger, Kennel Worker, Veterinary Nurse and Zoologist.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Veterinary Nurse	
£15,380	» £26,650
Animal Care Services Occupations	
£14,010	» £24,290
<small>Starter</small>	<small>Experienced</small>

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Introductory Diploma in Land-based Studies - Animal Care					Pearson BTEC
1	Wakefield College	One year	Practical experience of handling, feeding and caring for a range of animals. Skills needed to work in the animal care industry including: being organised, researching, teamwork, independence and being intuitive when working with animals, estate skills and wildlife surveying. You will also investigate working in the land-based sector and develop a personal progression plan to help with your next steps in the industry.	Progression from an Entry Level course in a relevant subject with English and Maths at Entry Level 3.	
Technical Diploma in Animal Care					Pearson BTEC
2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical animal health• Introduction to animal biology and health• Animal care work placement• Animal welfare• Animal behaviour assessment and safe handling• Feeding, accommodating and moving animals	5 GCSEs at Grades 9-3, including English or Maths or equivalent. OR Level 1 Diploma in Land-based Studies - Animal Care, plus Level 1 English and Maths.	
Extended Diploma in Animal Management					Pearson BTEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal biology• Animal welfare and ethics• Practical animal husbandry• Animal behaviour• Animal health and diseases• Work experience in the animal sector• Zoological animal health and husbandry Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal breeding and genetics• Investigative research project• Advanced animal nutrition• Human and animal interaction• Principles of animal nursing• Wildlife ecology and conservation management	4 GCSEs at Grades 9-4, including English or Maths and a Grade 3 in the other. OR 4 GCSEs 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths, and Grade 3 or Level 1 in the other. OR Level 2 Technical Diploma in Animal Care at Merit Grade, plus Level 2 English and Maths.	

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Art, Design & Photography

Whether you want to be behind the camera, working with technology or creating fine art, we have a course that's right for you.



“I feel like I was greatly influenced by the YSI project because the work we saw was so diverse and abstract, which helped broaden my horizons on sculpture as a whole. I've always been creative and this project has allowed me to further my thinking and skills, helping to drive my newly found passion for sculpture.”

Owain
Art, Design & Photography student



Scan the QR code for more information on Art, Design & Photography courses.

The creative industries offer many exciting and varied career paths. Whether you want to be behind the camera or in front of it, working with technology or fabric, we have a course that's right for you.

We offer high-quality courses across a range of subjects including photography, graphic design, fashion, art and textiles.

Our tutors have extensive industry experience and have developed strong links with many local and national organisations, enabling students to undertake live projects and exhibit their work regularly throughout the year.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Graphic Designer	£17,480	»	£37,640
Photographer	£15,430	»	£33,220
Textile Designer	£14,300	»	£30,800
	<small>Starter</small>		<small>Experienced</small>

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Art & Design			UAL (University of Arts London)		
1	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploratory drawing and mark making• Ideas generation• Printmaking• Surface pattern• 3D material exploration• Time-based media• Communication skills	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Art & Design			UAL (University of Arts London)		
2	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative mark making and mixed media• Exploration• Idea generation• Printmaking• Exploratory drawing techniques• Introduction to painting techniques• 3D design• Photography, Adobe Photoshop and stop motion techniques	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English or Maths. OR Level 1 Art & Design.	
Art & Design			BTEC		
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawing from observation• Printmaking• Colour theory and painting• 3D design• Ceramics• Photography• Surface pattern and textiles• Personal and professional development	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. Plus, a portfolio of work.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Fashion Textiles					BTEC
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary and secondary research • Basic garment construction • Draping and constructing on the stand • Printed and constructed textiles • Hand and machine embroidery • Surface pattern • Exploratory samples • Creative drawing and design work 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. Plus, a portfolio of work.	
Graphic Design					BTEC
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital imaging • Computers in art and design • Design for advertising • Animation • Motion graphics • Packaging design • Illustration • Typographic and layout design 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Creative Photography					BTEC
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The creative process • Professional equipment • Analogue photography • Art and design skills • Contextual awareness • Professional practice • Visual language and communication 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths.	
Foundation Diploma in Art & Design					UAL (University of Arts London)
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	One year	There are three stages/units to the programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 - Diagnostic investigation into creative practice • Unit 2 - Developing specialist practice • Unit 3 - Consolidating practice 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. AND An A Level or Level 3 qualification, preferably in a relevant creative subject. AND A portfolio of work.	

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I chose to study Art & Design as the subject area always gave me the freedom to express myself in a way in which other subjects couldn't. After I've finished this course, I aim to go down either a project design or an architecture route, as those are both areas I'm really interested in.”

Trinity
Art, Design & Photography student

Automotive

Turn your passion into a career and get hands-on experience in a real-life working environment with our automotive courses.



“I love the fact that it’s hands on and practical. It’s a great atmosphere down in the workshops and the course is great for developing your skills and building up your independence.”

Scott
Automotive student



Scan the QR code for more information on Automotive courses.

If you’re enthusiastic about cars and motorcycles, studying a motor vehicle course with us could help you to turn your passion into a career.

In our superb, purpose-built, fully equipped motor vehicle workshops at Castleford College, you’ll study towards qualifications in motor vehicle/motorcycle engineering and body repair and refinishing.

You’ll be getting your hands dirty working on real cars and bikes, learning the skills needed for a career in the sector.

A Apprenticeships Available

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Mechanics	£19,160	»	£41,260
Garage Managers	£21,460	»	£46,220
Vehicle Body Builders & Repairers	£18,890	»	£40,690
Vehicle Paint Technicians	£17,400	»	£37,480
Starter		Experienced	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU’LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Motor Vehicle Studies					City & Guilds
E3	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering motorcycle and car technology including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Engine operating principlesChassis systemsVehicle electrical systems With paint/body disciplines included as additionality.	GCSEs at Grade 2-1 or below in English and Maths.	
Light Vehicle Service & Repair					SEG Awards
1	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Steering and suspensionVehicle braking systemsVehicle wheels and tyresBattery and lighting system	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Motorcycle Studies					SEG Awards
1	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Correct use of tools and equipmentBasic servicingPreparation for riding and use	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Motor Vehicle Body Repair/Paint Refinishing					SEG Awards
1	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vehicle body repairVehicle refinishSteering and suspensionVehicle inspection	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Award or Certificate in Motor Vehicle Studies					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petrol and diesel engine operation • Petrol and diesel engine repair 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 1 in an automotive qualification plus English and Maths Grade 9-3.	
Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair (Diploma)					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chassis systems • Auxiliary/electrical systems and transmission • Vehicle inspection 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Certificate in an automotive qualification and working towards English and Maths GCSE Grade 4 or above.	
Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair (Certificate)					SEG Awards
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Remove and replace engine units and components • Remove and replace auxiliary electrical units and components • Remove and replace motorcycle body panels 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 1 Motorcycle qualification with English and Maths GCSE Grade 9-3.	
Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair (Diploma)					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabrication skills • Motorcycle workshop environment studies • Remove and refit motorcycle components • Motorcycle maintenance • Internal engine systems • Electrical units and components 	5 GCSEs 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Certificate in Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair and working towards GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Motor Vehicle Body Repair (Certificate)					SEG Awards
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body repair techniques • Working with others • Repair and preparation of body panels 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 1 Body/Paint or equivalent with English and Maths at Grade 3.	
Motor Vehicle Body Repair (Diploma)					SEG Awards
2	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body repair techniques • Working with others • Repair and preparation of body panels 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Certificate Body Repair and working towards GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.	
Motor Vehicle Paint Refinishing (Award/Certificate)					SEG Awards
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Paint preparation and application • Plastic preparation and repair • Rectification of paint defects • Paint spraying methods and techniques • Working with others 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 1 Body/Paint or equivalent with English and Maths at Grade 3.	
Motor Vehicle Paint Refinishing (Diploma)					SEG Awards
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Paint preparation and application • Plastic preparation and repair • Rectification of paint defects • Paint spraying methods and techniques • Working with others 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Award/Certificate in Paint Repair or equivalent and working towards GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.	



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Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chassis systems • Auxiliary/electrical systems and transmission • Vehicle inspection 	GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Motorcycle qualification plus English and Maths at Grade 9-4.	
Motorcycle Maintenance & Repair					IMI
3	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engine systems • Chassis systems • Transmission and driveline • Electrical systems • Job roles • Materials 	GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and Maths. OR Level 2 Motorcycle qualification plus English and Maths at Grade 9-4.	
Motor Vehicle Body Repair (Diploma)					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	One year	You will study health and safety as a mandatory unit plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced body repair techniques • Removing, replacing and repairing vehicle body panels • Rectifying vehicle misalignment 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English or Maths. AND Level 2 Diploma plus English and Maths at Grade 4.	

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Business & Management

Take your first steps towards a career in business, from HR to Marketing, with courses taught by dedicated professionals.



“During my time at Wakefield College studying Business Administration, I developed many skills that will serve me for the rest of my life, as well as evolving significantly as a person. This I firmly believe, is due to the professionalism and dedication that has been demonstrated by the members of staff that were guiding me through this journey.”

Chris
Business student



Scan the QR code for more information on Business & Management courses.

Practical application is the key to studying business with us, and our students gain valuable business, office, and information technology skills which are attractive to employers.

Our students benefit from knowledgeable tutors who have a wealth of commercial experience. This is complemented by excellent facilities, including access to our state-of-the-art library and multiple ICT suites at Wakefield College.

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Apprenticeships Available

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T Level Available

FUTURE CAREERS		Source: Pathways
Business Associate Professionals		
£16,510	»	£35,550
Marketing Associate Professionals		
£17,980	»	£38,730
Office Supervisors		
£17,240	»	£37,140
Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Business					Pearson BTEC
1	Wakefield College	One year	Four core units: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being organised• Developing a personal progression plan• Working with others• Researching a topic	Minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Business					NCFE
2	Wakefield College	One year	Six units covering topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business culture and responsibilities• Customer service in business• Running a project• Innovation in a business environment• Managing performance in a business• Changes in the business environment	Minimum 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 qualification, plus Level 1 in English or Maths.	
Business					Pearson BTEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring businesses• Developing a marketing campaign• Managing a business event• Personal and business finance Plus options in customer service and recruitment and selection. Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International business• Principles of management• Business decision making• Work experience in business Plus two further optional units.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. OR 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Level 2 qualification with Merit Grade, plus Level 2 English and Maths.	
T Level in Business (Management & Administration) also available - see page 36.					

Childcare, Early Years & Childhood Studies

Childcare is forecast to be one of the top five occupations in the UK; our courses provide you with the skills and knowledge for your future career in this exciting sector.



Scan the QR code for more information on Childcare, Early Years & Childhood Studies courses.

Many families rely on professional childcare to help balance work and family responsibilities, which makes childcare a growing sector with many opportunities.

Our childcare courses have been developed by experienced professionals and will help you to enjoy a rewarding career working with children.

Our courses include a substantial amount of work placement experience in various types of childcare provision, helping you to choose a progression route within the area which interests you most.

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Apprenticeships Available

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T Level Available

FUTURE CAREERS		Source: Pathways
Childcare Assistants		
£11,940	»	£20,700
Educational Support Assistants		
£10,460	»	£18,120
Teaching Assistants		
£10,540	»	£18,270
Starter		Experienced



“Without the support of Wakefield College, I would not have been able to set higher goals for my future. My teachers encouraged me to gain experience in all the different areas, so I could decide exactly what I needed to become a teacher specialising in Special Educational Needs and Disability.”

Aamna
Childcare student

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Caring for Children					CACHE
1	Wakefield College Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Using technology with young childrenHealthy eating for familiesUnderstanding learning and development through playGrowth and development of young childrenPreparing for next steps	No formal entry requirements.	
Early Years Practitioner					CACHE
2	Wakefield College Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introducing the role of the early years practitionerLegislation, framework and professional practicePlay, development and learning for school readinessProfessional development	4 GCSEs Grade 9-3, including English or Maths.	
T For the Level 3 course in this area please visit the T Level section on page 38.					

“I did the Level 3 in Childcare course at Wakefield College then got a job as a Teaching Assistant and stayed on to do the Foundation Degree, which I hope to top up to a full degree. In the long term, I want to be a teacher.”

Samantha
Childcare & Early Years

Computing

Technology is everywhere and it's not going away!
Gain the skills required for this in-demand sector with our IT courses.



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Computers and IT are becoming an ever more important part of everyday life, so having a better understanding of them will really help prepare me for future job opportunities.”

Corbyn

Computing & IT student



Scan the QR code for more information on Computing courses.

Information Technology is a common feature in all our lives and studying this subject with us will prepare you for a range of exciting opportunities in this sector.

Based at Wakefield College, facilities include a comprehensive library and multiple ICT suites which use the latest hardware and software. You can also gain valuable employability skills which can lead to employment opportunities all over the world.

T Level Available

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Data Analysts

£19,940 » **£42,950**

Cybersecurity Professionals

£29,340 » **£63,200**

Software Developer

£28,960 » **£62,380**

Starter

Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Computing & IT					Pearson BTEC
E3	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills for learning • Team challenge • Designing a product • Creating a product • Going on a visit • Living with online technology • Using technology for a purpose • Managing time 	GCSEs at Grade 3-1, including English and Maths.	
Computing & Digital Design					UAL (University of Arts London)
1	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and design processes in IT • Using databases to communicate • Using Excel to communicate • Web development • Using 3D animation multimedia to solve problems • Using 2D graphics multimedia to solve problems • Using multimedia to solve problems • Final major project 	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1, including English and Maths. OR Relevant Entry Level 3 at Merit Grade plus English and Maths at a minimum of Entry Level 3.	
Computing & IT					Pearson BTEC
2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The online world • Technology systems • A digital portfolio • Software development • Spreadsheet development • Database development • Website development • Computer system support in practice 	4 or 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3, including English and Maths. OR Relevant Level 1 qualification at Merit Grade plus English and Maths at a minimum of Level 1.	



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Software Development & Cybersecurity				Pearson BTEC	
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3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming languages: Java, Python, C# and more• Software development methodologies: Agile, Waterfall and more• Cybersecurity concepts: malware, phishing, social engineering and more• Web development• Mobile development• Network security• Information security• Data handling, analysis and presentation• Problem-solving• Communication	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR Relevant Level 2 at Merit Grade, plus English and Maths at a minimum of Level 2.
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Digital Infrastructure & Networking				Pearson BTEC	
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3	Wakefield College	Two years	<p>The course will teach you the skills you need to succeed in this rapidly growing field. You will learn about the principles of digital infrastructure and networking, as well as the practical skills needed to design, install, and maintain digital networks. You will also have the opportunity to specialise in one or more areas of digital infrastructure and networking, such as cloud computing, data centre operations, or network security.</p> Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital infrastructure• Network security• Cloud computing• Data centre operations	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR Relevant Level 2 at Merit Grade, plus English and maths at a minimum of Level 2.
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T	T Level in Digital Production, Design & Development (Software Development) also available - see page 37.				
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Construction & Civil Engineering

Gain core skills and hands-on experience in carpentry, brickwork, electrical installation and plumbing in our real-life working environments.



“Castleford College has given me the opportunity to earn whilst I learned. The tutors gave me support and built my confidence, which led me to secure a Level 4 Trainee Construction Technician Apprenticeship with ENGIE.”

Adam
Construction student



Scan the QR code for more information on Construction & Civil Engineering courses.

Traditional disciplines like carpentry, joinery and plumbing remain core skills, but technology has become important too, and our construction students can be found using computers as often as hammers or trowels!

Split between Castleford College and Lightwaves at Wakefield College, both sites have live working environments and workshops so that you can learn the hands-on, practical skills.

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Apprenticeships Available

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T Levels Available

FUTURE CAREERS		Source: Pathways
Carpenters & Joiners	£18,490 » £39,820	
Construction & Building Trades	£17,920 » £38,600	
Electricians & Electrical Fitters	£21,290 » £45,860	
Plumbers & Heating Installers	£21,370 » £46,030	
Starter	Experienced	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Construction Multi Skills					City & Guilds
E3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment• How to carry out basic wiring tasks• How to carry out basic plumbing tasks• How to carry out basic trowel skills• How to carry out basic carpentry skills	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Bricklaying					NOCN/City & Guilds
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment• How to set out building work• How to build block walls• How to build brick walls• How to build cavity walls	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-2.	
Carpentry & Joinery					NOCN
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment• How to construct a stud partition wall• How to construct a timber floor• How to hang a door• How to set up and use a range of hand and power tools	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-2 to include English and Maths.	

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Construction Multi Skills					NOCN
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of construction • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to carry out basic wiring tasks • How to carry out basic plumbing tasks • How to carry out basic trowel skills • How to carry out basic carpentry skills 	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-2.	
Electrical Installation					City & Guilds
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical principles • Environmental impact of electrical installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to install cables and equipment • How to test and commission electrical installations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3.	
Plumbing Craft					City & Guilds
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing science • Environmental impact of plumbing installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to carry out cold water installations • How to carry out hot water installations • How to carry out drainage installations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 to include English and Maths.	
Bricklaying					NOCN
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of construction • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to set out building work • How to build block walls • How to build brick walls • How to build cavity walls 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4. OR GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-3 with Level 1 Diploma in Bricklaying.	





LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Carpentry & Joinery (Architectural Joinery)					NOCN
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment• How to produce drawings and cutting lists• How to mark out and cut traditional joints• How to manufacture/fit windows and doors• How to manufacture staircases• How to set up and use a range of hand and power tools	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 to include English and Maths. OR GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-3 with Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery.	
Carpentry & Joinery (Site Carpentry)					NOCN
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment• How to construct a stud partition wall• How to construct a timber floor• How to hang a door• How to set up and use a range of hand and power tools	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4. OR GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-3 and the Level 1 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery.	
Construction Multi Skills					NOCN
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of construction• How to work safely in a construction environment Alongside developing practical skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to carry out basic wiring tasks• How to carry out basic plumbing tasks• How to carry out basic trowel skills• How to carry out basic carpentry skills	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3.	

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Electrical Installation					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical principles • Environmental impact of electrical installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to install cables and equipment • How to test and commission electrical installations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English, Maths and Science. OR Level 1 Diploma Electrical Installation plus GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-4.	
Plumbing Craft					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing science • Environmental impact of plumbing installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to carry out cold water installations • How to carry out hot water installations • How to carry out drainage installations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English, Maths and Science. OR Level 1 Diploma Plumbing Craft plus GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-4.	
Bricklaying					NOCN
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of construction • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to set out building work • How to build block walls • How to build brick walls • How to build cavity walls 	GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-4 with Level 2 Technical Certificate/ Diploma in Bricklaying.	

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Carpentry & Joinery (Architectural Joinery)					NOCN
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of construction • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to produce drawings and cutting lists • How to mark out and cut traditional joints • How to manufacture/fit windows and doors • How to manufacture staircases • How to set up and use a range of hand and power tools At Level 3, you will have the opportunity to study an awareness programme on retrofit.	GCSE English and Maths at Grade 9-4 with the Level 2 Technical Certificate/ Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery.	
Carpentry & Joinery (Site Carpentry)					NOCN
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of construction • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to construct a stud partition wall • How to construct a timber floor • How to hang a door • How to set up and use a range of hand and power tools At Level 3, you will have the opportunity to study an awareness programme on retrofit.	GCSE English and Maths Grades 9-4 and the Level 2 Technical Certificate/ Diploma in Site Carpentry. Where you do not meet the entry requirements but have achieved GCSE Grades 9-3 in English and Maths there is the opportunity to study an Extended Certificate in the first year to support the retake of these GCSEs.	

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Having the opportunity to do a work placement with Willmott Dixon really opened my eyes to what the role of a Quantity Surveyor is like.”

Billy
Construction student

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Civil Engineering					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design • Construction methods • Surveying and quantity surveying In Year 1 you can expect to study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction principles • Construction design • Health and safety in construction • Construction technology • Graphical detailing (including an introduction to CAD and BIM) • Building regulations • Building surveying The course also addresses the mathematical requirements for progression to higher education.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and Science and a GCSE at Grade 9-6 in Maths. Where you do not meet the entry requirements but have achieved GCSE Grades 9-3 in English and Maths there is the opportunity to study an Extended Certificate in the first year to support the retake of these GCSEs.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 37.					
Construction Architecture					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction principles • Construction design • Health and safety in construction • Construction technology • Graphical detailing (including an introduction to CAD and BIM) • Building regulations • Building surveying For the 'architectural' pathway you will also take the following units in Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project in construction • Building information modelling • Quality control management • Conversion, adaptation and maintenance 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English, Maths and Science. Where you do not meet the entry requirements but have achieved GCSE at Grade 9-3 in English and Maths there is the opportunity to study an Extended Certificate in the first year to support the retake of these GCSEs.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 37.					

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Construction Management					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction principles • Construction design • Health and safety in construction • Construction technology • Graphical detailing (Including an introduction to CAD and BIM) • Building regulations • Building surveying For the 'construction management' pathway you will also take the following units in Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management in construction • Quality control management in construction • Project in construction 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English, Maths and Science. Where you do not meet the entry requirements but have achieved GCSE at Grade 9-3 in English and Maths there is the opportunity to study an Extended Certificate in the first year to support the retake of these GCSEs.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 37.					
Construction Quantity Surveying					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction principles • Construction design • Health and safety in construction • Construction technology • Graphical detailing (Including an introduction to CAD and BIM) • Building regulations • Building surveying • Tendering and estimating • Measurement techniques • Management in construction • Project in construction • Structural mechanics • Property maintenance and conversion 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English, Maths and Science. Where you do not meet the entry requirements but have achieved GCSE at Grade 9-3 in English and Maths there is the opportunity to study an Extended Certificate in the first year to support the retake of these GCSEs.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 37.					

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Electrical Installation					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Principles • Environmental impact of electrical installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to install cables and equipment • How to test and commission electrical installations 	5 GCSEs 9-4 or above including English and Maths at Grade 6 or above. OR 4 GCSEs 9-4 including English, Maths and Science. AND successful completion of the Transition to T Level 2 Electrical Installation programme.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 37.					
Plumbing Craft					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing Science • Environmental impact of plumbing installations • How to work safely in a construction environment • How to carry out cold water installations • How to carry out hot water installations • How to carry out drainage installations 	5 GCSEs 9-4 or above including English and Maths at Grade 6 or above. OR 4 GCSEs 9-4 including English, Maths and Science. AND successful completion of the Transition to T Level 2 Plumbing programme.	
T This course is also available as a T Level - see page 36.					

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One of my tutors was really engaging and got me interested in project management. So much so, that I wanted to pursue a career in it. The variety of units has also gave me insight into the different roles available within the Construction industry. Studying at the College has been life changing and has given me so many opportunities to succeed.”

Megan
Construction student



VOCATIONAL COURSES

Digital Industries

Digital industries are now the strongest performing sector of the UK’s economy.



“While there’s obviously an academic spin on everything, the course is run like a workplace environment where tasks are set, so I learn how to do things for myself.”

Jim
Digital Industries student



Scan the QR code for more information on Digital Industries courses.

Whether you’re into designing apps, developing games or pursuing a career in digital marketing, here at Wakefield College, we’ll give you the skills you need to succeed in the digital industries.

Digital industries also offer flexibility. There’s lots of transferable skills, so those with one specialism can easily move on to another.

There’s a wide range of digital job roles available across a wide range of different companies and organisations, so you won’t be limited to doing one type of work with a digital industries qualification.

FUTURE CAREERS

Game Designer	£17,000	»	£45,000
Computer Games Developer	£25,000	»	£70,000
Web Design Professional	£24,750	»	£53,300
	Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU’LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Creative Media Production & Technology (Games & Web Development)					UAL (University of Arts London)
1	Wakefield College	One year	You will develop assets through different projects to explore game creation processes and techniques.	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1 including English and Maths.	
Creative Media Production & Technology (Games & Web Development)					UAL (University of Arts London)
2	Wakefield College	Two years	You will study a variety of units that are taught as projects, each project will involve making your own game using industry standard software such as the Unity engine.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths. OR A relevant Level 1 qualification at Merit grade, plus Entry 3 English and Maths.	
Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (Digital Design & Web Development)					UAL (University of Arts London)
3	Wakefield College	Two years	In this course, you’ll create a series of digital and web-based projects that will develop your skills in web coding languages (HTML, CSS), content management system (CMS) usage, UX design and development, design theory and more. You’ll also have the opportunity to explore all facets of digital design and web development, so you can develop a deep understanding of the industry and the skills you need to succeed.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths or Grade 3 or Level 1 in the other. OR Level 2 Diploma or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 plus Level 1 or Level 2 English or Maths. A portfolio of work.	
Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production & Technology (Game Development)					UAL (University of Arts London)
3	Wakefield College	Two years	In this course, you’ll learn the skills you need to create your own games, from concept to completion. You’ll learn about game design, programming, art, and animation. You’ll also have the opportunity to work on real-world projects, giving you the experience you need to get a job in the games industry.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 plus Level 2 in either English or Maths, and 3 or Level 1 in the other. OR A relevant Level 2 qualification at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths Grade 4, plus Level 1 or Level 2 English or Maths.	

Engineering

We're at the forefront of delivering modern engineering courses with our exceptional facilities and strong links with industry.



Scan the QR code for more information on Engineering courses.

You'll benefit from the superbly-equipped workshops and specialist rooms at our purpose-built Castleford College, learning practical skills like IT and CAD CAM, as well as mechanical engineering, engineering maintenance, electrical and electronic engineering, plant engineering, fabrication and welding.

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Apprenticeships Available

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FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Electricians & Electrical Fitters

£21,290 » £45,860

Engineering Professionals

£27,040 » £58,240

Mechanical Engineers

£26,390 » £56,840

Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Engineering Operations					EAL
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety at all levels• Working safely in an engineering environment• Working efficiently and effectively in engineering• Working safely in an engineering environment Plus, optional engineering units.	No formal qualifications required.	
Engineering Operations (Skills) Fabrication & Welding					EAL
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and safety at all levels• Gas cutting and thick plate fabrication• General welding applications• Producing sheet metal components• Health and safety• Communications• Interpreting engineering data and drawings AND/OR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Machining using lathes and milling machines• Hand fitting techniques• Maintaining mechanical devices• Producing mechanical assemblies• Health and safety• Communications• Interpreting engineering data and drawings	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3, including English and Maths.	



I learned a lot about the actual company and a lot about automation in engineering, as well as how to improve my CV and cover letter. I also learned what employers are looking for in an employee apprenticeship. I enjoyed learning about what the company did most and learning about automation as it is what I am interested in."

Yasmin
Engineering student

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Engineering Operations (Skills) Mechanical					EAL
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Machining using lathes and milling machines • Hand fitting techniques • Maintaining mechanical devices • Producing mechanical assemblies • Health and safety • Communications • Interpreting engineering data and drawings Plus, optional engineering units.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English and Maths.	
Engineering Operations (Knowledge)					EAL
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Engineering environment awareness Plus, optional engineering units covering fabrication and welding and mechanical engineering.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3, including English and Maths. AND Diploma in Engineering Operations (Skills).	
Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge) General					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Mathematics • Health and safety • Engineering materials • Mechanical principles • Hydraulics and pneumatics • Engineering drawing • Electronic devices • Electrical and electronic principles 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and two sciences GCSE at Grade 4, and Maths at Grade 5.	



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I’m extremely grateful to my lecturers who taught me at College, they recognised my talent in Engineering and instilled the confidence in me to pursue my passion. The support and skill of my tutors helped me to gain the qualifications I needed to get a job I really enjoy. I had a difficult start to life, but I truly believe you can achieve anything by working hard and believing in yourself.”

Faye
Engineering student

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge) Electrical Electronic					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Engineering project (double unit) • Further engineering maths • Calculus • PLC • Electrical technology • Three phase motors and drives • Further electrical principles • Business operations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and two sciences GCSE at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 5 (two years). OR Level 3 Certificate in Advanced Engineering (one year).	
Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Development Technical Knowledge) Mechanical					Pearson BTEC
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Engineering project (double unit) • Further engineering maths • Application of mechanical systems • CAD • Further mechanical principles • Primary forming • Calculus • Business operations 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and two sciences GCSE at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 5 (two years). OR Level 3 Certificate in Advanced Engineering (one year).	
T T Level Technical Qualification in Maintenance, Installation & Repair for Engineering and Manufacturing also available - see page 38.					



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

If your first language is not English, this course will give you an opportunity to improve your English skills.



This course will give students an opportunity to improve all aspects of their English including speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students will also have the opportunity to take maths, personal and social development and ICT skills alongside their English classes as well as developing employability skills.

“When I first came to Wakefield College I was both scared and worried as it was going to be my first experience going to school in a different country. Weeks went by, and I felt very welcomed. Choosing to start the ESOL course is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Not only did I learn a new language, I also met lots of amazing people and learned a lot about their countries.”

Zane
ESOL student

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
The ESOL 16-18 Study Programme (English for Speakers of Other Languages)					City & Guilds
E1 E2 E3 L1 L2	Wakefield College	36 weeks	<p>The ESOL 16-18 study programme covers all aspects of the English language, and you will study a range of interesting and engaging topics such as holidays and travel, education, hobbies and free time.</p> <p>You will also develop your skills in English grammar, vocabulary building, conversation, pronunciation, reading and writing through detailed practice.</p>	<p>No formal qualifications required but you should show you are prepared to give your full commitment to the course.</p> <p>You will have an initial ESOL assessment before you join the course to make sure you are put in the appropriate group at a level suitable for you.</p>	

“Ralfs joined the College when he was 16 and successfully completed a Level 1 ESOL qualification, a Level 2 Mathematics qualification and a Level 1 ICT qualification during his year on the course.”

ESOL tutor

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Film, Media & Television

With consumers demanding a constant stream of high-quality content, media companies are investing in digital technologies and a skilled workforce.



“I decided to study Creative Media at Wakefield College because its reputation and facilities are amazing. I came to two Open Events and spoke to tutors to explore all my options. The Media Production course has helped me secure a role with a local TV company.”

Rugaia
Film, Media & Television student



Scan the QR code for more information on Film, Media & Television courses.

Some of the world’s most popular and best loved films, TV productions, animation and documentaries have been made here in the UK. Its reputation in film making, TV production, animation, and special effects is recognised globally.

The UK has a long and enviable history of producing global successes such as Planet Earth, Game of Thrones, Line of Duty, the Crown and Broadchurch.

The UK can also lay claim to cinematic masterpieces such as the Harry Potter films, the Bond series and Avengers: Infinity War.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Broadcasting Equipment Operators	
£15,430	£33,220
Managers in the Creative Industries	
£26,110	£56,240
<i>Starter</i>	<i>Experienced</i>

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU’LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Creative Media, Film & TV					Pearson BTEC
1	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Film and television• Photography• Audio production• Graphic design	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Creative Media, Film & TV					UAL (University of Arts London)
2	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Film/TV production skills• Photography skills• Graphic design• Audio production and sound design• Post-production techniques using industry standard software such as the Adobe Creative Cloud• Design and create interactive media products• Develop reflective and evaluative practice	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English or Maths. OR Level 1 Creative Media Film & TV.	
Creative Media, Film & TV					UAL (University of Arts London)
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to media processes and technical skills• Design and research skills• Scriptwriting, storyboarding and pre-production planning• Audio-visual skills (camera work, editing, sound design)• Professional development• Film theory and wider media analysis	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths.	

Foundation Learning

Develop your independence and confidence, as well as your personal and social skills.



Scan the QR code for more information on Foundation Learning courses.

A mix of Vocational study, tasters and English and Maths, for those who would like to learn independent living skills, personal and social development, employability and progress academically to a higher level.

Whichever course you choose, you'll have the benefit of regular tutorials, enrichment opportunities, and advice and guidance on your next step as you build up your confidence, qualifications and skills throughout the courses.



Having tasters in the course helped me to prepare for my future and to understand my passion and focus. My confidence came on leaps and bounds and is still growing. I initially found the course hard but my tutor was kind and patient with me and ensured that I was on the right course."

Jonathan
Foundation Learning student

Pathways to Independence or Employment

E1	Wakefield College	Flexible (depending on progress)	Your programme of study will concentrate on improving and developing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal relationships in adulthood• Safeguarding self in adulthood• Rights and responsibilities• Community participation including travel skills• Independent living skills• Social and personal skills• Skills for employment or supported employment• Work placement tasters (where relevant to skills and aspirations)• Communication/literacy• Numeracy	No formal qualifications required.
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FLEX VOTE (Vocational Options, Tasters & Employability) (for students aged 16 -18 or 16 – 25 with an EHCP)

City & Guilds

E2 E3	Wakefield College Castleford College	Flexible (depending on progress)	Your programme of study will concentrate on improving and developing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal and social skills• Employability• Maths• English vocational options• Digital skills (E3 level)	No formal qualifications required as this course can accommodate and be tailored to suit your needs based on your current levels of English and Maths.
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Get SET – Employment Focused Study Programme

E1 E2 E3	Wakefield College Castleford College	One year	The programme will focus on developing your employability skills and ensuring you are confident about going into the workplace. You will continue to develop your English, Maths and IT skills.	No formal qualifications required but you must be motivated and have an aspiration to work. You must be able to travel independently or willing to develop your travel skills. You must be willing to work with employers and undertake a range of work-related tasks.
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Pathway to Independence & Employment

Duration: 1 year
Includes:

- + Maths and English
- + Arts
- + Work-related activity
- + Work skills
- + Visits and trips
- + Enrichment
- + Sports
- + Life skills
- + Cooking
- + Travel skills
- + Preparation for adulthood



Vocational Options, Tasters & Employability (VOTE)

Duration: 1 or 2 years
Includes:

- + Maths and English
- + Digital Skills
- + Preparation for adulthood
- + Visits and trips
- + Employability skills
- + Enrichment
- + Independent living skills
- + Vocational tasters



Get SET - Employment Focused Study Programme

Duration: 1 year
Includes:

- + Maths and English
- + Enterprise
- + Supported work placement
- + Preparation for adulthood
- + Resilience building
- + Volunteering
- + Job search support
- + Employability skills
- + Visits and trips



Preparation for Work

Duration: Up to 1 year
Includes:

- + Substantive work placement
- + Embedded Maths and English
- + On the job training
- + Interview preparation/support
- + Job club
- + Employability skills



Project Search

Duration: 1 year
Includes:

- + Working 5 days a week at employer premises
- + Training in specific jobs
- + On the job training
- + Interview preparation/support
- + Job club
- + Employer mentorship
- + Embedded Maths and English

Employment or Apprenticeship

Next level of Study Programmes



Community Provision



Employment or Voluntary Work



Apprenticeship



Employment or Apprenticeship



LEVEL LOCATION DURATION WHAT YOU'LL STUDY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AWARDING BODY

Project SEARCH (Supported Internship Programme)

	Workplace	One year	Through a process of systematic instruction, you will learn the various skills you need to be able to carry out your job role. You will also develop safe working practice, communication skills and appropriate conduct at work.	No formal qualifications required but your place must be commissioned by the Local Authority. You must also be motivated and have an aspiration to work.
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VOCATIONAL COURSES

Hair & Beauty

Develop your hair and beauty skills and train with real clients in our professional salon, Elements.



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I progressed on to the Level 3 Beauty Therapy course after successfully completing the Level 2 at Castleford College. My tutors are fantastic and have helped me with both my courses. I really enjoy the theory within the course as well as the practical treatments.”

Kia
Hair & Beauty student



Scan the QR code for more information on Hair & Beauty courses.

Study Hair and Beauty with us and show off your talents in our professional salon, Elements.

Show off your customer service skills by providing hair and beauty services to paying members of the public.

We have an exciting range of additional activities including visits to trade exhibitions and the opportunity to get specialist training from external companies such as Dermologica, Studex, Sienna X and Wella, to name a few!

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: National Careers Service

Hairdressers

£14,000 » £30,000

Beauty Therapist

£16,000 » £25,000

Starter

Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
An Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector					City & Guilds
1	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal presentation • Health and safety • Manicures • Facials • Make-up • Shampooing and conditioning hair • Styling and dressing women's hair 	No formal entry requirements.	
Diploma in Beauty Therapy					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in beauty related industries • Follow health and safety practice in the salon • Client care and communication in beauty related industries • Promote products and services in a salon • Salon reception duties • Provide facial skin care • Remove hair using waxing techniques • Provide manicure treatments • Provide pedicure treatments • Provide eyelash and brow treatments • Apply make up • Create an image based on a theme within the hair and beauty sector 	5 GCSEs Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 Hair & Beauty, GCSE English and Maths at Grade 3.	
Diploma in Women's Hairdressing					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise and consult with clients • Shampoo and condition hair and scalp • Blow dry and style the hair • Cutting • Colour and lighten hair • Style hair with electrical equipment • Perm and neutralise hair 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 Hair & Beauty GCSE English and Maths at Grade 3.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
NVQ Diploma in Hairdressing					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain effectiveness at work • Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp • Cut hair using basic techniques • Colour and lighten • Style set and dress hair • Advise and consult with client • Plait and twist hair • Optional units to be confirmed 	Relevant Level 2 Diploma plus GCSE English and/or Maths at Grade 4.	
Technical Certificate in Make-up Artistry					City & Guilds
2	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of working in the make-up industry • Anatomy and physiology for make-up artists • Principles of researching, developing and showcasing designs • The art of applying make-up • Hair artistry • Creative make-up artistry 	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English or Maths. OR Relevant Level 2 Diploma plus GCSE English and Maths at Grade 4.	
Diploma in Hairdressing					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and safety • Consultation support for colleagues on hair services • Style and dress hair using a variety of techniques • Cut women's hair to create a variety of looks • Colour hair to create a variety of looks • Creative hairdressing design skills • Perm hair to create a variety of looks • Hair extension services • Optional units to be confirmed 	Level 2 Hairdressing plus English and Maths at Grade 4.	

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Diploma in Beauty Therapy Techniques					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor and maintain health and safety practice in the salon • Client care and communication in beauty-related industries • Provide body massage • Provide facial electrotherapy treatments • Provide body electrotherapy treatments • Provide micro-dermabrasion You will also be required to attend a work placement in a salon one day per-week. The Work Placement team can help you with this.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. AND Level 2 Beauty Therapy qualification.	
Advanced Technical Diploma in Media Make-up Artistry					City & Guilds
3	Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in the film, TV and theatre industry • The creation and presentation of a look book and an industry portfolio • Fashion and photographic make-up • Media make-up • Creative hair designs • Create historical hair and make-up looks • Apply body art • Camouflage make-up • Specialist bridal hair and make-up 	Level 2 Make-up qualification plus English and Maths at Grade 4.	

Health, Social Care & Wellbeing

Our courses are designed to give you the skills you'll need whether your aim is to work in a specialist facility such as a nursing home or within a home-based service.



Scan the QR code for more information on Health, Social Care & Wellbeing courses.

The health and social care industry is the largest growing sector in the world, but there is a shortage of skilled staff within the industry.

Working in the care sector will put you at the heart of your community. Our courses are designed to give you the skills you'll need whether your aim is to work in a specialist facility such as a nursing home or within a home-based service.

We've developed a range of courses at different levels to prepare you for a career in health and social care.

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Apprenticeships Available

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FUTURE CAREERS		Source: Pathways
Care Workers & Home Carers		
£12,430	»	£21,540
Social Workers		
£23,840	»	£51,350
Welfare Professionals		
£17,890	»	£38,520
Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Introduction to Health & Social Care					CACHE
1	Wakefield College Castleford College	One year	Level 1 learners will visit care settings with their tutor or have guest speakers within college, to gain an understanding of the skills and professional behaviours required when working in the care industry.	No formal qualifications required.	
Health & Social Care					CACHE
2	Wakefield College Castleford College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Human growth and development· Working in health and social care· Communication in health and social care· You will also be expected to attend a work placement for which you must be prepared to travel	4 GCSEs Grade 9-3, including English or Maths.	
T For the Level 3 course in this area please visit the T Level section on page 38.					

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I've expanded my counselling skills including how to actively listen, which I can apply in my role within the NHS and in everyday life.”

Wojciech
Health, Social Care & Wellbeing student

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Horticulture

Horticulture is an industry and a science; with a shortage of workers to look after public parks, gardens, nurseries and allotments, your new skillset will be invaluable.



“I don’t particularly enjoy being in the classroom so this course was ideal for me. It can be a lot of hard work in the winter but it’s really good and you meet some great people.”

Jason
Horticulture student



Scan the QR code for more information on Horticulture courses.

Enjoy working outside rather than in a classroom? Prefer practical tasks to exams? Then a horticulture course could be for you.

Working in a realistic working environment, you will complete the tasks you need to gain a qualification in Horticulture. You will work in small groups on projects to develop and maintain a large garden area.

Working in a team you will build confidence, social skills, ability to work independently and use a wide range of tools.

A Apprenticeships Available

FUTURE CAREERS		Source: Pathways
Forestry & Related Workers		
£15,180	»	£32,700
Gardeners & Landscape Gardeners		
£14,670	»	£31,600
Groundsmen & Greenkeepers		
£16,050	»	£27,820
Starter		Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU’LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Introductory Diploma in Land-based Studies - Animal Care					Pearson BTEC
1	Wakefield College	One year	Practical experience of handling, feeding and caring for a range of animals. Skills needed to work in the animal care industry including: being organised, researching, teamwork, independence and being intuitive when working with animals, estate skills and wildlife surveying. You will also investigate working in the land-based sector and develop a personal progression plan to help with your next steps in the industry.	Progression from an Entry Level course in a relevant subject with English and Maths at Entry Level 3.	
Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills					City & Guilds
1	Thornes Park Nursery, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to prepare soil and mulching• Planting• Designing gardens• Effective watering• Soil pH and structure• Planting hanging baskets and containers• Creating displays from bulbs• Caring for planted areas• Making new plants from seeds and cuttings• Growing fruit and vegetables• Supporting plants effectively• Painting and preserving wooden structures	No formal qualifications required.	
Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills					City & Guilds
2	Thornes Park Nursery, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to prepare new ground for planting• Improving soil structure and quality• Planting container grown and bare root plants and trees• How to care for a planted area or border• Create containers for seasonal display• Grow fruit and vegetables• Know how to make new plants by different types of cuttings• Design a garden and produce a plan	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 Horticulture qualification with Level 1 English or Maths.	

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Hospitality & Catering

Develop skills and techniques within your lessons, then apply them at Gaskell's, our on-site award-winning restaurant.



My tutor helped me to gain a work placement at the Devonshire Arms Hotel and Spa, where I'm now working full-time. I hope to continue in my career by working in high-end restaurants and to eventually run my own kitchen."

Madison
Hospitality & Catering student



Scan the QR code for more information on Hospitality & Catering courses.

The hospitality and catering industry is the largest growing sector in the world, but there is a shortage of skilled staff within the industry.

The majority of our students gain full-time employment before they've even finished their course with us!

Teaching isn't confined to the classroom. You'll use Gaskell's, our award-winning training restaurant which is open to the public, our bar, Deli shop, industry-standard training kitchens and conference suite.

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Apprenticeships Available

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Catering & Bar Managers	
£16,030	» £27,780
Chefs	
£15,620	» £27,070
Cooks	
£10,080	» £17,470
Starter	Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
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Introduction to the Hospitality Industry					City & Guilds
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1	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the hospitality industry• Customer service in the hospitality industry• Basic food preparation and cooking• Preparing and serving drinks• Introduction to kitchen equipment• Health and safety• Using kitchen equipment• Food and beverage service skills	3 GCSEs at any level.
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General Professional Patisserie & Confectionery					City & Guilds
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2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food safety in catering• Health and safety in catering and hospitality• Healthier food and special diets• Catering operations, costs and menu planning• Produce hot and cold desserts and puddings• Produce paste products• Produce biscuit, cake and sponge products• Produce fermented dough products	Minimum 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 qualification in Hospitality and Level 1 in either English or Maths.
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Culinary Skills					City & Guilds
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2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food safety• Developing skills for employment in catering and hospitality• Health and safety in catering and hospitality• Healthier foods and special diets• Prepare and cook stocks, soups and sauces• Prepare and cook fruit and vegetables• Prepare and cook meat and offal• Prepare and cook poultry• Prepare and cook fish and shellfish• Prepare and cook rice, pasta, grains and egg dishes• Produce hot and cold desserts and puddings• Food and beverage service skills	Minimum 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 qualification in Hospitality and Level 1 in either English or Maths.
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LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
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Advanced Professional Cookery Kitchen & Larder					City & Guilds
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3	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety supervision • Supervisory skills in the hospitality industry • Exploring gastronomy • Advanced skills and techniques in producing • Meat and offal dishes • Poultry and game dishes • Vegetable and vegetarian dishes • Fish and shellfish 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 AND Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Culinary Skills or equivalent plus English or Maths at Grade 3.
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Advanced Professional Cookery Patisserie & Confectionery					City & Guilds
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3	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety supervision • Supervisory skills in the hospitality industry • Exploring gastronomy • Advanced skills and techniques in producing • Dough and batter products • Petit fours • Paste products • Hot, cold and frozen desserts • Biscuits cakes and sponges • Display pieces and decorative items 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 AND Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Patisserie & Confectionery or Culinary Skills plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 3.
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Food & Beverage Service Supervision					City & Guilds
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3	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food safety supervision • Supervising food and beverage services • Supervising customer service • Legislation in food and beverage service • Prepare and serve wine • Prepare and serve alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages • Supervise events • Prepare and serve cocktails • Barista skills 	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 AND Level 2 Certificate/Diploma in Food & Beverage Service plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 3.
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VOCATIONAL COURSES

Music

Whatever your ambitions, our School of Popular Music has a strong reputation for developing highly successful musicians and industry professionals.



“The course is very engaging and the tutors are always there for you, encouraging you to achieve your best even when things get tough.”

Charlie
Music student



Scan the QR code for more information on Music courses.

Our School of Popular Music has a rich mix of students and music interests and a strong reputation for developing highly successful, rounded musicians and industry professionals.

Career opportunities in the music industry extend well beyond performance. If you don't see yourself as a performer, you may aspire to a career as a sound engineer, songwriter, producer, promoter, teacher, manager, backline technician, sound designer or composer.

Whatever your enthusiasm, it'll be nurtured by working interactively with your fellow students with the guidance of tutors who are dedicated to enabling you to fulfil your potential.

FUTURE CAREERS

Source: Pathways

Musicians	
£18,200	£39,200
Event Organisers	
£23,510	£50,640
<i>Starter</i>	<i>Experienced</i>

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Music, Performance & Production Arts				UAL (University of Arts London)	
1	Creative Industries Centre/ Mechanics Theatre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting skills• Dance skills• Music performance skills• Preparing performing arts work• Presenting performing arts work	No formal qualifications required. However, you will be required to have a satisfactory interview/audition.	
Extended Certificate Creative Music Industries				UAL (University of Arts London)	
2	Creative Industries Centre/ Mechanics Theatre, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to develop your musicianship skills and take part in several internal and external gigs• The historical aspects and musical characteristics of a variety of key musical genres• How to compose your own music• How to create a podcast using music technology• How to operate studio equipment, record and mix a recording• Develop key employability skills essential for the music industry (confidence, teamwork, adaptability etc.)• How to record live music and perform in a live recording environment	3 GCSEs at Grade 9–3 including English or Maths. OR Level 1 Music, Performance & Production Arts. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	

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My time at Wakefield College has been very rewarding and I've learnt more about equipment, live music and the businesses and organisations within the global industry.”

Zoe
Music student

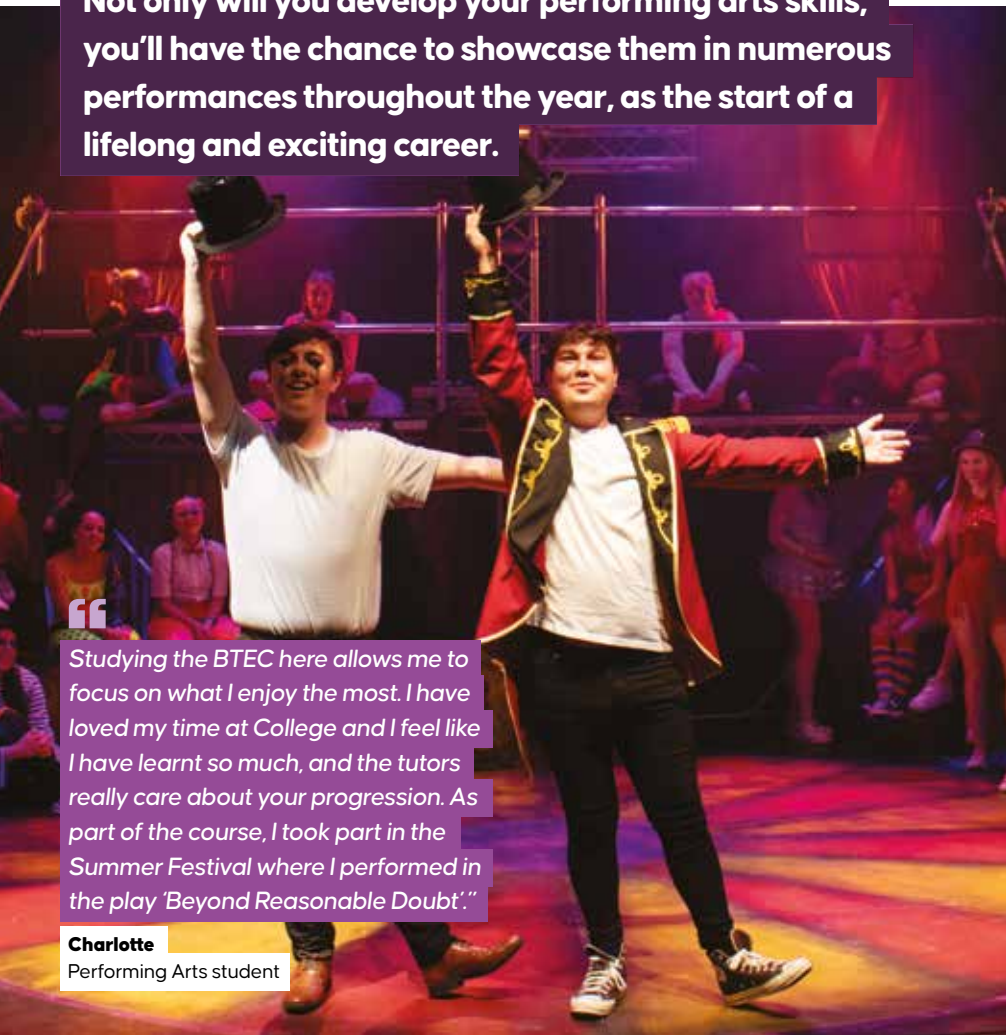


LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Creative Music Industries (Music Performance)					RSL Rockschool
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to operate studio equipment and record music• How to plan a career in the music industry• Developing and strengthening listening skills, widening musical taste and genre knowledge• Develop essential skills such as academic writing, working as an ensemble, communication, critical thinking, flexibility and independent learning• How to use music technology to compose for different media sources• Performance skills based on solo and band studies• Practical theory skills to develop song writing and lyric creation	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	
Creative Music Industries (Production)					RSL Rockschool
3	Creative Industries Centre, Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to operate studio equipment, record and mix a recording• How to sequence and produce your own music and remix existing compositions• How to compose in different musical styles and develop song writing techniques using chords and melodies• Develop practical harmony skills using music theory and compositional processes• Design, create and edit sound for TV, film, radio and other media outlets• Develop essential skills such as academic writing, communication, critical thinking, flexibility and independent learning• DJ skills such as beat matching and mixing• The fundamentals of engineering for live events using digital desks and current industry standard equipment	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition or submission of music production/ compositions.	

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Performing Arts

Not only will you develop your performing arts skills, you'll have the chance to showcase them in numerous performances throughout the year, as the start of a lifelong and exciting career.



“Studying the BTEC here allows me to focus on what I enjoy the most. I have loved my time at College and I feel like I have learnt so much, and the tutors really care about your progression. As part of the course, I took part in the Summer Festival where I performed in the play ‘Beyond Reasonable Doubt.’”

Charlotte
Performing Arts student



Scan the QR code for more information on Performing Arts courses.

There are a vast array of various jobs for a satisfying and fulfilling career in this sector, from being a performer, director, or choreographer to inspiring others through teaching and workshop leadership.

What makes our courses special is that you'll get to take part in a range of performances in our own live theatre using professional production techniques and equipment.

Your training will help you to develop the diverse skills you'll need for an exciting career.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Actors, Entertainers & Presenters
£18,200 » £39,200

Arts Officers, Producers & Directors
£18,200 » £39,200

Dancers & Choreographers
£18,200 » £39,200

Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
			Music, Performance & Production Arts	UAL (University of Arts London)	
1	Creative Industries Centre/ Mechanics Theatre Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting skills• Dance skills• Music performance skills• Preparing performing arts work• Presenting performing arts work	No formal qualifications required. However, you will be required to have a satisfactory interview/audition.	
			Performing & Production Arts (Acting)	UAL (University of Arts London)	
2	Creative Industries Centre/ Mechanics Theatre Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Performance skills in singing, dancing and acting• Develop characterisations using movement and vocal skills• Exploring different performance mediums, such as improvisation, script work and devised work• Live performances	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English or Maths. OR Level 1 Music, Performance & Production Arts. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	
			Performing & Production Arts (Acting)	UAL (University of Arts London)	
3	Creative Industries Centre/ Mechanics Theatre Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting• Directing• Devising theatre• History of theatre• Singing for actors• Physical theatre• Production skills• Classical theatre• Contemporary theatre• Audition techniques	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	



LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Dance			UAL (University of Arts London)		
3	Creative Industries Centre Mechanics Theatre Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional dance technique training in: ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and commercial dance styles• Choreography development• Performance and production work• Audition preparation• Body conditioning• Personal research projects• Final major projects• Investigating practitioners' work• Working with guest artists	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	
Musical Theatre			UAL (University of Arts London)		
3	Creative Industries Centre Mechanics Theatre Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jazz technique• Singing skills• Acting styles• Audition preparation• Choreographic projects• Performing arts business• Devising performance material• Historical context of performance• Live performances• Industry related work experience	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English or Maths. OR 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 and Level 2 in either English or Maths. OR Successful completion of Level 2 or equivalent at Merit Grade, plus GCSE English or Maths at Grade 4 or Level 2 English or Maths. PLUS Satisfactory interview/audition.	

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I feel I've gained so much by coming to Wakefield College that I have decided to stay for another two years to do the Higher National Diploma Theatre course.”

Charlotte
Performing Arts student

The Prince's Trust

A 12-week course for young people who hope to learn and develop skills for employment.



The Prince's Trust aims to:

- Allow learners to learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment
- Prepare learners for further education programmes, apprenticeships and other work-based learning
- Provide valuable work experience
- Provide learners with opportunities to develop their English and Maths skills



You get to do many amazing things on the Prince's Trust Programme such as team building, fun activities and meeting new people that you can call your friends. The skills I developed the most were my people skills, team work, leadership skills, self awareness and empathy. I feel that by completing my work placement, the community project and by volunteering my time, I was able to have an opportunity to develop my skills. My work placement meant I had to communicate and spend time with the elderly community that accessed the centre, I enjoyed spending time with them and learning about their lives."

Jonathan
The Prince's Trust student

The Prince's Trust Team Programme - Certificate in Employment, Teamwork and Community Skills				The Prince's Trust	
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E3 L1 L2	Wakefield College Castleford College	12 weeks	<p>Day 1: Meet new people Don't worry about turning up on your own – there'll be about 12 people joining and everyone will be in the same situation. It will be informal and there'll be plenty of activities so you'll soon feel part of things.</p> <p>Week 1: Take action Over this week, you'll start planning for the weeks ahead – setting out what you want to achieve and finding out how to get your qualifications. You'll also be planning for a week away.</p> <p>Week 2: New experiences You'll spend this week away on residential, trying new things and learning how to work with others. This gives you a chance to break away from your current situation. The sort of things you could do include canoeing, climbing, raft-building and much more!</p> <p>Weeks 3-6: Something to talk about As a team, you'll decide on a project to benefit your local community and carry it out. You might be surprised at what you can achieve together. This gives you great experience to talk about at interviews.</p> <p>Weeks 7-8: Work placements This is the time to see how the skills you've developed so far can help you in the workplace. It's also a great chance to try out a type of work, or company, to see if you like it.</p> <p>Week 9: Plan for the future Time to plan your next steps after the programme. You'll get help to write a fantastic CV, practice your interview skills and make applications.</p> <p>Weeks 10-11: Meet the challenge You and your team will take on a challenge to help others in the community. This is when you get to test out all the skills you'll have worked on so far.</p> <p>Week 12: Have your say In your final week, you'll deliver a presentation with your team to an invited audience. This is your chance to show off the talents you've discovered! This may sound scary now, but after 12 weeks on the programme you'll be surprised at how far you've come.</p> <p>Entry Requirements Informal interview with Prince's Trust Team Leader and attend a Taster Day.</p>
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VOCATIONAL COURSES

Public Services

Life in the public services can be challenging, rewarding and exciting; we can provide you with the skills, knowledge and expertise to succeed.



“I gained a real passion for the Police from attending Police Cadets whilst in high school, so going on to study Public Services here at Wakefield College seemed perfect for developing my knowledge.”

Sophie
Public Services student



Scan the QR code for more information on Public Services courses.

The uniformed public services offer an exciting and hugely varied choice of career opportunities.

Whether you're working for an emergency service such as the police, fire service, or paramedics, or for one of the armed services, you'll be on the front line and every day will be a new challenge.

We'll assist you to gain the skills, knowledge and experience you'll need through a wide variety of residentials, visits, day trips, events and expeditions, as well as more conventional classes and practical activities.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Fire Service Officers
£23,280 » **£50,150**

Police Officers (Sergeant & Below)
£28,510 » **£61,410**

Prison Service Officers
£19,520 » **£42,050**

Starter Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Sport & Public Services					Pearson BTEC
1	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking part in sport• Assisting a sports leader• Keeping active and healthy• Taking part in fitness testing• Navigation• Contributing to your community• Being organised• Developing a personal progression plan• Working with others• Researching a topic	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Uniformed Public Services					Edexcel BTEC
2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PS skills and support for the community• Employment in uniformed public services• Health and fitness for the public services• Activities and teamwork for the public services• Expedition and land navigation skills• Aspects of law and the public services• Crime and its effects on society	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3, including English or Maths. OR Level 1 Public Services plus GCSE English or Maths Grade 3 or Level 1 equivalent.	
Uniformed Public Services					NCFE
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning and management of major incidents• Impact of war and conflict on the uniformed services• Physical fitness for the public services• UK legal system and the uniformed services• Carry out map reading and navigation across open country• Developing leadership skills• Understanding discipline• Equality, diversity and inclusion	Extended Diploma - 5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including both English and Maths. Diploma - 4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English or Maths. OR Level 2 Public Services gaining a Merit Portfolio Grade plus GCSE 4 or above in English or Maths or equivalent Level 2 and GCSE Grade 3 or Level 1 in the other.	

Science

Whatever your ambitions, the sciences will help to sharpen your skills for further study and offer a route to a wide variety of careers.



Scan the QR code for more information on Science courses.

More employers are looking for highly-qualified people to work within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) field.

But it's not just classroom based; we offer visits to university science faculties for workshops and seminars, visits and fairs to see science in action and the chance to enter competitions.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Biological Scientists	£21,130	»	£45,520
Chemical Scientists	£23,500	»	£50,610
Laboratory Technicians	£14,910	»	£32,120
	<small>Starter</small>		<small>Experienced</small>

First Extended Certificate in Applied Science					Pearson BTEC
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2	Wakefield College	One year	You will study these eight mandatory units: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles of science (externally assessed)• Chemistry and our Earth• Energy and our universe• Biology and our environment• Applications of chemical substances• Applications of physical science• Health applications of life science• Scientific skills (externally assessed) You will also take a selection of optional units.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3, including Maths or equivalent qualification. You must have a Grade 4 in Maths or English Language. You must also achieve a Grade 3 in Maths or equivalent. Alternative Maths qualifications may be considered. This will be discussed on an individual basis prior to enrolment.
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National Extended Diploma in Applied Science					Pearson BTEC
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3	Wakefield College	Two years	Seven mandatory units (including externally assessed examinations): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principles and applications of science 1 (exam)• Practical scientific procedures and techniques• Science investigation skills (exam)• Laboratory techniques and their application• Principles and applications of science 2 (exam)• Investigative project• Contemporary issues in science (exam) Plus, six specialist units, which may include some of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physiology of human body systems• Human regulation and reproduction• Genetics and genetic engineering• Diseases and infections• Applications of inorganic chemistry• Applications of organic chemistry• Microbiology and microbiological techniques• Industrial chemical reactions• Practical chemical analysis• Biomedical science• Medical physics applications The optional units are subject to change.	4 GCSEs at Grade 9-4 including English and Maths, plus Science at Grade 5 (combined Science 5,4 or Triple Science 5,4,4). Applications with functional skills qualifications in English will also be considered.
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VOCATIONAL COURSES

Sport

Our sport courses provide you with the skills and knowledge required for progression within the sports industry, whatever your aspirations.



My course opened up a lot of options for me and gave me the knowledge of what's out there and the careers I can go into. It helped me develop my skills in football coaching, which I now use as a football coach."

Muzi
Sport student



Scan the QR code for more information on Sport courses.

Sport and exercise is about taking part, it's often about winning and losing, and for many it's about improving performance.

We provide the ideal environment to prepare you for a career in the industry.

We have a range of bespoke facilities newly created to the highest standards, including a sports laboratory fully equipped with the latest technologies, professional sports therapy suites, a strength and conditioning gym of international quality, working fitness gyms, studio sports pitches and a massage suite.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Fitness & Wellbeing Instructors	£10,040	»	£17,410
Leisure & Sports Managers	£18,110	»	£39,010
Sports Coaches	£11,570	»	£20,060
	<small>Starter</small>		<small>Experienced</small>

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Sport & Public Services					Pearson BTEC
1	Lightwaves, Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking part in sport• Assisting a sports leader• Keeping active and healthy• Taking part in fitness testing• Navigation• Contributing to your community• Being organised	3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Sport					NCFE
2	Lightwaves, Wakefield College	One year	Within this study programme you will develop your knowledge of the importance of health and well-being in sport and exercise. You will also learn how to plan and deliver a sports coaching session for a wide variety of sports along with planning and delivering gym based and fitness activities linked to job roles such as personal training.	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3 including English or Maths.	
Sport					NCFE
3	Lightwaves, Wakefield College	Two years	The course is intended for post-16 learners who want to progress directly to employment, including self-employment, in sports coaching and development roles. It is also suitable for those wishing to progress to higher education, where learners have the added advantage of using the qualification to help them obtain part-time employment while studying.	Level 3 Certificate 4 GCSEs 9-4 including English OR Level 2 Sport with relevant English and/or Maths. Level 3 Diploma 5 GCSEs 9-4, including English and Maths.	
Extended Diploma in Sport & Exercise Sciences					Pearson BTEC
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Modules include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Functional anatomy• Sport and exercise physiology• Sport and exercise psychology• Coaching for performance and fitness• Nutrition for sport and exercise performance• Sports injury• Sports massage	5 GCSEs at grade 9-4, including BOTH English, Maths and Science/PE.	

Academy of Sporting Excellence

Are you looking for a forward thinking, ambitious and successful academy, which provides you the chance to excel in your desired sport, get an education and progress playing professionally, semi-professionally or even abroad?

ACADEMY OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Join our Academy of Sporting Excellence, which is made up of three specialist programmes:

Athlete Development Programme

Rugby League Development Programme

Football Development Programme

Athlete Development Programme (ADP)

The ADP is designed for talented athletes of different sports and gives you the chance to develop and represent yourself, your club and the College at national and international events throughout the year.

We are proud to be recognised as a Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) accredited site that specialises in dual careers, which recognises our commitment to developing both academic and athletic development for our students with no compromise.

www.tass.gov.uk

We work closely with your coaches and devise training plans, strength and conditioning, performance analysis and individual sessions that complement your training outside of College.

The sport sessions are run alongside Level 3 programmes and can be accessed by all students, depending on timetabling. Athletes on the ADP will have access to workshops, visits and guest speakers.



ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME **tass** LOTTERY FUNDED

Rugby League Development Programme (RDP)

The Wakefield College Rugby League Development Programme (RDP) is run with Super League side Wakefield Trinity to enhance the opportunities and ability of promising young players throughout the region.

It's open to male and female players with ability, commitment, good attitude and dedication, and is a great opportunity to develop your skills and possibly follow the progression route into professional rugby league with our links into Super League and Championship clubs. You'll benefit from first-class professional coaching from Wakefield Trinity coaches.

We are known as one of the best rugby colleges in the country for our consistent player development success, currently having several alumni playing Super League Rugby as well as being Premier Division League Champions in 21-22.



Wakefield College took on Barrow-in-Furness College to win 34-16 and be crowned National Cup Champions.

IN ASSOCIATION WITH WAKEFIELD TRINITY

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Entry requirements

Studying a Level 2 Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Sport, and meet the course entry requirements **AND** reference from your club or coach.

Selection is through trials in the spring and summer period.

Your week will be balanced between your coursework, classes, and RDP coaching sessions as well as weekly fixtures on Wednesdays against other RDP College teams from all over the UK – the highest level students can play.

Students will also have regular guest speakers, workshops and visits to enhance their development.



Football Development Programme (FDP)

The Football Development Programme (FDP) is an elite academy which runs alongside the curriculum providing talented male and female footballers the chance to gain an education, improve their football ability and have the opportunity to progress their career using football as a tool.

We have strong links with local professional and semi professional clubs that can provide students with unique opportunities to progress and you will be coached by UEFA qualified professional club coaches throughout the week whilst also competing in the English Colleges FA leagues and cups – the highest level of competition students can play in.

Students are treated like full time professional academy players where their day is split into two; one half education and the other half football training. Exit routes from the academy can lead into the professional game and also into the high steps of the non-league football pyramid. You will also have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship in the USA and Canada to continue playing whilst studying your degree.

Entry requirements

Studying a Level 2 Diploma in Sport or Level 3 Diploma/Extended Diploma in Sport, and meet the course entry requirements **AND** reference from your club or coach.

Selection is through trials in the spring and summer period.

Your week will be balanced between your coursework, classes and FDP coaching sessions with weekly fixtures on Wednesdays against other College teams and academies in the north of England. You will also benefit from workshops, guest speakers and visits to maximise your potential both in the classroom and on the field.

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

VOCATIONAL COURSES

Travel & Tourism

With more than two million people employed in the Tourism industry in the UK, there are so many opportunities for a rewarding career upon completion of your course.



The best thing about the Travel & Tourism course is the tutors. They've all been incredibly supportive during my time here at the College and really helped me acquire the full breadth of knowledge required for working in the travel industry."

Lauren
Travel & Tourism student



Scan the QR code for more information on Travel & Tourism courses.

This is the final call for dynamic individuals with ability, energy and ideas! If this is you, our travel, tourism and air cabin crew courses will give you the qualifications you need to succeed in this exciting industry.

Based at Wakefield College, you'll be taught by tutors with experience of working in the travel industry.

You'll have the opportunity to undertake local, national and international visits, residential visits and work placements.

FUTURE CAREERS Source: Pathways

Air Travel Assistants	
£15,450	£26,770
»	
Travel Agents	
£14,790	£25,640
»	
Starter	Experienced

LEVEL	LOCATION	DURATION	WHAT YOU'LL STUDY	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS	AWARDING BODY
Travel & Tourism					NCFE
1	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning to take part in a visit• Worldwide tourist destinations• UK travel industry• Customer service• Overseas resort reps• Promotional materials• Preparing for employment in the travel industry	Minimum of 3 GCSEs at Grade 9-1.	
Diploma Air Cabin Crew					NCFE
2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinating a safe flight• Airline operations• Crew room duties• Getting the passengers aboard• Demonstrating safety procedures and preparing to work in aviation	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 qualification, plus Level 1 in English or Maths.	
Diploma Travel & Tourism					NCFE
2	Wakefield College	One year	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worldwide travel and tourism destinations• Dealing with customers in travel and tourism• Overseas resort representatives• Visitor attractions; promoting travel and tourism	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-3. OR Level 1 qualification, plus Level 1 in English or Maths.	
Extended Diploma Travel & Tourism					NCFE
3	Wakefield College	Two years	Topics studied can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UK and worldwide travel and tourism destinations• Overseas resort representatives• Customer service• Marketing• Specialist tourism and the cruising industry	5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English and Maths. OR Level 2 qualification with Merit Grade, plus Level 2 English and Maths.	

Your opportunity to earn whilst you learn

Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships are a great mix of hands-on learning in the workplace and theory learned in the classroom, to give you the practical skills and knowledge you will need to thrive in the working world.

If you are passionate about the type of industry you want to work in, an Apprenticeship offers a clearly defined career route.

Whether you have an employer already secured or are looking to find one, we are here to support you.

If you are already employed, you can still become an apprentice and your employer can gain funding to support your further training needs.

Contact the Apprenticeships Team on **01924 789469** and apprenticeships@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk



By being an apprentice, you get the opportunity to work in the industry whilst you learn. This will benefit you greatly in the future, by having years of experience in the field, it will look great on your CV and to future employers."

Elliott
Design Apprentice

How to become an Apprentice

Prior to enrolment candidates need to be employed and working within their chosen industry. Regardless, if you have an employer or are looking to secure one, please contact the apprenticeship team so we can discuss your personal circumstances and next steps.

We work with several employers who recruit apprentices through us, therefore it is important that we have a copy of your CV on file to provide to prospective employers. Advertised vacancies can be found www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.

Tips for applying:

- Proofread your application
- Refer to the main responsibilities of the job
- Include all work experience and qualifications

What does it involve?

An Apprenticeship is a paid job where you develop valuable work experience from experience mentors alongside industry recognised qualifications.

An Apprenticeship includes:

- Paid employment with holiday leave
- Hands-on-experience in a sector/role of interest
- Minimum of six hours off-the-job-training (or at least 20% of part time working hours)
- Formal assessment which leads to a nationally recognised qualification

How long does it take?

The length of an Apprenticeship varies depending on your prior experience and relevant qualification and industry sector.

Our Apprenticeships team are here to help with your application, so if you're unsure about what to include, or want to find out more about a vacancy to check that it is right for you, give us a call on **01924 789469** or email us at apprenticeships@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

The benefits of choosing an Apprenticeship:

- 1 Earn money whilst you learn**
- 2 Gain a recognised qualification and valuable workplace experience**
- 3 Apprentices are employees of the company and have the same benefits as all employees**
- 4 A completed apprenticeship shows employers exactly what you are able to do and at what standard**
- 5 Employers say that apprentices are 15% more employable than those with other qualifications**
- 6 Progress in your career without any student debt from university**
- 7 Apprenticeships can open the door to Higher Apprenticeships and to other Higher Education programmes**



I am currently undertaking a Level 3 CIPD qualification at Wakefield College alongside my job. I like doing it this way as the studying I do for my qualification is put into practice on a daily basis. I love that every day is different. Nothing is ever the same, there is always something to do. I have built good relationships with the people I work with and I believe this is down to the nature of my role."

Becca
Business Admin Apprentice



Our Apprenticeships

LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP

Automotive	
2	Autocare Technician
3	Heavy Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician
3	Motor Vehicle Service & Maintenance Technician
Business & Management	
2	Accounts/Finance Assistant
2	Assistant Accountant
2	Customer Service Practitioner
3	Business Administrator
3	Customer Service Specialist
3	Emergency Service Contact Handling
3	Human Resource Support
3	Team Leader/Supervisor
4	Professional Accounting Taxation Technician
5	Human Resource Consultant
5	Operational/Departmental Management

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LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP

Childcare, Early Years & Childhood Studies	
2	Early Years Practitioner
3	Early Years Educator
3	Teaching Assistant
4	Children, Young People & Families Practitioner

“My Apprenticeship enabled me to try something new whilst also developing my existing skills. I’m also interested in Business so working at Nestlé was perfect for me. I thoroughly enjoyed my Apprenticeship and I have learnt so much, which I was able to apply to my role. This helped me to excel within my Apprenticeship and led to me securing a permanent position as an IT Customer Care Analyst at Nestlé. I also hope to move onto a leadership or managerial role in the future.”

Poppy
Customer Service Apprentice

LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP

Construction	
2	Bricklayer
2	Carpentry & Joinery - Site
2	Groundworker
2	Property Maintenance Operative
3	Advanced Carpentry & Joinery - Site
3	Construction Support Technician
3	Gas Engineering Operative
3	Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician
3	Plumbing & Domestic Heating Technician
4	Construction Design & Build Technician
4	Construction Site Supervisor
4	Construction Quantity Surveying Technician

“The great thing about studying an Apprenticeship is you get on-the-job experience and get a real feel of what it’s like to work in a professional environment.”

Katy
Business Admin Apprenticeship at YPO



LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP	
Engineering	
2	Engineering Operative (Electrical, Mechanical or Fabrication Welding Pathway)
2	Food & Drink Process Operator
3	Engineering Design & Draughtsperson
3	Engineering Fitter
3	Engineering Technician (Mechatronics Maintenance & Toolmaker & Tool and Die Maintenance Technician Pathway)
3	Metal Fabricator
3	Maintenance & Operations Engineering Technician (Electrical Maintenance, Electromechanical & Mechanical Pathway)
Health & Social Care	
2	Adult Care Worker
2	Healthcare Science Assistant
2	Healthcare Support Worker
3	Dental Nurse
3	Lead Adult Care Worker
3	Senior Healthcare Support Worker
4	Healthcare Science Associate

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LEVEL APPRENTICESHIP	
Horticulture	
2	Horticulture & Landscape Operative
Hospitality & Catering	
2	Commis Chef
2	Food & Drink Process Operator
2	Hospitality Team Member
2	Production Chef
3	Hospitality Supervisor
4	Hospitality Manager

Entry requirements for Apprenticeships

- **Level 2 Apprenticeships** require Maths and English GCSE 2/3 or equivalent
- **Level 3 Apprenticeships** require Maths and English GCSE 4-9 or equivalent
- **Level 4 Apprenticeships** require Maths and English GCSE 4-9 or equivalent

All apprentices are required to complete a Maths and English assessment and are required to meet the specified entry requirements.



Information for Parents

We hope that this prospectus includes information that parents will find useful and beneficial to ensure that your son or daughter has a smooth transition to college.

Below we have answered some of the most common questions, but please do get in touch at studentcentral@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk or on **01924 789789** if you have any further enquiries.

How does the College look after students in terms of safeguarding?

Castleford College and Wakefield College recognises its moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote welfare to students. We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where students are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure our students receive effective support, protection and justice.

Does my son/daughter require a student ID card?

Your son/daughter will be issued with a student ID card at enrolment and they are expected to wear it visibly at all times when on college premises and using college facilities. This ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and welcoming environment in which to study. Please support us by encouraging your son/ daughter to bring their card with them every day.

I'm worried about the cost of going to college. How do we apply for Financial Support?

For some students aged 16-18 from households with a gross income of less than £30,000 per annum, your son or daughter will be eligible for a Bursary, which means they will be able to travel to college free of charge.

The Bursary also provides assistance with meals, necessary equipment and trips. For more details of the College Bursary, please contact Student Finance on **01924 789283** or email studentfinance@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

How will the College help if my son/daughter needs Additional Learning Support?

If your son or daughter have additional learning needs, our specialist team will be able to provide them with the support, access and learning resources they need throughout their time at college. We can also provide specialist equipment if your son/daughter has a physical disability, visual or hearing impairment.

For further help and information, please contact: additional.support.enquiries@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

What will happen if my son or daughter doesn't pass their GCSE Maths and English exams?

If your son or daughter does not achieve a Grade 4 or above in both GCSE Maths and English Language they will continue to study these qualifications as part of their course.

This is a mandatory requirement of their study programme and cannot be opted out of.

Many university courses and careers require a GCSE pass in both Maths and English and failure to achieve these qualifications may restrict your son/daughter's career options.

Additional Information

Course Information

Our Course Information Team can explain all about the hundreds of courses we have on offer, please call **01924 789111** or email courseinfo@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

Careers & Educational Guidance

To make an appointment with one of the careers team, please call **01924 789789** or email careers@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

Financial Support

Contact the financial support team to arrange an appointment on **01924 789789** or by email to financialsupport@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk.

You can also find more information on our website at: www.wakefield.ac.uk/study-with-us/fees-and-money-matters.

Additional Learning Support

For more information, you can contact the Additional Support team on **01924 789585**.

Equal Opportunities For All

Castleford College and Wakefield College are committed to giving learners access to the services and facilities we offer. We oppose all forms of discrimination and strive to ensure all members of our community are treated equally and fairly.

Sustainability

Sustainability at the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group

At the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, which includes Castleford College, Selby College and Wakefield College, we are passionate about sustainability and we recognise that we all have a role to support climate action to respond to the climate emergency.

Human populations and activities are contributing to the build-up of man-made gases in the atmosphere which is having a huge impact on global warming, weather patterns, extreme weather conditions and our wildlife and populations. The impact of those in the world's poorest communities is particularly significant.

Here at the Heart of Yorkshire Education Group, we are continuing to develop our sustainability strategy and have many projects and initiatives to support the plan to reduce our carbon footprint. Our strategy document sets out our focus on Green Skills for Green Jobs, our Carbon Management Plan for the group on our journey to net zero and our engagement with partners and stakeholders. Our contribution to addressing the issues of climate change began some time ago, but there is always more to do and our strategy will address the plan for the years to come.

We have achieved a significant reduction of carbon over the last ten years and it is our aim to achieve Net Zero by 2038.

To achieve our goals, we will continue to work with our suppliers, consultants, students, and staff to cultivate a culture of carbon reduction and environmental awareness, as an integral part of our College's activities.

Our students play a big part in our journey. You can join our projects and student groups that will focus on climate action and get involved in activities across College to raise awareness, take positive action and create and join our campaigns and activities which will make a real difference.

Making changes as an individual whenever you can also helps support our planet. Reduce your footprint and increase your hand-print as an influencer and to raise awareness!

We pledge to act now to respond to the climate emergency.



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It starts here...

Open Events

Find out more about:

**A Levels, T Levels, Vocational Courses,
Apprenticeships and Foundation Learning**

Wednesday 18 October 2023
5pm to 7pm

Wednesday 7 February 2024
5pm to 7pm

Saturday 18 November 2023
10am to 12pm

Saturday 15 June 2024
10am to 12pm

All events will take place at Wakefield College & Castleford College



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information and to register online



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Key Dates 2023/24

September 2023

Find out about us and your options
when we visit your school.

October 2023

Applications open and interview
evenings start.

Open Events

Our Open Events offer you the perfect
opportunity to meet our wonderful staff,
see our amazing facilities and find out
more about life at college.

Wednesday 18 October, 5pm - 7pm
Wakefield College & Castleford College

Interview evenings run regularly from
October onwards.

November 2023

Open Event

Saturday 18 November, 10am - 12pm
Wakefield College & Castleford College

February 2024

Open Event

Wednesday 7 February, 5pm - 7pm
Wakefield College & Castleford College

April 2024

Have you submitted your application?

If not, do so as soon as possible.
Applications received by 1 May will be
given priority for an interview date.
If you need advice please call our Course
Information Team on **01924 789111**.

May 2024

Performing Arts Festival

Wednesday 1 May - Friday 24 May

June 2024

Open Event

Saturday 15 June, 10am - 12pm
Wakefield College & Castleford College

July 2024

New Student Days

Monday 8 July & Tuesday 9 July
Wakefield College & Castleford College

Attend a New Student Day event in
July to participate in course related
activities, meet other students and find
out what college life is like.

August 2024

A Level, Vocational and T Level results
released, as well as GCSE results.

If you need help or advice about your
next steps, visit our guidance events at
your school or in college.

Enrolment begins from GCSE results day.





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